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November 21, 2021

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." - Jn 18:37

Reflections for Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Daniel is written during Israel's Babylon exile. During this exile, the Davidic kingship seemed to be utterly destroyed. The line of the kings of Judah seems to end when Zedekiah is captured and his sons and heirs are slayed by the Babylonians. There is, however, a ray of hope. In 2 Kings 24:27-30, we are told that Jehoiachin, the rightful heir to the Davidic throne, who had reigned before his uncle Zedekiah and had earlier been carried off to Babylon, was released from prison and given an allowance and a place at the table of the King of Babylon. Matthew's Gospel begins with a genealogy, which lists members of the Davidic royal line who never sat on the throne in Jerusalem; the readers of his Gospel would not be familiar with these individuals since the line seemed to have died. Jesus, the last in that line, is the heir of the throne of David, which had remained unoccupied since the Babylonian captivity in the time of Daniel. The fact that Christ sits on the throne of David is the first "good news" of the Gospel. In this passage from Daniel, he sees in a vision "one like a son of man" who receives "dominion, glory, and kingship" from the "Ancient One." This vision is often compared with the vision of the four beasts, which represent four kingdoms that will rule provisionally until the final victory of the "holy ones." The clear message is that, while others are given earthly kingdoms, real sovereignty belongs to the Son of Man; this is the name that Christ most often uses to describe himself in the Gospels. With the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, in the midst of the apparent loss of the Davidic dynasty, Daniel is given a vision of hope that the promises made to Israel about the eternal royal line will someday be fulfilled.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8

We can use the first reading and the Gospel reading to shed light on the second reading, which is from Revelation. In the time of Jesus, the Jewish people anticipated a Messiah who would free them from political oppression and establish a temporal kingdom over all other nations. We quickly discover in these readings, however, that Jesus did not come to establish a temporal kingdom but rather an eternal kingdom that exercises spiritual dominion over all creation. The reading from Revelation reminds us that the freedom given to us by Christ is "from our sins by his own blood." This freedom does not make us wholly autonomous, but rather, it allows us to be "in the service of God the Father." Yes, Jesus is the King of kings and every knee will bend before him acknowledging his Kingship. His Kingship is not about temporal power and glory, but rather, power and glory through God the Father, who is all loving and merciful. His authority is exercised by a selfless outpouring of himself to the Father for us. Through him, we are given the greatest freedom, which is freedom from sin and death. The Jewish people did not anticipate that God would become man and sacrifice himself for us on the Cross. We too often forget that God wants to give us ultimate free-

dom through his death on the Cross. Today, let us ask for the grace to be open to the freedom from sin that Christ offers us through his death on the Cross.

Gospel: John 18:33b-37

Jesus acknowledges to Pilate that he is a King, but he clarifies that his Kingship is not of this world (John 18:36). This scene with Pilate recalls to us the multiplication of the bread and fish from John's Gospel; after this miracle, the people wanted to make Jesus their king. Jesus perceived this desire and withdrew from them (John 6:15). If Jesus was really was their King, as He tells Pilate, why did he not allow the people to declare him King? The reason is that the people wanted a political and material kingship, but Christ came to give them so much more: a spiritual kingship. Those who had received bread and fish from Jesus thought of his Kingdom in worldly terms, but as Jesus tells Pilate, his kingdom is not of this world. As St. Paul said, "The Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating or drinking, but of justice, peace, and the joy that is given by the Holy Spirit" (Rom 14:17). Truth is also associated with Christ's Kingdom: "The reason I was born, the reason why I came into the world, is to testify to the truth. Anyone committed to the truth hears my voice." Thus, Jesus's dominion extends over those who seek and follow the truth. One is reminded of those words of Jesus, "You shall know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:32). Indeed, Christ himself is the truth: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14:16). Thus, God is the source of all truth, and everything is thereby under the Kingship of Christ. In his first encyclical, *Redemptor Hominis*, Pope John Paul II stated that Christ came to witness to the truth, which means that it is also the mission of the Church. The truth of Jesus Christ will fully liberate man, not mere political or legal measures. Christ denied the false views of the zealots who sought to bring freedom to Israel by the sword, or, in other words, through political freedom. The only sword Jesus allows his subjects to raise is the sword of his Word (Heb. 4:12), which frees captives and extends the Kingdom in spirit and in truth.

