

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

For the Solemnity celebration of Christ the King, today's Scripture readings proclaim the Kingship of our Lord Jesus Christ. In St. John's Gospel, Jesus makes clear to Pilate that *His kingdom does not belong to this world*. In Revelation, the Lord God proclaims that He is the *Alpha and the Omega* — the “first and the last” — and will reign for eternity. The Prophet Daniel tells of his vision: *one like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven* verifying Christ's dominion and glory. How should we venerate our Lord and King? As Christian stewards, we acknowledge Christ's true Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, present in the Most Holy Eucharist. During Mass, we strive to partake of Him in a prayerful, reverent, and respectful manner. The Eucharist is the “source and summit” of our faith. Through consumption of the Eucharist, we encounter Jesus in a personal way. We are healed and strengthened to do our Lord's work, es-

pecially for our needy brothers and sisters. As we acknowledge our Lord and Savior as King of the universe, may His joy and peace reign in our hearts, and may that joy and peace overflow to everyone we meet. Please take time to attend the next Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction at your parish.

“The rebellion of individuals and states against the authority of Christ has produced deplorable consequences... the seeds of discord sown far and wide; those bitter enemies and rivalries between nations, which still hinder much the cause of peace; that insatiable greed which is so often hidden under a pretense of public spirit and patriotism, and gives rise to so many private quarrels; a blind and immoderate selfishness, making people seek nothing but their own comfort and advantage, and measure everything by these; no peace in the home, because people have forgotten or neglect their duty; the unity and stability of the family is undermined; society, in a word, shaken to its foundations and on the way to ruin. We firmly hope, however, that the feast of the Kingship of Christ... may hasten the return of society to our loving Savior.” — Pope Pius XI

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Nov. 22 St. Cecelia, virgin/martyr

8 am Int. of Janet Berlin by family

6:30 pm +Al McDonald 1st ann. by Parish
+Stan & Mary Cichowicz by family

Tuesday, Nov. 23 St. Clement, pope, St.

Columban, abbot & St. Agustin Pro, martyr

8 am +Richard Lund (ann.)

**Wed., Nov. 24 St. Andrew Dung Lac, priest
& martyr companions**

8 am +Diane & Gary Van Allen by family

Thurs., Nov. 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria

8 am +Edmund Witkowski by Lorraine Witkowski

Friday Nov. 26 Weekday

8 am +Jeanette Niemiec by Sidor Family

Saturday, Nov. 27 Weekday

4 pm +Kathleen Coleman 1st ann. by Parish

+Robert Czapiewski by family

+Francis Mumane by family

+Feliks Sidor 40th ann. by family

Sunday, Nov. 28 First Sunday of Advent

8 am +Jason Desparois by family

10 am +Ronald Woodby by family

5 pm People of the Parish

SANCTUARY LAMP burns brightly this week
in remembrance of:



†**Cathy Bulger**
by family



Please remember in your prayers
the soul of **Arthur Russell** who
was buried from our parish and
Cecelia Galvez who died last
week. May Christ the Good Shep-
herd welcome them to Paradise
and may their families be consoled

in the hope of the resurrection.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TO THE PARISH

Just a reminder that the Archdiocese does not tax
Christmas offerings made throughout the period
from 2 weeks before and two weeks after the feast of
Christmas.



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God is wonderfully and surprisingly creative! He
turns the tables on our understanding of what it
means to be a king by sending us a king who em-
braces poverty, insults, suffering, ridicule, rejection,
and even death. This is our king. Jesus is not the
king of prestige or grandeur but the king who brings
light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy,
and new life out of death. God dances on, around, in
and through all of the silliness and ugliness of the
world bringing all of creation to the eternal dance of
new life and hope.

