

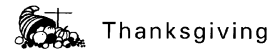
PARISH CALENDAR

Solemnity of Our Lord
Jesus Christ the King

November 24, 2019

The Lord sits as King forever!

Saturday, Nov 16	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, Nov 17	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:45 a.m.	Religious Education
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Monday, Nov 18	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Closed
Tuesday, Nov 19	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
Wednesday, Nov 20	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Closed
Thursday, Nov 21	..... 8:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving - Mass PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
Friday, Nov 22	..... 8:00 a.m.	Communion Service PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
Saturday, Nov 23	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Closed
	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass



Thanksgiving

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

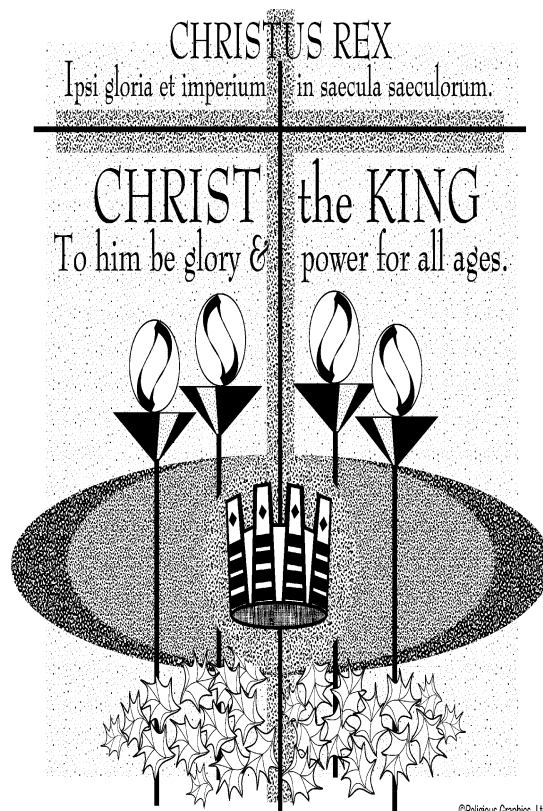
Isaiah: 2:1-5: God's word brings amazing transformation
Romans: 13:11-14: Stay awake for Christ's coming.
Matt: 24:37-44: Be vigilant for the coming of the Lord.

Reflection

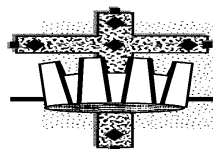
We might ask, why this difficult Gospel? Is this the Church's idea of saving the best story until last? Here is God's chosen one, right here, stretched between heaven and earth. He is surrounded by second-rate rulers who jeer and swagger so knowingly. And here is one criminal who wants to get off easy, a con man to the last. And here is the other, the unnamed one, the one who uses the precious little energy and time he has left to seek repentance. What does he see in Jesus?

Apparently, he sees a king, a Messiah, a righteous one. The thief stands in sharp contrast to rest of the hangers-on Luke mentions. The thief asks to share in the reign of God, a reign that is not geographical. Jesus spoke about this earlier in his public life: "The coming of the kingdom of God cannot be observed, and no one will announce, 'Look, here it is,' or, 'There it is.' For behold, the kingdom of God is among you." (Luke 17:20-21) This unlikely place is not God-forsaken—just the opposite. It is God's power manifest, and the thief is the first to see it. He is already home. "This day" he is in paradise, the place of the just.

One cannot get any more inclusive than this. The one outside the walls of Jerusalem, outside the civic laws of Rome, presumably without friend or family, is offered a share in royalty. The all-inclusiveness of Jesus' pardon of this man tells us what we need to know about the dimensions of the reign of God. The story of the convict made "good" offers us a clear picture of the kind of king Jesus Christ is. Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved



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COME
LORD JESUS
return in glory!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT:

Please be generous in this week's special collection, which supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people live in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for people across the country who struggle. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

UNPLANNED the anti-abortion movie that is getting mainstream attention will be shown Saturday, **November 30 after 5pm Mass at St. Jude's in Makakilo**. All adults and older teens are encouraged to view this movie. Because the movie industry has rated this pro life film "R", anyone 17 or under **MUST** be accompanied by their parent or guardian. While the film-makers were certain they were making a PG-13 film, the MPAA has informed them that it will, in fact, be rated R unless all scenes of abortions are removed or altered. The movie runs hour and 50 minutes.

