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# Blessed Sacrament

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## 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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## First Reading:

When all the elders of Israel came to David in Hebron, King David made an agreement with them there before the LORD, and they anointed him king of Israel. (2 Sm 5:3)

## Psalm:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Ps 122)

## Second Reading:

He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Col 1:13-14)

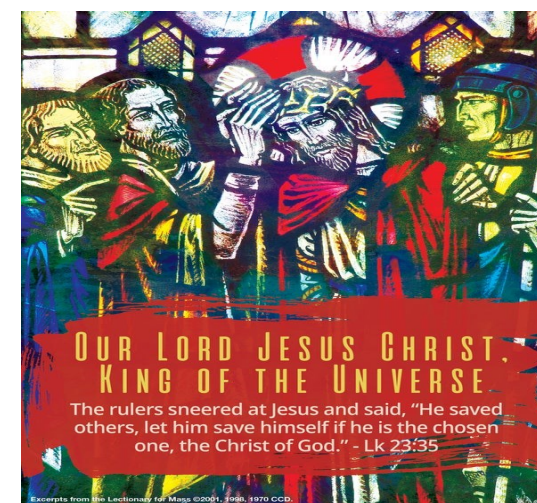
## Gospel:

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (Lk 23:42-43)

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 2001



**Nov. 20 , 2022 Feast of Christ the King**  
**I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the Lord." Ps. 122:1**





Parishioners:

**Iesus Nazarenus, Rex Iudaeorum**

**Jesus (of) Nazareth, King (of the) Jews**

Have you ever really thought about the letters **I.N.R.I.** at the top of every crucifix? Most people realize (*if only vaguely*) the letters mean “The King of the Jews”. This weekend, the Church calls us to celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. In every Catholic Church all over the world, people

will hear and reflect on this awesome title. Especially here, we should be aware of His presence, title, and what that means in our lives.

Pope Pius XI instituted the Feast of Christ the King in his 1925 encyclical letter *Quas Primas*, in response to growing nationalism and secularism. In Pope John XXIII's 1960 revision of the Calendar, the date and title remained the same and, in the new simpler ranking of feasts, it was classified as a feast of the first class. The Pontiff's encyclical quotes with approval Cyril of Alexandria, noting that Jesus' Kingship is not obtained by violence: "'Christ,' he says, 'has dominion over all creatures, a dominion not seized by violence nor usurped, but his by essence and by nature.'" Pope Pius XI instituted the feast of Christ the King to remind Christians that their allegiance was to their spiritual ruler in heaven as opposed to earthly supremacy, which was claimed by Benito Mussolini.

In his 1969 motu proprio *Mysterii Paschalis*, Pope Paul VI gave the celebration a new title: “D. N. Iesu Christi universorum Regis” (*Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe*). He also gave it a new date: the last Sunday in the liturgical year, before a new year begins with the First Sunday in Advent, the earliest date for which is 27 November. Through this choice of date, “the eschatological importance of this Sunday is made clearer”. He assigned to it the highest rank, that of “Solemnity”.

The liturgical vestments for the day are colored white and/or gold, in keeping with other joyous feasts honoring Christ. The name is found in various forms in scripture: **King Eternal** (1 Tim. 1:17), **King of Israel** (Jn. 1:49), **King of the Jews** (Mt. 27:11), **King of kings** (1 Tim. 6:15; Rev. 19:16), **King of the Ages** (Rev. 15:3) and **Ruler of the Kings of the Earth** (Rev. 1:5).

Pope Benedict XVI remarked that Christ's Kingship is not based on “human power” but on loving and serving others. The perfect exemplar of that acceptance, he pointed out, is the Virgin Mary. Her humble and unconditional acceptance of God's will in her life, the Pope noted, was the reason that “God exalted her over all other creatures, and Christ crowned her Queen of heaven and earth.”

We recognize Christ as our King and follow his example of humble service. His reign was not one of power by force or fear, manipulation, or violence. Christ showed us the way of meekness, humility, service, and putting others needs before our own. Our KING hung on a cross and became a slave. As we celebrate Christ the King of the Universe, may we all honor Jesus as our King and place ourselves at the service of others. Blessings, Fr. John

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's solemnity, the final feast of the Church year, is a youngster as feasts go. In 1925, Pope Pius XI was distressed by global political upheaval and the de-Christianizing of society. That year was a “holy Year,” keyed to the sixteen hundredth anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, when the words, “and of his kingdom there will be no end” were added to the Creed. The Pope explained that although most feasts had developed over many centuries, the church sometimes provided a new feast to address new needs. He pointed to the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, showing Christ's love and compassion in a time when many people embraced a cold and gloomy spirituality. Originally on the last Sunday of October, in the late 1960's the solemnity of Christ the King was moved to the last Sunday of the year.