Whether we accept it now or hope that we one day
do, Christ is king of the universe. Christ is the alpha
and the omega, the beginning and the end. Every
human being, even those who scorned and rejected
him and failed to see him in the least of our brothers
and sisters will look upon him. Only those who un-
derstand truth will understand that we are on this
awesome universal journey to Christ. It is a journey
of surprises but also a journey of enlightenment
when we will one day see and experience with the
deepest joy our being in Christ. We will be restless
until we are all one day together united in Christ our
King. ©LPi

St Anne Altar Society

**We would like to invite all women of the
parish to a Christmas Party on Friday
December 3.**

Please join us for First Friday Mass at 12:00 followed
by a brief Altar Society Meeting and Potluck lunch-
eon in the Activity Center. All attendees are invited
to bring a dish to pass.

Questions ? call Clare Girard (734) 846-7594

The First St Maria Goretti Christmas Bake Sale December 11 & 12

Calling All bakers of the parish! We
need your delicious specialties for the
bake sale.

We will hold the Bake Sale in the
church meeting room. The Bake Sale
will be open from

3 pm -5:30 pm on Saturday December 11 and from
7:30 am- 11:30 am & 4:30 pm - 6 pm on Sunday De-
cember 12.

Donations can be dropped off in the meeting
room on Friday December 10 from 3 pm - 5 pm or
Saturday December 11 after 2 pm.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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We often come to life expecting all of the pieces of the puzzle to nicely fit together. We want and expect harmony, order, and fairness, the achievement of rewards for good behavior, good health, and happiness. We can more easily accept death when it comes naturally after a good long life, but have a real difficulty comprehending the meaning of it all when it is cut short. Willing to put in a good measure of effort, we desire positive results. When things go wrong and life gets hurtful, unjust, and downright ugly, we become unsettled and can quickly fall into despair. This is especially true if we are people of faith who believe in a God who sees things on our terms and works in favor of our life agenda. What happens to our faith when we find ourselves sitting in a mess?



Does it help to know that God understands and that hardship, failure, disappointment, injustice, confusion, and all of life's ugliness do not make faith irrelevant or irrational? God is wonderfully and surprising creative! He turns the tables on not only our understanding of life, but of what it means to be a king. God sends us a king who is not exempt from life's ills but embraces them. The king that God gives to us knows what it means to be poor, suffer insults, be ridiculed, face rejection, endure suffering, be betrayed, and face a most unjust and horrific death. This is our king. Jesus is not a king of prestige or grandeur but a king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. Christ dances before us pleading with us to hold on, cling to love, avoid being negative, stop feeling cheated, and be strong in faith! There may be hardship and disappointment now but there are more surprises to come.

Once we understand this truth, we will also understand that we are on a most incredible and awesome universal journey to Christ and becoming one in Christ. We all carry within us the image of God, the image of our suffering king. The One who lives in us also lives in all of our brothers and sisters. Failing to see this universal Divine Presence in all is one of the greatest mistakes we can make, for we also fail to see God, our king, as well. There are many things that can bring hardship to life. If we keep our head about us and do not lose hope, we can persevere and strive for the greatest degree of justice possible. Even though there are ample things that can challenge our faith, we also know that our deepest joy comes from union with God and our brothers and sisters. One day, the fullness of that joy will be ours to have when we are all eternally one with Christ our King forever. ©LPi

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Long Live the King

Did you know that you can become royalty, for the right price? It's true — for the low, low cost of \$50, you, too, can purchase a 12-square-inch souvenir plot of Scottish land and call yourself "Laird So-and-so." Now, this lordship or ladyship doesn't come with the ability to boss anyone around, but maybe your friends will be impressed enough to bend the knee.

My point is, we've all got our own little fiefdoms — folks or communities for which we have a feeling of responsibility. Maybe we're not their "king," but most of us have those we think of as "our people."

Now, in this world, people lay themselves down for their kings. History is riddled with the bodies of men, young and old — and plenty of women and children, too — who were casualties of wars waged by men in power, men who never had to shed their own blood. But in the next world, the King dies for his people. This is leadership par excellence — the leadership of someone whose love is greater than his ambition.

We are all leaders of a sort. On the parish level, you have the obvious roles — serving on pastoral council, spearheading the capital campaign, leading the Altar Guild. But you also have the quiet ones who lead from the wings — the janitor who can always be relied upon to do his job, or the volunteer librarian who puts in extra hours on the weekends.

