

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King – November 24, 2019

Solemnity of Christ the King

Today on this Solemnity of Christ the King we end our Liturgical readings for this year. We are gazing at the pivotal moment of human history: Jesus Christ being crucified on the hill of Calvary. From one perspective, it is a disastrous event. It shows mankind rejecting and destroying its creator, savior and God.

And yet, today is the day when the whole Church, throughout the entire world, celebrates Christ's universal Kingship. Aren't kings supposed to be powerful? Aren't kings supposed to be successful? Aren't kings supposed to be victorious?

So why are we staring at a dying, helpless man hanging from a cross?

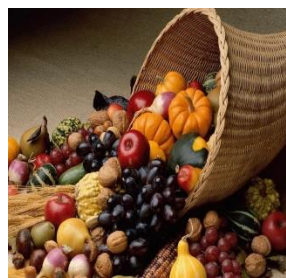
Because the cross is our King's throne - Christ reigns not from velvet-covered, diamond-encrusted, gold-plated seats, like passing earthly kings, rather, he reigns from the cross. How does this work? How can this sign of utter defeat also be the sign of our King's everlasting victory? This is what Pope John Paul II called the "paradox" of Christ's Kingship. Christ's Kingdom begins in this world, but it is not of this world. It begins in the hearts of Christians like us, his followers, who believe in him and obey him. The Church and the saints are living signs of this Kingdom, as buds in springtime are signs of summer.

And so, since his Kingdom transcends this world, it makes sense that Christ's throne is different from earthly thrones. Christ's Kingdom is built on the unconquerable power of God's unconditional love for each one of us. On the cross Jesus reveals that love by suffering and dying for our salvation, even while we were still sinners. In the Resurrection he will reveal that unconquerable power. And that's why our King reigns from such a throne.

In the words of Pope John Paul II: "If it is assessed according to the criteria of this world, Jesus' kingship can appear 'paradoxical'. Indeed, the power he exercises does not fit into earthly logic. On the contrary, his is the power of love and service that requires the gratuitous gift of self and the consistent witness to the truth (cf. Jn 18:37)." (*Angelus* address on Christ the King Sunday from 2001).

Father Blake Evans, Pastor

Latin Mass cancelled. All the Masses in Latin on the 5th Sundays of each month have been cancelled. Mass in Latin is offered at St. Mary Mother of God on 5th Street every Sunday at 9am (Traditional Tridentine Mass) and at 10am at the Cathedral of St. Matthew on Rhode Island Ave NW at Conn. (the Novus Ordo Mass)



Blessed Thanksgiving! Join us for joyful celebration of the Eucharist (Holy Mass) on Thanksgiving Day at 10am with our sister parish St. Gabriel joining us here at Nativity and with guest musicians joining us as well.

The Rectory office will be closed on Thursday, Nov 28 and Friday, Nov. 29.

Communication. Please read the bulletin and also visit our website regularly for info ALL bulletins are available online, also visit the Nativity Facebook page, and Twitter (only for urgent items or calendar changes or weather alerts).



to the **El Shaddai Community** for their recent generous donations to the parish during the annual regional conference held at Nativity. God bless you.



Sponsored by Catholic Daughters. Please stop by the lounge after the 8am and 10am Masses on **November 24**. There will be lots of homemade goodies. The funds will support our Parish.

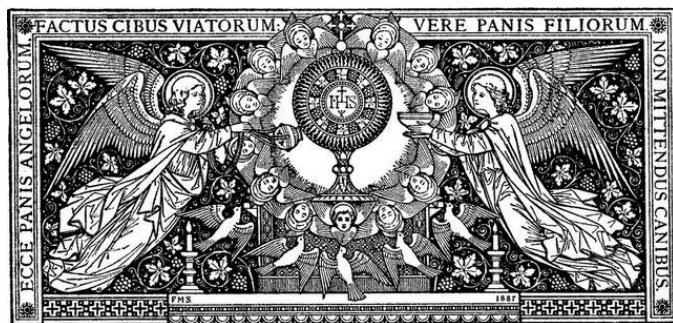
Mass Intentions

November 23 - 30, 2019

Sat. 11/23	8:00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	4:30 pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sun. 11/24	8:00am	+Jacob Hicks
	10:00am	People of the Parish
	1:00pm	+Jaime Jose Gutierrez Lovo
Mon. 11/25	12:00	Santiago & Janine Bulnes
Tue. 11/26	12:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed. 11/27	12:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thu. 11/28	10:00am	Thanksgiving to God
Fri. 11/29	12:00	No mass
Sat. 11/30	8:00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	4:30 pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory

Please pray for the sick and home-bound of our Parish:

*Alice R. Allen, *Amina Anderson-Pringle, *Ernestine Anderson, *Catherine Baum, *Jose Guadalupe Bonilla, *Ann Butler, *Carmen Dolores Campos, *Eileen Carroll-Doshier, *Carla Andrea Catacora, *Shawn Coleman, *William Corbel, *Isel Fitzgerald, *Linda Foster, *Fr. Ricky Gancayo, *Charlie Gick, *Fr. Paul Grauls, SDB, *John Green, Sr., *Janet Henery, *Blanca Hernandez, *Lawrence C. Hill, *Lee Hobbs, *Sydney Horge, *Francis Howard, *James Humphries, *Elaine Hunt, *Helen Hurd, *Larry Ivy, *Irene Jimenez, *Geraldine Jones, *Charles Johnson, *Manuel Juarez, *Busara Kennedy, *Claude Kolthoff, *Betty Lawton, *Yavonna Lewis, *Sandra Lucas, *Eric Malcolm, *Edwin & Regina Mbanude, *Theresa McNair, *Agnes Moore, *Larry Morris, *Iris Newman, *Gloria Payne, *Fr. Everett Pearson, *Victor Perez, *Michelle Perez, *James Pope, *Dorothy Richburg, *Fr. Vince Rigdon, *Rosa Maria Santos, *Robert Schaeffer, *Andre Sims, *Bonafacio Selayo, *Delores Sloan, *Adrian Smith, *Theresa Smith, *Suzie Thompson, *Auristela Toro, *Dominic Valentine, *Dorothy Waring, *Paul Williams.



Eucharistic Holy Hour of Adoration
Saturday, Dec. 7 after the 8am Mass
 (in the chapel)

Please come pray and adore the Lord!

Youth Christmas Party



A special Marian/Advent/Christmas Youth day

DECEMBER 7th. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

- ✓ fun,
- ✓ games,
- ✓ lessons,
- ✓ lunch,
- ✓ daily mass,
- ✓ presents

Our Lady of Bethesda Center will run the program - (Our Lady of Bethesda center 1 Priest, 1 Brother, 1 Lay Youth Missionary; and High School volunteers. Chaperones and other helpers are welcome.

Question of the week: From whom do I need to seek forgiveness? Can I look at this as part of the road to salvation?

New Young Adult Group! Are you 18 and up? Out of college or in college. Join our new Young Adult Group at Nativity. Some serve as Lectors or Ushers others work with Youth. Fr. Evans will give regular spiritual advice and encouragement and offer prayer times and holy hours. Contact: Adaobi Ahantu ahanotuadaobi3@gmail.com

Volunteers are needed for Religious Education on Sundays and for monthly Youth Days. All must follow VIRTUS and Child Protection policies of the ADW.

Saint John Paul II National Shrine
 3900 Harewood Rd. NE Washington, DC 20017

Behold! Adoration and Confession
Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. — Silent Adoration with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Confessions.