

## SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING



The Solemnity of Christ the King was instituted by Pope Pius XI with the encyclical *Quas primas*. The Holy Father speaks directly to the problem of what he referred to as “anti-clericalism,” by which he meant the attitude of those who were seeking to extirpate Christian influence from political life. We see a version of anti-clericalism today, for example, when it is suggested that belief in Catholic teachings renders a person unfit for a judicial appointment.

When our nation is beset by civic unrest, racial tension, and a pandemic, we do well to turn to Our Lord, who reigns over every people and nation.

**Jesus is the Word of God made flesh, the Incarnate Lord.** *“His kingship is founded upon the ineffable hypostatic union. From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that to him as man angels and men are subject, and must recognize his empire; by reason of the hypostatic union Christ has power over all creatures.”* –*Quas primas*, 13

Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is both the divine Lord and the man who suffered and died on the Cross. In him, one person of the Trinity unites himself to human nature and reigns over all creation as the Incarnate Son of God.

**Jesus shares a law of charity to show the way to communion with God.** *“Not only do the gospels tell us that he made laws, but they present him to us in the act of making them. Those who keep them show their love for their Divine Master, and he promises that they shall remain in his love.”* –*Quas primas*, 14

By being close to sisters and brothers who are suffering, we draw close to Jesus. We Catholics, as individuals and as parishes, can look for opportunities to minister to the needs of people who are hurting and, by doing so, we will be acknowledging the kingship of Christ.

**The Church acknowledges the reign of Christ, not only privately, but publicly.** *“Thus by sermons preached at meetings and in churches, by public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed and by solemn processions, men unite in paying homage to Christ, whom God has given them for their King.”* –*Quas primas*, 26

Today, religious freedom for many people means that we can believe whatever we want, but when we enter the public square or the marketplace, we must conform to secularist orthodoxy. For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalized in public life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalizing our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord, not only of the Church, but of the universe.

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## THANKSGIVING – NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2020



On Thanksgiving Day, we are encouraged to pause and give thanks to God. When we give thanks, we bring to mind God's gifts to us. On this Thanksgiving Day, we thank our Heavenly Father, and we pray fervently, "God bless America!" It is a beautiful holiday. Jesus shows us the importance giving thanks. By expressing gratitude, we overcome sadness, we cement relationships with each other and with God. **By coming to Mass on Thanksgiving Day, we are thanking God in the best possible way.**

### **THANKSGIVING MASSES:**

**November 25<sup>th</sup>, Vigil Mass: St. Mark's at 7:00 p.m.**

**November 26<sup>th</sup>, Mass on the Day: OLM at 9:30 a.m.**

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## ADVENT IS COMING



Next Sunday we begin the New Liturgical Year and the First Sunday of Advent. The Sunday lectionary will move to cycle B. As we begin Advent let us start with a renewed spirit. Consider coming to confession during Advent as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

**This year because of Pandemic we will not be doing any Penance Service although Sacrament of reconciliation will be available every Saturday morning during Advent:**



**December 5<sup>th</sup> (OLM Church) 9am, December 12<sup>th</sup> (St. Mark's Church) 10am-11am, December 19 (OLM Church) 10am-11am. Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available every Saturday night before evening mass and very day after morning mass at OLM Church.**

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## 2020 Diocesan Ministries Appeal "Love Thy Neighbor"

This time of year, as we plan to celebrate Thanksgiving, our thoughts and prayers will be for all those who passed away from the coronavirus and the many families impacted. It will be for those on the frontlines of COVID-19 who selflessly care for so many. It will be for all who may be hurting in some way. In our own diocese, tens of thousands of your neighbors in profound need seek out the services of our Catholic Charities and, with help from the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, they find an open door and a compassionate response. Please make a pledge to our Appeal today! **For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at [www.2020appeal.org](http://www.2020appeal.org).**

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## NOVEMBER – MONTH OF ALL SOULS

As we pray for our loved ones during November it is good to remember that the Mass is the greatest prayer for the dead. For deceased masses are offered to assist them in their journey to heaven.

**GET A MASS INTENTION FOR YOUR LOVED ONES DURING THIS MONTH OF ALL SOULS.**

Some people think that the story of human life is, "Birth, life, and death." For a Christian, it is different. The story is not "Birth, life, and death," but rather, "Life, death, and Resurrection!" Death does not have the last word; life does!

Death was not part of God's original plan; it came into the world because of sin. Death is not from God; death is from turning away from God. Death is not the end of the human story; it is the middle. The end of the story is Resurrection and life that has no end! God has broken the silence about death, and told us that He has conquered it!

**Eternal rest grant to 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.**

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