There is a saying — find your people. I say, find your people, and find a way to lay yourself down for them, in imitation of the greatest King that ever was. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



A MINUTE OF YOUR TIME

Deacon Regis



This week, let's take a look at the Spiritual Works of Mercy. Recall that there are also seven of them:

1. Counseling the doubtful; 2. Instructing the ignorant; 3. Admonishing the sinner; 4. Comforting the sorrowful; 5. Forgiving injuries; 6. Bearing wrongs patiently (not my strong

suit) and finally; 7. Praying for the living and the dead. They come with the same blessings as the Corporal Works, i.e., forgiveness of venial sins and Pope Francis has continued the indulgences associated with these pious acts.

Indeed, the most serious form of poverty of all can be the poverty of the spirit, not only because it drains life of all energy, joy, and sense of purpose, but also because it is the one kind of poverty that can last forever. That's why, in addition to the corporal works or mercy, the Church has outlined the spiritual works of mercy. Look to these works as preventative medicine for poverty of the spirit.

Sometimes we Catholics tend to neglect these because they're difficult and can be misinterpreted as being judgmental. This seems to be the case even among our Shepherds. Let's face it, it's not easy to "admonish the sinner". That's why I like to add two caveats to each one of them to remind me of the proper disposition we should have when we perform them. What are these two caveats? I'm glad you asked! Each one should begin with the words "Out of concern for souls and the Glory of God" and each one should end with the words "with love". As an example, "Out of concern for souls and the Glory of God" admonish the sinner "with love". In other words, performing these works should never be an act of pride and should always be done truthfully but gently as Jesus did. Recall the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector praying in the synagogue. The Tax Collector went away justified!

Today is the Feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the Liturgical year. Happy Feast Day!! I have a great movie suggestion for you today, For Greater Glory. It's the true story of the Mexican people fighting for their religious freedom. The movement was called Christo Rei (Christ the King).

When you watch it, you'll be shouting "Viva Christo Rei!!!" (long live Christ the King). Next Sunday begins the 2022 Liturgical Year with the first Sunday of Advent. More about that next time (how's that for a teaser).

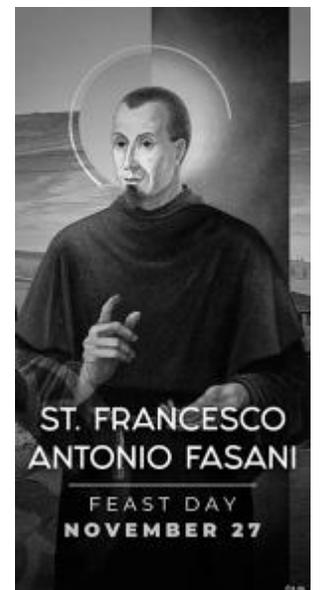
**God Is Good All the Time!
All the Time God Is Good!**

Don't forget, join us this Friday and every Friday at 3PM to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet on ZOOM. See the ad in our bulletin or on the parish website for details on how to join in. Hope to see you there!

St. Francesco Antonio Fasani | Feast Day November 27

St. Francesco Antonio Fasani (1681 – 1742) lived his whole life as a loving, devout, and atoning man. He entered the Conventual Franciscans in 1695, and 10 years later taught philosophy to younger friars, served as guardian of his friary, and eventually became provincial minister. When his term of office ended, St. Francesco became master of novices and finally pastor in his hometown of Lucera.

Known throughout his various ministries as being loving, devout, and penitential, he was also a well-known confessor and preacher. St. Francesco was a loyal friend of the poor and worked tirelessly to find ways to support them. He was a mystic with such a profound prayer life and supernatural gifts that he was known to levitate during prayer. He was canonized in 1986 by Pope John Paul II. ©LPi



Thanksgiving Day Is Coming!

Thanksgiving will be here before you know it, and you will soon be saying, “Pass me the mashed potatoes, please.” This November holiday has its roots in American history and has grown into a day where we remember all the things for which we are thankful: country, family, friends, health, etc. Unfortunately, we can find ourselves so caught up with travel plans and buying the perfect turkey or ham that we let the day pass us by, and all we can focus on is how much we ate and who won the day’s football games. That’s why it is time NOW to begin reflecting daily of all things, great and small, that we are thankful for in life.



