

# PARISH CALENDAR

Solemnity of Our Lord  
Jesus Christ the King

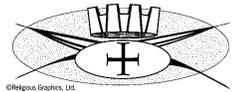
November 25, 2018

The Lord is King;  
He is robed in majesty!

Saturday, November 24	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sunday, November 25	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... <b>10:45 a. m.</b>	<b>Religious Education</b>
Monday, November 26	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, November 27	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Wednesday, November 28	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, November 29	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... <b>5:30 p. m.</b>	<b>Feeding Menu: Baked Ham/Luncheon Meat</b>
Friday, November 30	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, December 1	..... 4:00-4:45 p. m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

### NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

**Jer:33:14-16: God's promise for justice will be fulfilled**  
**1 Thes: 3:12-4:2: Paul offers hope to the waiting Thessalonians**  
**Lk:21:25-28, 34-36: Stand ready at all times; redemption is at hand**



The reading from Daniel is from an apocalyptic or "revelation" book. The same may be said about today's second reading (from the Book of Revelation). If you recall, such books speak of and speak from visionary experiences. Likewise, they generally speak to an audience of people badly in need of such visions, badly in need of something on which to pin their hopes and on which they can rely.

Daniel is writing to a persecuted minority. When the prophet speaks of a vision of "one like a Son of man," he is striking a familiar chord with his audience. They recognize the figure of the "son of man" not so much as an individual but as a corporate identity that stands for all God's people. Thus, Daniel's audience finds strength and support in the assurance that ultimate and everlasting victory will be theirs.

By the time the Book of Revelation was written, the figure "son of man" had come to represent a concrete, historical person. The early (and persecuted) Christian community that first heard the words of Revelation probably associated any reference to the "son of man" directly with the person of Jesus Christ.

The passage of Revelation proclaimed in today's liturgy is really a hymn (or doxology) to Jesus Christ. It extols him as the great and noble king who has kept faith, risen from death, rules over all rulers, and has rescued and redeemed his people. Even more, this great king has transformed his people into a nation of priests in order that they might serve God and glorify God's Son. The Gospel, however, seems to belie the greatness of this king of ours. In today's passage, we find Jesus bound and handed over to face a petty official. Hardly the position of a king! Yet Pilate addresses him as such, asking if he is, indeed, the king of the Jews. Jesus responds with a question, but does not duck Pilate's inquiry. Eventually he responds in the affirmative, but it is not the tidy political response Pilate hopes for, the response that would have made dealing with this Nazarene nuisance simply a matter of course. Jesus describes his kingship in terms that are beyond the scope of caesars and nations. He is king where truth resides, king of human hearts. Pilate's heart is closed. He cannot or will not open himself to truth. Can we? Will we? Copyright © 2002, World Library Publications. All rights reserved

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**PRAISE**  
**to the**  
**LORD**  
**JESUS**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Thank you everyone who came out to pack a shoe box for Operations Christmas Child, what a success over 200 shoe boxes were filled by everyone.

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT:** Thank you for your generous support last week to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/naitonalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/naitonalcollections), and click on "How to Give" on the left.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** Mark your calendars, **St. Rita Advent Reconciliation is schedule for Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.**

**ADVENT "SPIRITUAL STEWARDSHIP" WORKSHOP:** Mark your calendars for the Wednesday of Advent, **December 5<sup>th</sup>, December 12<sup>th</sup> & December 19<sup>th</sup> (7 pm - 8:30 pm)** for our Spiritual Stewardship Workshop given by Mark Clark of the Diocese of Honolulu, he is the Director of Stewardship & Development. Come, learn and pray about Stewardship in your life.

