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## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 25, 2018

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth.

-- Revelation 1:5



### Daily Mass

#### Week of November 26<sup>th</sup> – December 1<sup>st</sup>

Monday: 8:00 Special Intentions  
 Tuesday: 8:00 Jack Shahoian+  
 Wednesday: 8:00 Della Roberts+  
 Thursday: 8:00 Molly Tibbetts+  
 Friday: 8:00 Evelyn & Artie Baker+  
 Saturday: 8:00 Ron, Chris & Gail Dempster+



Prayer Requests

Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Tina Chaix, Fr. Dan, Samantha Winterer, Carol Cullinane, Thomas Lee, Michael Kluziski, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Owen Burns, Bernice De Vries, Michael Vasquez, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombrink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Henry Souza, Alexis Walker, Michael Bozman and Dori McGee-Lundy.



Welcome to Our Family

The Parish Family of Corpus Christi has been increased and enriched through the recent baptisms of:

**Naomie June McLoughlin**, daughter of Kathleen O'Rourke and Dugan McLoughlin.

**Diego Esteban Rubio**, son of Annmarie Mota and Jorge Rubio.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

### Today's Readings

**First Reading** -- One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:13-14).

**Psalms** -- The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93).

**Second Reading** -- Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (Revelation 1:5-8).

**Gospel** -- For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b-37).

### Originality!

Remember that God prefers the poverty of our hearts to the most sublime thoughts borrowed from others.

-- St. Peter Julian Eymard



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the Book of Revelation, God identifies Himself in no uncertain terms: *"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."*

Thus, we come to the end of the Church's liturgical year, the feast of Christ the King. In this feast, we acknowledge that Jesus has dominion over all the living and the dead. This is because He willingly subjected Himself to the will of His Father. The words and deeds of our Lord offers us a unique perspective of what it means to be regal.

We live in a world where greatness is synonymous with power and status. While we all say that it shouldn't be so, most of us bow and pay homage to those who have "made it." We find ourselves emulating them in some small way, or strongly protesting against their way of life. In either case, we give them too much attention and importance in our lives.

Jesus offers us an alternative to this world's understanding of greatness. His way is the way of service and self-sacrifice. He says that, if you want to be first in the Kingdom of God, you must be willing to be last in this world. If you want to be great in God's eyes, you must serve your sisters and brothers.

Most of us find this almost impossible to do because, "... *the world is too much with us.*" But, we need not despair because the greatness of Jesus overcomes our weakness. This is why God anointed Him Ruler of the kings of the earth. This is why we proclaim him, **Christ The King!**

Love, Fr. Leo

### Spirituality and Conscious Aging Retreat!

This Retreat will explore the benefits and joys as well as the challenges and concerns around retirement and aging. How do we live this stage of our life well and see aging as a blessing? The combination of retirement and growing older provides an opportunity to live life differently. Discover how we can share our Spirit-given gifts, talents and experience in new ways that bring joy to ourselves and others, and give continued meaning and purpose to our lives. This Retreat will be held at San Damiano Retreat Center, starting at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Presented by Jim Briggs, retired Executive Director, of the School of Applied Theology. For information, visit: [www.sandamiano.org](http://www.sandamiano.org) (click on Retreats Calendar) or call (925) 837-9141.

**Who Was She, Anyway!**

Fierce. Prophetic. Strong. These may not be words you usually associate with Mary; but, Jesus' mother wasn't the blond haired, blue-eyed Madonna often portrayed in art. She was a woman full of prophetic ideas about justice who passed her values on to her son. Come learn more about the historical Mary and what the Church teaches about her, including traditions such as the immaculate conception, perpetual virginity and devotions to her. The presentation will take place on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. and again on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., both in the Gibson Center. There is no need to pre-register, but RSVP's are helpful. Please contact Ann Naffziger with any questions: [ann@gospelliving.org](mailto:ann@gospelliving.org) or call 521-8011.

**Grief Support Ministry  
Coping With The Holidays!**

The Christmas Season can be difficult for those who have experienced a loss. For them, it is not the Season of Joy. This presentation will offer ideas and support to help those dealing with the pain in the absence of their loved one. Please notify the Parish Office by Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, so that we may plan accordingly; but feel welcome to come regardless.