Prayer of Thanksgiving

I believe that everyone, at some point in life, thinks oneself to be totally self-sufficient. Self-sufficiency is almost hardwired into our American DNA. We have seen that American independent streak in so many of our successful entrepreneurs of the past. And many of our “self-made” business men and women seem to have accomplished everything all by themselves.

However, upon closer inspection we see that their success has been a collaboration with other people and entities. We never succeed all by ourselves. It takes others to be truly successful. And those who are successful ultimately say they have so many people to thank for their success.

We too must look at our gifts and say thank you. As we gather around the table at Thanksgiving, let us thank God, who is the giver of all good gifts.

Let us pray...

Generous and merciful God,
we thank you for your abundant gifts to us.
As we celebrate this Thanksgiving feast,
we ask you to send your Spirit,
to open our hearts to you and our neighbor,
that we may share the gifts you have given us
as your Son Jesus taught us to.

Thank you for the many blessings of our lives:

our family and friends,
our home and the food we eat,
our health and employment.

We ask your blessing on all gathered here today, and all your people throughout the world, through Christ your Son. Amen.



Gratitude is a key characteristic of a good Everyday Steward, but it does not develop in us without effort. In the coming days, we can contemplate all those things God has given us. If it helps, we can create a written list and bring it with us to the Thanksgiving dinner table. The point is that too often we take so many gifts for granted, and unless we pause and purposely reflect, we miss the chance to give thanks. A

healthy and hearty heart filled with gratitude can make the highs in life that much higher and the lows easier to bear. Increased gratitude will also bring us closer to the source of all those good gifts, our God.

So, what will Thanksgiving be like for you this year? You have some time to make it something more than it has been in the past. The choice is yours.

— Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading: The prophet Daniel has a vision of the “everlasting dominion” of the “son of man.” Why do you think the Lord revealed this vision to Daniel?

Second Reading: John teaches his community that Jesus “has made us (believers) into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father.” How should knowledge of this reality affect your spiritual journey?

Gospel: In his trial Jesus tells Pilate that his kingdom is not of this world. What do you think prevents the Kingdom of God from being more fully present in our world? ©LPi

Please
Pray
for...



Norm Abramczyk
Louise Ames
Anna Axe
Joyce Babosh
Harry Bacalia
Sue Bacalia
Norma Bak
Violet Barrette
Bob Behmer
Bob Bellottie
Jim Bellottie
Vincent Bellottie
Judy Bennett
Sharon Bieniek
Cynthia Blaha
Marilyn Block
Evelyn Boettger
Aaron Boyless
Thomas J. Brennan, Jr.
Joan Buzo
Jacob Cassar
Michaeline Chwastek

Richard Cline
Zoe Cossin
Betty Ann Crawford
Sylvia Cyncewicz
Tina Doney
Marsha Farmer
Geraldine Filippi
Cecil Fernandez
Tina Fernandez
Rosemary Fisher
Lisa Foster
Rose Fraley
Duane Glossa
Roseann Gomez
Bob & Lori Gonzales
Gary Graham Jr
Abigail Graves
Jennifer Hanna Green
Charlotte Gutierrez
Eileen Halpin
Annie Hapunowicz
Ronald Hetner
Tina Hovis
Sue Jagodka
Joanne Kacher
Norman Kaletto
Brenda Kaletto
Jeanine Kemp
Fr. Terry Kerner
Phyllis Kinnell
Evelyn Kisell

Joan Klimchalk
Chris Kovac
John Kovac
Jenene Kozinski
George Kramar
Patrica Lacopelli
Joseph Lasky
Henry Lemmens
Guadalupe Madrigal
Phyllis Mareck
Donald Martin
Erin Martin
Patricia MCoy
Larry & Carol McGrew
Frank & Jane Mellnick
Linda Molek
Steven Monroe
Pat Mozdzen
Suzanne Nicholas
Gigi Novak
Daniel O'Connor
Diane Owens
John Palmer
Mary Pellegrini
Helen Petroski
Jimmy Piche
Kathleen Pietras
Mary Pike
Jeff Pingilley
Jess Pingilley
Linda Pingilley