**WORD OF LIFE:** "Let us rededicate ourselves this year to recognizing the reign of Jesus Christ and his Sacred Heart in every aspect of our lives." - "USCCB Office of Religious Liberty - "Solemnity of Christ the King" Bulletin Insert

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Nov 25 Sun: Christ the King**

Dan:7:13-14; Ps:93; Rev:1:5-8; Jn:18:33b-37

**Nov 26 Mon: Ordinary Weekday**

Rev:14:1-3, 4b-5, 6; Ps:24-1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk:21:1-4

**Nov 27 Tue: Ordinary Weekday**

Rev:14:14-19; Ps:96:10, 11-12, 13; Lk:21:5-11

**Nov 28 Wed: Ordinary Weekday**

Rev:15:1-4; Ps:98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9; Lk:21:12-19

**Nov 29 Thu: Ordinary Weekday**

Rev:18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps: 100: 1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk:21:20-28

**Nov 30 Fri: Saint Andrew Apostle**

Rom:10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Lk:21:20-28

**Dec 1 Sat: Ordinary Weekday**

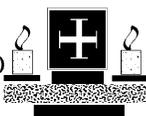
Rev:22: 1-7; Ps:95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab; Lk:21:34-36

## Reflection

When Jesus says that his kingdom does not belong to this world, we tend to nod our heads and agree. We incline to think of Jesus' dominion as being "somewhere out there," but certainly not here, not on earth, not part of real life. Nothing could be further from the "truth!"

While the power and kingship Jesus speaks of do reach beyond space and time, they also reach the here and now. God's reign includes people like Pilate and people like us. It speaks to us and permeates us. It is present whenever anyone is willing to stand and speak—as Jesus stood and spoke—for the truth. And the truth is that God is not only above all, but in all.

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The LORD  is enthroned  
JESUS among us

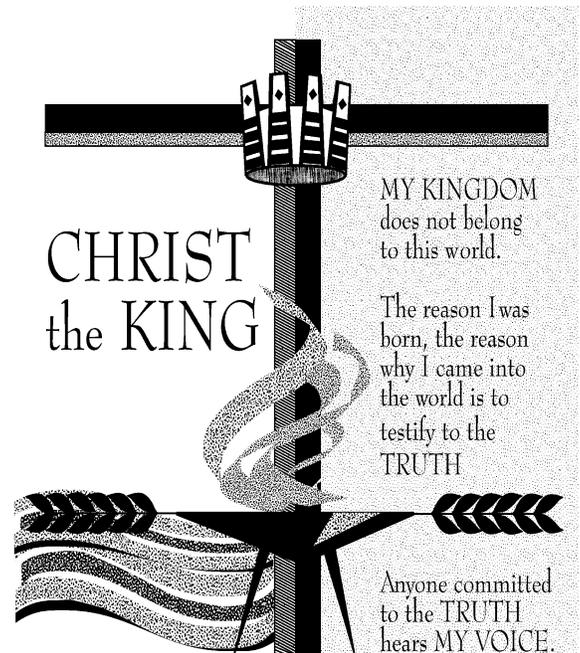
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## STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

The exchange between Jesus and Pilate in today's Gospel is, arguably, the most important exchange in all of literature. Pilate asks Jesus "What have 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 into 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-e-bulletin)*

## Kings

We in the United States have never been much for kings. Our nation began with a nasty war to free us from a king, and today, most Americans find monarchies curious and quaint. All this combines to make us all but shrug at the notion of celebrating the solemnity of Christ the King. Our neighbors in Mexico, however, don't share our misgivings and indifference. The Mexican people are just as proud of their revolution, just as proud of their democracy, just as scornful of royalty as we are. Still, they have a robust love for Christ the King. In fact, seventy years ago, when Mexico was ruled by the tyrant Plutarco Calles, the Church was persecuted, Mass was outlawed, and priests were hunted as criminals. A priest named Miguel Pro lived in Mexico City. He went about the city in disguise. He celebrated Mass here and there in hiding, heard confessions, and anointed the sick and dying. At last Padre Pro was captured by government officials and summarily executed without the benefit of a trial. As he stood before the firing squad, arms extended in the form of a cross, his last words were, "Viva Christo Rey!" "Long live Christ the King!" When Padre Pro was buried, Mexico City rang with shouts of "Viva Christo Rey!" Copyright © 2002, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



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