

# The Solemnity of Christ the King: The One on the Cross Next to Us

"Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation?" Those words from the Good Thief, whom we call Dismis, bother me. How could Dismis say that God is dying with them? I could perhaps see his line of thought if Dismis were a pagan. The pagan gods of Greece and Rome had all sorts of human traits and failings. Their gods could be punished, as some were in their myths. But Dismis wasn't a pagan. He was a Hebrew. And he didn't say "a god" is dying with them. He said God. Why would Dismis consider that God could be condemned?

The answer might be found in a terrible movement from the last century. In 1966, *Time* Magazine published a cover story that asked, "Is God Dead?" This blasphemous article suggested that modern man no longer needed God, so therefore, He is dead. They weren't original, the 19th century philosopher, Frederich Nietsche, said this in his book *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*. I couldn't stand having to study Nietsche for my philosophy degree. His theories led to Nazism. Those who claimed that God was dead did so because they didn't need Him. He was no longer relevant to them. They had the world very well in control without having to be concerned with the presence of God.

Perhaps, Dismis could see through the hypocrisy of the Temple priests and leaders of the Jewish people, who really didn't want God imposing Himself on the nice neat order of things they had established for themselves. They had things under control. They certainly didn't want a Messiah coming who would question their lifestyle. Jesus did exactly that. They didn't need this. They didn't need Him. So He was condemned to death.

Here in the 21st century, only a few people will say that God is dead, but many people act as though He is dead. They think that they don't need Him. They certainly don't want Him in their lives. They have everything under control, or so they think. And so they put God to death, attacking His Presence in the social structures of the world. Freedom **of** religion has been reduced to freedom **from** religion, and the Christmas Season has become the winter holidays.

When we push God aside, keep Him out of our lives, or at least parts of our lives, we are joining those who tried to put Him to death. If we do this enough, we, in our minds, will no longer consider the actions of a living God in the world or in our lives. Those who think they don't need God are joining the people who condemned Jesus to death.

Jesus did not deserve to die. Dismis was very clear in stating from his cross that Jesus is an innocent man. Dismis also shouts out to the other criminal, that the two of them are certainly guilty and were suffering for their crimes. None of us are completely innocent. We are all dependent on the Mercy of God. Jesus did not need mercy from His Father. He was beautifully innocent. The one who was suspended on a cross for us, hanging between heaven and earth, is the one whose death redeems us from the bondage of sin. And so we pray in the Divine Mercy Chaplet:

For the sake of Your sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

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And so the Catholic composer Matt Maher writes:

Lord, we need You. How we need You! ©CCLI License #2368115

Today's gospel presents this question: with whom do we identify? Do we identify with Dismis who recognized Jesus' innocence, and who realized that Jesus' death could be his passage to heaven, or do we identify with those who have no need for God and removed Him from their lives, ignoring His presence?

## November 24, 2019

Dismis looked at Jesus and said, "Remember me when you come into your Kingdom." Dismis saw that he was being crucified next to the ruler of the spiritual kingdom. He realized that Jesus was the King of Kings. The spiritual is real. Jesus is Son of God; yet is one of us. We are members of His spiritual kingdom.

This changes everything: the way that we approach life, the ultimate goal of our lives and our plan to achieve this goal. Everything changes because we are members of the spiritual kingdom. We have experienced the love of Jesus. We need to live for Christ. We need to spread this love to others. We cannot be vengeful. We cannot be people of hate. We cannot allow or support any form of prejudice or bigotry. We are the people of Jesus Christ. We cannot join those who live in a way that says, "We don't need God."

We do need God. And we love needing Him. We want the world to know that Jesus is our King. We need to proclaim to others with our lives, "Jesus is your King too."

Jesus, remember us when You come into Your kingdom.

Yours in Christ,

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## Catholic Questions and Answers -An Adult Faith Formation Class offered by Fr Kyle Bell

#### Coming to Tuesdays and Wednesdays in January

Do you have questions about our Catholic faith? About the Eucharist? Marriage? Confession?

Priesthood? Heaven, Hell, Purgatory? Or maybe just questions about why we do what we do in the Mass?

This class is envisioned as a series of presentations on the questions about our faith that are of the most interest to the parishioners of St Ignatius of Antioch Roman Catholic Church. Therefore, we will not be following a curriculum, nor a particular book. Simply come to the class (or classes) on the topic (or topics)

that interest you the most.

