

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



November 20, 2016

The Church of Our Lady of Mercy

East Greenwich, RI



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**THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING
 NOVEMBER 20, 2016**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Vigil Mass of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 4:00PM Steven Simms—Memorial

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 9:00 AM Joan Montaquila—Memorial
 10:30AM Jennie Longo—10th Anniversary
 5:00PM Martin Towey—Memorial

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 7:30AM John Gardner, Jr.—Memorial

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr
 7:30AM Antoinette Mulcahy—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

*Weekday; St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr; St. Columban, Abbott;
 Blessed Miguel Augustin Pro, Priest & Martyr*
 7:30AM Edward V. Healey, Jr.—Birthday Remembrance

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24—THANKSGIVING DAY

9:00AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Weekday; St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Weekday; BVM
 8:30AM Special Intention
Mass of Anticipation for the First Sunday of Advent
 4:00PM Mary Gianardi—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

The First Sunday of Advent
 7:30 AM Theresa & Frank Heran—Memorial
 9:00 AM Alex Tagliatella—Memorial
 10:30AM Robert & Patricia Morris—Memorial
 5:00PM Deborah Anderson—2nd Anniversary





Dear Parishioners:

We celebrate this Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King. It was added to the Church Calendar by Pope Pius XI in 1925. He created this feast as a reaction against the prevailing attitudes of his day as a way to refute the growing threats of communism and secularism. These ideologies sought to make man, not God, the most powerful force in the world. Within a few years, of course, the world would have to also face totalitarianism and the rise of Nazism.

In our contemporary world those threats have been replaced by others that tend to marginalize God with increased secularism, growing materialism, and rising moral relativism. Today this feast still stands in defiance of our culture and also as a challenge to Catholics. This great feast of Christ the King asks each of us: *“Who and what really rules our lives?”*

Letting Christ the King rule our lives means that we need to have a strong desire to strive for holiness and a strong intention to do God’s will in all things. In everything that we are, and in everything that we do. Not only God’s will for our individual lives, but we are also to dedicate ourselves to carrying out Christ’s intentions for our world.

Are we bringing to the world, the truth and beauty of God’s Kingdom? We do this by making Jesus the King of our hearts and homes, the King of our families and our friendships. We do this through the way we choose to live, by sharing our Catholic faith and understanding the teachings of the Gospel and our Church. Let us ask for the grace to live our faith joyfully and lovingly each day.

With this Solemnity of

Christ the King we end the Liturgical Church Year. Next Sunday we begin the Season of Advent and a new Church Year. As we ponder this week how Christ rules our lives, Advent gives us an opportunity to pray, reflect and prepare ourselves.

The Church teaches that: *“Advent has a two-fold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.”*

Advent’s arrival means we begin to wear purple vestments instead of the green vestments worn for ordinary time. We spend the weeks before Christmas prayerfully preparing a place for Christ in our lives, our hearts and our homes. Christ the King reminds us not to be taken in by the crass commercialism, and swept up in unbridled materialism, that has become Christmas in our world today.

Pope Francis in his homily for the Jubilee of Mercy Mass last Sunday reminds us with his timely wisdom: *“Let us open our eyes to our neighbor, especially to our brothers and sisters who are forgotten and excluded, to the “Lazarus” at our door. That is where the Church’s magnifying glass is pointed. May the Lord free us from turning it towards ourselves. May he turn us away from the trappings that distract us, from interests and privileges, from attachment to power and glory, from being seduced by the spirit of the world.”*

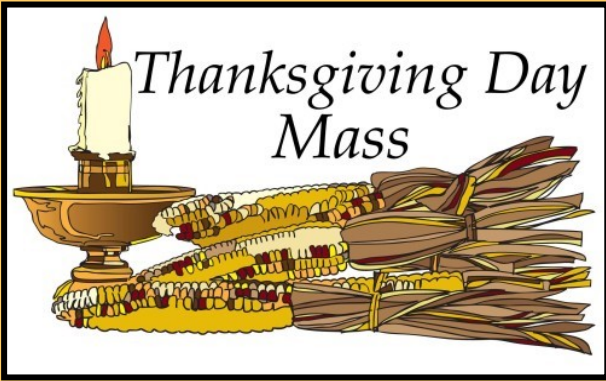
While we celebrate Christ the King today and anticipate the

Season of Advent next weekend, we also celebrate the great American Holiday of Thanksgiving. President Lincoln established that the final Thursday of each November should be observed nationally as a *“day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.”*

He was mindful of the fact that, even in the midst of the tragedy and bloodshed of the Civil War, God had still been generous in bestowing His blessings upon this country. In his proclamation, after recounting several of those blessings he wrote that: *“No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God.”*

Many in our nation are deeply upset with the results of the elections. Protests and riots across the nation are a cause for concern for all. Unity and peace, not rancor and division, should be what all people work for in our country. President Lincoln saw the nation spilt in two culturally and politically and witnessed the resulting Civil War. Yet he knew there was much about America to be proud of and also many things for which to give thanks to God. May we do so on Thanksgiving Day and truly give thanks to God for all the freedom, beauty and bounty we enjoy in the USA.

