NOVEMBER 20, 2022 34TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - CHRIST IS KING



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THANK YOU! to everyone for your generous participation in this year's Operation Christmas Child. Your gifts will bring smiles and much needed ordinary items to less fortunate children in far-away places. 58 bulging boxes were loaded up this week for delivery to far away places in time for Christmas.

May you be richly blessed for your part in making a positive difference in the lives of others who are less fortunate.

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34th Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 20, 2022 The Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 5, 1-3

2nd Reading: Colossians 1, 12-20

Gospel: Luke 23, 35-43

Christ is King!

Happy Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe! This is the last Sunday of the Church year which means we focus on the final and glorious things to come! It also means that next Sunday is already the First Sunday of Advent.

When we say Jesus is a king, we mean a few things. First, He is our Shepherd. As our Shepherd He desires to lead us personally as a loving father would. He wants to enter our lives personally, intimately and carefully, never imposing Himself but always offering Himself as our guide. The difficulty with this is that it's very easy for us to reject this kind of kingship. As King, Jesus desires to lead every aspect of our lives and lead us in all things. He desires to become the absolute ruler and monarch of our souls. He wants us to come to Him for everything and to become dependent upon Him always. But He will not impose this sort of kingship upon us. We must accept it freely and without reservation. Jesus will only govern our lives if we freely surrender ourselves over. When that happens, though, His Kingdom begins to become established within us! And through us in the world.

But many do not recognize Him as King, so what about them? Should we "impose" God's law upon those who do not believe? The answer is both yes and no. First, there are some things we cannot impose. For example, we cannot force people to go to Mass each Sunday. This would hinder one's freedom to enter into this precious gift. We know Jesus requires it of us for the good of our souls, but it must still be embraced freely. However, there are some things that we must "impose" upon others. The protection of the unborn, poor and vulnerable must be "imposed." The freedom of conscience must be written into our laws. The freedom to practice our faith openly within any institution must be "imposed" also. And there are many other things we could list here. What's important to point out is that, at the end of all time, Jesus will be returning to Earth in all His glory and He will then establish His permanent and unending Kingdom. At that time, all people will see God as He is. Every knee will bend before the great King and all will know the truth. At that time, true justice will reign and every evil will be corrected. What a glorious day that will be!

Reflect, today, upon your own embrace of Christ as King. Does He truly govern your life in every way? Do you allow Him to have complete control over your life? When this is done freely and completely, the Kingdom of God is established in your life. Let Him reign so that you can be converted and, through you, others can come to know Him as Lord of all!

Most solemn Lord, You are the sovereign King of the Universe. You are the Lord of all. Come reign in my life and make my soul Your holy dwelling place. Lord, come transform our world and make it a place of true peace and justice. May Your Kingdom come! Jesus, I trust in You. (mycatholiclife.com)

CWL FOOD BANK DRIVE November 26, 2022 - December 18, 2022



MY LENTEN PRAYER

Loving Father,
As I journey with you during this time of Lent,
Bless me to come closer to you.
Open my heart to realize your abundant love for me,
As I strive to be a better version of myself.

Help me to develop the generosity of heart and mind to Spend more time with you in prayer,

To courageously let go of the things that I am overly attached to,

To be more charitable with my time and resources.

Bless me with courage when I am afraid, Strength when I am weak, Trust in your steadfast love when I fail.

Grant that my Lenten journey leads to
The inner transformation of my heart,
That I may humbly become a living example of
Your compassionate love in our hurting world.
In Jesus' name I pray,
Amen.

Advent Penitential - Reconciliation

Wednesday December 14, 2022 at 6:30 pm St. Maria Goretti Parish - Devon

CWL - You are invited to Join!

November is membership month for the Devon Catholic Women's League. All ladies are invited to join the council and help serve the parish and community. For more information please contact

Nicole Howrish.- Membership chairperson or , AnnaBelle McMillan - President.

2023 Missal

The new missals can be found at the church entrance. Cost is \$7 each

Our lady of Victory Smorg

Raised \$ 2,845

Thank you for your support

Sick? Shut-in?

Would you like to receive communion? Please call the office at 780-987-2858 to arrange communion, and/or to be put on our prayer list.

MASS INTENTIONS

When a priest celebrates Mass every day, he offers each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person or intention. By doing so, he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention.

To request a Mass intention, please visit or call the parish office.

Mass Intentions for the month of November 2022

Date		Intention
1	Tue	Repose of the Soul of Calista Brown
2	Wed	Repose of the Souls of Breau & Persson Families
3	Thu	Repose of the Soul of Irene Rosales
4	Fri	Jennifer Kumpf - Health & Healing
5	Sat	Repose of the soul of Jane Steel
6	Sun	Thanksgiving for the 70th Birthday of Margaret Logan
7	Mon	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Garth Harper
8	Tue	Savoie Family - Living & Deceased
9	Wed	Repose of the Soul of Shawna Persson
10	Thu	Repose of the Soul of Theresa Savoie
11	Fri	Thanksgiving for the 70th Birthday of Margaret Logan
12	Sat	Repose of the Soul Bernard McIvor - 2 yr Anniversary
13	Sun	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Donna Hill
14	Mon	Repose of the Soul of IRYNA ILNYTSKA Sr.
15	Tue	Repose of the Soul of Nicholas Canton
16	Wed	Repose of the Soul of Joseph Breau
17	Thu	Savoie Family Living & Deceased
18	Fri	Schumacher Family - Living & Deceased
19	Sat	Repose of the Soul of Maximo Lazaro Sr.
20	Sun	Thanksgiving for 90th Birthday of Clifford Heltman
22	Tue	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Sean Forchuk
23	Wed	Thanksgiving for the 16th Birthday of Mapy Barba
24	Thu	Thanksgiving for the birthday od Elijah Gerbrandt
25	Fri	Thanksgiving for the 70th Birthday of Margaret Logan
26	Sat	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Amor & Eva Lazaro
27	Sun	For Health and Well-Being of Zimrose Family
29	Tue	Blanchette Family - Living & Decaesed
30	Wed	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Christine Hachey