Classes will meet in rooms 2 & 3 at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to make it as available as possible.

Submit a question you'd like us to cover by going to: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3Q27M8M

Blessings, Fr Kyle Bell

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#### **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday..... .4:00 and 6:30 p.m. (Fulfills Sunday Obligation) Sunday.......7:30, 9:00, 11:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Life Teen Weekdays.....7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Saturday ...... 9:00 a.m.

#### **Schedule of Confessions:**

Saturday.....3:00– 3:45 p.m. and after the 6:30 p.m. Mass

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#### **Miraculous Medal Devotion:**

Before 9 a.m. Mass each Wednesday

#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Thursdays after 9 a.m. Mass until 10:15 a.m. First Friday of the Month 9:30 a.m. until 9 p.m.

**Baptism**: Please call the Parish Office Marriage: Please call the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance. Holv Orders: Please call

Rev. Chuck Dornquast at 345-3338

# Sundays: Life Teen Nights-

Every Sunday our Life Teen group

meets for a night filled with food and friends.

To top it all off, we get to do this with Jesus in our presence!!

We explore our Faith, Life, and being the Sons and Daughters of God.

Come to our 6 p.m. Life Teen Mass & join us after in the hall!

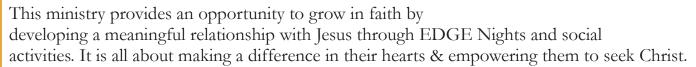
Join us This Sunday - November 24th - Meet in the hall at 7:30 p.m.

**Other Events:** 

Bible Cafés - Every Wednesday - 6-8 p.m. in the Youth House



Our grades 6-8 ministry, known as **EDGE**, is a dynamic middle school youth ministry program.





Meet up with your fellow teens for a night filled with snacks, Jesus, and a fun time....

Join us Thursday - December 12th - in the hall!



# Please Note: No Faith Formation this week

This weekend is our special collection to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.



More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.



November is the traditional month to remember all our beloved dead. Kindly remember to return the Mass intention envelopes with the names of the deceased clearly printed.

Additional envelopes are available on the courtesy desk in the Church.

These intentions will be placed on the altar for the month of November.

May all of the faithfully departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.



# St. Ignatius Advent Giving Tree Helping those in need at Christmas time.

Each week of Advent, we collect unwrapped gifts for a specific organization. Place gifts under the tree decorated by our Childhood Center in the Church's entrance.



## First Sunday of Advent: (December 1) - Ronald McDonald House.

**Cleaning supplies** like bleach, wipes, dishwasher soap, laundry baskets, Lysol, toilet tissue, X-14

**Kitchen supplies** like disposable aluminum pans, foil, electric can openers, paper towels, plastic cutlery, paper cups, zip bags and

Articles for parents & teens such as picture frames, night gowns, hair accessories, sundries, socks, boxer shorts.

## Second Sunday of Advent: (December 8) - Clothes to Kids.

This organization gives to children living at poverty level or below.

Girls and Boys Sizes 4 to 16, Junior Sizes 0 to 22, Young Men Sizes 18 to 44. Accessories, back packs, underwear and socks, in unopened packages & shoes.



Non Perishable Foods -canned meats, fruit, vegetables, beans, cereal, coffee, tea, rice, macaroni, instant potatoes, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter & jelly. Financial donations welcome.



## Fourth Sunday of Advent: (December 22) - Our Pregnancy Center.

Constant need of new or like new baby and toddler clothes, diapers sizes 4–6, wipes,



pull ups, new bottles, pacifiers, bibs, washcloths, receiving blankets for layettes, crib sheets, baby wash, and toiletries such as combs, brushes and nail clippers. Financial Donations welcomed for purchase of large items, such as cribs and mattresses.

## Join us For A Special Evening...

Come out with your entire family for an evening of Festive Family Fun!

We are expecting a visit from the Big Man in Red! Bring your camera for a snapshot!

Thursday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the hall





Mark Your Calendars!

# A Christmas Concert Jesus – A Child and Stranger

Friday - December 20th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic Church



You are invited to share in the enhancement of our Church at Christmas time as well as a memorial for your loved ones, both living and deceased, by donating towards our Christmas decorations.

Special flower envelopes are available on the Church's Courtesy Desk.

Early Childhood Center is closed this week for Thanksgiving



# Rosary Makers

Rosary Makers meet every Monday morning from 9:30 a.m. - noon in the hall.

All are Welcome to join in.



