

**THE SOLEMNITY OF
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
NOVEMBER 22, 2020**

“I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink.”
~Matthew 25:35



THE SHEPHERD KING

The job of shepherd and the job of king couldn't be more different from each other. Shepherds are on the lowest rung of society, kings are at the top. But God says, through the prophet Ezekiel, that the Messiah will lead in a way very different from earthly authorities who lord it over their people and cause harm with their poor leadership.

Our King takes on the job himself. Christ, like a shepherd, will give rest, seek out the lost, bring back the strayed and scattered ones. He will heal the wounded and bind up the injured. He does not delegate, but will “shepherd them rightly.” We have a king who cares for us and who is not afraid to “judge between one sheep and another” (Ezekiel 34:17) Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will rescue my scattered sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17).

Psalms — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28).

GOSPEL — Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me (Matthew 25:31-46).

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Dear Church Family,
Please inform Fr. Leonard when loved one has become homebound, or has been hospitalized.
Call 816-471-3696, or email:
leombuthia@yahoo.com

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| Inell Hunter | Home |
| Martha Melton | Addington House Ctr |
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Must wear mask at all times
- to attend

9:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. THURSDAY

**THANKSGIVING
DAY**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-5-6; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28

Thanksgiving Day (suggested):
Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL
OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

Monday: Thirty-fourth or Last Week
in Ordinary Time;
St. Clement I; St. Columban;
Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro

Tuesday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc
and Companions

Wednesday: St. Catherine of Alexandria

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

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**NEXT WEEK'S MASS
SCHEDULE**

8:00 a.m. (Live)
10:00 a.m. (Live & Recorded)

WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. MASS (Live)
6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

**BLESSED MIGUEL AGUSTÍN
PRO (1891-1927)**

November 23

Graham Greene’s classic *The Power and the Glory* immortalized Mexico’s persecuted Church of the 1920s. But photographs of Father Pro—arms outstretched to image Christ Crucified, kneeling in prayer before the firing squad, crumpled dead on the ground—vividly, visually remind us that not long ago, not far away, the faith we take for granted cost everything! Born to a mining family, Miguel became a Jesuit and was sent to study Catholic labor movements in Belgium in preparation for evangelizing Mexico’s workers. But he returned to find a Mexico determined to annihilate Catholicism, and, like priests before him during Roman persecutions, England’s Reformation, and in China today, ministered secretly to an “underground Church” until apprehended and sentenced to the firing squad. In his final moments, Father Pro blessed his executioners, forgave his enemies, and shouted: “Viva el Cristo Rey!—Long Live Christ the King!”—his defiant, dying proclamation of ultimate, transcendent loyalty. Father Pro’s martyrdom reinvigorated that beleaguered Church, whose countless faithful, never again afraid, would throng John Paul II when he visited Pro’s beloved Mexico fifty-two years later.

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**REMEMBERING
OUR LOVED – ONES**

During the month of November, we will pray for the faithful departed. Those who have preceded us in death. We will in a particular way, pray for our family members and friends during the month.

There will be a box in the gathering space, where you can place the names of your loved ones, and we will mention them by name during one of our Sunday Masses in November.



**.CHRISTMAS
SHINING STAR**

Catholic Charities KCSJ is recruiting angels to adopt children participating in our Christmas Shining Star project.

Or more information or to select a child and share the magic of Christmas, contact :Linda Hopkins, Volunteer. Coordinator at lhopkins@ccharities.com or 816-659-8205.



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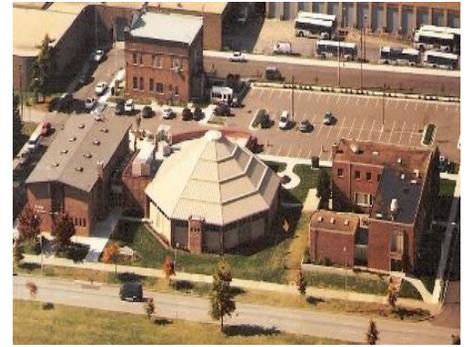


Thanksgiving

One act of thanksgiving, when things go wrong with us, is worth a thousand thanks when things are agreeable to our inclinations.

