

# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 22, 2020

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*Dear Parishioners,*

*Inherit the kingdom. (Matthew 25:34)*

Today, on the feast of Christ the King, we celebrate Jesus' sovereignty over all creation. We celebrate the fact that all things were created through him, all things are redeemed through him, and all people will be judged by him.

It's this last point—Jesus as judge—that today's Gospel focuses on. It tells us that as our King, Jesus has the right to set the standard by which we will be judged. Other judges exercise their office based on the existing laws of the land. But Jesus is the law of the kingdom. His life, his way, is the standard by which we will be judged.

If you want to be a judge in this world, you have to know the law intimately. Just one word in one statute can affect the entire outcome of a case. Not so with Jesus. His law is simple. We will "inherit the kingdom" based on this guiding principle: "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:34, 40). That's the standard: mercy, generosity, and self-giving love.

It's often said that you can't take it with you, and there is a lot of truth to that. All our money, all our honors, all our possessions are temporary. They won't follow us to heaven, and they can't help us get in. But there is something we can take with us: our acts of charity. In fact, they are the very things that will open the gates of heaven to us!

Jesus will not be impressed if we have many possessions, and he will not be disappointed if we have just a few. What matters is whether we have let him soften our hearts so that we feed the hungry, forgive those who have sinned against us, and reach out to the lonely. Because his kingdom is not a kingdom of wealth and power; it is a kingdom of humility, love, and service.

*"Jesus, my King and my Judge, teach me to love as you love."*

*Deacon Mark Race, Administrator*

## THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thursday, November 26, 2020  
at 9:30AM

**Registration is required to reserve a seat.  
Call the rectory 323.291.1136  
or 310.961.7994**

### Thanksgiving Prayer

*Lord, thank you for so much.*

*For Your gift of salvation and Your*

*many promises that bring me hope, peace, and joy.*

*May I see today all I have to be thankful for.*

*In Jesus Christ's Name, I pray, Amen.*

### Stewardship Thought

*"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers,  
you did for me" – MATTHEW 25:40*

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.

### Weekly Offering for November 15, 2020

\$5,504.00 Tithes and Offering

### Thanksgiving Day Dinner

The Knights of Peter Claver 220 will prepare their Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> for those who are unable to cook, or need a meal. **Please provide us with your name, address, phone number, and how many dinners by calling Jo Ann Levi in the rectory office at 323.291.1136.** Your meal will be delivered. Due to Covid 19, donations of food are **NOT** being accepted. Monetary gifts are appreciated. Please make checks out to Knights of Peter Claver.

### Did you know?

While we continue to develop our understanding of the impact of Covid-19 and social distancing on child safety, we also know that more time online means increased risk of more direct access to children for those intending to harm them. From online enticement to sexting and sextortion, it is critical that we combine efforts to protect children from online risks. The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children in partnership with the White House has launched a new campaign to raise awareness about safeguarding children online. Visit <https://safetypledge.org/> for more information and to learn about the tools available to help parents and other trusted adults keep children safer online.

### Safeguard the Children VIRTUS Sessions

The Office of Safeguard the Children is proud to sponsor a series of VIRTUS® Protecting God's Children Zoom Sessions during December 2020/January 2021. These sessions are for Clergy, staff, and essential volunteers. Those whose current VIRTUS® certificate has expired and need to take Keeping the Promise Alive or are new to their position have never taken the Protecting God's Children training. If you want to register for a session, please contact Felecia Johns at 323.291.1136 office or 323.600.5159 for more details.

### Pray for the Sick

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Vivian Burgess, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Edward Cousin, Desmond Davis, Juanita Davis, Carolyn Didney, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Cynthia Fortier, Michael Frierson, Sherie Frierson-Chenier, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Darren Harris, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Mercedes LeBlanc, Vylfred Manor, Dorothy Okoye, Sally Price, Wiley Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Mike Simon, Joan Spencer, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, William Warrior, Alice Williams and Herbert Young.