

NOVEMBER 20, 2022
THE SOLEMNITY OF
CHRIST THE KING

Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

Jesus the King becomes one with us to make us one with God.

Jesus' darkest hour became the hour of his great triumph. As Catholics, we celebrate the triumph of the cross, not the tragedy. As we honor Jesus' kingship on this last Sunday before Advent begins, we are contemplating his only throne – that same cross.

In the First Reading, Samuel describes how all the tribes of Israel went to David in Hebron and said they were his bone and his flesh and it was he who led them back to Israel. The Lord told David he would be a shepherd to His people. David made an agreement with the elders and was anointed king.

In the Second Reading, St. Paul explains to the Colossians that God has made them fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light and that through the son we have redemption and forgiveness of sin. He describes Jesus as the image of the invisible God, the head of the church and in Him all things hold together.

In the Gospel, Jesus is mocked by the crowd as he hung on the cross. Above him was an inscription that read "This is the king of the Jews." One of the men being crucified with Jesus tells Him to save them and Himself, while the other asks that he be remembered when Jesus is in his kingdom. Jesus said in reply, "Amen I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

Down through our history, thousands and millions of subjects have died for their kings. This was their duty when the needs or the defense of their countries demanded such sacrifices. They neither expected nor received much praise for it. But we Christians are serving Christ Our King who out of unconditional love for us accepted most cruel passion and death on the cross and saved us and won for us His Heavenly and Eternal Kingdom.

When Pope Pius XI instituted the Feast of Christ the King in 1925, he declared that "Jesus is the Universal King...! The rule of Christ the King will never end, every people, tribe, and nation will serve Him forever. It is the will of Almighty God to unite the entire Universe under His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, as King of heaven and earth".

Today let us sincerely renew our loyalty and obedience to Christ Our King and pray for the grace so that we remain always his loving, faithful and grateful subjects.



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OFFICE HOURS	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (MON, WED, THU, FRI)
WEEKDAY MASSES	9:00 AM (MON, WED, FRI)
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM
SUNDAY MASSES	8:00 AM 10:00 AM
HOLY DAY MASSES	9:00 AM 7:00 PM
CONFESSIONS	4:00-4:30 PM, SATURDAY OR BY APPOINTMENT

ST. PAUL'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday	November 19
5:00 PM	Mass: Arthur Robillard (RIP)
Sunday	November 20
8:00 AM	Mass:
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: Deceased Members of the Parish
Monday	November 21
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Grandchildren of Mary O'Reilly
Wednesday	November 23
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Cleo Wahtera (RIP)
Thursday	November 24 Happy Thanksgiving
8:00 AM	Mass: Souls of those whose names are written in the Memorial Book
Friday	November 25
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory
NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS	
5:00 PM	Open for your Intentions
8:00 AM	Mass: Vincenza "Jennie" Petrucci (RIP)
10:00 AM	Mass: Cheryl Verchot (RIP)

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING
A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST

Mass: Deceased Family & Friends Sunday, Nov. 20, at 10 AM

Cleo Wahtera
David Bush
Peter J. Rocchio
Ryan Bishop
Thomas Santagata
Agnes R. Grimes
Michael A. Trofi
Eleanor Bentley
Rita Woidyla
Charlie Donovan
Lillian O'Connell
Albert Varatta
Benjamin Thurston
Theresa Jensen
Mary Joseph
Patricia Monroe
Joan Andrews
Mary H. Fallon
Kevin Kraszeski
Robert Kilbane
Miriam Chavira
Richard Cooley
Cheryl Verchot
Theresa Lemire

Norma & Joseph Gannon
Robert Surprenant

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, Nov 24, Thanksgiving
Mass will be celebrated at 8am.

Many Thanks!

Thank you so much for the food donations for the Thanksgiving baskets. Your generosity is appreciated.

Thanksgiving Shopping Cards

We would also like to help some of our parish families this Thanksgiving Season, if anyone would like to contribute a gift card from Stop & Shop or Big Y, that would be appreciated.

K of C Winter Coat Drive

The Knights of Columbus are organizing this year's annual coat collection. Please donate clean coats in good condition. There is a drop off box in the entrance of the church.

Christmas Gift Tags

The Department of Human Services has left Christmas gift "tags" to assist families in town who could use help with Christmas gifts for their children. Please return UNWRAPPED gifts to the church by December 5. Gift bags/ wrapping gladly accepted.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

St. Paul's Knights of Columbus Council 95 is sponsoring the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest which is open to all children in our parish & relatives of our parish.

Winners will be judged in three age categories: 5-7, 8-10, 11-14
\$50 First Place prize awarded in each age group.

Submission deadline, Sunday Dec 11.

Application forms and full contest details can be found in the Narthex

Christmas Bazaar: December 3/4

If you make any of the following, we'd love your help:

Jams & Jellies, Hand Made Items
Baked Goods for Bake Sale Table
'NEW' Items for Penny Social

Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, and Mass will be celebrated at 9AM and 7PM

Bags of Hope

Please welcome Maura Babbitt from St. Eugene's Church in Chepachet. Bags of Hope provides monogrammed duffle bags filled with age appropriate comfort items to children in foster care. Please make checks payable to **His Providence Church**.

Pampered Chef Fundraiser

Let's cook up some funds for St. Paul's. Orders placed by Dec 10th a % of sales will benefit St. Paul's Church

<https://www.pamperedchef.com/go/brendaknox1114>

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

This weekend, Nov 19/20, the second collection will be in support of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

The Holy Eucharist Our All Our Refreshment

The malignant and violent fever which tortures the soul and draws us to evil is concupiscence. This passion is manifold; different persons burn with different kinds of fever. "Our fevers," says **St. Ambrose**, "are ambition, envy, anger and lust." The Holy Eucharist, however, is like a stream of water which quenches the fire that consumes us. Let the man who is infected with a passion frequently and devoutly receive Holy Communion, and he will soon find that the fire of his inordinate desires is being extinguished.

Our Physician

In this vale of tears our life is a continual warfare. We battle against the enemies of our salvation: the world with its doctrine and example, our own corrupted nature, and the archfiend of human souls, who, the **Prince of the Apostles** says, "as a roaring lion, goeth about seeking whom he may devour." (1 Peter 5:8). We receive many a wound in this conflict as often as we succumb to temptation. Great is our need of a physician, and our **Physician is Jesus** in the Blessed Sacrament.

During Our Lord's earthly life, "He went about doing good, and healing ..." (Acts 10:38). These works of love He still performs in our souls through the Holy Eucharist.

Through the reception of this most holy Sacrament our souls are healed from the wounds of venial sin and those minor trespasses of God's law of which we make ourselves guilty every day. Through this union with Jesus, we became more **ardent** in our devotion, the fire of our love receives new fuel and bursts forth into flame, the spirit of penance is revived in our hearts and we perform acts of expiation which destroy venial sin.

Our Peace Offering

If, perchance, we have not only defiled our soul by venial sin, but have also burdened it with grievous offences against our God, it is again Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament who comes to our assistance, for He is our propitiation. Jesus has instituted this august Sacrament for the purpose of making an oblation of reparation to His Heavenly Father for the sins of mankind and to stay the avenging arm of **Divine Justice**. This Sacrifice places before the eyes of the Most High the voluntary and bitter Passion and death of His beloved Son; therefore, it has the power of appeasing His just wrath, which has been incited against us by our manifold sins.

~ Fr. Lukas Etlin, O.S.B.

GIFTS RECEIVED

Offertory Collection – Nov 12/13
\$2,818.00

Monthly 2nd Collection – Nov 12/13
\$2,615.00

Thank you for your support!