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# Blessed Sacrament

## Mission Statement:

*Established in the Spirit of Jesus Christ with an Afro-centric focus, Blessed Sacrament Chapel is committed to spreading the "Word" through fellowship and good works.*

**Sunday Mass: 10:00AM**

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I will rescue my scattered sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17)

**Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28).

**Gospel** — Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me (Matthew 25:31-46).

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**Jesus Christ the King, Nov. 22, 2020**

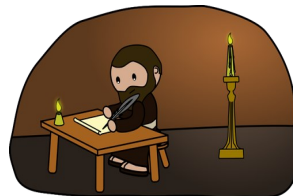
"I was hungry and you gave me food,

I was thirsty and you gave me drink."



# Thus says the Lord God: I myself will look after my sheep.

*From the desk of Father Sinoj*



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings! I wholeheartedly appreciate and thank all of you who have been instrumental in making our Thanksgiving Dinner a success. We are in the last Sunday in the Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. On this day we celebrate and commemorate Jesus as the one and only eternal King. He is the worthy Lamb who by His resurrection brought life to all those who believe. We also commemorate Jesus as the judge of the world and as the Good Shepherd who knows His sheep and who lays down his life for His sheep.

In the Gospel passage, Jesus speaks about the judgment of the nations, where He will separate the sheep from the goats. The sheep who know His voice and have heard Him and lived according to His ways will inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. The goats who have not recognized the voice of the shepherd and king will be sent away into eternal separation from Jesus.

We are called to be one in spirit, and keep our allegiance to our true King, Jesus Christ, all through our life. May this Solemnity help us see clearly who Christ is, in all His fullness, and also remind us of our place as His ever-faithful servants! Will we live our life in obedience and surrender to our true King every day until the day He returns? Will we live in this world with our sight set on heaven and the glory of Jesus our King?

Happy Thanksgiving! Let us think of the ways we can celebrate this Advent.

(^.^) Always  
^.(^.^) Keep  
(^.^),.^ Smiling!  
^..

God Loves You!!

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath, HGN

## November Birthdays

11--Jeff Sanford  
16--Joyce Moorman,  
Greg Gough  
19--Ron Moorman,  
Barbara Bisel  
22--Trey Hatchett  
25--Payton Sanford  
28--Shirley Schmidt



*Whether you think  
you can, or think  
you can't ...you're  
right.*

--Henry Ford

## 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

## Mass Intentions

November 15--David Thornton Coble  
November 22--Donald Moorman  
November 29--Leon Boarman  
December 6--Grace Medley Ebelhar  
December 7--Charles E. Thompson

*Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those in the process of dying. Remember to pray for the souls in purgatory, especially for those who have no one to pray for them.*

**Our thoughts and prayers are with the sick: Mike Coakley, Andy Evans Otha Holbrook, Jason Pierce, Ruth Coble, Gary Moorman, Pam Wilson, Frank & Gloria Adams, Larry Allen, Lius Aju, Shirley Schmidt, Carol Hatchett, Rachel Mattingly, Nancy Bumm, Camilla Greer, Louise Johnson, Phillip Moorman, Jr. If you know of anyone seriously ill who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.**

Please remember our home-bound: Ruth Coble and Shirley Schmidt who are at Heritage Park. Georgia Holland lives in St.. Louis but stays active in BSC happenings. Please pray also for all who, because they are vulnerable, cannot attend Mass. A card or phone call can cheer them up.

## St. Stephen Cathedral New Mass Schedule

4:30 PM Vigil on Saturday  
8:30 and 11:00 on Sunday  
7 :00 AM and 12:05 PM Mon-Fri.



# Coming Events CALENDAR



## Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Nov. 22--Community Thanksgiving dinner  
Drive-through only 12-2  
Dec. 7--Mass 6 PM  
Feast of Immaculate Conception

## Diocesan Deanery Event

Nov. 30-Dec. 2 Mission at Blessed Mother  
6:30 PM (Advent preparation)  
Hope in the Midst of Pandemic----  
Book of Revelations (Father Shonis)



November 15--\$1540

Weekly budget: \$952

MTD collection--\$5160

MTD budget--\$2856

YTD collection--\$23,102

YTD budget-- \$19,040

Candles--\$2



*May each of us give  
according to what  
the Lord has blessed  
us with.*



## Pope Francis's Prayer to Mary During Coronavirus Pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

## Eight Steps to a More Satisfying Life:

In a recent TIME, magazine sidebar, there were Eight Steps Toward a More Satisfying Life. Here are the Eight Steps :  
1. Count your blessings. 2. Practice acts of kindness. 3. Savor life's joys. 4. Thank a mentor. 5. Learn to forgive. 6. Invest time and energy in friends and family. 7. Take care of your body. 8. Develop strategies for coping with stress and hardship. As we reflect on Gospels of the last couple weeks, we could add one more step, a 9th Step to the strategy: Be prepared. Be prepared to step out of life's planned paths and trust the Spirit. After all, the Spirit can appear in many guises, disguises, and surprises.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1-4, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4  
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11  
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19  
Thursday: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19  
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33  
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

**Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
**Monday:** 34th Week in Ordinary Time; St. Clement I; St. Columban; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro  
**Tuesday:** St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions  
**Wednesday:** St. Catherine of Alexandria  
**Thursday:** Thanksgiving Day  
**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

## THANKSGIVING

One act of thanksgiving, when things go wrong with us, is worth a thousand thanks when things are agreeable to our inclinations.