~Saint Joh of Avila

**THANK YOU, MUCHAS
GRACIAS, MERCI, ASANTE
SANA!**



The Stewardship Committee extends a heartfelt thank you to all the St. Monica parishioners for the success of our 110 Anniversary Celebration and Virtual Silent Auction. The Committee worked with precision as a team, under the capable leadership of Mrs. Shirley Thaw, with expert guidance on the auction from Mrs. Angela Curry. Kim Urenda’s technical assistance, and Dwight’s performance as the announcer contributed to raising a total amount that exceeded our goal! Our success would not have been possible without your support. You donated and bid on many of the 56 available items. During the process, we added St. Monica Twitter and Instagram accounts to expand our reach on social media. We expect the addition will attract new members as the downtown and 18th and Vine areas expand housing opportunities near the church. Thank you again and look forward to future events to work on together as our parish moves “**Forward in Faith.**”

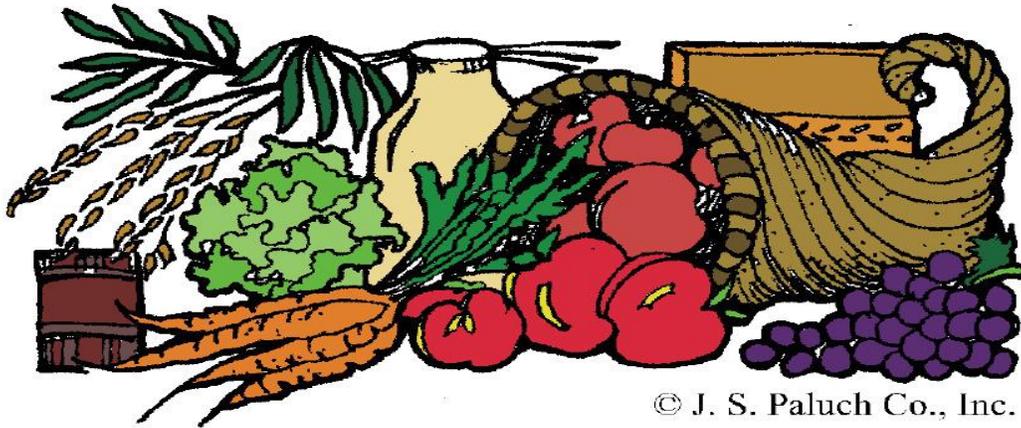
Our goal is, to raise **\$150,000** by October 2020. So far, we have received **\$47,411.20**, and **\$102,588.50** still to go.

The goal is huge, but God is faithful.
God bless you all,

START WITH GRATITUDE

Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.

~ Henry Van Dyke



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Dear Friends and family,

This coming Thursday we will be celebrating Thanksgiving Day. For many of us it will be a Thanksgiving holiday like no other. Maybe we had planned to have family and friends come over for a great meal and company, but that plan has probably changed in the last few weeks. Some of you may have planned to travel and join your families somewhere else in the country but that will probably not be the case. We are all concerned and worried every time we turn on our TVs and all we hear are new elevated numbers of victims of Corona virus especially within our city. Some of you are probably concerned and taking care of a loved one who is battling with Covid-19 virus. With all this looming in our hearts and our minds we wonder, is it even meaningful to celebrate Thanksgiving this year?

No matter the challenges we may have gone through; no matter the pain we have endured in our lives or even in our families. We do have a cause to give thanks. It may not have been a year we would like even to remember... but God has been on our side. So take charge in your Thanksgiving gatherings this year, lead your family in turning to God, to thank Him for his loving deeds and glorious acts. We may not have everything we would like to have but, *“give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever!”* (Psalms 107:1)

In the midst of the American Civil War, Lincoln noted that despite war, the American people had much to give thanks for, and he credited the blessings of our country to nothing else but God’s grace. He wrote, *“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, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.”*

In thanksgiving this year I am grateful for our parish family as we celebrate a 110th anniversary since it’s founding. No doubt our Lord has been good to us. I thank God for the great support you have given to our parish especially during this troubling year through your time, talent and treasures. This is evident with the just concluded parish auction which we were able to raise over 6 thousand dollars. May our Lord bless your generosity and love.

Wishing you a Blessed Thanksgiving Holiday!!!

Fr. Leonard

