

Divine Savior & Our Lady of the Lakes Thirty-Fourth (Christ the King) Sunday Prayer Reflection

Start by the sign of the cross: +

Place yourself before the presence of God by being still.

Thirty-Fourth (Christ the King) Sunday Readings:

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel of Matthew 25:31-46

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/112220.cfm>

You can get the readings from: The Daily Bread Booklet, Missalettes, Bible etc.

Fr. Gideon's Reflection: The Lord is my shepherd

Our psalm today paints a picture of perfect harmony. There is security, abundance of blessings, and a deep sense of peace. The psalmist makes it clear that God—the Shepherd, is the source of that goodness. Though many are part of the flock, the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep is never generic. God—Shepherd knows each one of us at a personal level. He knows our stories, our challenges, and anxieties, as well as our joys and hopes. That is the kind of Shepherd we have in God.

In the last stanza, the psalmist reminds us that, because of God the Shepherd, “only goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.” As we get ready to celebrate Thanksgiving, such *goodness* and *kindness* from God have been part of our lives in a variety of ways. We see it within our very own gift of life, the unselfish love of family members, a caring neighbor, the selfless first responders, and in spite of the political divisions, we see it in the blessedness of the country we live in. So, as you make a Thanksgiving menu list, I invite you to make a parallel list of where you have seen/experienced God's goodness and kindness in your life.

On behalf of our parish, and school leadership teams, staff and myself, I wish you a blessed Thanksgiving celebration.

Creed: Pray the Creed

Intentions: Offer your personal prayers and those of your family, pray in thanksgiving for the blessings afforded to you by God, pray for the safety of those traveling to celebrate Thanksgiving with their families, pray for all the families afflicted by Covid-19, for their healing.

Conclude the prayers with a Hail Mary

Pray the Lord's Prayer

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Conclude with the sign of the cross: +

A few things to keep in mind:

-Cluster Thanksgiving Mass will be on November 26th, 9 am at Holy Cross Chapel.

-Ecumenical Thanksgiving service will be on November 25th, 6:30pm at Our Lady of the Lakes,
Random Lake

-Do you have five or ten minutes after Mass? We are in need of volunteers to help with cleaning/sanitizing the church after mass. If you can spare a few minutes after mass that will help us a great deal.