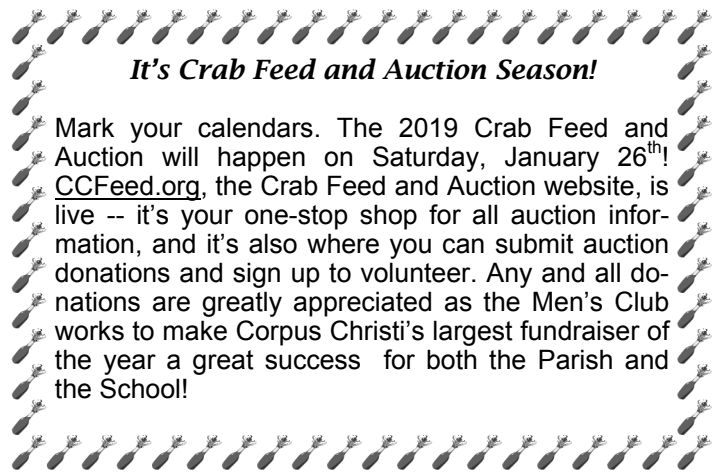
**Family Faith Formation  
Holiday Giving Campaign!**

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders in Family Faith Formation are sponsoring a "Giving Campaign" to collect items that will be given to the homeless. They have made warm blankets. They now need donations of toiletries, non-perishable food items and warm clothing, such as socks and hats. A marked bin will be in the Gibson Center through Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you for helping these generous children with their project!

**Treasures From Our Tradition!**

Despite the fact that the feast of Christ the King was established less than a century ago, it has already undergone a shift in focus. When Pope Pius XI established this feast in 1925, nationalism and fascism were on the rise. The pope intended that it be a "vehicle for spiritual teaching," one that would recognize the ultimate authority of Christ over all political and social scheming. The last Sunday of October was chosen as the date for the feast because of its proximity to the feast of All Saints, those men and women who bore witness to Christ's reign in so many different ways.

The calendar reforms of 1969 moved the feast to the last Sunday of the liturgical year. There, in the context of November's focus on the end times, Christ's second coming at the end of all time is highlighted. The threefold cycle of readings also expands our imaginations in regard to this feast. In this year's Gospel, Christ stands before Pilate, whose own power blinds him to the truth of the Lord's kingdom. In a world where oppression still holds sway over too many people, this feast is somehow still as timely as when Pope Pius XI first established it.



**It's Crab Feed and Auction Season!**

Mark your calendars. The 2019 Crab Feed and Auction will happen on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>! [CCFeed.org](http://CCFeed.org), the Crab Feed and Auction website, is live -- it's your one-stop shop for all auction information, and it's also where you can submit auction donations and sign up to volunteer. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated as the Men's Club works to make Corpus Christi's largest fundraiser of the year a great success for both the Parish and the School!



**Corpus Christi School Open House!**

The School's 3<sup>rd</sup> Open House for the 2019 enrollment will be on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, from 8:15 to 10:00 a.m. This is for prospective families to visit the classrooms, talk with parents, meet the principal and learn more about Corpus Christi School. Everyone is welcome to come and learn more about our School. For more details, contact Evelien Verpeet at: [everpeet@gmail.com](mailto:everpeet@gmail.com); Heidi Catapusan at: [heidi.wagner510@gmail.com](mailto:heidi.wagner510@gmail.com); or call the School at 530-4056, ext. 200.



**Christ, the King!**

**The** selection from the book of Daniel presented in today's first reading was part of an attempt to weave a vision of ultimate success for the Jews under persecution. Exactly whom the author had in mind when he refers to "one like a Son of Man" is hotly disputed by scholars today. The fact is, we simply do not know if the author meant anyone in particular or if this is a collective, figurative image of Israel's triumph. What we do know is that the early Christian community seized upon this passage and recognized it as a messianic prophecy, a foretelling of the ultimate triumph of Jesus as the Christ of God. The Lectionary's juxtaposition of this text with today's Gospel narrative of Jesus before Pilate is a wonderful example of how the liturgy "layers" passages with new meaning by inserting them in a particular context.

**The** celebration of Christ the King allows us to hear these passages with a new depth of meaning in light of our contemporary understanding of how, in Jesus and his resurrection and ascension, we have seen the fulfillment of Daniel's vision of ultimate deliverance. The veiled admission of Jesus before Pilate that he did indeed have a kingdom "not here" takes on new meaning against the cosmic vision of Daniel, who allows us to glimpse the "Ancient One" on his heavenly throne.

