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ABOVE HIM THERE WAS
AN INSCRIPTION THAT READ,
“THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.”

LUKE 23:38

OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 20, 2022

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom," Lk. 23:42.

I always look forward to celebrating Christ the King on the last Sunday of the liturgical year and hearing our people cry, **Viva Cristo Rey**. One of my favorite hymns is *The King of Love my Shepherd Is*. The first verse is: The King of love my Shepherd is,/ Whose goodness fails me never;/ I nothing lack if I am his/ And he is mine forever. It is a lovely rendering of Psalm 23- *The Lord is my Shepherd*. I like picturing Christ as our Shepherd King of love.

Why is our beautiful King of love presented to us in today's gospel hanging on the Cross and being mocked as the King of the Jews, not even capable of saving himself? "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." On this Sunday, we contemplate Christ crucified and yet we are celebrating Him as King of the Universe. What is going on here? The thief crucified next to Christ knows what is going on when he says, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." The Crucified One has a kingdom. St. Paul speaks of this in his Letter to the Colossians: "Let us give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light. He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." Thrones, dominions, principalities, and powers were all created through Jesus and for Jesus. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Christ, the universal King, has made peace by the blood of his cross. We also believe, as we profess in our Creed, "He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead." From the earliest times, the prospect of the Judgement has influenced Christians in their daily living as a criterion by which to order their present life, as a summons to their conscience, and at the same time as hope in God's justice. Faith in Christ has never looked merely backwards or merely upwards, but always also forwards to the hour of justice that the Lord repeatedly proclaimed. This looking ahead has given Christianity its importance for the present moment. Christ the Lord will return as a glorious king, robed in majesty. "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne," Mt. 25:31. "And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" Lk. 18:7-8.

The idea of the Last Judgement is hardly conceivable to people who never think of God and are totally engrossed in this world. A world without God is a world without hope (cf. Eph. 2:12). Only God can create justice. And faith gives us the certainty that he does so. The image of the Last Judgement is an image of hope. But it is also an image that evokes responsibility. God is justice and creates justice. This is our consolation and our hope. And in his justice, there is also grace. This we know by turning our gaze to the crucified and risen Christ. Grace does not cancel out justice. It does not make wrong into right. It is not a sponge which wipes everything away, so that whatever someone has done on earth ends up being of equal value. If this were so, the idea of a Last Judgement would be meaningless.

Our most pressing duty as Christian is to insist on the Lordship of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. We must witness against the idols of the world. When Christ our King returns in glory, he will judge all things and order them toward their final end. We cannot serve Our King and Mammon (Matt. 6:24). And we cannot serve our King and Progress, Utility and Science. We must serve Christ Our King with our whole heart, mind, and soul. **Viva Cristo Rey.**

~Fr. Stephen F. Watson, O.C.D.

Grupo Guadalupano— Bilingüe

Meets every **MONDAY**
at 6pm at Capilla de
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Also, the Grupo Guadalupano is asking for help in raising funds for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration by buying raffle tickets. They are raffling off:

- (1) Our Lady of Guadalupe Banner
- (1) Horseshoe Cross
- (1) Gift Basket

Tickets are being sold after the Sunday Masses and at the 8:00am Capilla Sunday Mass. The drawing will be held Sunday, December 11th, winner need not to be present.

Give thanks

to the Lord, for
He is good; His love
endures forever.

Psalm 107:1



Thanksgiving Day Masses Thursday, November 24th 8:00 am & 10:00 am in the Church

The parish office will be closed
Thursday & Friday,
November 24th & 25th
in observance of Thanksgiving.

Misas del Día de Acción de Gracias Jueves, 24 de Noviembre 8:00 am y 10:00 am adentro de la Iglesia

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LEGION OF MARY

You are invited to the Legion of Mary Group that meets every Monday at Capilla de Guadalupe at 4:00pm. For more information call Martha Flores (520) 704-5047.

LEGION DE MARIA

Estás invitado a las juntas del Grupo Legión de María, todos los lunes en la Capilla de Guadalupe a las 4:00pm. Para más información llame a Martha Flores al (520) 704-5047.



WE HAVE GREAT NEWS! The Individual Tax Credit limits have increased!

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 19th

8:00am Alberto Escobar/R.I.P.

5:30pm Eydie Rivera/R.I.P.

Sunday, November 20th

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners

8:00am Ofelia Leon/R.I.P.

10:00am Ramona Bravo/R.I.P.

12:00pm Oscar & Mary Leon & Frank Leon/R.I.P.

6:00pm Salvador Oseguera, Jr./R.I.P.

Monday, November 21st

In Honor of All Souls in Purgatory/R.I.P.

8:00am Larry Abeyta/R.I.P.

Tuesday, November 22nd

In Honor of All Souls in Purgatory/R.I.P.

8:00am Delma Huggins & Damian Huggins/R.I.P.

Wednesday, November 23rd

Sophia Rucker/Happy Birthday

8:00am In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus/
Int. Nieves Ortiz & Family

Thursday, November 24th

Antonio & Manuel Amado & Deceased Family

Members of the Armenta Family/R.I.P.

8:00am Bobby Romero/R.I.P.

10:00am Enriqueta Gonzales/R.I.P.

Friday, November 25th

In Honor of All Souls in Purgatory/R.I.P.

8:00am Hector Martinez, II/R.I.P.

Parish Collection November 13th, 2022

Collection: \$ 5,239.10

**Thanking You for Your
Service to Our Parish**

New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in the church.

Masses: Sun. 6:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon & 6 pm

8 am Spanish at Capilla de Guadalupe (409 E. 31st Street)

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am, Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

Confessions: Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Baptisms: Call the parish office / Llame a la oficina parroquial

Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance.

Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.

Parish Administrative Assistant: Hada Reyes (520) 623-3833

Religious Education: Martin Doe, Director (520) 882-9687

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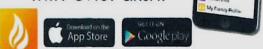
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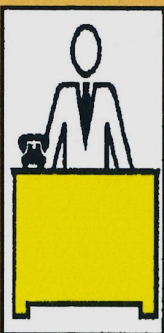
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