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"For this I was born and for
this I came into the world,
to testify to the truth.
Everyone who belongs to
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JOHN 18:37

His Life as Truth

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We are bombarded by many statements professing to be true. Advertisers seek our endorsement, political parties seek our allegiance, and friends seek our agreement. Each purports to offer truth. In the Gospel this week, Pilate asks Jesus whether he is a king. Jesus replies, "You say I am a king. For this...I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice" (John 18:37). What is Jesus' truth?

We tend to go through life taking stands on various issues: how to raise children, what kind of exercise is best, which political approach to endorse, and countless others. Once we decide, we often make that stance one of life's truths and proclaim all others

false. Jesus, on the other hand, offers his life as truth, much bigger than our petty truths. His truth stretches us beyond what we already are, more than life issues that change daily. His life's truth declares that meaning is found only by living for others, that loving someone can heal their pain, that wisdom is found in the struggle, that less is more. Jesus' ultimate truth is doing his Father's will. The fact that it is difficult or that we tend not to live it very well makes it no less the truth. ●

Reflect

***How does your life witness to the truth
Jesus' life reveals?***

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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King (B)

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Each year we set aside this Sunday to reflect upon this title that we have given to Jesus. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read a portion of the passion from the Gospel of John, which is also part of the Gospel reading proclaimed each year on Good Friday.

In John's Gospel, Pilate is shown in a more favorable light than in the other Gospels. In today's reading, we hear one of two dialogues between Jesus and Pilate that are reported in John's Gospel. Pilate questions Jesus about the charges brought against him. Caiaphas and the high priests have charged Jesus with a political crime, one that would require a punishment of death. Pilate distances himself from the Jewish leaders who accuse Jesus; he is not a Jew, and he seems to want little to do with this Jewish affair.

In his responses to Pilate's questions, Jesus distinguishes his kingdom from the political powers of this world. King and kingdom may be appropriate terms for Jesus' mission and promise, but only by analogy. Jesus is king, but not the kind of king we imagine or expect. He was certainly not the kind of king Pilate feared he might be.

Jesus refers to a kingdom that does not belong to this world. This has been mentioned earlier in John's Gospel. Recall that in his prayer during the Last Supper discourse (see [John 17:6-18](#)), Jesus prayed for his disciples who are in the world but do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world's salvation. In today's reading we see Jesus identify the final proof that his kingdom is not of this world: If his kingdom were of this world, then there would be people fighting to save him. Again, we hear echoes of John's theme—salvation is worked out through a cosmic battle. It is helpful to return to the first chapter of John's Gospel to understand the context for Jesus' words to Pilate. Jesus came into the world, but the world did not know him. In John's language, the world prefers darkness, and yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness.

Truth has been another important theme in John's Gospel. We see it emphasized in the conclusion of the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate. Those who know the truth will recognize Jesus as king and will know how to interpret this insight. Yet Jesus' kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries. Only those chosen, those who have the eyes of faith, are able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognize Jesus as king. Today's Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and Savior of all.

Mass Schedule & Intentions For the week of Nov 25, 2024

Mon.	Nov	25	7:00	AM	SJ	No Mass
Tues.	Nov	26	7:00	AM	SJ	No Mass
Wed.	Nov	27	5:30	PM	SA	No Mass
Thurs.	Nov	28	5:30	PM	SB	Happy Thanksgiving
Fri.	Nov	29	8:30	AM	SJ	No Mass
Sun.	Dec	01	8:00	AM	SJ	Charlene Walz †
Sun.	Dec	01	9:30	AM	SA	Jim & Margaret Eastburn†
Sun.	Dec	01	11:00	AM	SB	People of the Parish

Holy Day of Obligation Dec 9th Immaculate Conception



Donnie Welch Nov. 25th
Mark Phelps Nov 27th
Carrie Schacher Nov 30th
Karson Welch Nov 30th
Bobbi Opela Dec. 1st

Ministry Schedule

Date: Dec 1	<i>St. Agnes</i>	<i>St. Boniface</i>	<i>St. John's</i>
<i>Time</i>	<u>Sunday 9:30 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 11:00 AM</u>	<u>Sunday 8:00 AM</u>
<i>Hospitality</i>	Ann G.	Chancy & Roni B.	Todd & Lyndi W.
<i>Lector</i>	Ann G.	Rod B.	Toby K.
<i>Server</i>		Quinton B. & Dylan P.	Leo W. & Gregory W.
<i>EMHC</i>	Evan B. & Gary M.	Rod B. & John R.	Rex & Kristie W.
<i>Communion to shut ins or Music</i>		Mike P.	Music: Jenny & Cayson J.

