

“Are you the
King of the Jews?”

JOHN 18:33





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Mass Intentions
 for the Week
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**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
 NOVEMBER 21, 2021**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

The Mass of Anticipation for Christ the King
 4:00PM Michael & Robert Stokes—Memorial

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 7:30 AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial
 9:00AM Elena L. Bernstrom—1st Anniversary
 10:30AM Teresa & Frank Heran—Memorial
 5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr
 7:30AM Michael Murtagh—Memorial

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs
 7:30AM In Thanksgiving for Special Intention

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25-THANKSGIVING DAY

Thanksgiving
 9:00AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Weekday
 7:30AM John Gardner—Memorial

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Weekday; BVM
 8:30AM Lois Stetkiewics—Memorial
Mass of Anticipation for First Sunday of Advent
 4:00PM Teresa M. Romano—Memorial

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

First Sunday of Advent
 7:30 AM Teresa M. Romano—Memorial
 9:00AM Dr. Jeremiah O'Connell—22nd Anniversary
 10:30AM John T. Cole—3rd Anniversary
 5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy



**We must
 empty
 Purgatory
 with our
 prayers.
 -St. Padre Pio**



Dear Parishioners:

This weekend is the last Sunday of the liturgical year, as we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. This feast gives special recognition to the dominion Christ our Lord has over all aspects of our lives.

When Cardinal Ambrogio Achille Ratti was elected pope and took the name Pope Pius XI, much of the world was in shambles. The year was 1922, and while World War I had ended, widespread peace and tranquility were not evident. The war to end all wars had been especially devastating to the countries of Europe.

Governments were in economic chaos, unemployment was rampant, and people were starving to death in many places. The stability of the old social and political orders that had embraced royal houses and crowned heads of state was crumbling. Pessimism, a sense of helplessness compounded by hatred among the nations, was overwhelming. Fascism and communism were on the rise.

In their distress, people clung to anyone who offered them hope, offered some direction out of the chaos, and promised to put food on their tables. And so, they gravitated to the emerging dictators. As they did, they often sought to be self-sufficient and to exclude God from their everyday lives.

Many considered the basics of morality and the teachings of the Church to be out of date, no longer relevant in 20th-century society. Modern thinking allowed that, at most, Christ might be king in the individual's private life, but certainly not in the public world.

Some political regimes advocated the banishment of Jesus and religious faith altogether, not only from society, but also from the family. Moreover, as nations were being reborn and governments restructured, their foundations, policies, and laws were often fashioned without regard to Christian principles.

The new Pope Pius XI saw that people were denying Christ in favor of a lifestyle dominated by secularism, materialism, and false hope created by the new ideologies and leaders. He realized that he had to address the political and economic forces attacking the kingship of Jesus. As a start, he dedicated his reign as pope to "*The Peace of Christ in the Kingdom of Christ.*"

In 1925, to acknowledge the supremacy of Jesus Christ over all people and nations perpetually, Pope Pius XI issued the encyclical *Quas Primas (In the First)*. It added the feast of "Our Lord Jesus Christ King" to the annual Church liturgical calendar.

In 1969, St. Pope Paul VI, to emphasize Christ's universal reign, changed the name of the celebration to the feast of "*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of Universe.*" He also moved the Solemnity to the last Sunday of the liturgical year. This change emphasized the connection between Christ's Kingship and His second advent (coming) to judge the world even more strongly.

Today, peace still eludes us; social, political, and economic orders are in turmoil due to the pandemic, and nations continue to reject the light of the

Gospel. The problems of the early 20th Century seem to be alive and well in the early 21st Century.

The Archbishop of Los Angeles, José H. Gomez, recently gave an address in Spain entitled, "*Reflections on the Church and America's New Religions.*" I suggest reading it in its entirety as it offers an insightful reflection about the current state of our nation.

The Archbishop suggests that the new social movements that exist in the U.S., such as "social justice", "wokeness", "identity politics", or "successor ideology", are "*pseudo-religions, and even replacements and rivals to traditional Christian beliefs.*" He further suggests: "*Today's critical theories and ideologies are profoundly atheistic. They deny the soul, the spiritual, transcendent dimension of human nature; or they think that it is irrelevant to human happiness.*"

Archbishop Gomez suggests "*the world does not need a new secular religion to replace Christianity. It needs you and me to be better witnesses. Better Christians.*" We can be grateful, then, for the chance to celebrate each year the Solemnity of Christ the King — for the world needs now, more than ever, our witness to His rule over all things.

Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless. Go Pats!!!! Fr. Mahoney and I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 25
Mass at 9:00 AM



Join us in Giving Thanks to God
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Weekly Collection

November 14, 2021

Weekly.....	\$20,983.00
EFT.....	\$6,318.00
	Total=\$27,301.00
Outreach.....	\$2,749.00
Annual Collection (to date).....	\$116,790.00
Building & Grounds.....	\$2,072.00

November 15, 2020

Weekly.....	\$9,445.00
Annual 2020 Total.....	\$131,665.00



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

Second Collections

**This Week: The Catholic Campaign for
Human Development**

HAPPY
Thanksgiving
DAY



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.
1 CHRONICLES 16:34

Pray
For Our



Deceased

In your charity please pray for the happy
repose of the souls of the faithful departed
most especially **Michael F. Walsh** who has
died.

Happy Thanksgiving

TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS

*The Parish Office closes on
Wednesday, November 24 at
Noon and reopens on Monday,
November 29 at 8:00am*



The flowers at the Marian Shrine are
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Romano In your kindness and charity,
please pray for the gentle repose of her
soul.



Religious Education NEWS

RE Calendar of Events

• **Sunday, November 21 at 5:00PM:**

Mass & Class for Grade 8

• **Sunday, November 28:**

5:00PM Mass ONLY, No Class due to Thanksgiving

Sunday, December 5:

5:00PM Mass & Class, Grades 3,4,5,6 and 7

Sunday, December 12:

5:00PM Mass & Class, Confirmation 2022-Grade 8

Sunday, December 19:

5:00PM Mass & Class: First Communion and Grade 1

Both Parents & Students must attend Mass & Class.

GIVE *thanks*
This Thanksgiving



Outreach Update

• **OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of food items and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated **NON-EXPIRED AND non-perishable food items only and paper goods** in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House. **Please do not leave medical supplies.**
Thank you for your support!

• **OLM Bereavement Group:** Next Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, December 2 at 4:00PM in Mercy House.** All those who are grieving are invited to join with us.

• For information, please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or email at outreach@olmparish.org



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Calendar of Events

• **Tuesday, November 23:** Weekly School Mass at 8:15am

• **Wednesday, November 24—Friday, November 26:** No School due to Thanksgiving Holiday

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Christ the King



Now celebrated on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the solemnity of Christ the King was originally observed on the last Sunday of October.

Established by Pope Pius XI in 1925, it was one factor in the church's response to the political turmoil leading up to World War II.

This feast with its emphasis on Christ's second coming and final sovereignty over all creation is the perfect note on which to end one year and look forward to the next.



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