Robert Pingilley
Sam Pingilley
Wayne Pingilley
Carol Regnier
Whitney Regnier
Noemia Reid
Linda Robb
Richard Roberts
Laura Salazar
Fred Sanscrainte
Matt Sanscrainte
Joann Sanscrainte
Dennis Scanland
Darlene Shannon
Phil Shannon
Rose Shannon
Jaxon Shubik
Margaret Smith
Jimmy Stecki
Gerald Stevens
Jim Tokarczyk
Laurie Trupp
Michael Wheelock
Eileen Winnie
The Wirick Family
Frank Wojcik
Stephen Zelle



Air Force

Matthew Thornton, Nicole Thornton,
Michelle Thornton, Brittany Mack,
Tiffany Kay Smith (Ladd), husband, Don Smith

Army

Josh Harpster, Zachary Robbins,
Robert Truchan, Anthony Lemieux,
Bryce Bieniek, Tony Pernicano, Jacob Grzebienik,
Matthew Hapunowicz

Marines

Joseph Krawzyk, 1st Lieutenant, Joseph McGinnis,
Corporal, Andrew Clark, 1st Lieutenant,
Cody S. Pratt, Luke Cohen, PFC 1st Class

Navy

Ryan Detlor, Patrick Hanosh

Army National Guard

Vincent Nowak, Michael Dunne

CHRIST THE KING



Our Lord Jesus Christ the King Last Sunday in Ordinary Time B 1 Daniel 7:13-14 The Source of Security

Every day we seek security. We fasten the safety belts in our cars. We set alarms to prevent theft. We help watch our neighbors' homes. We take care of our health. We take what measures we can to help us feel secure. There are few guarantees. Tragedy can befall even those who take precautions. The things of this world can provide supports for safety. But none of them can make us totally secure.



Security ultimately comes from God alone. The power of God is stronger than any theft, accident, or injury. It rules over illness and death. The power that created us will recreate us in love.

Jesus, our savior, had a favorite image for himself. He called himself the Son of Man. He took that expression from the Book of Daniel, where the prophet envisioned one like a Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven. He receives dominion, glory, and kingship. All nations served him. His dominion extended over all lands and times.

In borrowing that image, Jesus gave his disciples a message of hope. He himself would lose security, suffering torment and death. But he himself would reign over all.

The church year ends with a vision of hope for each of us who seeks security: the coming of the Son of Man.

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King Last Sunday in Ordinary Time B 2 Revelation 1:5-8 A Kingdom of Priests

Christ is our king, and we are his subjects. That places him and us in a unique position with the rulers of the world. Christians strive to be good citizens, wherever we live. A good state will promote religious freedom and allow its citizens to contribute to its well-being.

As Christians we have opinions about the value of human life from womb to tomb, the importance of caring for the needy in other nations, taxes that do not place an unfair burden on the poor, and the humane treatment of criminal offenders and prisoners of war. Sometimes the state's official policy differs from the perspective of the gospel. At those times we realize that Christ is our king, though someone else may be head of state.

The Book of Revelation opens with a vision of the risen Jesus. "He is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him." Because of Jesus' majestic appearance, the suffering he endured, and the redemption he has won, Revelation offers this hymn of praise: "To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen."

Christ is our king. We are more than subjects; we are priests. Through our baptism we are consecrated as a holy nation. We raise our voice on behalf of all the peoples of the earth.



DAILY MARRIAGE TIP (from www.usccb.org)

1. Sometimes spouses have different conversation goals. One person might want to just talk or vent, while the other might want to fix the problem. Both approaches are fine, but it's important to be clear about each spouse's needs in the moment.
2. Winning an argument is not about proving you're right. It's not YOUR problem or MY problem. It's OUR problem. Sometimes the marriage can win if you lose.
3. As the weather gets colder, what inside activities do you like doing with your spouse? Reading, playing games, watching movies? Winter provides a lot of time to relax and just be together with your family.
4. "The wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament." (Dan 12:3) Wisdom is a precious gift and blessing to husbands and wives, fathers and mothers. Pray to the Holy Spirit for wisdom today to live your vocation well.
5. What is a unique endearing quality of your beloved? Have you told your spouse? No harm in saying it again. Do it today.