Reflection: This Sunday brings the liturgical year of the Church to its culmination. At the close of the year, the Church draws our attention to Jesus's Kingship and the coming of his Kingdom through this Sunday's readings. John's Gospel digs deep into this theme of God's kingdom, so this year we are uniquely primed to enter into the mystery we celebrate today. Because God's ways are not our ways, so God's Kingdom is not like the kingdoms of the earth. While those of his time may have expected a king of strength who crushes his political enemies, Jesus instead comes as an infant child, and then suffers and dies on the Cross, which was the most heinous form of punishment in those days. We expect a kingdom that will never suffer under unjust rule again, but Jesus suffers so that we may enter into his very suffering, and through his death, experience the Resurrection of the Dead and everlasting joy. While we will not experience true rest until Heaven, God's Kingdom exists already here on this earth, through the grace of Christ in his sacraments. - LPi



THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

In 1925, Pope Pius XI established this celebration as an antidote to secularism, which was society's movement away from an awareness and recognition of God's primacy. We should hold this feast day very dear and pray for healing in our culture, and even healing in

our own hearts. Even if we are Catholic, we have all been raised within a secularist society and have been affected in unknown ways by an anti-God mindset. Today is a good day to pray for God to heal the parts of your mind and heart that have been affected by secularism, and invite him to be King of your life.

- LPi

READINGS FOR OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Lk 21:1-4

St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Lk 21:5-11

St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19

St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/Lk 21:20-28

St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr; Thanksgiving Day

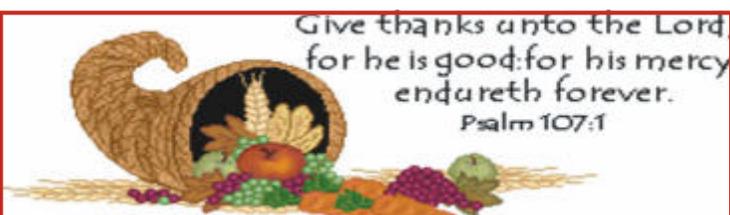
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

BVM

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

1st Sunday of Advent



A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot, at this moment, receive You sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there

And unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



Thanksgiving Prayer



O Gracious God, we give thanks for your overflowing generosity to us.

Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today.

Thank you for our home, family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here.

Thank you for our health, our work and our play.

Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick, and suffering war and violence.

Open our hearts to your love. We ask your blessing through Christ your son. Amen.

- by Mary Cronk Farrell

MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS TIMES

Monday—Friday
8:00 AM (English)
Tuesday
6:30 PM (Spanish)

WEEKEND MASSES

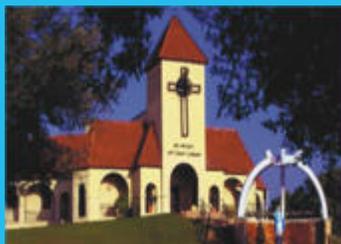
Saturday Vigil
4:00 PM (English)
Sunday
8:00 & 10:00 AM (English)
12:00 PM (Spanish)

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil 7:00 PM (Bilingual)
Holy Day
8:00 AM (English)

CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays 7:15 PM
Fridays after 8:00 AM Mass
Saturdays 3-4 PM
or any time upon request



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The Pope's Intention for November:

PEOPLE WHO SUFFER FROM DEPRESSION

We pray that the people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.



Baptism

Parents, please go to the Parish Office with your child's birth certificate to pre-register your child for Baptism classes. Classes are held the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Center.

1. We can accept a petition only from a parent.
2. Only Catholics can be godparents.

A COMMUNION PRAYER



Jesus, although You have existed with the Father and the Holy Spirit from the beginning, You came among us in Your human nature and showed us the depth of divine love. With amazement, I think about how You, Almighty God, became man. Even more, with astonishment I recall Your words to Your disciples that to have eternal

life, we have to eat the bread that is You. Jesus, I have now received the miracle of Your flesh and blood in this Holy Communion. May I grow in the awareness that your divine life is now within me. Please let my attitude reflect Your presence in me.

Lord Jesus, I believe that You are truly present within the consecrated bread which has been blessed and broken. Through the eyes of faith, I affirm that what I have received is Your Body and Blood.

Lord Jesus, in this celebration of faith, I have received the cup of blessing. It is the new and eternal covenant of Your love. May I proclaim, once again, this day that you are the Christ, the anointed One of God, who has come to me. Amen. —Source Unknown

Prayer for the Faithful Departed

Good and faithful God, you have given us so many people in our lives who have given us joy and solace. We ask you to remember our dearly departed. Keep them close to you as we all wait for that day when we all will come and worship in your presence. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. —Anonymous

GOD Bless AMERICA

Keep checking the bulletin to find out what it will be.



