Our Lady of Perpetual Help
PARISH & SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 24, 2019 • JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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Bautizos: 2do sábado del mes
Bodas y Quinceañeras: Favor de llamar a la oficina

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During this season of Thanksgiving, I want to extend a heartfelt Thank You to all the members and families of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish. We give thanks for God's abundant blessings on our parish this year. There has been tremendous growth this year within our parish, none of which would be possible without the dedicated parishioners who gift their time, talent, and treasure for the building up of the parish. May God bless each of you and your ministry to our parish! It is such a great joy to serve as pastor of this beautiful parish community.

I wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Fr. Hector Lopez, Pastor

"I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you."

(1 Philippians 1:3-4)

Schedule for Thanksgiving Day

Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be celebrated at 9:00 AM. All are welcome!

The parish office will be closed November 28th-29th. Confessions are canceled on Thanksgiving Day. There will be no Mass on November 29th, the Friday after Thanksgiving.
Advent begins next Sunday, December 1st

“Let us allow ourselves to be guided by Mary this Advent, she who is mother, a mamma and knows how to guide us. Let us allow ourselves to be guided by her during this season of active waiting and watchfulness.”

(Pope Francis)

You are invited!
¡Todos están invitados!

Christmas Posada
Saturday, December 14th at 6:30 PM
Join us for a procession, songs, dinner, and piñatas!

Posada Navideña
Sábado 14 de Diciembre a las 6:30PM
Acompáñenos para una procesión, canciones, cena, y piñatas!

“Posada” is the Spanish word for inn or lodging. “Las Posadas” refers to a traditional Advent custom as we reenact the search of Mary and Joseph for shelter in Bethlehem. While this custom teaches children an important aspect of the Christmas story, it also emphasizes the continual need we all have to make room for Jesus in our “posada.”

MASS INTENTIONS

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Eucharistic Adoration
Adoración Eucarística

Mondays 9AM–5PM
Lunes 9 am–5pm

Beginns December 2nd in the church.
A partir del 2 de Diciembre en la iglesia.
Deadline to sponsor a brick: December 1, 2019

As part of our efforts to raise funds for the renovation of our new parish center, this weekend after Mass we are offering a final opportunity to sponsor a brick. The bricks will be placed on the church grounds and are a special way to celebrate a family member, anniversary, or loved one.

You may also drop off your order form in the church office this week. Bricks may also be ordered online at www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/olph

Thank you for your support!

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Thursday, December 12th
5:30pm Rosary
6:00pm Mass (Bilingual)

A social will follow in the parish hall after Mass. Come celebrate the feast day! All are welcome!

Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
Jueves, 12 de diciembre
5:30pm Rosario
6:00pm Misa (Bilingüe)

Siguiendo la misa habrá una reunión social en el salón parroquial.
¡Ven a celebrar este día festivo! ¡Todos son Bienvenidos!

"Do not be troubled or weighed down with grief... Am I not here who am your Mother?"
(Our Lady of Guadalupe to Saint Juan Diego)

"Que ninguna otra cosa te afliga, te perturbe... ¿No estoy aquí yo, que soy tu Madre?"
(Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe a San Juan Diego)

Prayers for the Deceased
Oraciones por los difuntos

David Aronson
Alayne Hayes
Frank Sanchez
Ella De La O
Michael James
Raymond Marion Rubio
Christie Frayne

If someone you love is ill, you are welcome to add their name to the prayer list. Visit olphbakersfield.org and click the link for prayer requests, or email office@olphbakersfield.org

Prayers for the Sick
Oraciones por los enfermos

Abigail Duncan
Liz Linen
Aleena De La O
Kelly Kenning
Mary Esther Flores
Inez Ornelas Pimental
Concepcion Sanchez
Larkie Barnett
Madeline Wenzinger
Amelia Agnes
Jose Marroquin
Pedro Chavez
Bob Harel
Ruben & Patricia Chairez
Patsy Fuentez
Marcos Ruiz
Rosie Munoz
Hugh Janus
Raul Rodriguez
Javier Garcia
Joey Castro
Maria Saramiento
Michael Kelley
Christopher Appleton
Guinevere Murphy

Deliver of Christmas Wreaths
Look for Troop 13 after all Masses next weekend, November 30-December 1st, to pick up your Christmas Wreaths. Thank you for supporting our parish’s Boy Scouts of America Troop 13!
The Cross: Altar and Throne

In his Gospel, St. Luke, the good doctor, often brings in kingly themes related to Christ’s crucifixion. He does this to highlight that Jesus fulfilled the Jewish belief that the Messiah would unite the three important leadership roles—priest, prophet, and king. The inscription the Romans nailed to the cross above Jesus’ head inadvertently supports the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy—he was indeed the King of the Jews.

He was also the priest who offered his body as a sacrifice for the Chosen People: “It was Caiaphas who had counseled the Jews that it was better that one man should die rather than the people” (John 18:14). He is both the priest offering obedience to the Father, but he is also the victim who is offered on the altar of the cross. The cross is altar and throne because, as well as priest and victim, Jesus also is the king reuniting his kingdom under God the Father. In so doing, he undoes the sin of Adam, which had been the cause of this division.

Jesus’ final prophetic words, “It is finished,” means he has fulfilled his mission as priest, prophet, and king from the throne of the cross. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1047) sums it up when it says that as king and high priest, his sacrifice is total, universal, and definitive. Now all of God’s creatures, man and beast, both natural and in the heavens, can return to the one from whom they came forth and who declared each one good.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Editor’s note: This is Fr. Mark Haydu’s final reflection for Our Parish Community. He will continue as special advisor to the head of the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums. When a new liturgical cycle begins on December 1, 2019, we will welcome a new reflections writer, Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA. The people of Liguori Publications thank Fr. Mark for his three years of insightful reflections and his artwork selections and ideas. We wish him well.

Above him there was an inscription that read, “This is the King of the Jews.”
Luke 23:38
Why was the notion of kingship so important to Jesus and his disciples? Didn’t the rulers of the day oppress Israel? You’d think they would have distrusted the Jesus-as-king idea.

Although the idea of kingship is not very important to our modern thinking, it was very important to Israel. In the early years of the Hebrew nation, the population wanted to strengthen itself politically and militarily. The people went to Samuel, their leader, and begged him to appoint a king so that Israel could be the same as other nations (1 Samuel 8:4–5). In response, Samuel appointed Saul as Israel’s first king. In Israel, the king became the prime instrument of God. David, the shepherd, was considered Israel’s greatest king.

Later, that area came under the harsh domination of foreign powers—the Persians, the Macedonians, and ultimately, Rome. Many of these empires exercised their power by appointing a king, often a foreigner, to rule locally.

Since both the people of Israel and the early Christians understood the notion of kingship and recalled the glory days of David and Solomon, they developed a divinely inspired theology of the king as God’s saving instrument. The theme of Jesus as king and prime instrument of God runs through the New Testament, reaching its fullness in Jesus’ victory over death and his ascent to power at the right hand of the Father.

In the Gospels, Jesus preaches that the kingdom of God is now in our midst. The good news is that all of us can enter this kingdom (Mark 1:15).

A Word from Pope Francis

[Jesus] shows us that he enjoys dominion because he is a servant, glory because he is capable of abasement, kingship because he is fully prepared to lay down his life. By his passion and death, he takes the lowest place, attains the heights of grandeur in service, and bestows this upon his Church.

—Homily, October 18, 2015