# Rite of Initiation



If you're interested in becoming Catholic, you are invited to our **Rite of** 

Christian Initiation of Adults.

We meet Monday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Office of Evangelization Office in the Life Center. Contact Joshua at 727-937-4050 ext. 224 or jstrope@ignatius.net

# Special Choir Rehearsals

Our Children's Choir will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 26th for a special Thanksgiving Choir Rehearsal.





Our Adult Choir will meet at 7 p.m. There will be no other choir rehearsals this week.

#### **IT'S NOT TOO LATE!**

Now is a great time to join our choir as we prepare for Christmas. Besides singing, we will present a costumed nativity scene at the Choir Concert on December 20th.

## Brothers in Christ

All men of the parish are invited on **Wednesdays at 6 a.m. in the hall.**For more info contact
Geoff at 813-728-2082.



## Patriotic Rosary

Join in praying the Patriotic Rosary On Wednesday mornings after the 9 a.m. Mass in the Church.



Join us for

# **Thanksgiving Morning Mass**

at 9 a.m. and give Thanks & Praise

Please note there will be no 7:00 a.m. Mass



# HAVE A BLESSED THANKSGIVING

Parish Offices will be closed on November 28th & 29th.

## Lectors

All adult lectors please pickup your 2019 workbooks this week in the ministry room.



This week's Altar Flowers were donated for the Special Intentions of Gabriela & Alesandra DaSilva Lopez Happy Birthday!



## Applications for Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

We are looking to increase the number of our Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

To be an EM, a person needs to be in a Catholic marriage or committed to living a celibate

life until marriage, and a regular
—weekly attendee at Mass.

If you would like to be considered please call Katherine in the Parish Office at 727-937-4050 ext. 201.



## Comeback Catholics



Been away from the Church?
Come join us in the

Life Center Office on the

first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Or call Terri at 727-773-5004 or make an appointment at Comeback@ignatius.net

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

When we speak of the "Gospel", whether lay or clergy, we usually refer to the four Gospels about the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection and what He taught and did. However, the word "Gospel" is an old English word which literally means "Good News." In John 3:16, Jesus sums it up in one sentence: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life"

The prophets of the Old Testament said that the Messiah, or the Christ would come from the ancestral line of King David. To understand the love of God, and His mercy, the words of King David in Psalm 139 bring us to know the inescapable God. "O Lord, You searched me and known me...Where can I go from Your spirit? Or where can I flee from Your spirit? Even the darkness is not dark to You for darkness is a bright as the day." In Your book were written all the days that were formed for me when none of them as yet existed." Think of it. God created the visible world for the human race, man and woman, and asked them to be co-creators in being fertile and to multiply and have dominion over the earth. King David prays on, "I praise You for I am wonderfully made, wonderful are our works. I come to the end, I am with you." God's love is an eternal mystery. Man's selfish love is the cancer which causes us to think more of what we can see and touch, not which can eat away at our Faith.

As we wrap gifts for family and friends, what gift are we going to give to the eternal Gift Giver? Spending time at First Friday Adoration on December 6<sup>th</sup> is one of the best ways to gaze at Jesus in the Sacred Eucharistic Host, and speak to Him with your heart in the silence of the Chapel. Ask our Lord and brother, what gift you could give in thanksgiving for His calling you "...no longer my servants but my friends because I told you everything I heard from My Father"

Isn't that Good News? We begin Adoration at 9:30 a.m. ending with the Blessing of Jesus for all those who visited during the day at 9 p.m.

## Defibrillator /CPR Class

#### Defibrillator/CPR class

Saturday, December 7th at 9 a.m. in rooms 2 & 3. Call the Office to RSVP. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.



# New Beginnings

The next meeting of our parish bereavement support group will be held Saturday, December 7th, at 10 a.m. in the parish life center. Emily Muecke, M.S.W. will be the speaker. Anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one is welcome.

# Lay Carmelite Community



Our Lady Queen of Carmel Lay Carmelite Community meets in rm 6 on the first Saturday each month, after attending the 9 a.m. Mass.

If you would like to learn more about the Lay Carmelites, please contact Barbara at bwest@pasco.org or 727-250-2270.

## Women's Council

#### **Our Christmas Party**

will be held Friday, Dec. 13th at 11:30a.m. at the Tarpon Springs Yacht Club. The cost of the luncheon buffet is \$23.

