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## How Christ the King respects our freedom



Philip Kosloski - published on 11/21/21 - updated on 11/22/23

*Jesus' kingdom is not established by force, but through the free choices of every individual.*

Often the word "king" stirs up images of an oppressive ruler, who sits on his throne and orders his subjects to obey him. Yet, Jesus Christ is called "king," but his kingship is not of this world and does not operate in a forceful manner.

Pope Benedict XVI reflected on this reality in an Angelus message in 2009.

**This Kingdom of Grace is never imposed and always respects our freedom.** Christ came "to bear witness to the truth" (Jn 18: 37), as he declared to Pilate: whoever accepts his witness serves beneath his "banner," according to the image dear to St Ignatius of Loyola. **Every conscience, therefore, must make a choice.** Who do I want to follow? God or the Evil One? The truth or falsehood? Choosing Christ does not guarantee success according to the world's criteria but assures the peace and joy that he alone can give us. This is demonstrated, in every epoch, by the experience of numerous men and women who, in Christ's name, in the name of truth and justice, were able to oppose the enticements of earthly powers with their different masks, to the point that they sealed their fidelity with martyrdom.

### True freedom

Jesus did not force his apostles to follow him, nor does he force us today. He stretches his hands out to us, inviting us to become part of his kingdom.

It's entirely up to us to follow him. We can reject the offer, or fully accept it, finding peace in freely following the truth. **Originally published at [Aleteia.org](http://Aleteia.org), reprinted with permission**

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, November 22, Memorial of Saint Cecilia,  
Virgin and Martyr**

8:00 a.m. John Arasa 80th Birthday (liv)

**Saturday, November 22, Vigil for Solemnity of Our  
Lord Jesus Christ, King of the  
Universe**

4:00 p.m. William Isaac (dec)

**Sunday, November 23, Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus  
Christ, King of the Universe**

8:00 a.m. Ciminera Family (liv and dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Maggie Eagan (dec)

**Monday, November 24, Memorial of Saint Andrew  
Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions,  
Martyrs**

8:00 a.m. Shirley & Norbert Bunsey (dec)

**Tuesday, November 25, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Mary Ann Fessler (dec)

**Wednesday, November 26, Weekday in Ordinary  
Time**

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

**Thursday, November 27, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. Tom and Marie Cullen (dec)

**Friday, November 28, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Della Kruse (liv)

**Saturday, November 29, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Deana Jespersen (dec)

**Saturday, November 29, Vigil for First Sunday of  
Advent**

4:00 p.m. Mario Rocca (dec)

**Sunday, November 30, First Sunday of Advent**

8:00 a.m. Tobias, Rose, and John Weber (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Se Thi Tran (dec)

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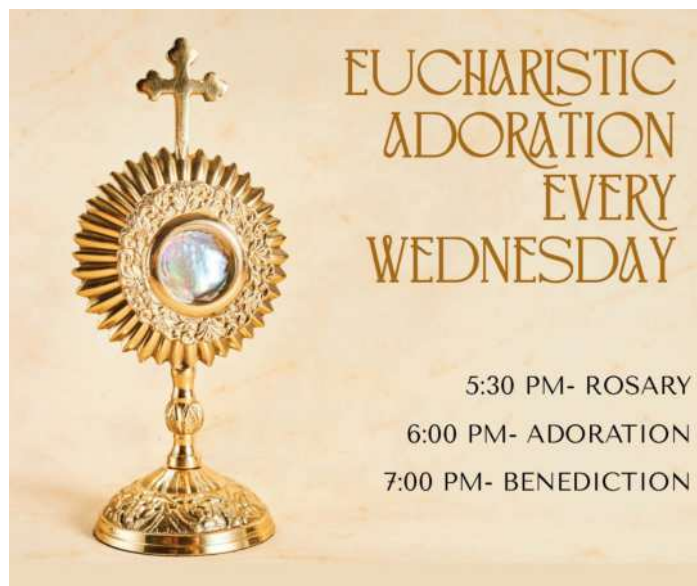
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### Baptism

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November 23, 2025

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

2 Sm 5:1-3 | Col 1:12-20 | Lk 23:35-43

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Since the birth of my oldest child, I have seen and heard many things about what I *should* do as a mother. I have heard everything from which products I should purchase to how I should help my child develop a healthy sleep routine. But my identity as a mother is not dependent upon any of these things; instead, it rests on my relationship with God as his beloved daughter and who he has called me to be as a mother. Those living at the time of Jesus were also trying to understand his identity as king according to their own expectations of what a king was meant to be. They certainly did not expect their king to be crucified by the Romans as we read about in our Gospel today. But Jesus did not come to rule as an earthly king. He *is* king because of his identity as the beloved Son of God, whose mission it was to offer his life for the salvation of all. Jesus did not allow society's understanding of a king to dictate how he lived his mission. Likewise, we must act confidently in accordance with the particular call that God has entrusted to us.

## PRAY

Today, take a few minutes to pray for all leaders. Ask the Lord to guide them in their leadership to be good shepherds to all those who fall under their governance. As you participate in your local community and parish, ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to join in Christ's mission as king by serving those in need.