St. Agnes
Our Gifts to God & Church
Nov 17, 2024
Total Collection:
\$768.90
Diocesan Appeal
Dollar Goal = \$2310 of \$4014
Donor Goal: 5 of 16
 Thrift Store
 Open Nov 15th from 9AM to 4PM
-No CCD Class Nov 27

St. Boniface
Our Gifts to God & Church
Nov 17, 2024
Total Collection:
\$815.00
Diocesan Appeal
Dollar Goal = \$3620 of \$7306
Donor Goal: 10 of 19
-No CCD Class Nov 27
 Congratulations to
Isia Ann Brunner

St. John's
Our Gifts to God & Church
Nov 17, 2024
Total Collection:
\$446.25
Diocesan Appeal
Dollar Goal = \$3850 of \$5001
Donor Goal: 6 of 17
-No CCD Class Nov 27
Supper:

(Daughter of Jesse & Lauren Brunner)
 who was baptized at St Boniface!

Please sign up at the back of church for church ministries.
 Sign up to start or continue a ministry

Join us for the 20th Annual
Josh Brestel
Birthday
Toy Drive
 Please bring a new and unwrapped toy for a boy or girl, ages newborn to 18 years. Gift cards are also a great idea. Donations can be mailed to 2933 North 43rd St Lincoln NE 68504.
 All donations will be delivered to Children's and St Elizabeth Hospitals on Dec 13 Josh's Birthday.
 If you would like toys delivered please give them to Joyce, Rod or Janel Brestel by Wednesday Dec 4th.

UPCOMING:
All Churches Thanksgiving Service Nov 26th at St Boniface in Callaway at 6:00 PM everyone is welcome.
 St. Boniface CCW will meet on Monday, December 2nd at 5:00. We will be electing new officers. All women are encouraged to join us!
 RCIA Tues Nov 26th after Community Prayer Service
 Topic: Divine Revelation.

Council of Catholic Women Baby Drive
 IN HONOR OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
 Please help us collect items for the Women's Resource Center by placing your items in the play pen in the Church Hall by December 8th.
 Item Suggestions:
 Newborn & 0-3 month clothes Baby Hygiene Items
 Adult Hygiene Items Baby Bottles Baby Socks
 Baby Bath Towels Pacifiers Brush and comb sets
 Diapers sizes 4, 5, 6 Pullups

Dear Padre,

When receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, I feel the need to respond, "Thank you, Jesus. Amen." Is this OK or should I just stick to "Amen"?

"Amen" is an appropriate response, in and of itself. An emphatic, heartfelt "Amen" is an affirmation of faith meant to capture our feelings of profound gratitude and awe in the presence of God. It's also a statement of belief, roughly translated as "truly," "most assuredly," or "so be it" to what has been said.

For example, when we conclude the Creed with "Amen," it repeats and confirms the first words "I believe." "To believe is to say 'Amen' to God's words, promises and commandments; to entrust oneself completely to him who is the 'Amen' of infinite love and perfect faithfulness" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1064). "Jesus Christ is...the definitive 'Amen' of the Father's love for us. He takes up and completes our 'Amen' to the Father.... That is why we utter the Amen through him, to the glory of God" (CCC 1065).

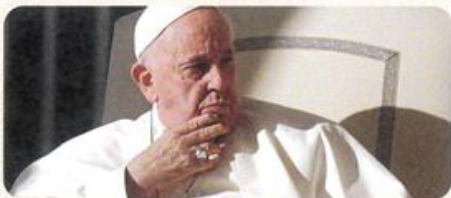
Sharing in the one bread and the one cup is a time of unity with God and with God's people. Each individual communicant's "Amen" is also meant to be an expression of our unity together in receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. Responding with something other than "Amen" may serve to disrupt that unity and draw attention to yourself. So, yes, stick with a sincere, mindful "Amen!" •

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The best proof that Christ is our king is detachment from what pollutes life, makes it ambiguous, opaque, sad.... When we live under the lordship of Jesus, we do not become corrupt, we do not become false, inclined to cover up the truth. We do not live double lives. Remember this well: all of us are sinners, yes; corrupt, never.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 21, 2021

Monday

November 25

Weekday

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5

Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

November 26

Weekday

Rv 14:14-19

Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

November 27

Weekday

Rv 15:1-4

Lk 21:12-19

Thursday

November 28

Weekday

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23;

19:1-3, 9a

Lk 21:20-28

Thanksgiving Day
(US)

Sir 50:22-24

1 Cor 1:3-9

Lk 17:11-19

Friday

November 29

Weekday

Rv 20:1-4, 11-

21:2

Lk 21:29-33

Saturday

November 30

St. Andrew,

Apostle

Rom 10:9-18

Mt 4:18-22

Sunday

December 1

First Sunday

of Advent

Jer 33:14-16

1 Thes 3:12-4:2

Lk 21:25-28,

34-36