Join us for Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00am on Thursday, it’s a great way to start the day of thanks! Happy Thanksgiving! Safe Travels. Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Pats!



Thanksgiving Day Mass

**Thanksgiving Day Mass at
9:00AM**

Thursday, November 24, 2016

The Most Rev. Robert C. Evans
Auxiliary Bishop of Providence
Celebrant

*Blessing of Thanksgiving Bread
will be offered by Bishop Evans.*

*The Parish Office will close for the
Thanksgiving Day Holiday on Wednesday,
November 23rd at Noon. It reopens on Monday
November 28th at 8:00am. Please plan
accordingly.*



Weekly Collection

November 13, 2016

Weekly.....	\$13,193.50
EFT.....	\$3,093.00
	Total=\$16,286.50
Outreach.....	\$761.50
Annual (to date).....	\$69,166.00

If you have been away on vacation or visiting another parish, we kindly ask you to please make up your missed budget envelopes. We depend solely upon your weekly support to meet our weekly parish expenses.

Thank you for your generous support!

***Please remember Our Lady of Mercy
Church in your will or estate.***



SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Weekend: The Catholic Campaign
for Human Development



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners **Frank Ruggeri and Nicholas San Martino** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.

May they rest in peace.





Religious Education NEWS

● **All RE Classes meet this weekend:** Grades 1-5, 10:00am—11:00am; Grades 6-8, 6:00pm—7:00pm.

● **No RE Classes Next Weekend** on November 27th due to Thanksgiving.

A Happy Thanksgiving to all OLM RE students and families, teachers and aides! We give thanks for all you mean to our RE Program at OLM! Thanks!

*Mickey St. Jean & Doug Green
OLM Office of Religious Education*



● Thanksgiving Prayer Service, Tuesday, November 22nd at 1:30PM

● No School Wednesday, November 23 thru Friday, November 25th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

A Happy and Holy Thanksgiving to all OLM School students, families, staff and faculty!

We give thanks for our great school!

Principal Fuller

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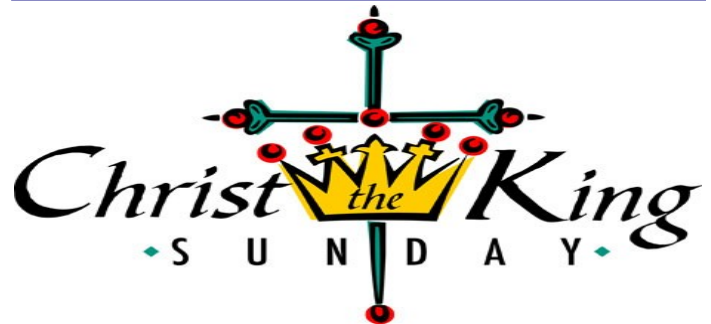
Outreach Update

● **The OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of non-perishable food items. Please deposit all donated food in the box in the Church vestibule.

Thank you for help with Thanksgiving Baskets!!

● **For more information**, contact OLM Outreach Director Doug Green at 884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



Prayer to Christ the King

O Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations. We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You, O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice and all good things. Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth. Guard us we pray Most Faithful One. Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgment. Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against you. Jesus, You are a King of Mercy. We have deserved Your Just Judgment. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. We trust in Your Great Mercy. O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before You and pray; May Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognized on earth. Amen.



Thanksgiving Day Blessing

Lord, we thank You for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation.

We thank You for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities.

We thank You for our work and our rest, for one another, for our families and for our homes. We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day. Bless our meal. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. R: Amen.

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Gloria



The Gloria or “Glory to God,” a hymn of praise to the Trinity, is part of the introductory rites on Sundays and special feasts except during Advent and Lent.

Though it has never been a part of the eucharistic liturgy in Eastern churches, it came to Rome from the Byzantine liturgy of the hours.

The Gloria made its first appearance in the Western church in the sixth century and only during Masses at which a bishop presided. This episcopal connection died out by the end of the eleventh century.

Because it is a hymn, the Gloria should be sung, but some congregations choose to recite it on ordinary Sundays and sing it during more festive times.



IN EXCELSIS DEO!

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