WORD OF LIFE: "He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone" (Quas primas, 33). USCCB Office of Religious Liberty "Solemnity of Christ the King" 2019 Bulletin Insert, quoting Pope Pius XI, *Quas primas*, 33 © 1925 Libreria Vaticana. Used with permission

WEEKLY READINGS

Nov 24 Sun: 33rd Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

2 Sam:5:1-3; Ps:122; Col:1:12-20; Lk:23:35-43

Nov 25 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

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

Nov 26 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Dan:2:31-45; Dam:3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk:19: 1-10

Nov 27 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

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

Lk:21:12-19

Nov 28 Thur: Thanksgiving

Sir:50:22-24; Ps:113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 7-8; 1 Cor: 1:3-9; Lk:17:11-19

Nov 29 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

Dan:7:2-14; Dan: 3: 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk:21:29-33

Nov 30 Sat: Saint Andrew, Apostle

Rom:10:9-18; Ps:19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt:4:18-22

Power

Some power derives from raw physical force, like the power of a Plains tornado. The brunt of this power is to be feared and avoided at all cost. Some power derives from inner strength; it persuades, convinces, gathers. We do not speak of the "brunt" of this power, for it is enfolding and without harsh edges. Jesus possessed this kind of power. He spoke and acted with an authority the world has not yet gotten over and cannot do without. . . Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved

NOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's Gospel we hear of the rulers who sneered at Jesus, the soldiers who jeered at him, the criminal who reviled him, and the people who just stood by. At our own parish church the cross stands high. Yet, every Sunday there are those who sit in front of it and are not moved by it. There are people who walk right by the cross, unmoved by it. Perhaps they've walked by it so many times they no longer give it a second thought. Could it be they are unmoved because the heart of this unbelieving thief is in them? Good stewards walk by the cross, notice it and ask themselves: "All this you did for me, what have I done for you?" (International Catholic Stewardship Council)

REFLECTING ON TOMORROW

Your Will or Trust can be a creative way to help perpetuate your Christian faith. After first providing for the needs of loved ones you can benefit St. Rita by making a bequest in your Will. Ask your attorney to include the following statement to your Will or Trust:

*"I leave to the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii, St. Rita Church
89-318 Farrington Hwy.
Nanakuli, HI 96792
the sum of _____, or _____% of my estate."*

That is what Estelle Hijirida did. St. Rita received \$183,629.60 for the building fund this past week from her estate. We are truly grateful.

Jesus is a descendant of the second and greatest king of Israel, David. The first reading reminds us of this royal lineage. David inherited a divided kingdom. In today's reading, he is anointed by the elders of the northern kingdom, Israel. He had already been anointed in the southern kingdom, Judah.

This man, the Lord's anointed, would restore the two kingdoms' faithfulness to their one God. He would bring them back to their former glory, lost during the irresponsible and troubled leadership of Saul.

David would go on to move the capital from Hebron to Jerusalem, and his power would express itself in relative peace and solidarity. His reign is a high point in the history of God's people. However, in the centuries that followed, the kingdoms would finally divide. The people would be exiled to Babylon. They would return and rebuild, only to be conquered again by the Greeks and, finally, the Romans. Then in the fullness of time in the town of David, a child would be born. And in Jerusalem some thirty-odd years later, that child would be crucified and above his head the inscription would read, "This is the king of the Jews." This mocking inscription was allowed, and it was reported in Luke's Gospel, which we read today. . . Copyright © 2003, World Library Publications. All rights reserved

