

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

November 24, 2019

I rejoiced because they said to me,
"We will go up to the house of the Lord."

-- Psalm 122:1



Daily Mass

Week of November 25th– 30th

Monday: 8:00 Intentions: Regina Boothman
 Tuesday: 8:00 Nancy Bouhall+
 Wednesday: 8:00 Jack Shahoian+
 Thursday: **9:00 Thanksgiving!**
 Friday: 8:00 Louis Delli Gatti+
 Saturday: 8:00 Ann Desler+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Maradee Davis, Jim Faison, Rita Jackson, Julia, Helen Roberts, Michael Echaniz, Tina Chaix, Samantha Winterer, Michael Kluziski, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Owen Burns, Bernice De Vries, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombrink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Alexis Walker, Michael Bozman and Dori McGee-Lundy.

Pray also for the faithful departed, especially Stanley Hébert, father to Joe Hébert. Our condolences to his family.

Weekly Collection	November 17 th
Plate	\$8,322.00



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

Crew William Chelli, son of Margaret Dougherty and Christian Chelli.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Please Note: Corpus Christi's Thanksgiving Day Mass will be on Thursday, November 28th, at **9:00 a.m.** (no 8:00 a.m. Mass that day). You are invited to bring some of the bread and wine that you will share at Thanksgiving Dinner. We'll ask God to bless the food and those who share it.

Please Also Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and on Friday, November 29th. We will open again on Monday, December 2nd. Have a happy and festive Thanksgiving!



From
Father Leo



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



Thanksgiving Day Prayer

On this Thanksgiving and this day of giving thanks,
we thank you for showing us
how to return thanks by lives of service,
by actions of hospitality,
by kindness of others and by concern for each other.

We are grateful not only for the gifts of our very lives
but for all the gifts of friendship, love, devotion and
forgiveness that we have shared.

Bless our table and all the food of this feast.
Let us thank the Lord!
Amen



Special Thanks!

A much appreciated Thank You for all those who contributed to the St. Mary's Center Dinner last Sunday. Also, a deep Thank You to all who volunteered. The seniors so enjoyed interacting with the students from Catherine's Youth Ministry.

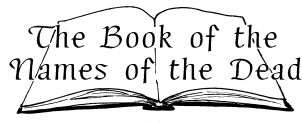


Admissions Open House!

On Tuesday, December 3rd, from 8:15 to 10:00 a.m., there will be an Open House for prospective families to visit the classrooms, talk with parents, meet the principal and learn more about our fabulous School. All are welcome! Registration is required. For more details or to volunteer at the event, contact Evelien Verpeet or Heidi Catapusan.

Treasures From Our Tradition!

Today's solemnity, the final feast of the Church year, is a youngster as feasts go. In 1925, Pope Pius XI was distressed by global political upheaval and the de-Christianizing of society. That year was a "Holy Year," keyed to the sixteen hundredth anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, when the words "and of his kingdom there will be no end" were added to the Creed. The Pope explained that, although most feasts had developed over many centuries, the Church sometimes provided a new feast to address new needs. He pointed to the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, showing Christ's love and compassion in a time when many people embraced a cold and gloomy spirituality. Originally on the last Sunday of October, in the late 1960s the solemnity of Christ the King was moved to the last Sunday of the year. Fresh from baptism's waters, we are anointed with chrism "as Christ was anointed priest, prophet and king." This feast is a key to our identity. On this feast, we recognize Christ as a king who breaks the usual mold of kingship, and who shapes his kingdom with our hands, our words, our deeds of love and service.



Throughout November, we remember our beloved dead as we place the Book of the Dead near the baptismal font and inscribe their names on its pages. You are encouraged to

write the names of your departed friends and relatives in the Book of the Dead. Such a simple act of writing their names focuses our attention on the fact that, though dead, they are not forgotten. We remember their names. They are still very real to us. May their good memories linger on and may the Lord bless them with the glory of his Saints.

Praying to the Angels!

We pray to the angels, for they are given to us as guardians.

-- St. Ambrose

Scholarship Donation Matching Opportunity!

As a Corpus Christi School community, we are forever grateful to Katie Murphy for her 30 years of dedication and leadership of our School. Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, we have an opportunity to continue honoring Katie and build the Katie Murphy Scholarship Fund. Every new dollar donated towards the Fund by November 30, 2019 will be matched until the maximum \$40,000 in matching funds is reached. Corporate matching donations are not eligible to participate in this special matching program. **Checks should be made payable to "Corpus Christi School,"** with "Katie Murphy Scholarship Fund" in the memo line.

Christmas Giving Tree!



The annual Christmas Giving Tree to benefit the low-income women and children served by St. Vincent de Paul's Visitation Center is now up in the Gibson Center. As usual, please take an ornament from the tree (labeled with the child's clothing size), make your purchase, and attach the ornament to the item and place under the tree. **Do not wrap the gifts!** Outreach will deliver the items to the Visitation Center in time for their Christmas distribution. The deadline for delivery of the gifts is Friday, December 20th. Often these gifts are the only ones received and are gratefully appreciated by Visitation's families. Thanks for your contribution to a Merry Christmas! For questions, call Madeline Briar at 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at 530-7304.

Be Thankful!



Thanksgiving Day flourishes as a unique melting of traditional observances and modern life styles. The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 at Plymouth by that assembly of religious dissidents and adventurers known collectively as the Pilgrims. They thanked God for a successful first harvest in their new home by inviting their Indian neighbors, the Wampanoags, to a three-day festival. Many Catholics celebrate Thanksgiving by attending Mass. After all, the catalyst for the initial Thanksgiving was the Pilgrims' belief in the providence of God. It's reassuring to realize that the core of the holiday remains for most people the gathering together of family and friends for a communal remembrance of God's goodness during the past year.

Campaign for Human Development

This weekend, November 23rd and 24th, the second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Please make checks payable to **Corpus Christi Church**. Thank you for helping!