

PARISH CALENDAR

Solemnity of Our Lord
Jesus Christ the King

November 21, 2021

The Lord is King;
He is robed in majesty!

Saturday, November 20	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, November 21	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 8:30 a. m.	Mass
	..... 10:00 a. m.	Mass (Live Stream)
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, November 22	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, November 23	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
Wednesday, November 24	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:30-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Closed
	..... 5:00 p. m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Thursday, November 25	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass -THANKSGIVING
		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
Friday, November 26	..... 8:00 a. m.	Communion Service
		PARISH OFFICE CLOSED-THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
Saturday, November 27	..... 10:00-12 pm	Confession - 87-1511 Nakii St.
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Daniel:12:1-3: The promise of God's coming and of eternal life.

Hebrew:10:11-14, 18: Jesus makes the perfect priestly sacrifice: himself.

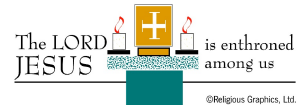
Mark:13:24-32: Signs of the Messiah's coming.

(Everyone who attends Mass must wear a Masks)

Saturday Evening Mass @ 5 pm

Four Sunday Masses @ 7 am, 8:30 am, 10 am & 5 pm

Weekday Masses will be at 8 am & 7 pm (Mon)



To get tickets. You can go to www.stritananakuli.org on the Banner line look "Mass Tickets" click it. You will see screen "Mass Tickets" click on **Obtain Mass Ticket through Event Brite.com here** you will then have a screen which has a picture of the front of the church "St. Rita Catholic Mass Tickets" click; on the next page will be in orange box which says **"Select a date"** select date and time you wish to get tickets. Please remember there a limited amount of seats due to social distancing. If you do not have a computer you may call the parish office between 10 am - 12 pm (Mon-Tue- Wed-Fri) for tickets

We will continue to live streaming the Sunday Mass at 10 a. m. @ <https://www.stritananakuli.org/livestream> or https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCepqtr_VuHL7R-MjmZpe7Cg/

Reflecting on God's Word

Political power meets spiritual power in today's conversation between Jesus and Pilate. "Are you the King of the Jews?" Pilate asks Jesus (John 18:33). Pilate is concerned about whether Jesus is a threat to Roman rule, just as the Jewish leaders see Jesus as a threat to their authority. Jesus is thus either guilty of fomenting insurrection as a militant messiah or of speaking blasphemy by presenting himself as one who inaugurates the reign of God.

Jesus, however, speaks not about himself as a king but about a kingdom that "does not belong to this world" (John 18:36). This kingdom may not be of this world but it is in this world. God's kingdom is present in Jesus as one who comes to bear witness to the truth. And what is this truth? That "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Jesus is the Word become flesh who made his dwelling among us, so that we might see his glory, "the glory of the Father's only Son, / full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). The hour of glory was the hour of the cross, the hour not of political power, but God's power shining through human weakness, bringing light into the darkness, revealing self-sacrificing love so that we might have life.

Political power tends to be an upward climb into dominance and authority that must be protected at all costs. It frequently leads to isolation and abuse, to clinging to power as its own end. Spiritual power is having the strength to trust God and surrender so that God can reign, not by conquest or political alliances, but through human weakness and surrender to God.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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Christ the King

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CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT:

"Working on the Margins" Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in eight people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd

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WEEKLY READINGS

Nov 21 Sun: CHRIST THE KING

Dan:7:1314; Ps:93; Rev:1:5-8; Jn:18:33b-37

Nov 22 Mon: Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Dan:1:1-6, 8-20; Dan:3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk:21:1-4

Nov 23 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Dan:2:31-45; Dan:3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk:21:5-11

Nov 24 Wed: Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

Dan:5: 1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dan:3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk:21:12-19

Nov 25 Thur: Thanksgiving

Sir:50:22-24; Ps:113; 1 Cor:1:3-9; Lk:17:11-19

Nov 26 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Dan:7:2-14; Dan:3:78, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk:21:29-33

Nov 27 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

Dan:7:15-27; Dan:3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Lk:21:34-36

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

The exchange between Jesus and Pilate in today's Gospel is, arguably, the most important exchange in all of literature. Pilate ask Jesus: "What have you done?" Jesus replies that he testifies to the truth. In the second reading we are reminded of the essence of that truth: Christ, ruler of all, loves us, liberates us from the bonds of sin, makes us a new kingdom. As we approach the Advent season, this week would be a good time to reflect on the question: What have we done in our daily lives, in our actions, words, private prayer, and in our interaction with others, to testify that Jesus is Lord? **(International Catholic Stewardship Council)**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