St. Mary of the Lakes Gifts for the Soul

OUR RELIGIOUS ARTICLES STORE is open after all Masses Sat. & Sun.

'Tis time to do your Christmas shopping in our store, as we have lovely items for Advent and Christmas.

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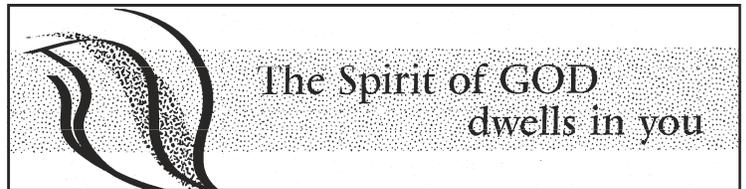
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How do I get one? Stop by the office and ask for one.

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Last Week's Collections

Offertory: \$9,592.26
Other Income: \$5,433.10



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Next Faith Formation Class:
Monday, November 29
Online Class

Next Confirmation Class:
Tuesday, November 30
Online Class

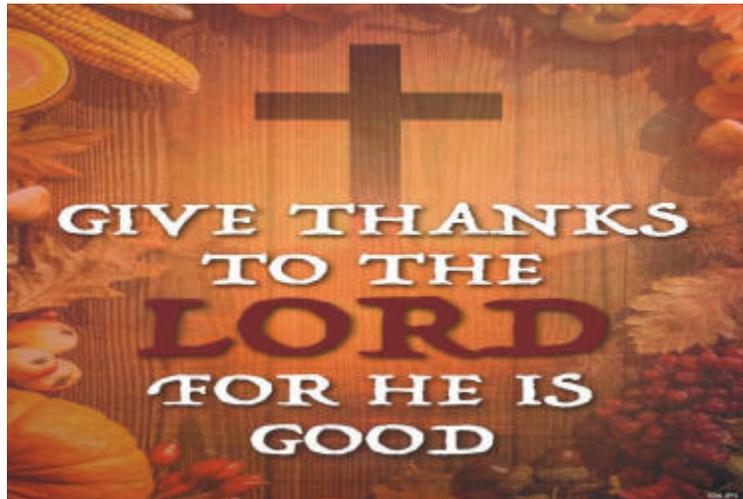
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ANSWER: NUMBERS TWO AND EIGHT

Reflexiones para Cristo Rey

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO: ALENTAR ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

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VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

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Lecturas de la Semana

LA FIESTA DE CRISTO REY

Lunes: Dn 1, 1-6. 8-20/Dn 3, 52. 53. 54. 55. 56 [52]/
Lc 21, 1-4

Martes: Dn 2, 31-45/Dn 3, 57. 58. 59. 60. 61 [59]/
Lc 21, 5-11

Miércoles: Dn 5, 1-6. 13-14. 16-17. 23-28/Dn 3, 62.
63. 64. 65. 66. 67 [59]/Lc 21, 12-19

Jueves: Dn 6, 12-28/Dn 3, 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74
[59]/Lc 21, 20-28

Viernes: Dn 7, 2-14/Dn 3, 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81/
Lc 21, 29-33

Sábado: Dn 7, 15-27/Dn 3, 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87/Lc
21, 34-36

Domingo siguiente: Jr 33, 14-16/1 Tes 3, 12—4, 2/
Sal 24, 4-5. 8-9. 10. 14 [1]/

Lc 21, 25-28. 34-36

Las conmemoraciones de la semana:

Lunes: Santa Cecilia, virgen y mártir

Martes: San Clemente I, papa y mártir; San
Columbano de Lexeuil, abad;

Beato Miguel Agustín Pro, sacerdote y mártir

Miércoles: San Andrés Du Dũng-Lạc, sacer-
dote, y compañeros, mártires

Jueves: Santa Catalina de Alejandría, virgen
y mártir; Día de Acción de Gracias (EEUU)