Fresh from baptism's waters, we are anointed with chrism “as Christ was anointed priest,, prophet, and king.” This feast is a key to our identity. On this feast, we recognize Christ, as a king who breaks the usual mold of kingship,, and who shapes his kingdom with our hands, our words, our deed of love and service.

## Church Mice

Karl Zorowski

Sing and make music in your heart  
to the Lord, always giving thanks  
to God the Father for everything,  
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”  
(Ephesians 5:19-20, NIV)

...AND NOT JUST ON THE  
FOURTH THURSDAY IN  
NOVEMBER !



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## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

**NOVEMBER 20 12-2 PM**

Please plan on helping to provide the meal and be present the day of the dinner. Sign-up sheets are in the back of church or please call the office and let us know what you can provide. On the 20th, we will need help to set up the cafeteria, see that the food is ready for our guests, serve, clean-up, and be hospitality ministers. We need all of you to participate. Invite guests. The free meal is our outreach to the community.

### November Birthdays

1--Father John Thomas, Austin Gough  
5--Michael Bogdan, Jamie Bisel  
7--Lennox Williams, Hank and Quinn  
Fain  
11--Jeff Sanford  
16--Joyce Moorman, Greg Gough  
19--Barbara Bisel, Ron Moorman  
22--Trey Hatchett  
25--Payton Sanford



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### Thanks....

**To everyone who has made a contribution to the Growing in Christ renovation fund. The sanctuary enlargement and updating is moving forward and should soon be finished.**

### Mass Intentions

November 13--People affected by Communism  
November 20--Donald Moorman  
November 27--Sandy Dyer  
December 4--Stephen Hall  
December 7--Herbert Millay

*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: Linda Clark, , Rachel Mattingly, Carol Hatchett, Sondra Hibbs, Sister Janice Fennwald, Charlie Brown Sr, John Thompson, Kate Quinn, Larry Leachman, Teresa Woods, Larry Allen, Jordan Gertisen, Buddy Adcock, Debbie Moseley, Donna Kaelin, Gina Kirby, Colin Holahan, Janice Taul, Merle Griffith, Pam Wilson, Frank & Gloria Adams, Shelby Webster, Louise Johnson, Ruth Coble, Larry Conder, Mike Coakley, Andy Evans, Gary Moorman, , Camilla Greer, Philip Moorman,Jr.**  
**If you know of anyone who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.**

Please remember our home-bound: Ruth Coble at One Park Place. Georgia Holland lives in St. Louis but stays active in BSC. A card or phone call can cheer them up.

**THANKGIVING:** Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse. ---Henry Van Dyke

## Coming Events CALENDAR



### Blessed Sacrament Chapel

November 20--Community Thanksgiving Dinner 12-2  
November 27--1st Sunday of Advent  
December 7--Feast of Immaculate Conception 6 pm Mass



Nov. 13--\$2,902.20

Weekly Budget--\$1058

MTD Collection--\$1,844.20

MTD Budget--\$2116

YTD Collection--\$25,062.69

YTD Budget--\$19,044

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### Is Christ King in Our Hearts?

When you think of a king, who is the first person to pops into your head? It may depend on how much history you know, or which historical period intrigues you the most. As Americans, the first person we might think of is King George III, whose reign has become synonymous in our national lore with the concept of tyranny.

We don't have much familiarity with kingship in modern American society. Kings tend to make us uneasy. Presidents, on the other hand — we can handle those, because we know we are a president's boss. No matter how much power he has, we are the electorate. We are the source of that power. We're comfortable with this arrangement.

But with kings it is profoundly different. Traditionally, the king derives his power from God. His rule bridges humanity with the divine.

We should reflect carefully on whether or not we have made Jesus Christ king in our hearts, or whether we regard him as a president. The difference isn't just one of titles, it's one of roles. Subjects do not demand anything of a king. They beseech. They entreat. They submit, and they accept.

Do we demand of Christ, or do we beseech? Do we tolerate God's edicts with grumbling, or do we embrace His word as the means of our reconciliation with Him?

