

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

EZEKIEL. 34: 11-12, 15-17. I will rescue my scattered sheep.

PSALM 23. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1 CORINTHIANS. 15: 20-26, 28. As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life.

MATTHEW. 25: 31-46. Whatever you did to the least one, you did to me.

TODAY'S REFLECTION: The Risen Christ in the 'disguise' of nameless poor. Christ the Shepherd-king clearly and unequivocally identifies himself with the poor. Our "greatness" lies in our ability to reach beyond ourselves to bring justice, peace and reconciliation into the lives of everyone. Mother Teresa of Calcutta put today's Gospel theme so succinctly when she said: "At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by 'I was hungry and you gave me to eat. ... I was naked and you clothed me. ...I was homeless and you took me in.' Hungry not only for bread—but hungry for love; naked not only of clothing—but naked of human dignity and respect; homeless not only for want of a room of bricks, but homeless because of rejection. This is Christ in distressing disguise."



MASS INTENTIONS

INTENTIONS FOR OUR WEEKLY LITURGIES:

MONDAY 11/23

8:00 A.M.

For the Wellness of Mary Vadala (Children & Grandchildren)

Last Week in Ordinary Time

TUESDAY 11/24

8:00 A.M.

Eleanor Costa (The Family)

St. Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

WEDNESDAY 11/23

8:00 A.M.

Jean Phillips (Annette O'Bell)

St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr

THURSDAY 11/24-THANKSGIVING DAY

8:00 A.M.

All Souls Novena Intentions

FRIDAY-11/25

8:00 A.M.

Fritz Doerper (Janice Petorak)

SATURDAY 11/26

4:00 P.M.

Joan Lubash (M/M Paul Vilgos)

SUNDAY 11/27-THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 A.M.

Mary E. Curatola (Curatola Family)

10:30 A.M.

All Souls Novena Intentions

12:00 P.M.-Spanish Mass

People of the Parish

WORD OF LIFE: "The right to religious freedom has its foundation in the very dignity of the human person." *Pope Paul VI, Dignitatis humanae (Declaration on Religious Freedom), 2.* © 1965 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY, THANKSGIVING DAY, NOVEMBER 26TH AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH.

C.C.D. CALENDAR:

SUN. NOV. 29 NO CLASSES

SUN. DEC. 6 REGULAR CLASSES

SUN. DEC. 13 REGULAR CLASSES

SUN. DEC. 20 REGULAR CLASSES

SUN. DEC. 27 NO C.C.D. CASSES-CHRISTMAS



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM BEGINS: Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of his brain, spinal cord, and nervous system by the 20th day. His heart began to beat on the 21st day and is pumping

blood through its own circulatory system. The blood type can be different from his mother's. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of his mother to give him the most precious gift of all—the gift of life.



OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER 22, 2020

OFFERTORY \$3,193.01

ON-LINE GIVING \$390.00

SALARY/DUES \$255.00

GOOD SAMARITAN \$329.00

THANKSGIVING \$156.00

SECOND COLLECTION \$90.00

INCOME=\$4,413.01

AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES=\$4,803.34

Counters for Monday 11-23

Joan Lowe

Sharon Cardamone

Thanks to all who have been donating Your offerings. We appreciate your generosity. You are our only source of assistance. May God Bless You!



REMEMBER YOUR FACE MASK: Please remember to bring your mask to Mass.

THE SHEPHERD KING: The job of a shepherd and the job of a 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 37:17).



*When Autumn leaves
are falling
and Thanksgiving time
is near
It warms the heart
to think of those
who mean so much
all year.
Happy Thanksgiving*

