

Pastor's Note
November 22
Feast of Christ the King

The Lord is my shepherd.

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. This Feast Day is celebrated on the last Sunday of the Church Liturgical Year before the start of Advent. The readings this weekend focus on service, humility and being like a shepherd to embrace love and compassion.

In our first reading from the Book of Ezekiel, we read how God assumes the role of shepherd for the people. Ezekiel says God will heal and restore the people of Israel. God appointed Ezekiel to serve as a watchman over Israel and to advise them to change their ways. In the second reading from Paul to the Corinthians, we read how Paul reminds us that we will share in the Lord's victory over death. Christ is the new Adam who rose from the dead.

In the Gospel of Matthew, we read the famous passage about the final judgement of all the nations, the sheep, and the goats. Jesus demonstrates how service to the needy is in fact the love of Christ. The challenge of Christian discipleship is to see the love of Christ in the many faces of those in need. Serving those in need means serving Christ. If we are to be good subjects in Christ's kingdom, we also need to see Christ in the poor. Christ embraced the leper, ate with sinners and outcasts and always looked out for the "little guy."

On this last Sunday of the Liturgical Year as we prepare for Thanksgiving this coming Thursday and for the Season of Advent, let us recognize the face of Christ in those around us by what we say and do. The more we live through the spirit of Christ, the more God lives in in us.

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2021 Mass Intentions

This year because of COVID-19 pandemic we have had to tweak the Sunday Mass schedule because of the CDC and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania guidelines with the limited number of people allowed in the building for social distancing and cleaning and sanitation. Because of the uncertainties of not knowing when things will get "back to normal", we are keeping the current daily and Sunday Mass schedule AS IS until further notice. In the next few weeks, we will open the 2021 Mass book for Mass Intention requests. I am pleased to announce that we will also be adding the availability to have weekly Sanctuary Candle Memorial Intentions. Stay posted for further details.

We Remember

Throughout this month we will offer our prayers for the names of our loved ones who had their funeral Mass in our parish this past year and are listed on the Memorial Board near the or the altar at all three of our campuses and the names listed in the "Memorial Book" also known as the Book of Remembrance. Please feel free to inscribe names of your loved ones in our Book of Remembrance located in the front of our churches.

Thanksgiving Day Mass- Thursday, November 26, at 9 am - St. Bede.

**What a great day to come together and give thanks
for God's blessings and breaking bread
as one family via in person or via Livestream**

The Parish Office will close at Noon on Wednesday, November 25, through Monday, November 30, and will reopen on Tuesday, December 1.

Looking Ahead

Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Tuesday, December 8

9 am - St. Bede (School Mass)
9 am - St. James (School Mass)
Noon - Mother of Good Counsel
7 pm - St. Bede

Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24

2 pm - Mother of Good Counsel (Fr. Matthew)
4 pm - St. Bede (Fr. Taylor)
5:30pm - St. James (Fr. Tom) Livestream
Midnight - St. Bede (Fr. Tom) Broadcasting Live on KDKA Radio, 100.1 FM and 1020 AM

Christmas Day—Friday, December 25

9 am - Mother of Good Counsel (Fr. Tom)
10:30 am - St. James (Fr. Taylor)
Noon - St. Bede (Fr. Matthew)

Birthday Reflection

As I celebrate my **50th Birthday** this Tuesday, November 24, I want to say thanks to my wonderful parents, Bill and Marge and to all my dear parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene Parish. I am honored to be your Pastor.

Happy Birthday to Fr. David Taylor, celebrating his birthday this Wednesday, November 25!

Welcome Home

A special welcome to **Ryan** and **Jennifer Mitchell** recently registered at St. Mary Magdalene Parish.

Something to Think About...

*I feel that the greatest reward for doing
is the opportunity to do more.*

Jonas Salk

With God, All Things Are Possible!

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