

Christ the King

November 23, 2025

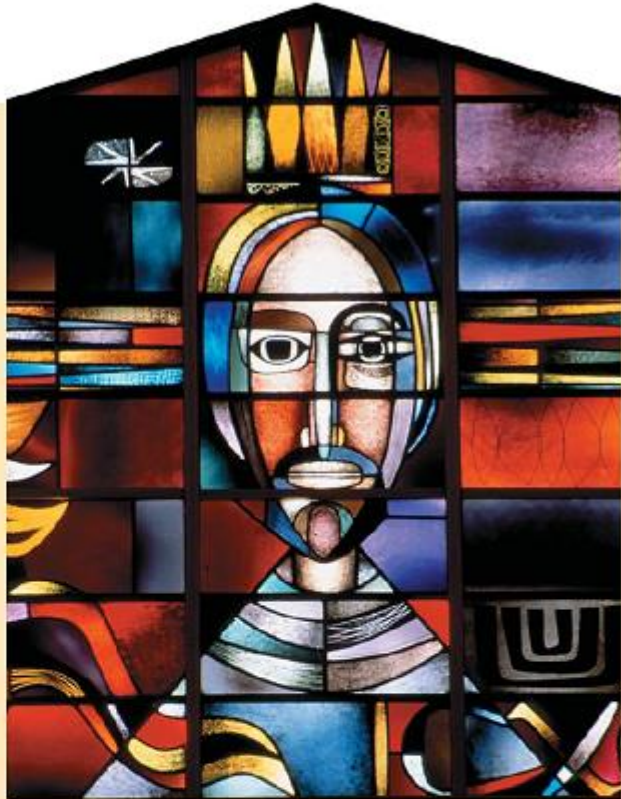
Readings: 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

I remember a conversation with my youngest son when he was in middle school. These are hard years for many children, and he was going through an especially tough time. I was trying to inspire him to rise above some harsh teasing, delivering what I'm sure was a tedious lecture about the great men he was studying in school: Martin Luther King, Jr., Mohandas Gandhi, and Archbishop Oscar Romero. He put up with me for a while and then finally replied in an exasperated tone, "But Mom, those guys were all killed!"

Once again, my son had rendered me speechless.

What do we want for our children? Do we want them to follow Jesus or do we want them to be safe? It is our faith that God will provide for those who are disciples of Jesus and that, even if harm should come to us in this world, we will be brought safely to paradise. But don't we want our children safe here and now? And not only safe, but successful, prosperous, admired, happy, and a reflection of their fine upbringing; a feather in our parental cap.

Mary's son was a failure in the eyes of the world. Her son was sentenced to a most dishonorable death between two dishonorable criminals. She was a widow and denied the comfort and protection of her only son. She believed in him certainly, just as we believe in our children, but there is no evidence that she possessed some secret knowledge of how things would turn out in the end. She didn't know any more than we know by faith—that God will provide for us.



MEDITATION

Most of us are not openly persecuted for our faith and so the battle lines are not so cleanly drawn. But if we look at our society through the lens of the teachings of Jesus, aren't there some choices we have to make? Choices between worldly success and discipleship; between comfort and service; between security and faithfulness?

I can hear my son's voice, "But Mom, those guys were all killed!"

Yes, they were, son. Yes, they were.

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Notre Dame Parish

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Office Hours

Tuesday – Friday – 9:00am – 12:00pm

Mass Times

Weekdays: 11:00 AM (Tuesdays – Fridays)

Saturday: 7:30 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM

Reconciliation

Saturday: 6:30 – 7:00 pm or by appointment

Pastor

Fr. Venerando Sabacan

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Baptism of children: Contact the Parish Office (even prior to the birth of your child) about the process for Baptism for parents & godparents.

Marriage: Couples wishing to be married in the Catholic Church should contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to their wedding date.

OCIA: Any persons wishing to join the Catholic faith please contact the Parish Office.