St. Vincent de Paul



Food Pantry
St. Maria Goretti Parish

Please drop off your donations on Mondays and Wednesdays between 12:00 and 2:00pm or call Matt at 313-595-1317

Here is the current list of needs for our pantry:

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| Coffee | Paper Towels and Toilet Paper |
| Canned Pears | Mixed Vegetables |
| Boil a Bag Rice | Spinach |
| Scalloped and Au Gratin Potatoes | |

Here we are, all rushing around for the holidays. Please do not forget your neighbors in need. We are in need of help at the Pantry. We're looking for a couple of people for Mondays and 2 for Wednesdays. We just keep growing. If you are able to help, please call Matt at 313-595-1317 for details. Thank you and a Merry Christmas to all.

Please remember **December 11th** for our **Meijer in Allen Park Simply Give Program double donation day**. This is crucial to keeping our shelves full. Thank you so much for all you do. Monetary donations are always welcomed and needed as some of our neighbors are homeless. Thank you and God bless you and your families.

SIMPLY GIVE PROGRAM THROUGH MEIJER IN ALLEN PARK

Once again it's time for our **Simply Give Program** at Meijer. Beginning NOW thru January 1st, you can go to the Meijer Store on the hill in Allen Park, pick up a **Simply Give** donation card



located at every other register and donate a minimum of \$10.00 which Meijer will MATCH. On December 11th Meijer will DOUBLE your donation.

Please help us keep our shelves stocked and your neighbors fed throughout the year. We have seen quite an increase and surely could use your help.

This is the holiday season and we thank you for thinking of others in need.

— St. Maria Goretti's St. Vincent de Paul Pantry



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ST. MARIA GORETTI LECTOR SCHEDULE				
	4:00pm	8:00am	10:00am	5:00pm
Nov. 20/21	Marge Taylor	Pat Wallace	Kathy Munoz	Francis Tofil
Nov. 27/28	Sylvia Francis	Tom Koselka	Michael Munoz	M.J. Favot

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- ★ Complete the registration form

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Your donations are vital to the success of our Parish community.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

with Deacon Regis

Join us on

*Fridays at 3:00pm to pray the
Divine Mercy Chaplet on ZOOM.*

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First Friday: 8 a.m. & 12 Noon

First Saturday: 8 a.m.

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HOLIDAYS TIMES TO BE DETERMINED

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Each Monday,
beginning at Noon, ending prior to 6:30pm Mass

BAPTISMS Contact Parish Office for arrangements.
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Calls after hours should be limited to emergencies only.

Monday - Thursday: 9 am - 4 pm

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Sunday, Nov 21, 2021 SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE **A game of 20 questions** Actually, only 11 questions are exchanged in the fateful interview between Pilate and Jesus. Pilate asks 10, the most famous being, "What is truth?" Equally significant, however, is Pilate's other inquiry, "Are you the King of the Jews?" To which Jesus replies with his own bold interrogation: "Are you saying this on your own or have others told

you about me?" It remains a significant inquiry. On this day when the church honors Jesus as King of the Universe, we might ponder the question ourselves: Does Jesus rule our hearts? Or is his authority just something we hear tell about? **TODAY'S READINGS:** Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37 (161). "Pilate said to Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?'"

Monday, Nov 22, 2021 MEMORIAL OF CECILIA, MARTYR **Sing out your life** Saint Cecilia is the patron of music and musicians—because as she was wed against her wishes to a nobleman of no particular faith, she sang in her heart to God. (Her husband ended up becoming Christian and both were martyred by the Romans.) Her patronage of music has created an immense legacy as musical institutions all over the world are named after her, and concerts and festivals are held today on her feast day—all because of a sweet, simple, silent song of fidelity to the Lord. You may not be blessed with musical talent, but God loves to hear your heart-song nonetheless. **TODAY'S READINGS:** Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4 (503). "I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest."