The "good thief" treated Christ as a king. His counterpart treated him as a president. And it's worth remembering that Jesus Christ is not the President of the Universe.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

	<b>Lectors</b>
<u>Nov. 20:</u>	Layson Brooks
	Connie Clary
<u>Nov. 27:</u>	Jacques Williams
	Misty Sanford
<u>Dec. 4:</u>	Alexis Hatchett
	Kathi Skidd
	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<u>Nov. 20:</u>	Barbara Bisel, Cindy Clark,
	Misty Sanford
<u>Nov. 27:</u>	Charlene Meadows, Kathi
	Skidd, Lori Robinson
<u>Dec. 4:</u>	Greg Gough, Vivian Higgs,
	Sarah Malone
	<b>Collection &amp; Gifts</b>
<u>Nov. 20:</u>	Jacques, Whitney Williams
	and sons
<u>Nov. 27:</u>	Leland Herzog, Steven Coble
<u>Dec. 4:</u>	Cindy Clark, Alvin Leachman

## Laugh of the Week

The Pope, Billy Graham, and Oral Roberts were in a three-way plane crash over the Pacific Ocean. They all died and went to heaven together.

"Oh, this is terrible," exclaims St. Peter. "I know you guys think we summoned you here, but this is just one of those coincidences that happen. Since we weren't expecting you, your quarters just aren't ready... We can't take you in and we can't send you back...."

Then he got an idea. He picked up the phone, "Lucifer, this is Pete. Hey, I got these three guys up here. They're ours, but we weren't expecting them, and we gotta fix the place up for 'them. I was hoping you could put them up for a while. It'll only be a few of days. What d'ya say?" Reluctantly, the Devil agreed.

However, two days later... St. Peter got a call. Pete, this is Lucifer. Hey, you gotta come get these three clowns. This Pope fellow is forgiving everybody, the Graham guy is saving everybody, and that Roberts has raised enough money to buy air conditioning.

### Saint Andrew | November 30

Saint Andrew was a fisherman in Galilee, along with his brother, Peter, when they were called by Jesus to leave their boat and become fishers of men. John's Gospel also places him as a follower of John the Baptist before he came to be one of Jesus' twelve Disciples. Beyond the scant references in the Gospels, not much is known of Saint Andrew's life.

According to tradition Saint Andrew, went out into Greece and Turkey to preach the Good News. An early account of the saint's life tells of his martyrdom by crucifixion in Patras. Medieval accounts describe the cross used as X-shaped because Andrew said he was not worthy to die on the same style of cross as Jesus.

Famously, Saint Andrew is the patron Saint of Scotland, the country's flag bearing the X-shaped cross associated with him. Legends claim that the saint either traveled to Scotland to spread the Gospel or that his relics were brought there by St. Regulus who had a vision telling him to take the bones to the end of the earth. Regulus set out and was shipwrecked on the coast of Scotland. Today relics of St. Andrew which had been held by the Vatican are now at a shrine in Patras.

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### Readings for the Week

Monday:	Rv 14:1-3-5/Ps 24:-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, 2-3, 7-9/ Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9/ Ps100:1-5/Lk 21:20-28
Friday:	Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 8: 3-6, 8/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-7/ Lk 21:34-36

### Observances for the Week of Nov. 20

Monday:	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday:	St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr
Wednesday:	St. Clement I, Pope, Martyr; St. Columban, Bl. Miguel
Thursday:	St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs; Thanksgiving Day-
Friday:	St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
Next Sunday:	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent



### OUR KINGS AND KINGSHIP

Americans have an uncomfortable relationship with kings. The American Revolution was fought for independence from King George, after all. Nonetheless, today, every Catholic Church around the world celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Today's feast invites us to a look beyond our national loyalties and rejoice in our primary identity. We are children of God in Jesus, Christ the King. Our readings help us consider what it's like to belong to God's kingdom. The book of Samuel captures the deep longing of the Israelites for a king to shepherd them. Saint Paul reminds the Colossians that we belong to the kingdom of Christ, whose power he praises in a beautiful hymn. Finally, Luke's Gospel calls to mind the kind of king Jesus chooses to be--a suffering servant, a man for others. By sacrificing his life for us, Jesus throws open the gates of Paradise. Copyright J.S. Paluch Co

### WHAT KIND OF KING?

*But what kind of king is Jesus? Let us take a look at him: he is riding on a donkey; he is not accompanied by a court; he is not surrounded by an army as symbol of power. He is received by humble people, simple folk who have the sense to see something more in Jesus.* Pope Francis

- ◇ *What is Jesus asking you to put aside to receive him?*
- ◇ *Where is Jesus asking you to be humble so that you are more like him?*