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Teacher: How old is your father? Boy: 6 years old. Teacher: What? How is that possible?
Boy: He became father only when I was born.

Teacher: Maria , go to the map and find North America. Maria: Here it is.
Teacher: Correct. Now class who discovered America? Class: Maria

Teacher: Glenn, how do you spell "crocodile"? Glenn: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L
Teacher: No, that's wrong. Glenn: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

Teacher: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water? Donald: H I J K L M N O
Teacher: What are you talking about? Donald: Yesterday you said it was H to O

Teacher: Clyde, your composition on "My Dog" is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his? Clyde: No, sir. It's the same dog.



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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Sunday's Readings:

First Reading:

As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD,
I will judge between one sheep and another,
between rams and goats. (Ez 34:17)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I
shall want. (Ps 23)

Second Reading:

When everything is subjected to him, then the
Son himself will also be subjected to the one
who subjected everything to him, so that God
may be all in all. (1 Cor 15:28)

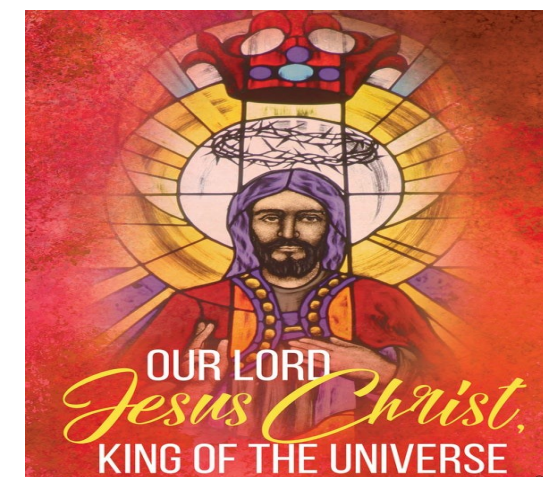
Gospel:

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his
glorious throne, and all the nations will be as-
sembled before him. And he will separate them
one from another, as a shepherd separates the
sheep from the goats." (Mt 25:31-32)
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Nov. 26, 2023 Feast of Christ the King

Whatever you did for the least of my brothers,
you did for me. Matt. 25:46.



My Dear 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 the feast of, 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 we have a modern feast, less than a century old, and placed at the very end of the liturgical cycle of Sundays only in 1969. In 1925 the world was in a sorry state from the vantage point of Pope Pius XI. The winds of war had swept the map of Europe raw and ancient Christian dynasties had fallen in Russia and Spain. Although the Great War had ended, wars were breaking out everywhere. Fascism was already in control in Italy and Nazism was on the horizon for Germany. The disorder making its claim on the human race was, the pope felt, an insult to the Divine Order. Pius XI designated the last Sunday in October as a day of universal recognition of the kingship of Christ. Creating this feast was an act of bravery by the pope, who was standing up against idolatry of the state and the dehumanizing forces of the modern world, things that are not hard to detect in today's world as well. In 1969 it seemed fitting to move the feast to a place of honor at the end of the year, a way of summing up the whole movement of the liturgical year toward the perfection of the Kingdom of God. In recent decades, many Protestant churches have adopted this day from the new Roman calendar, so it is shared now with the Church of England, the Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Lutheran Churches and others.

--Rev. James Field Copyright J.S. Paluch



A HUGE SHOUT OUT :

To each of you who helped make our Thanksgiving Dinner so successful. Without your donations of food and especially your time, it would not have been possible to share Blessed Sacrament's love to 150-175 people (estimate)

November Birthdays

7--Hank & Quinn Fain, Lennox Williams
11--Jeff Sanford
16--Joyce Moorman, Greg Gough, Brynn Campbell
19--Barbara Bisel, Ron Moorman
22--Trey Hatchett
25--Payton Sanford



Laugh of the Week

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?" The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"

Mass Intentions

November 19--Donald Moorman
November 26--Sandra Brown
December 3--Emma Lou Marrett
December 7--Mike Whitfield
December 10--Bern Tooley

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: Charlie Brown Sr, Jim Fennwald, Steven Moorman, Rachel Mattingly, Gina Kirby, Philip Moorman, Jr., Yuri Phen, Larry Clark, Susan Hall, Ruth Coble, Shaun Winchell, Jeeriah Cruite, Carol Hatchett, Teresa Woods, Larry Allen, Jordan Gertisen, Buddy Adcock, Debbie Moseley, Donna Kaelin, Janice Taul, Pam Wilson, Frank & Gloria Adams, Shelby Webster, Larry Conder, Andy Evans, Gary Moorman, Wynter Keller, **If you know of anyone who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.**

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Coming Events



Blessed Sacrament Chapel

December 1--Scripture Reflection 10:45
December 7--Immaculate Conception 6 pm Mass
December 17--Decorate Church after 10 am Mass



Nov. 19--\$1478

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MTD Collection--N/A

MTD Budget--\$

YTD Collection--N/A

YTD Budget--\$

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

Thanks to everyone who practices stewardship on a regular basis. An active parishioner attends Mass regularly and practices stewardship (time, talent, treasure).

