

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church’s liturgical year. On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Each year we set aside this Sunday to reflect upon this title that we have given to Jesus. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read a portion of the passion from the Gospel of John, which is also part of the Gospel reading proclaimed each year on Good Friday.

In John’s Gospel, Pilate is shown in a more favorable light than in the other Gospels. In today’s reading, we hear one of two dialogues between Jesus and Pilate that are reported in John’s Gospel. Pilate questions Jesus about the charges brought against him. Caiaphas and the high priests have charged Jesus with a political crime, one that would require a punishment of death. Pilate distances himself from the Jewish leaders who accuse Jesus; he is not a Jew, and he seems to want little to do with this Jewish affair.

In his responses to Pilate’s questions, Jesus distinguishes his kingdom from the political powers of this world. King and kingdom may be appropriate terms for Jesus’ mission and promise, but only by analogy. Jesus is king, but not the kind of king we imagine or expect. He was certainly not the kind of king Pilate feared he might be.

Jesus refers to a kingdom that does not belong to this world. This has been mentioned earlier in John’s Gospel. Recall that in his prayer during the Last Supper discourse (see John 17:6-18), Jesus prayed for his disciples who are in the world but do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world’s salvation. In today’s reading, we see Jesus identify the final proof that his kingdom is not of this world: If his kingdom were of this world, then there would be people fighting to save him. Again we hear echoes of John’s theme—salvation is worked out through a cosmic battle. It is helpful to return to the first chapter of John’s Gospel to understand the context for Jesus’ words to Pilate. Jesus came into the world, but the world did not know him. In John’s language, the world prefers the darkness, and yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness.

Truth has been another important theme in John’s Gospel. We see it emphasized in the conclusion of the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate. Those who know the truth will recognize Jesus as king and will know how to interpret this insight. Yet Jesus’ kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries. Only those chosen, those who have the eyes of faith, are able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognize Jesus as king. Today’s Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and Savior of all. *www.loyolapress.com*

SYMBOLON MEETING: The next meeting is rescheduled for Thursday, November 28th at 7pm in the church. We look forward to seeing you there.

November 24th, 2024
Christ the King
World Day of Youth

Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



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Weekend Masses:
Weekday Mass:

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am.
Tuesday to Friday 10a.m.
Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

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First Friday of each month - 2 pm
***Note:** No mass at the church on this day.

Bible Study:
Holy Hour of Adoration:
Reconciliation:
Marriages:
Baptisms:
Family Connections:
St. Vincent de Paul:

To be determined at a later date.
Postponed until further notice.
By request.
Six months’ notice required. A year’s notice is recommended.
Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.
At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.
To assist those in need. Call 709-638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS on November 16 & 17	
Regular Sunday	1490.00
Loose Offering	149.10
Building Fund	25.00
Votive Candles	19.00
Mass Stipends	60.00
Sunday Missals & Living with Christ	43.00
Shepherds Fund	50.00

MASS INTENTIONS Nov. 26 - Dec. 1	
Nov. 26	The Late Joseph & Sylvia Hickey
Nov. 27	Special Intentions Mass
Nov. 28	The Late Leila Brake
Nov. 30	The Late Monica Gallant & Sharon Hayes Gallant
Dec. 1	The Late David J. McHugh

LITURGICAL MINISTERS	
November 30	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Donna Mitchell	Don Gallant
December 1	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Mike Leonard	Elizabeth Carew
Communion to the sick – Barbara Neville	

SACRED HEART BINGO:
Our next bingo is this Sunday, November 24th, at Sacred Heart Elementary School cafeteria. Doors open at 1:00. Bingo will start at 2:00. See you there!

ADVANCE NOTICE:
Penitential Service will be Wednesday, December 18th at 7pm at our church.

POOR BOX COLLECTION:
Will be held during the weekend masses of Nov. 30 - Dec. 1. SSVP members and friends will be on hand at the various entrances to accept donations. Thanks for your continued support.

BLESSINGS OF CHRISTMAS:
Father Lainey will be **blessing** Advent Wreaths and baby Jesus figurines on **December 1st** during mass. Please bring your items to be blessed.

THE R.C. SHEPHERDS’ FUND FOUNDATION OF WESTERN NL INC:
This is the weekend for the annual Shepherds’ Fund Collection. If you do not have a designated envelop in your package, please use the special envelope provided by your Parish or use a plain envelope clearly labeled “Shepherds’ Fund”. Donations are welcomed and accepted at any time if this weekend is not a convenient time for you. The Shepherds’ Fund Foundation expresses sincere thanks and appreciation for your kind support.

CHRISTMAS GIANT GIFT BASKET:
Correction: We will be using this money to go toward the purchase of new oil tanks for the church, as ours are about to expire.
Ticket Sales: For those of you who have tickets to sell personally please start collecting the monies now so that we have an idea of how many tickets remain unsold. We do not want to wait till Dec. 14th to find out we have unsold tickets. If you have some unsold please return to the office as soon as possible. **We have no more tickets to sell.**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The next meeting will be held Dec. 27th, 6:30pm at the Church.

IN LOVING MEMORY:
For: **David J. McHugh:**
- The Family of David J. McHugh

FISH FRY – KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:
The Knights of Columbus will be holding a fish fry – take out only – on **Saturday November 30th**. Pickup from 4-6:30pm at All Hallows Parish Basement. Tickets are \$20 each and available from any member of the Knights of Columbus or call 709-660-6316.

SSVP Christmas Hamper Registration:
Registration is at the Cathedral. MCP cards for each family member ARE REQUIRED to register.
There are only two days left to register: From 10am-Noon and 1-3pm for each date that follows: Wednesday, Nov. 27
Friday, November 29(**final Day to register**).

SAINT VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY:
Stocking Stuffers:
SSVP is still accepting stocking stuffers for their Christmas Hampers. A list of suggested gift donations/gift cards can be found at the back of the parish along with the collection box. It is tax deductible and can be a cash donation. If you wish to sponsor a hamper or help out contact the Society at 709-638-9010. We are sincerely appreciative and grateful for your ongoing generosity.

CHRISTMAS MASS:
December 24th, 2024,
4:30pm - Our Lady Star of the Sea
7:00pm – Sacred Heart Parish
December 25th, 2024:
11:00am – Sacred Heart Parish

ANNUAL ADVENT ECUMENICAL SERVICE:
This year's Annual Advent Ecumenical service is scheduled for Sunday, December 1 at 7 pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 25 Main St. All singers are welcome to join the choir. Final December 1 at 5:45 pm (led by Doreen Klassen). This will again be a fundraiser for the local food bank.

SACRED HEART LADIES GROUP:
As of November 18th, 2024 we now have a new chair person: Madonna English, co-chair Pat Jones, secretary Jane Coleman and treasurer Sherry Musseau.
We would like to thank the ladies who served on the previous executive.
The winner of this month’s bingo draw is Peggy Young.

Reflection: *The kingdom of Jesus*

Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world.”
Jesus does not rule as earthly kings rule.
He has no palace, no throne,
no crown, no army.
Yet we give him an allegiance and a loyalty, which we would not give to any other person or institution on earth.
Alone and unarmed he stood before Pilate.
Pilate, had thousands of soldiers to call upon.
Jesus had no soldier to call upon.
Yet Jesus was incomparably the greater of the two.
Jesus is the hope of the human race.
He rules, not by force, but by love.
Lord Jesus, may your kingdom come,
and may you remember me on that day.

Flor McCarthy, New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies – Year B, Dominican Publications, Dublin (Ireland), 1999, p.358