MAHALO FOR SHARING YOUR TREASURE

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A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS

Christ is our king, and we are his subjects. That places him and us in a unique position with the rulers of the world. Christians strive to be good citizens, wherever we live. A good state will promote religious freedom and allow its citizens to contribute to its well-being. As Christians we have opinions about the value of human life from womb to tomb, the importance of caring for the needy in other nations, taxes that do not place an unfair burden on the poor, and the humane treatment of criminal offenders and prisoners of war. Sometimes the state's official policy differs from the perspective of the Gospel. At those times we realize that Christ is our king, though someone else may be head of state. The Book of Revelation opens with a vision of the Risen Jesus. "He is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him." Because of Jesus' majestic appearance, the suffering he endured, and the redemption he has won, Revelation offers this hymn of praise: "To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen."

Christ is our king. We are more than subjects; we are priests. Through our baptism we are consecrated as a holy nation. We raise our voice on behalf of all the peoples of the earth.

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Living God's Word



We pray that we might be part of God's people who continue to proclaim Jesus as the One to whom we give our allegiance, and that we show this in the world by working to bring about God's kingdom where mercy and justice, peace and love rule.

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The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

NOVEMBER 21, 2021

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

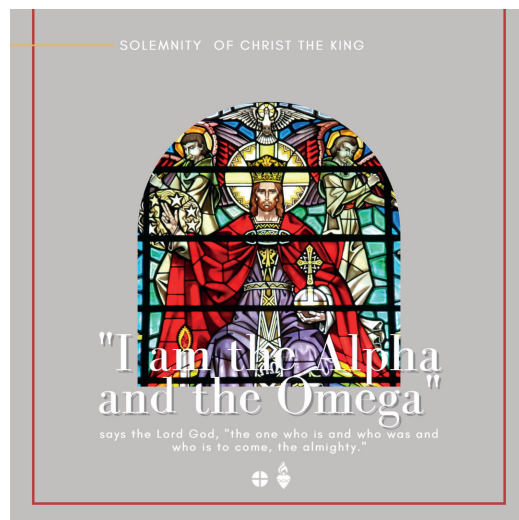
Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and some parts of Europe, militantly secularistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful but civilization itself. Pope Pius XI's encyclical gave Catholics hope and—while governments around them crumbled—the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. Jesus Christ "is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind" (*Quas primas*, 7).

For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalized in public life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalizing our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church and of the entire universe.

CCHD: Working on the Margins for Over 50 Years

For over 50 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development has worked on the margins by supporting groups that defend worker rights, promote responsible environmental practices, advocate for people with disabilities and immigrants, and support employee-owned businesses. On November 20- 21, many dioceses across the United States will take up the collection to support CCHD. When you participate in this collection, you help fight poverty nationwide and in your community because 25 percent of your contribution stays in your diocese to help local antipoverty initiatives. To learn more about CCHD, please find collection resources and the most current annual report here: <https://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection>. #1church1mission #PowerOfCCHD



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BULLETIN



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII
DIOCESE OF HONOLULU
WITNESS TO JESUS

MEMORANDUM

To: All Clergy of the Diocese of Honolulu

From: Bishop Larry Silva

Date: November 19, 2021

Re.: Prayers for the U.S. Supreme Court and a pending pro-life decision

Dear Priests and Deacons of the Diocese,

Peace be with you!

In the early days of December, the U.S. Supreme Court will deliberate on *Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health*, a ruling that could possibly lead to the reversal of *Roe vs. Wade*, which has allowed the abortion of over 60 million girls and boys in our country. While the Supreme Court should not be influenced by public opinion, its wisdom can certainly be guided by fervent prayer. Therefore, **I am asking that each parish urge its parishioners to pray that the Supreme Court be guided by the Holy Spirit in this decision.**

Moreover, I am asking each parish to conduct Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament the evening of Saturday, November 27 through the morning of Sunday, November 28, to pray for this very important pro-life intention. Adoration could begin immediately after the Saturday evening Mass and continue all night, ending just before the first Mass on Sunday morning. For those parishes that are simply not able to hold the all-night Adoration, we urge you to at least conduct Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for at least one hour on Saturday evening, November 27.

I apologize for the very short notice on this initiative, but I hope that every parish will be able to organize this communal prayer for the sake of all the unborn babies and their mothers and families.

Blessings to you all, and Happy Thanksgiving!