## GO EVANGELIZE

### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I find it interesting that when David was anointed king of Israel, he is designated as a commander whose vocation it was to *shepherd* the tribes of Israel. Of course, now we also readily associate the term *shepherd* with Christ, the Good Shepherd who cares for his sheep. The notion of kingship and shepherding, therefore, seem to be intertwined. In the sacrament of baptism, each of us is invited to participate in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king. To join Christ in his mission as king, we must also lead lives of service in which we allow the love of God to generously flow through us by caring for others. Let us strive to be shepherds for those in our communities who are seeking to know Christ more intimately; let us participate in Christ's mission as king through humble service to others.



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The Angels on this tree assist our SVDP families celebrate Christmas. All Children deserve to open a gift on Christmas morning.

The tree will go up on Sat. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> and will be filled with ornaments for our Parish families to choose from. The tree will stay up till all Angels have been claimed.

Return gifts unwrapped with the Angel attached to the bag. **(It is imperative to not lose the Angel, as it is attached to a special child.) ONLY NEW GIFTS.**

All gifts must be returned under the tree by **Dec. 7th**.

## Christmas Altar Flowers



For those wishing to contribute towards the Altar Flowers, you may do so in one of two ways:

1. Use the "Christmas Flowers" envelope included in your envelope packet.
2. Complete this form and return it to the Parish Office along with your donation.

The donor's names will be listed in the bulletin and the honorees names will be placed on the Altar.

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## Music is Instrumental!

Help Blessed Trinity build an instrumental ensemble!

We currently have vocal and handbell choirs, but want to build a group of instrumentalists for the Music Ministry.

Did you play an instrument in high school?  
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If you play guitar, strings, trombone, tuba, trumpet, saxophone, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, or percussion we NEED you!

Call Lisa in the office or email [lss@btsp.org](mailto:lss@btsp.org)



## Jesus is King

Dear Jesus,

I see the kingdom you love, the one full of the broken and forgotten.

I see the crown you wear — thorns out of love for me.

I pick you as my King.

Mold my heart to be a worthy member of your kingdom.

Amen.

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RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Is Christ King in Our Hearts?

When you think of a king, who is the first person to pops into your head? It may depend on how much history you know, or which historical period intrigues you the most. As Americans, the first person we might think of is King George III, whose reign has become synonymous in our national lore with the concept of tyranny.

We don't have much familiarity with kingship in modern American society. Kings tend to make us uneasy. Presidents, on the other hand – we can handle those, because we know we are a president's boss. No matter how much power he has, we are the electorate. We are the source of that power. We're comfortable with this arrangement.

But with kings it is profoundly different. Traditionally, the king derives his power from God. His rule bridges humanity with the divine.

We should reflect carefully on whether or not we have made Jesus Christ king in our hearts, or whether we regard him as a president. The difference isn't just one of titles, it's one of roles. Subjects do not demand anything of a king. They beseech. They entreat. They submit, and they accept.

Do we demand of Christ, or do we beseech? Do we tolerate God's edicts with grumbling, or do we embrace His word as the means of our reconciliation with Him?

The "good thief" treated Christ as a king. His counterpart treated him as a president. And it's worth remembering that Jesus Christ is not the President of the Universe.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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Weekly Giving 11/16/25

Offertory	\$ 7,878
Other Donations	\$ 1,665
Restoring the Sacred	\$ 7,685
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 413
Catholic Ministry Appeal	\$ 547

Thank you for your generosity!



## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, November 23

Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses PC

### Monday, November 24

6:30 pm Life in the Spirit CYH

### Wednesday, November 26

No Adoration Today

### Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving Day, Parish Office Closed

### Friday, November 28

Office Closed

BT Social Group Coffee Meeting at Paradeco after the 8:00 am Mass

### Sunday, November 30

Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses PC

### Monday, December 1

6:30 pm Life in the Spirit CYH

### Tuesday, December 2

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting PC

### Wednesday, December 3

Adoration

5:30 pm Rosary CH

6:00 pm Eucharistic Exposition and Meditation CH

7:00 pm Benediction CH

### Thursday, December 4

5:00 pm Handbell Practice MR

6:30 pm Choir Practice MR

### Sunday, December 7

Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses PC

6:00 pm "We Await..." Advent Concert CH

Reception to follow in the Parish Center

## Key for Events

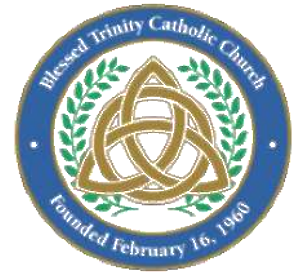
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## Mass Schedule

### Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday 8:00 am

### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 pm

### Sunday

8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am

Follow the Sunday Mass on our website, [btsp.org](http://btsp.org)

## Confessions

Saturdays 2:45-3:45 pm

## Parish Office

Monday—Friday

9:00 am-12:00 pm and 1-4 pm  
Closed for Lunch Noon to 1:00 pm

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