

November 25, 2018

Christ The King of the Universe

First Reading. Dn. 7:13-14

Second Reading. Rv. 1:5-8

Gospel. Jn. 18:33b-37

Friday: St. Andrew, Apostle

Saint Andrew was the first disciple of Jesus. He was the younger brother of Saint Peter and was born in Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee. The brothers were fishermen by trade. Jesus called them to be his disciples by saying that he would make them “fishers of men.”

The Gospel of John teaches us much about St. Andrew who was originally a disciple of St. John the Baptist. When John pointed to Jesus and said, “Behold the Lamb of God!” Andrew understood that Jesus was greater and immediately left John to follow Jesus. He visited in Jesus’ home and later brought his brother Simon Peter, who Jesus also called to be an apostle. It is believed that Saint Andrew and Saint Peter continued their trade as fishermen until Christ called them to a closer relationship, and they left all things to follow Jesus.

After Christ's crucifixion and resurrection, St. Andrew the Apostle preached the gospel in Asia Minor and in Scythia as far as Kiev. Not much is mentioned in the Book of Acts regarding the life of Saint Andrew. Saint Andrew was martyred by crucifixion at Patras in Achaia, in Greece. Because St. Andrew deemed himself unworthy to be crucified on the same type of cross on which Christ had been crucified, he asked to be tied to a *Crux decussata* or an X shaped cross. The Apostle Andrew did not die right away but instead he was left to suffer for two days while he continued to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ until he finally died.

Although little is mentioned in the Book of Acts regarding the life of St. Andrew, much can be learned through St. Andrew's life. He and Saint Peter gave up their lifelong careers and lifestyles, leaving everything behind, to follow Jesus. Their undying faith in a difficult world is an inspiration to all Christians. His relics consist of a small finger, the top of his cranium and pieces of the cross. These are kept in a shrine at the Church of St. Andrew in Patras. Saint Andrew is the Patron Saint of Scotland, Russia and Greece. Scots celebrate Saint Andrew's Day around the world on the 30th of November. The flag of Scotland is the Cross of St. Andrew.

Solemnity of Christ The King



This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This Feast was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925. Seeing the devastation caused by World War I, Pius established this Feast as a way to remind people that Christ is

Lord of both heaven and earth. Initially this Feast was celebrated on the last Sunday in October, but when the Roman Catholic Church revised its liturgical calendar in 1969 it was moved to the last Sunday of the liturgical year. (The new liturgical year always begins with the First Sunday of Advent.)

Our readings this Sunday have an **apocalyptic** tone. As I have said previously, apocalyptic writing is very stylized. It uses vivid imagery and dramatic language, as well as visionary and prophetic images to make its point. Apocalyptic language was used in times of trial or difficulty to assure people that **despite the suffering of the present moment, God was with them and ultimately would triumph.** Apocalyptic literature is not meant to be taken literally.

Our Gospel this Sunday is taken from the Gospel of John. It is the scene of Jesus before Pilate. Pilate asks Jesus: “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus reminds Pilate and us that “My kingdom does not belong to this world.” While ostensibly Pilate is in charge of this encounter, from John’s perspective (and ours) **Jesus is the one who is in control.**

Question for Reflection:

What are the hallmarks of one who tries to live as a member of the Kingdom of God?

Masses for the Week

November 24 – December 1, 2018

Saturday, November 24

6:00 p.m. (English)

People of the parish

Sunday, November 25

9:30 a.m. (English/Spanish)

+Philip DeSavia

11:00 a.m. (Italian)

+Vincenzo & Lina Bianco De Giglio

+Lea Valerio by Pia Petruzzelli

For the deceased members of Padre Pio society

For the deceased members of ICF Br 67

6:00 p.m. (English)

People of the parish

Monday, November 26

6:00 p.m. No Mass

Tuesday, November 27

6:00 p.m. +Willard Kearney

Wednesday, November 28

6:00 p.m. +Mariano Rafael

Thursday, November 29

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

Friday, November 30

6:00 p.m. +Ugo Cordisco by Tiziana & Cesuri Cordisco

+Domenica D'Agostaro by D'Agostaro Family

Saturday, December 1

6:00 p.m. People of the parish

Did you know we have **Vespers** at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday – Friday

Adoration: Thursdays 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

Last week's offerings

Offerte Della Settimana Scorsa

Last week's Offering: \$1,561.00

Campaign for human development special collection: \$442.00

****Offerta settimanale necessaria per far fronte alle spese ordinarie**

Weekly offering needed to meet basic expenses

- \$2,950.00-

Dates to remember

December 2, Costantinopoli and Padre Pio Christmas

Contact Joe Deligio (626) 261-9848 or

Maria Bruno (818) 241-4672

December 8, Italian women's club Christmas

December 9, Feast of Santa Lucia. Mass 11:00 am

Followed by procession, Dinner & Dancing

1:00 pm Contact Tiziana cordisco (323)

254-6538 or Mary Lou Jones (818) 632-

4437

December 16, St. Anthony & San Trifone

christmas following 11:00 am mass

December 31, New Years Eve Gala Fundraiser

Tickets are going fast. Call the parish office

for reservations. (323) 225-8119



SCALABRINI OUTREACH PROGRAM

Thank you!

On behalf of Fr. Louis and the St. Peter/San Conrado Scalabrini Outreach Program, **thank you** to all the hundreds of volunteers and donors who made Thanksgiving week **amazing!** Beginning the Friday before Thanksgiving through this past Saturday we prepared **7600 meals** for the most vulnerable among us.

Peace and blessings

Ongoing ways you can donate:

Food pantry: 2nd Friday of the month, 4:00 p.m.

Hygiene kit preparation: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 2:30 p.m.

Homeless outreach: 4th Saturday of the month.

8:00 a.m. Food preparation twice a month during the week.

Contact office for specific Friday preparation days.

Donations of Canned goods & monetary contributions welcome!

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES WILL BEGIN **WEDNESDAY JANUARY 16, 2019.**

St. Peter/San Conrado mission will offer a seven week Adult Confirmation preparation process during the Lenten Season.

The course is open to persons who have reached their 18th birthday, have been baptized in the Catholic church, and have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Interested parties must pre-register and provide a copy of your baptismal certificate.

Contact Fr. Louis Piran, c.s. to register. (323) 225-8119

Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Our Lady of Guadalupe 87th procession and mass

Sunday, December 9, 2018

10:30 am procession, corner of Cesar Chavez & Ford Blvd.

1:00pm mass, East Los Angeles College Stadium

1301 Avenida Cesar Chavez, Monterey Park, CA 91754

Presided by Archbishop Jose H. Gomez

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration



December 12, 2018 at San Conrado Mission
Traditional mananitas (morning songs): 5:00 am

Mass: 6:00 am

Breakfast after Mass