Tuesday, Nov 23, 2021 MEMORIAL OF COLUMBAN, ABBOT **Take the gospel everywhere** After years of studying scripture in an Irish monastery, Saint Columban sought permission at age 40 to depart for Europe with a boatload of companions. Their mission: to preach the gospel everywhere they went, proclaiming Christ after barbarian invasions collapsed the Western Roman Empire. Pray some of Columban's eloquent words to begin your day: "Lord, may everything we do this day begin with your blessing and continue with your help. May everything we say this day begin with your love and continue with your grace. May everything we plan this day begin with your inspiration and continue with your peace." **TODAY'S READINGS:** Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11 (504). "The God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed."

Wednesday, Nov 24, 2021 MEMORIAL OF ANDREW DŨNG-LOC, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS **Make me an instrument of your peace** The Catholic church has a long and complex history in Vietnam, going back to the first European missionaries in the 15th century. Over the centuries, church-state intrigue and foreign colonial interests competed with genuine pastoral work, and Catholic missionaries often were caught in the crossfire. The martyrs remembered today suffered during a particularly difficult period when Catholic families were broken apart and some were branded on the forehead with the Vietnamese words for "false religion." Church-state relations have gradually improved in recent decades as wounds from the past heal. May we all learn the lessons history offers, so that our witness may be a reconciling one. **TODAY'S READINGS:** Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Luke 21:12-19 (505). "I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute."

Thursday, Nov 25, 2021 MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, MARTYR; THANKSGIVING DAY **Attitude of gratitude** Truth will out. As we give thanks this day for blessings in our lives, let's treasure the gift of faith, of truth. Little is known of the life of Catherine of Alexandria, whose memorial is today—perhaps not surprising given she was born quite early in Christian history, around 287. Nonetheless, the legends surrounding this early saint demonstrate her persistence in sharing the truth of her faith in Christ. Roman authorities expended great energy in killing those she converted and finally in killing her, but her truth, the Christian gospel, still shines brightly. Let's give thanks for it. **TODAY'S READINGS:** Daniel 6:12-28; Luke 21:20-28 (506). "When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."

Friday, Nov 26, 2021 NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK **The source of our "inspo"** The Bible has been and continues to be a treasure of inspiration (or "inspo" to the younger set), guiding us through the difficult, ordinary, and joyful moments of everyday life. Instead of tweets, there are verses; instead of hashtags, there are the great biblical themes of creation, love, mercy, and faithfulness. #awesome Even better than tweets and hashtags, however, is the fact that inspo for Christians is not just a feel-good motivation; it is also a real-time

experience of God. God inspires—"in-spirits"—us. God breathes God's very spirit with us. What does or could this inspo mean for you today? TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33 (507). "Know that the Kingdom of God is near."

Saturday, Nov 27, 2021 MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Every day a new challenge Seems lately that every day is D-Day: division, disease, disaster. The news can be overwhelming, and the temptation, which Jesus warned against, is to pull the covers over our heads and sleepwalk through life. Call on the courageous example of Mary, who faced challenges few of us can imagine as she carried out her mission and trusted the Word living within her. We share in that mission to bring God into the world. Trust and stay strong in the storm! TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36 (508). "Jesus said to his disciples: 'Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy . . . Be vigilant at all times.'"

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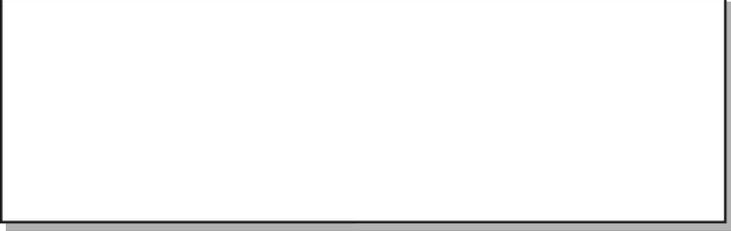
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