*'Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.'
'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'*

-Luke 22:35-43

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, Nov 25 – Sunday, Nov 30

Tuesday	11:00am Mass <i>Gordon Brittain +</i>
Wednesday	11:00am Mass <i>Zacchaeus Cabigas +</i>
Thursday	11:00am Mass <i>Renard Salamanca</i>
Friday	11:00am School Mass <i>Walter Kulachkosky +</i>
Saturday	7:30pm Mass <i>Sean McGarry +</i>
Sunday	10:00am Mass <i>For all Notre Dame Parishioners</i>



Please pray for all the sick and suffering especially:
 Fran Papp, Cheryl Shuman, Carol Dufour, Clarrisa Aragon, Kevin Moeller, Mark Stanistreet, Braeden Norman, Renard Salamanca, Bunny Figura, Rowell Manalang, Judi Hammond, Irene Franke, Lynn Johnson

Contact the parish office if you would like to add your name or the name of your loved one to the list.



2025/26 Budget
 Weekly Collection Needed to cover expenses
\$3,943.00

Envelopes: **\$3,382.50** Loose: **\$560.**
 Total Collection: **\$3,942.50**



Designated Jubilees at Notre Dame Parish

Nov 22-23 Jubilee of Choirs



**Diocesan Annual Appeal
2025-2026**

The goal for Notre Dame Parish this year is: **\$25,921.**

Monies donated to date:
\$18,495.

Thank you to those who have pledged already.

Camp Emile Society AGM

Camp Emile AGM will be **November 29th** at 11:00am in St Benedict Room at Church of the Resurrection, 9504-100 Avenue, Fort St John. All are welcome.

Email campemileinfo@gmail.com to discuss becoming a Camp Emile Society volunteer member, or to be considered for the Camp Emile Society Board Member.



The Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets for a 2025 Ford Maverick Truck after Mass in the Lobby.
 Draw date: December 13.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY



O Lord our God, you alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations. We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You, O

Divine King, mercy, peace, justice and all good things. Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth, Amen.

**Please pray for our 1st Reconciliation/
1st Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA candidates.**

Chizalum Akude, Khayleb Cabilangan, Jellien De Los Santos, Mackenzie Flores, Charlie Gilbertson, Trevor Larosa, Maria Laygo, Nina Lua, Catriona Maming, Francesca Mangayao, Amity

Maniti, Benjamin Manson, Alvin Ogueli, James Orano, Aaliyah Placido, Ari Sallenbach, Sean Termulo, Jonathan Thomas, Yazmine Tuguigui, Glen Valonda

Lucas Alfonso, Marco Amano, Sophia Amano, Vince Amano, Ramon Arevalo, Kevin Banocnoc, Jett Bijl, Averie de Castro, Cholo De Leon, Jeien De Los Santos, Ryla De Rama, Kale Depositar, John Dumlao, Francis Escarez, Tenley Juell, Francine Justado, Dorothy Kurjata, Arianah Maming, Emery Martin, Emelia Morgan, Charlotte Nguyen, Joshua Solatorio, Justin Ty.



William Lane



**Season of Advent
Starts Next
Sunday, November
30**

**Advent has a
twofold nature: It
prepares us for
Christmas, when**

**we recall Christ's first coming among us,
and it also a time when we look forward to
his second coming at the end of the ages.
Advent is a season of joyful expectation.**

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS



1. The Catholic Women's League will be selling Grand in Your Hand tickets after mass on the weekends after mass. Tickets cost \$20 each. The prize of \$1000 will be drawn Sunday, December 21st after Mass

2. The Catholic Women's League would like to invite members and all ladies of the parish to our Christmas Luncheon at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, December 2 at Sam's Kitchen. We will order off the menu.

We are collecting unwrapped gifts for Mizpah Transition House. Please RSVP to Yvonne @ 250-784-5333 or the church office @ 250-782-3456 before November 28. Looking forward to seeing you there.