RSVP's must be received by Friday, Dec. 6th.
Please contact Jean at 727-543-5106 or
Rachael at 216-513-4505. Please bring
an unwrapped gift for our Pregnancy Center.

## Caritas Ministry

Flowers to be distributed this week at Advent Health North Pinellas were donated by Angela Castiglione, in loving memory of Kathy Kingsland, wishing her a Happy Thanksgiving in heaven.





Lord, grant eternal rest to the souls of our dearly departed, especially for

# ROXANNE TUTTLE & RUBEN SEPULVEDA

and for all those we hold in our hearts who have died, may they rest in the arms of God.

# COURAGEOUSLY

# Living the Gospel



# Young Adult Ministry Opportunities!

Young Adult Men's & Women's Groups Contact the parish office— 937-4050 ext. 201

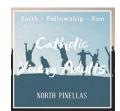
Catholic Ministry at St. Petersburg College, Tarpon Springs Campus

Any students of SPC should contact Fr. Kyle Bell in the parish office to find out more!

## Catholic Young Adults of North Pinellas

A multi-parish ministry that facilitates social, worship, and service opportunities for Catholic young adults in north Pinellas.

Reach us on Facebook at facebook.com/CYANorthPinellas/ Some of their upcoming events are:



#### Tuesday, December 3rd

Theology on Tap with speaker Fr. Chuck Dornquast

Location: Clearwater Brewing Co, 1700 N Fort Harrison Ave Time: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.



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Lord, we **Thank You** for the goodness of our people and for the spirit that fills this nation. We **Thank You** for the beauty and fullness of the land. We **Thank You** for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes. We **Thank You Lord**: accept our **Thanksgiving** on this day. We **Pray** and **Give Thanks** through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers



We offer a half day program, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. daily, with before care and after care extending the day from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. if needed.

Our two, three, four, and five year olds develop spiritually, physically, emotionally, and intellectually.

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$\mathcal{DATE}$	MASS INTENTIONS	EVENTS
Saturday, November 23	4:00 p.m. + Nick & Maria Tavella 6:30 p.m. Special Intentions of the Creamer Family	
Sunday, November 24 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 2 Samuel 5:1-3 Colossians 1:12-20 Luke 23:35-43	7:30 a.m. + Matty Castellano 9:00 a.m. For the People of Our Parish 11:30 a.m. + Pat & Rose Sferro 6:00 p.m. + Anna DeBellis	7:30 p.m. Life Teen Night in the hall
Monday, November 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria Deuteronomy 1:1-20 Luke 21:1-4	7:00 a.m. + John Petko 9:00 a.m. + Patrick Flood	9:30 a.m. Rosary Makers in the hall 7:00 p.m. RCIA in the Evangelization Office
Tuesday, November 26 Deuteronomy 2:31-45 Luke 21:5-11	7:00 a.m. + Robbie Gann 9:00 a.m. + Paul Francisco 10:30 a.m. + Frances Polaski	5:30 p.m. Children's Choir in the Church 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir in the Church
Wednesday, November 27  Deuteronomy 5:1-28  Luke 21:12-19	7:00 a.m. For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life 9:00 a.m. + Salvatore Romano	6:00 a.m. Brothers in Christ in the hall 9:30 a.m. Patriotic Rosary in the Church
Thursday, November 28  Thanksgiving Day  Deuteronomy 6:12-28  Luke 21:20-28	Please note there is no 7:00 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. For the People of Our Parish	Thanksgiving Mass at 9 a.m.  Parish Office Closed
Friday, November 29 Deuteronomy 7:2-14 Luke 21:29-33	7:00 a.m. + Geneieve Lindner 9:00 a.m. + Gladys Scherrer	Parish Office Closed
Saturday, November 30 St. Andrew Romans 10:9-18 Matthew 4:18-22	9:00 a.m. + Vera Sbo	
Saturday, November 30	4:00 p.m. + Robert Bressie 6:30 p.m. + Lynne Toth	Advent Giving Tree - Clothes to Kids
Sunday, December 1 First Sunday of Advent Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:37-44	7:30 a.m. + Paul Carey 9:00 a.m. For the People of Our Parish 11:30 a.m. For the Special Intentions of Anne Harman 6:00 p.m. + Maribel Bluhm	8:30 a.m. Bethany Gift Shop Open 9:00 a.m. Donuts in the hall 10:00 a.m. Faith Formation classes - rooms 7:30 p.m. Life Teen Night in the hall



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