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My dear parishioners:
 Today, the last Sunday of our liturgical year, is called *The Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ the King of the Universe*. On this Sunday the Catholic Church celebrates the truth that Jesus Christ is king of heaven and earth. His reign of love permeates the totality of creation as he is fully present in heaven and, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, he is fully present here on earth.

It was Pope Pius XI ((1922-1939) who established the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ the King of the Universe in 1925 in his encyclical *Quas primas*. His stated purpose was that on this day each year the world's Christians are to re-commit themselves to Christ and renew their efforts to make Christ manifest in the world through living intentionally Christian lives. Pope Pius was greatly concerned with the growing secularism in the world and the devastating effects this secularism was having on the world's citizenry. He felt that "society was threatened with irremediable ruin because of its rebellion against God and his Church." French philosophers were declaring that God is dead. Europe had recently been nearly destroyed (loss of life and property) in World War I. A radical individualism seemed to be invading the hearts of many. The Holy Father believed that the Church must be a beacon of hope and faith or the destruction of the world would continue. The only way the Church could turn the tide of secularism would be if every Christian would be willing to live his or her faith proudly and deliberately.

Pope Pius XI did something very interesting at his first public appearance as pope that set the scene that he fully intended to be the pope not only of Catholics but of the world. His predecessors on the day of their election as pope had appeared on the inside balcony of St. Peter's Basilica to give their first papal blessing. The faithful gathered inside the basilica to receive the newly elected pope's blessing. Pope Pius XI appeared on the balcony but not on the side that looks into the basilica, but on the outside that faces the Piazza Bernini. He thus demonstrated, in a strongly symbolic gesture, that he would turn towards the world and bring the love, peace and grace of Christ to a world most desperately in need of redemption. As he would write in his encyclical letter establishing the Solemnity of Christ the King, his pontificate would be dedicated to "fighting without respite under Christ's banner". The world did not need another war or any additional human-imposed suffering. What the world needed, and Christians must work tirelessly for, was that Christ's love would be victorious in the hearts and lives of all Christians so that the whole world would be open to receiving the graces of the Prince of Peace.

As you know so well, the secularization of the world continues and war and violence is occurring today in so many parts of our world. Even here in our United States, mass murders seem to be taking place with greater regularity, with its tragic loss of innocent lives; our Congress seems even more divided, with both major political parties more focused on publicly denouncing the other rather than striving to work together for the good of the country; all immigrants are unjustly classified as "problems", thus ensuring they will not be

November 24 - December 2, 2018
Readings and Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 24 4:30pm—Mass
 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
 Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 20:27-40

Sunday, November 25 9:00am—Mass
 Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

Monday, November 26 4:30pm—Mass
 Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 21:1-4
Mass intention for Lloyd and Ron Chance

Tuesday, November 27 No Mass
 Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 28 4:30pm—Mass
 Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rv 15:3b]/Lk 21:12-19
Mass intention for Lloyd and Ron Chance


Thursday, November 29 No Mass
 Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [Rv 19:9a]/
 Lk 21:20-28

Friday, November 30 9:30am—Communion Service
 Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10 or Jn 6:63]/Mt 4:18-22

Saturday, December 1 4:30pm—Mass
 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
 Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b; cf Rv 22:20c]/Lk 21:34-36

Sunday, November 25 9:00am—Mass
 Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/1 Thes 3:12--4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Mass intention for the People of the Parish


The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty. (Ps 93)



Christmas Angel Tree
 Be sure to choose an angel from the tree so that a child will be blessed on Christmas Day.
 Please bring unwrapped gifts back to the church by Sunday, December 9, 2018.

welcomed into the country founded on immigration; and we seem to have lost civility as a virtue in the public square. Now more than ever, we need the message of Jesus to permeate the hearts and minds of our country's leadership so that we can be the country we were founded to be and a people who belong to God.

Let us take seriously the reason that Pope Pius XI established this feast and let us all renew our efforts to allow the love and peace of Christ to permeate our lives, so that in word and deed our Christian faith will bring the love of Christ to a world so desperately in need of its King.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

 Msgr. Frank H. Rossi
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| Sun. Nov 25 <i>Our Lord Jesus, King of the Universe</i> 9:00am—Mass Adult Faith Formation after Mass | Mon. Nov 26 4:30 pm—Mass | Tues. Nov 27 6:30pm—RCLIA | Wed. Nov 28 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir 6:00pm—CCE | Thurs. Nov 29 8:30am—Mass 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet | Fri. Nov 30 9:30am—Communion Service | Sat. Dec 1 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Mass Anointing during Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass |
| Sun. Dec 2 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> 9:00am—Mass Anointing during Mass | Mon. Dec 3 4:30 pm—Mass | Tues. Dec 4 6:30pm—RCLIA | Wed. Dec 5 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir 6:00pm—CCE | Thurs. Dec 6 8:30am—Mass 9:00am—Divine Mercy Chaplet | Fri. Dec 7 9:30am—Communion Service 7:00pm—Vigil Mass for Holy Day, Immaculate Conception | Sat. Dec 8 Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation 9:00am—Mass 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass |

If you or someone you know has a kitchen stove that is not being used, either gas or electric, please call the church office.
 409-283-5367

**DO YOU LIKE TO COOK?
 CAN YOU MAKE A MEAL FOR THE CHILDREN?**

Every Wednesday at 6:00pm the church provides a meal for the children attending CCE classes. Contact Twyla Darder, 409-384-0819, to volunteer to prepare a meal or make a donation.

TWO OR MORE CAN JOIN TOGETHER TO MAKE THE MEAL MORE FUN TO PREPARE!

Online Giving
 If you would like to give electronically, visit our website
www.ourladyofthepinescatholicchurch.com
 and click on **Donation**.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Nelda Leathem, Don Watt, Ed Sanderson; Lance Hilger, Wanda Lilly, Billie Matthews, Tim Walker, Rachel Gore Strayley, John Dumesnil, Jean Greaux, Alan Mitchell Peterson, Irene Johnson, Bobbie Pesson, Madeline Arnett, Pat Chance; Dennis Welch, David Wells, Bowie Leatherwood, Lois Cuccia, Bennie Mahaffey

Repose of the soul: Richard Jackson

Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. You may list names in the Prayer book in the vestibule of the Church and your intention will be offered at daily Mass.

Weekly Stewardship

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| November 18 & 19 Weekly Offering | \$ 2,981.20 |
| Average Weekly Cost | \$ 3,152.00 |
| Excess/Deficit | \$ -170.80 |

Thank you for your generosity.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal
 Saturday, December 1, 2018 10:00am — Noon
 Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church Family Center
 Woodville, Texas

Msgr. Frank Rossi will talk on "Taste and See" with his testimony on Mother Teresa's spiritual guidance during one of his missionary trips. Ted Nelson will provide music for Praise and Worship. Refreshments, fellowship and individual prayer will follow. **All are invited.**

Religious Articles
 Come and see Christmas items.
 Pick up a stocking stuffer for someone you love.

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| Rosaries | Prayer books | Prayer cards |
| Bibles | Art for your walls | Figurines |

Many other items available
 Browse on Saturday after Mass or while having coffee on Sunday mornings.

Upcoming Events

December 1: Catholic Charismatic Renewal
 December 8: Immaculate Conception, **Holy Day of Obligation**
 December 10: Advent Reconciliation Service
 December 15: Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
 December 20: Christmas Church Cleaning
 December 25: Christmas Day
 January 1: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, **Holy Day of Obligation**