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Cathedral Office Hours
Monday—Thursday 9:00 am — 3:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am — Noon

We are CLOSED Mon—Thurs from 12:10 pm — 12:40 pm

MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:00 am, 9:15 am & 11:15 am

Daily Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 12:10 pm
Tuesday at 7:30 am

CELEBRATION OF PENANCE

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 11:30 am — Noon
Friday 11:30 am — Noon and 4:45 — 5:30 pm
Saturday 2:30 — 3:30 pm

November 26, 2023
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe

Praised be Jesus Christ!

This Sunday we will celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King—a relatively new feast in the history of the Church, instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925.

When the feast of Christ the King was first established, it was placed on the calendar on the “last Sunday in October,” meaning that it would always fall before the feasts of All Saints and All Souls which come at the beginning of November.

But in 1969 when the calendar was revised, the feast was relocated to “the last Sunday before Advent,” meaning that it now serves as the final Sunday celebration of the liturgical year before we begin the new liturgical year the following week.

You might think, what is the difference between celebrating Christ the King at the end of October or the end of November? One month doesn’t seem like a significant difference, especially considering that the feast itself is less than 100 years old.

And that’s true.

But amazingly this one month change actually DOES result in a sort of change of emphasis (not a change of substance) in the feast itself. You can see this expressed in the opening prayer (known as the “collect”) of the Mass and how it differs between the original and the modified versions of this feast

Collect for Christ the King (1925)

Almighty and ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in Your beloved Son, the King of the Universe, graciously grant that *the peoples of the earth torn asunder by the wound of sin, may submit to His most gentle rule.*

Collect for Christ the King (1969)

Almighty and ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in Your beloved Son, the King of the Universe, graciously grant we pray that *the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.*

In the first version of the prayer, *when the feast of Christ the King is placed in October before the feast of All Saints*, the primary focus becomes the Kingship of Christ as it extends *here and now* on earth through individual hearts, families, and whole societies transformed by their obedience to Christ’s reign.

This dimension of Christ’s Kingly authority is sometimes called the social reign of Christ, and it needs to be emphasized in our day because of the tendency to reduce Christian belief to a private or personal affair that should be kept out of public life and decision-making. This tendency results in the implicit promotion of a sort of pragmatic secularism in the public square. And the more and more this pragmatic secularism becomes the norm, the greater that an intellectual agnosticism in turns becomes the dominant philosophical worldview. In effect, the Christian message itself becomes seen as something foreign, unnecessary, and intellectually unfounded in the very western societies that it helped to form.

When the feast of Christ the King is placed at the end of the liturgical year, however, the primary focus tends to shift toward the fulfillment of the Kingdom of Christ that will be inaugurated at the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time and how that will impact all of creation, which has been subject to the effects of the Fall. One could say that our present feast has “apocalyptic” overtones to it as we await that great day of judgment when sin and death will come to an end, and the sorrows and temptations of our present life are a thing of the past.

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This dimension of Christ's Kingship is sometimes called the eschatological reign of Christ, and it too needs to be emphasized in our day both to inspire hope for the world to come as we set our hearts and efforts not on the temptation of an earthly utopia but rather on our heavenly goal, and as a reminder that when Christ the King comes again he will come as the just judge to which all must render an account.

In the hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Peter Van Lieshout

This Week's Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of — Dina Carfagna
Requested by — Family

In Memory Of — John Joseph Bates
Requested by — Lynn Marra

Intentions Of — Mary Nicole Fili
Requested by Lynn Marra

**Advent Giving Tree**

The Social Ministry committee invites you to participate in the Catholic Charities program which provides gifts for families and individuals who request help. Choose a tag from the tree, purchase the item indicated and return it unwrapped, labeled with the tag by December 10 to the Cathedral office. If you would like to help sort the gifts, please call the office at 254-3221. The unwrapped gifts will be sorted on December 17th.

**Saturday, November 25, 2023**

1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40

2:30—3:30 pm Confession

3:00 pm Rosary

4:00 pm Mary Kay Sanguedolce—Joanna & Joe Sanguedolce

Sunday, November 26, 2023—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17, 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

7:00 am For the people of the Cathedral Community

9:15 am Mildred Reichlmayr—Fleming Family

11:15 am Rosa & Tony Vulaj—Family

8:00 pm Solemn Compline w/Fr. Van Lieshout

Monday, November 27, 2023

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4

11:30—Noon Confession

12:10 pm Loretta & Anthony Ferrari—Family

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-14

7:30 am Kathy Culotta—Family

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19

11:30—Noon Confession

12:210 pm Ed Nietopski—Paul & Linda Forte

Thursday, November 30, 2023—Saint Andrew, Apostle

Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

11:30—Noon Confession

12:10 pm Josephine DiNatale—Sandy & Karen Sodke

Friday, December 1, 2023—First Friday

Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33

11:00—Noon Confession

12:10 pm Genevieve Cherkis—Theresa Smith

12:45 pm Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration

1:45 pm Benediction

4:45—5:30 pm Confession

Saturday, December 2, 2023

Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36

2:30—3:30 pm Confession

3:00 pm Rosary

4:00 pm Petrin Family & Dia St. George—Petrin Family

Sunday, December 3, 2023—First Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7, 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

7:00 am For the people of the Cathedral Community

9:15 am Joseph LuKash—Paul Vulaj & Family

11:15 am Joseph DiLallo—Joe & Mary Giorgi

8:00 pm Solemn Compline w/Fr. Van Lieshout

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Heather Beisheim, Deborah De Leon Campbell, Dawn DeManincor, Robert DiFulio, Dcn. John Giugno, Dan Gentile, Mavis Groves, Sharon Herring, Sr. Joan Hilbert, Nina Lombardo, Irene Morgan, Bill & Janice Moroz, Jean Parker, Karen Pirecki, Jim Schell, Dan Stella, Patti Stets, Michael Scozzafava, Karen Sodke, Donald Stiner, Mary Lou Stoltz

Early Bulletin Submissions for the month of December

For the month of December the bulletin needs to be submitted to LPI early, due to the Christmas holiday.

For the December 10th bulletin, I need articles submitted to me by Tuesday, November 28th. For the December 17th bulletin, I need articles submitted to me by Wednesday, December 6. Please email your article to michele.kelly@dor.org. Thank you.

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