

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



If you brought your child to the restroom during the Liturgy of the Word, you might walk away with one of two interpretations of Jesus as King. The first and second readings are bold and

victorious. We see Christ coming on the clouds for the final judgment of heaven and earth. The Gospel sets a very different tone. Jesus is under arrest and facing death before Pontius Pilate. We know how this story will end. So if Christ is King, what does it mean? Is he a glorious conqueror or a suffering servant?

“My kingdom does not belong to this world.” Here is the heart of Jesus’ reign. He is a king — and his “subjects” are alive and well on earth — but, ultimately, Jesus’ kingdom transcends our earthly concepts of power. Jesus faced down the temptation of a solely earthly kingship. At the close of his 40 days in the desert, the devil offered him the kingdoms of the world. Jesus only had to sacrifice his heavenly values and worship Satan. The same temptations to distort the kingship of Christ are present to us today. Jesus’ invitation also endures. “Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” It is important for us to belong to the full truth of Christ’s kingdom.

First, our own hearts must be transformed. Our own rebellions in favor of selfishness and against holiness must be conquered by God’s grace. Second, we must work to transform the world as best we can in our own corner of it. Like Jesus shows us by his life and death, this doesn’t mean domination. It means service, sacrifice, respect, and love. Our lives must “testify to the truth” of Jesus Christ, who lays down his life for his people. That is the true beauty of Christ the King!



Today’s Homily

The celebration of the Christ the King invites us to place Christ at the centre of our lives and follow the example of Jesus the servant king in our attitudes and actions.

ST. JOSEPH’S CHURCH



Weekly Scripture Passage for Next Weekend

December 1st & December 2nd, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

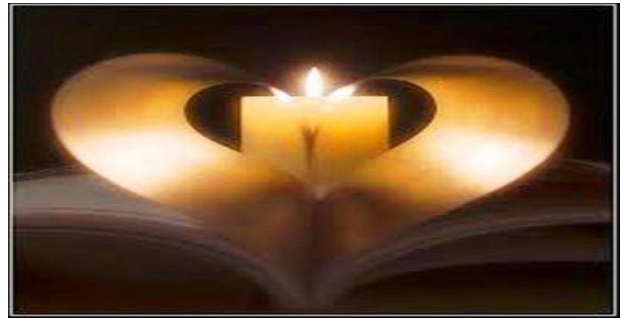
Jeremiah 33:14-16 (3C)

Psalms 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

*Scripture readings are held each **Wednesday after 8am Mass in the Rectory.** These readings help us to prepare for the upcoming Sunday’s Gospel.*



Prayers of the Faithful

*Judy C., Ron, Deanne MacDonald,
“Rosebud” Bouquet*



Calling all crafters and bakers, our Altar & Rosary Society is asking for donations of either baked goods or crafts to help us with our annual Christmas Bazaar on December 1st & 2nd. The proceeds from our bazaar go to purchasing our Parish altar flowers, linens and banners through the year. All donations are greatly appreciated. Tickets for the raffle of various items will be on sale in the Parish Hall next weekend before and after all the Masses.



Our Parish Family has lost many members the past few years. If you have lost someone important in your life, please join us in the Parish Library Sunday, December 2nd from 1 to 3pm to discuss life after loss. You can share your experience, strength and hope (or just listen if you prefer). We will have snacks and beverages.



We will be conducting our semi-annual church cleaning on Saturday, December 1st at 9:30 AM.



Looking for tasty, heavenly Holiday Gifts? Featured are Monk's Bread and other

products made at the Abbey of the Genesee. Proceeds will support the mission of the Abbey and the Charlotte House (a place of rest on life's journey). For a description of available products, prices, order blanks, dates, etc., please go to charoltehouse.org or call Doris at (585) 457-3315. Thank you for your support and have a Blessed Holiday Season.

Gift to God:

Collection Week Of: 11/18/2018

\$3452 Regular Collection,
\$705 Religious Education,
\$163 Human Development

Attendance Week Of: 11/18/2018

Saturday Mass 5pm ~ 45
Sunday Mass 8am ~ 72
Sunday Mass 10:30am ~91
Total = 208

**Counters for December 2nd – S & V
September-October**

YTD Collections \$26,490
YTD Budget \$26,827
YTD Variance (\$337)

November

Mass Schedule & Intentions for the Week

M – Memorial A – Anniversary L – Living

Monday, November 26th

8am Fr. Matt & the Wendzikowski Family

Tuesday, November 27th

8am Aloysuis Franczak
(Bill & Sandy Franczak)

Wednesday, November 28th

8am All Souls

Thursday, November 29th

8am Catherine Kasprzyk
(Mike & Lori Kasprzyk)

Friday, November 30th

8am Members of the Golden Treasury of Masses

Saturday, December 1st

5pm Richard Mondrala
(Larry & Sherrie Krzeminski)

Sunday, December 2nd

8am William Rutecki – **M**
(Mary Ruminski)
10:30am John Rickettson – **L**
(Joy Bucknam)

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 1st
5pm Walkowiak Boys
Sunday, December 2nd
8am Zywiczynski Children
10:30am Regina Izydorczak

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 1st
5pm N Kolacki, E & B Russell
Sunday, December 2nd
8am J Hilton & M Major
10:30am K Gray & P McBride

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 1st
5pm Norm Turner
Sunday, December 2nd
8am John Hilton
10:30am Terry Bennett

SACRISTAN SCHEDULE

Sat/Sun December 1st – December 2nd
•5pm K Shanahan • 8am L Ruminski • 10:30am K Macy