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Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

November 24, 2024

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 25th – 29th

Monday: 8:00 Jeffrey Meyer+
Tuesday: 8:00 Pauline Wight+
Wednesday: 8:00 Ray & Verna Van Deusen+
Thursday: **9:00 Thanksgiving**
Friday: 8:00 Special Intentions



Prayer Requests

Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Marian Flandick, James Breen, Janet Laurent, Sharon Rinehart, Mike Abell, Michael Carter, Rufus Smith, Peggy Delson-Rini, Frank Rini and Cecilia Uyeda.

Weekly Collection	Plate
November 17, 2024	\$8,198.00
Human Development	\$887.00



Altar of Remembrance!

Again this year, there will be a Shrine of Remembrance. Please bring small framed photos of deceased loved ones to the Parish Office or place them on the credenzas in the Church to be displayed at the Altar of Remembrance during the month of November. Please put your name and phone number on the back of the frame. Your photographs will be handled gently and **will not** be removed from their frame.

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. Have a happy and festive Thanksgiving!



Christ the King
SUNDAY

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

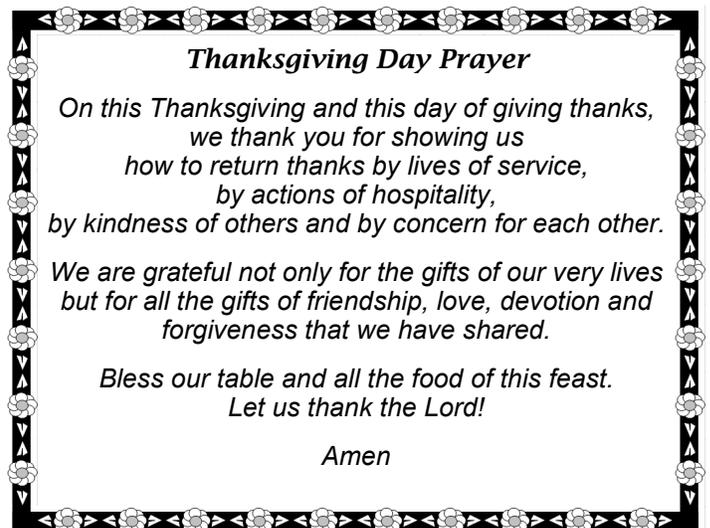
Thanksgiving Day Prayer

*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



Advent Wreath Making Party!

Celebrate the Season! Make an Advent Wreath for your home with fresh evergreens. The date is Sunday, December 1st, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., in the School Auditorium. The wreaths will be blessed at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. A \$10.00 suggested donation to offset the cost of materials can be made. All are welcome. Sponsored by the Family Faith Formation. Hope to see you there!

Coping With The Holidays!

Coping With The Holidays, hosted by the Grief Support Ministry, will be held on Sunday, December 8th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Gibson Center. It is an opportunity to share your experiences and find comfort in a safe environment. Practical tips will be offered by the team, but equally supportive is the interaction among others who have experienced the death of a loved one or who have had other significant losses. All are warmly welcomed, including your friends who may not be parishioners.



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.

Upcoming Potluck!

Hospitality's next Potluck will take place Saturday, December 7th, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the Gibson Center. Do you have a favorite family recipe to share? Free will donations also accepted! Hope to see you there!

**Readings For The Week
November 25th -- 30th**

Monday: First Reading Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Psalm 24; Gospel Luke 21:1-4

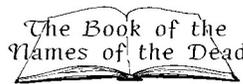
Tuesday: First Reading Revelation 14:14-19; Psalm 96; Gospel Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday: First Reading Revelation 15:1-4; Psalm 98; Gospel Luke 21:12-19

Thursday: First Reading Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; Psalm 100; Gospel Luke 21:20-28

Friday: First Reading Revelation 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Psalm 84; Gospel Luke 21:29-33

Saturday: First Reading Romans 10:9-18; Psalm 19; Gospel Matthew 4:18-22



Throughout the month of 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.

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.



Thanksgiving