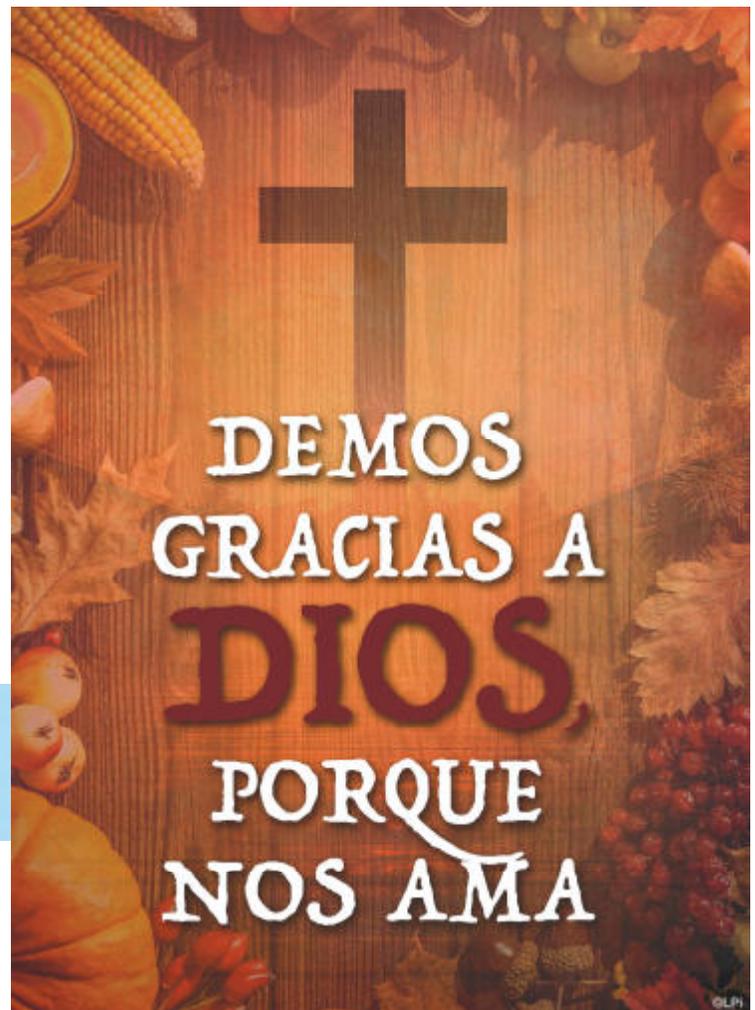
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*La próxima clase es el
3 de diciembre 2021.
9 a.m. Muchas gracias.*



Colectas de la Semana Pasada

Ofertorio: \$9,592.26

Otros Ingresos: \$5,433.10

**Durante el mes de Octubre las
donaciones fueron: \$8,780.00 en línea.**

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: The prophet Daniel has a vision of the “everlasting dominion” of the “son of man.” Why do 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?

PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

Primera Lectura: El profeta Daniel tiene una visión del "dominio eterno" del "hijo del hombre." ¿Por qué crees que el Señor le reveló esta visión a Daniel?

Segunda Lectura: Juan enseña a su comunidad que Jesús “ha hecho de nosotros (los creyentes) un reino de sacerdotes para su Dios y Padre.” ¿Cómo debería afectar el conocimiento de esta realidad a tu viaje espiritual?

Evangelio: En su juicio, Jesús le dice a Pilato que su reino no es de este mundo. ¿Qué crees que impide que el Reino de Dios esté más presente en nuestro mundo?

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MONDAY, 8:00 AM	November 22 †Zoe Weber †Reagan Manick Singh
TUESDAY, 8:00 AM	November 23 †Barbara Vandermause Spec. Int. for Rigoberto Vega
6:30 PM	Spec. Int. for Accion de Gracias
WEDNESDAY, 8:00 AM	November 24 †Ena Balkaran †Yuri Hanja
THURSDAY, 8:00 AM	November 25 †Marc Gaucher †Dec. Members of the Hierholzer Family
FRIDAY, 8:00 AM	November 26 †Rena Medaris
SATURDAY, 4:00 PM	November 27 †Leo Blatz †Anthony Stedrak †Kelly Gibson
SUNDAY, 8:00 AM	November 28 Our Parishioners
10:00 AM	†Maria & Joaquim Corrêia †Anthony Stedrak †Ballard & Uram Family †Patricia Smith
12:00 PM	†Ivonne Otero †Antonio Pagan †Mirtelina Tata Garcia

All parishes are asked to remember our deceased priests who were incarnated for the Orlando Diocese, or who are buried at the San Pedro Center. For November they are:

Nov. 03, 2013—Msgr. John Caulfield
Nov. 09, 1994—Rev. Charles Anderson
Nov. 15, 1995—Rev. James Fahey
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Nov. 20, 2000—Rev. George Moreau
Nov. 30, 1994—Rev. William Killion

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