GOSPEL MEDITATION

In May 2023, for the first time in almost three quarters of a century, a monarch was crowned in England. A few days later a friend of mine scoffed, "What a waste of time and energy! What is the point of a king?"

I'm a proud American who wants neither theocracy nor monarchical restoration. I like our democratic republic. But the coronation of King Charles reminded me of something needed in every person and community: confidence in the future. The king's most basic role is to symbolize the unity of the nation. In England, the parliament members handle many of the practical duties of governance. But the king or queen can do what they cannot: embody in a single person the reality and future of a whole nation. To say, "this is our king" is to say, "we exist as a community, and we have a future." Kingship isn't primarily about the power of one person or family. It's about the enduring identity and unity of the whole.

To say Christ is our King is to say we exist as a people. We are *one in him*. We are, and we will be as long as he is. And since he will be our risen king forever, together we have a future filled with hope. Even the best countries will finally fall. But Christ and his Church will endure forever. What good news! It's not a waste of time to crown a king. We do it all the time. Let's be sure to crown the right one — the one whose kingdom never ends.

— Father John Muir LPi

MINISTRY SCHEDULE	
LECTORS	
<u>November 26:</u>	Misty Sanford, Wayne Stephens
<u>December 3:</u>	Layson Brooks, Katie Goins
<u>December 10:</u>	Jacques Williams, Sarah Malone
Eucharistic Ministers	
<u>November 26:</u>	Katie Goins, Sarah Malone, Kathi Skidd
<u>December 3:</u>	Barbara Bisel, Greg Gough, Lori Robinson
<u>December 10:</u>	Janet Clark, Holly Hollis, Kathi Skidd
Collection & Gifts	
<u>November 26:</u>	Jamie Bisel and sons
<u>December 3:</u>	Steven, Meredith, Hank & Quinn Fain
<u>December 10:</u>	Alexis & Alizabeth Hatchett

Next Sunday is the 1st Sunday of Advent. The beginning of the liturgical year. Last year with Christmas on a Sunday, we had 4 full weeks of Advent; this year with Christmas on a Monday, we have the shortest possible Advent--3 weeks and 1 day. This is the time to focus on preparing our hearts for the coming of the Lord. We remember when Jesus came as an infant in Bethlehem 2000+ years ago but also, as the readings at Mass these last few weeks reminded us, the coming of the Lord at the end of time. May your Advent be focused not only on the material preparations for Christmas but also, more importantly, on having our hearts ready for the coming of the Lord. Small books are provided that might be a guide.

The King Comes Holding a Mirror

Of all the many wonderful, thorough examinations of conscience I have come across, the one I normally utilize is very simple, and perfectly suited to someone like me who is not capable of profound thought at the end of the day.

It's just one very short question: *Which Christs did I not recognize today?*

The King always comes in disguise, and I know I miss him in so many ways every single day. I miss him in people ignored or dismissed. I miss him in opportunities avoided and in moments that could have turned into prayer but instead turned into phone-scrolling. I miss him when he is right in front of me, holding up a mirror and calling my name, begging for my conversion of heart.

The Christian life calls us to constant self-scrutiny. It's not a comfortable life, always thinking about what you could do better, but the Lord shepherds us rightly. His pastures have nothing to offer those who are perfect and strong.

He has gone in search of the lost. He has reclaimed those who have strayed, healed those who were injured, given rest to those who were weary.


We can't be followers of Christ if we are not willing to own our sins. God's mercy does not dismiss our sins, as if they never existed and were not important.

No, it does something far, far better — God's mercy absolves our sins. It sets us free from them. But to be truly free, you have to understand the tyranny of what once enslaved you.

“And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.” — Matthew 25:32

Readings for the Week	
Monday:	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53-56/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57-61 Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/ Dn 3:62-67/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/ Mt 4:18-22
Friday:	Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75-81/ Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83-87/ Lk 21:34-36
Observances for the Week of November 26	
Thursday:	St. Andrew, Apostle
Next Sunday:	1 st Sunday of Advent

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I'M THANKFUL FOR SO MANY THINGS THIS YEAR, BUT WOULD BE EVEN MORE SO IF I COULD GET A BIT MORE CRANBERRY SAUCE

Prayer for Our Deceased
Dear Lord,
Comfort us in our grief as we mourn those no longer with us on earth. Free those in purgatory quickly, and guide us in Your will, so that one day we may all be united with You, for eternity.

THE LORD'S FLOCK

Sheep are high maintenance animals

ANIMALS. They are not very intelligent. Without guidance and care, especially in a climate like Israel's, they would die quickly from predators, starvation, or just their own slowness. The scriptural image of us as the Lord's flock is not terribly flattering to us, since it is only the never-ending diligence of a watchful shepherd that allows the flock to survive.

The feast of Christ the King, was intended to call the world back to Christ as the sold power of the world, to bring back a flock that had been scattered by many negative forces of the growing industrial, scientific, and war-torn world of the early twentieth century. It is fitting that, as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear about Christ the shepherd who cares for us and who, likewise, will be there at the end of time. Interestingly enough, as the Gospel illustrates, our own destiny is determined by the way we have been "shepherds" to the rest of the flock.

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WHAT KIND OF KING?

But what kind of a 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 a 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 the relationship between your simplicity and your ability to accept Jesus? 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?