--St. John of Avila

## THE SHEPHERD KING

The job of shepherd and the job of king couldn't be more different from each other. Shepherds are on the lowest rung of society, kings are at the top. But God says, through the prophet Ezekiel, that the Messiah will lead in a way very different from earthly authorities who lord it over their people and cause harm with their poor leadership.

Our King takes on the job himself. Christ, like a shepherd, will give rest, seek out the lost, bring back the strayed and scattered ones. He will heal the wounded and bind up the injured. He does not delegate, but will "shepherd them rightly." We have a king who cares for us and who is not afraid to "judge between one sheep and another" (Ezekiel 34:17).



## Start a prayer Journal

At the end of each day, list three things for which you are grateful.

### Lectors

November 22: Barbara Bisel  
Kathi Skidd

November 29: Jacques Williams  
Sarah Malone

December 6: Layson Brooks  
Kathi Skidd

### Feast of the Solemnity of Jesus, King of the Universe

**“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for  
the least ones, you did for me.”**

Our image of Jesus as a carpenter who cared for people in need and the necessities of life does not fit our image of Christ as King. The problem is that our image of *kingship* is not very positive. Kings were often tyrannical and self serving. And we often forget that at our Baptism we are all anointed *priest, prophet* and *king*. So what is the true function of a king? It is to see that all of his subjects, everyone entrusted to his care, is treated equally and shares equally in the benefits and resources of the kingdom. That is the message Christ the King taught and demonstrated to us. We share in Christ’s kingship. Whatever we *do for the least* in His kingdom, we do for Him. He depends on us to do it. As we celebrate Thanksgiving this week, we should be grateful to live in a country that allows us to be kingly like Jesus - to do all we can for those who are *the least* in His Kingdom: the unborn, the elderly, the homeless, the sick, the dying, and the imprisoned.

### Laugh of the Week

Q. Why did the police arrest the turkey?  
A. They suspected fowl play.  
Q. What happened when the turkey got into a fight? A. He got the stuffing knocked out of him.  
Q. What’s the most musical part of a turkey? A. The drumstick.  
Q. Why did the cranberries turn red? A. Because they saw the turkey dressing

### BLESSED MIGUEL AGUSTÍN PRO (1891-1927) November 23

Graham Greene’s classic *The Power and the Glory* immortalized Mexico’s persecuted Church of the 1920s. But photographs of Father Pro—arms outstretched to image Christ Crucified, kneeling in prayer before the firing squad, crumpled dead on the ground—vividly, visually remind us that not long ago, not far away, the faith we take for granted cost everything! Born to a mining family, Miguel became a Jesuit and was sent to study Catholic labor movements in Belgium in preparation for evangelizing Mexico’s workers. But he returned to find a Mexico determined to annihilate Catholicism, and, like priests before him during Roman persecutions, England’s Reformation, and in China today, ministered secretly to an “underground Church” until apprehended and sentenced to the firing squad. In his final moments, Father Pro blessed his executioners, forgave his enemies, and shouted: “*Viva el Cristo Rey!*—Long Live Christ the King!”—his defiant, dying proclamation of ultimate, transcendent loyalty. Father Pro’s martyrdom reinvigorated that beleaguered Church, whose countless faithful, never again afraid, would throng John Paul II when he visited Pro’s beloved Mexico fifty-two years later.

### Church Mice

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How we treat other people is at the heart of Christ’s kingdom. “Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.” At different times in our lives we are all counted among the “least” ones. We may not be physically poor, but we can easily become emotionally and spiritually poor. We may not be marginalized as many physically are, cast aside because they have too many needs or don’t quite fit in. But who hasn’t experienced isolation, loneliness, inner turmoil, angst, heartache, or loss? Almost every human being has experienced brokenness at one point or another, or will most definitely at some future point, facing discouragement, fear, insecurity. People are thirsty for more than water. We are imprisoned by our prejudices, misconceived notions and ideas, self-focused obsessions and ideologies. There is a lot of pain and many least ones around us

I'm thankful for God above and  
for His precious gifts of  
warmth of love.

I'm thankful for my home  
and for my family too, and  
for the blessings I receive  
the whole year through.

### START WITH GRATITUDE

Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.