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Masses

Saturday

9:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday

7:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

Weekday

M—F 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days

Mass times as announced

Reconciliation

Saturday
4:00 pm—4:45 pm

NOVEMBER 20, 2022 — OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — David is anointed king of Israel
(2 Samuel 5:1-3).

Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — The Father delivered us to the kingdom of his beloved Son
(Colossians 1:12-20).

Gospel — The repentant criminal receives Jesus' promise of Paradise
(Luke 23:35-43).

THE TRUE KINGSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST

What kind of King is Jesus? How do you envision him? Remembering that they were promised a king from the line of David, the Israelites hoped for a Messiah who would set their political problems aright and bring about a worldly kingdom of Judaic power. Even Psalm 122 seems to describe this type of ruler. Luke's Gospel today shreds that image after the whip of the Roman soldiers tore at Jesus' flesh.

Still, the Romans flaunted the traditional notion with their ironic inscription above King Jesus' crown of thorns. Soldiers and ordinary people jeered the royal title at him. Yet the throne of Jesus was the cross of Christ, from which he dispensed kingly mercy and justice toward the humble criminal who shared his execution.

Writing to the Colossians, Saint Paul describes the truth about Jesus and his kingship, using words like fullness, peace, and forgiveness. So let us go rejoicing!

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Church of the Ascension: Youth Faith Formation Program

See's Candies Yum-Raising



The holidays are around the corner! Time to order treats and gifts for your loved ones, friends, and family. You can order via the online store, hosted by the Youth Faith Formation Program (also known as the Religious Ed Program / Sunday School) at Church of the Ascension

Shop [online](#) or onsite for your HOLIDAY TREATS!

[Online:](#)

https://www.yumraising.com/secure/churchota_ascension_religious_ed_fall_45/Loyloy1060/candy

We will also take orders after Masses, during the weekends of Nov 20 and 27 (before and after Thanksgiving).

Candy will be ready for pick-up on Dec. 11 and 18.

Thank you for supporting our parish's Youth Faith Formation Program.

We'll receive all profits from any items you purchase below.

Order more to help us reach our fundraising goal!

Questions? Contact Theresa Ito or Loy Oppus-Moe via the church office
(408) 725-3939 or email: loy.oppusmoe@dsj.org

Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

In 1925 Pope Pius XI established the major feast of “Christ the King” and in 1969, Pope Paul VI expanded the name to “Christ the King of the Universe” and moved the celebration of the feast to the last Sunday before the season of Advent.

The 1920s and 30s were years of major political movements in many countries—racist and oppressive Nazis in Germany, fascists in Italy, England and Spain, and in several Latin American countries there were similar despotic governments. In the face of this cult of “the Leader”, the Pope and other Church authorities wanted to stress the point that, for Christians, only Jesus Christ should be seen as the one who has supreme authority.

When we speak of the Kingship of Jesus, we have to insist that the kind of power exercised by Jesus was the exact opposite of the kind of oppressive political power exercised by so many of the past or the present. Jesus’ whole ministry was devoted to helping people to see how much God loved them. So there could be no question of Jesus acting as the kind of leader who would dominate or oppress others. His form of leadership was one of empowering people, by healing them, encouraging them, loving them and showing them how lovable each one of them was.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus draws a sharp contrast between the dominating power of secular rulers and the kind of authority He expected His followers to exercise: “whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant and whoever wants to be first must be your slave.” Jesus himself gave a very practical example of the kind of servant leadership He wanted his followers to practice. Despite the protest of Peter, Jesus insisted on completing the menial task of washing the feet of each of the apostles (Jn 13:4-8).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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| Monday | The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (originally a feast celebrating Mary’s presentation by her parents to the temple, but today celebrates Mary as a temple, where God dwelt in a special way through her role as Mother of Jesus) |
| Tuesday | St. Cecilia (2nd or 3rd cent. wife & martyr; patroness of music & musicians) |
| Wednesday | Pope St. Clement I (1st cent. Roman pope; patron of mariners) St. Columban (6th cent. Irish monk & missionary; patron of motorcyclists, monasticism) Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro (20th cent. Mexican Jesuit priest & martyr) |
| Thursday | St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions (19th cent. Vietnamese priest & martyr; patron of homes) Thanksgiving Day |
| Friday | St. Catherine of Alexandria (4th cent. Roman virgin & martyr; patroness of young girls, students, craftsmen working with wheels) |

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Nov 19 | Sat | 9 a.m. | Men’s Club Memorial Mass |
| | | 5 p.m. | Maxine Stice + |
| Nov 20 | Sun | 7 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| | | 9 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| | | 11 a.m. | Mark Anthony Baylon + |
| | | 5 p.m. | Ben Angeleri + |
| Nov 21 | Mon | 8 a.m. | Anna Sze + |
| Nov 22 | Tue | 8 a.m. | Celia Baylon + |
| Nov 23 | Wed | 8 a.m. | Michael Sze + |
| Nov 24 | Thu | 9 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| Nov 25 | Fri | 8 a.m. | Paul Sze + |
| Nov 26 | Sat | 9 a.m. | Joan Vanderhorst & Family |
| | | 5 p.m. | Jan Ko + |
| Nov 27 | Sun | 7 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| | | 9 a.m. | All Parishioners |
| | | 11 a.m. | Edmond Ko + |
| | | 5 p.m. | Gwen Mancuso + |

THANKSGIVING IS GRATITUDE

One day that is not a holy day of obligation but that brings Catholics to Mass in extraordinary numbers is Thanksgiving Day. We are a well-off nation but we are also a grateful nation and our gratitude manifests most in many forms at Thanksgiving special services, blessings of food and drink, outreach baskets and meals to the needy.

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Oh, Heavenly Father, we thank thee for food and remember the hungry. We thank thee for health and remember the sick. We thank thee for freedom and remember the enslaved. May these remembrances stir us to service, that thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.

—Dear Abby

Whatever you do, be grateful for yourself—the unique individual that you are. There has never been, nor will there ever be, anyone like you. May gratitude spark your Thanksgiving Day into an extra special occasion!

THANK YOU

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| Nov. 13, 2022 | Our Weekly |
| Stewardship figures unavailable this week. | |
| NET GIVING | \$ |
| TOTAL | \$ |