BEGINNING NEXT WEEK THE

YEAR OF SAINT MARK: Most of what we know about Mark comes directly from the New Testament. He is usually identified with the Mark of Acts 12:12. When Saint Peter escaped prison, he went to the home of Mark's Mother. Paul and Barnabas took him along on the first missionary journey, but for some reason Mark returned alone to Jerusalem. It is evident, from Paul's refusal to let Mark accompany him on the second journey despite Barnabas's insistence, that Mark had displeased Paul. The oldest and the shortest of the four Gospels, the Gospel of Mark emphasizes Jesus' rejection by humanity while being God's triumphant envoy. Probably written for gentile converts in Rome—after the death of Peter and Paul sometime between A.D. 60 & 70—Mark's Gospel is the gradual manifestation of a "scandal": a crucified Messiah. Mark was not one of the 12 apostles. Some scholars feel that the evangelist is speaking of himself when describing the arrest of Jesus in Gethsemane: **"Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked" (Mark 14: 51-52).** Others hold Mark to be the first bishop of Alexandria, Egypt. Venice, famous for the Piazza San Marco, claims Mark as its patron saint; the large basilica there is believed to contain his remains.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL # 7622
PARTNERING WITH CATHOLIC SOCIAL
SERVICES TO SUPPORT LOCAL FAMILIES
FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON:**

Dear parishioners of Sacred Hearts, if you are not familiar with the Knights of Columbus, we are a fraternal organization of Catholic men, whose goal is to support our faith, our church and our priests. The Knights of Columbus Council # 7622 are partnering with Catholic Social Services to aid in their goal of supporting local families in this joyous Christmas Season. In the past, our parish has had a Giving Tree in the entryway of the Church. Unfortunately, this year with the COVID-19, Catholic Social Services is asking for gift cards to be donated to help make Christmas more joyous for our local families. If you can, we ask that you purchase a gift card, I-tunes, Visa, Department Store. Please put the gift card in the collection basket at any mass or mail it to the Rectory. The Knights will collect these and deliver to Catholic Social Services on **Monday, November 30th**. Please be sure that all of the donations are in by **Sunday, November 29th**. Thank you for thinking of others who aren't as fortunate.



STEWARDSHIP NEWS:

PORK DINNER "THANK-YOU": The Stewardship Committee would like to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to everyone involved with the 2020 pork dinner. The profit from the dinner was **\$4,271.64!** Thank you to all those who planned, prepared, volunteered, donated desserts, attended or were involved in any way. A special "thank you" to Carm Carachilo, who baked 200+ brownies for the dinner! Also, anyone who donated a dessert can pick up their baking dishes or trays if necessary. They are in the Church Basement on the ledge in the bar area.

HOLIDAY HELPER TICKET SALES: Tickets for the Holiday Helper fundraiser will be on sale before and after all Masses on the week-ends of Nov 28-29 and Dec. 5-6. The cost is \$10 per ticket. The prizes are as follows:

- ★ 1st Prize-\$1,000.00
 - ★ 2nd & 3rd Prize-\$500.00
- and three \$50.00 Gas Cards.

The drawing will be held on **December 9, at the monthly Stewardship Meeting** (7:00 P.M. in the Parish Center). Please consider purchasing tickets. Good Luck!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE UPDATE: Due to COVID-19 concerns, this year's Christmas Cookie Sale will be cancelled.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL *Hope*

**THIS IS
APPEAL ONLINE COMMITMENT
WEEKEND**

Ends Sunday Night, November 22, 11:59 p.m.

**Support our Diocesan Ministries and Help
Our Parish Reach its Annual Appeal Goal**

Go to
<https://annualappeal.org/donate-now/>
or
Scan the QR Code
at Right
Using the Camera on
your Smartphone.



Thank you for your kind generosity!

Our Parish Goal for the Diocesan Annual Appeal is: **\$21,000.00**. To date we have **\$8,725.00** in Pledges. Thank You!

ANNUAL APPEAL OF THE DIOCESE: Please look at our Parish Website Sacredheartchurch.com for this week-end's on-line giving promotion. Your generosity is truly appreciated. Thank you to all who have already pledged a donation. Diocesan Annual Appeal Envelopes are available in the Church.



SONNY SAYS (I have to find a dog-cookie jar that Sonny can't hear opening): A little boy told the salesman for a Christmas gift for his Mother and would like to see some cookie jars. As he looked, he lifted the lids off, one after the other. At last he sighed, "Aren't there any jars with lids that don't make noise?"

DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS: Are available in the Church. Please take a few home for prayer and reflection.



CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT:

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those

struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our Diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins.