

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 21, 2021

*Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth.
— Revelation 1:5*

CHRIST, THE KING

The selection from the book of Daniel presented in today's first reading was part of an attempt to weave a vision of ultimate success for the Jews under persecution. Exactly whom the author had in mind when he refers to "one like a Son of Man" is hotly disputed by scholars today. The fact is, we simply do not know if the author meant anyone in particular or if this is a collective, figurative image of Israel's triumph. What we do know is that the early Christian community seized upon this passage and recognized it as a messianic prophecy, a foretelling of the ultimate triumph of Jesus as the Christ of God. The Lectionary's juxtaposition of this text with today's Gospel narrative of Jesus before Pilate is a wonderful example of how the liturgy "layers" passages with new meaning by inserting them in a particular context.

The celebration of Christ the King allows us to hear these passages with a new depth of meaning in light of our contemporary understanding of how, in Jesus and his resurrection and ascension, we have seen the fulfillment of Daniel's vision of ultimate deliverance. The veiled admission of Jesus before Pilate that he did indeed have a kingdom "not here" takes on new meaning against the cosmic vision of Daniel, who allows us to glimpse the "Ancient One" on his heavenly throne.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:13-14).

Psalm — The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93).

Second Reading — Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (Revelation 1:5-8).

Gospel — For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b-37).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$3,767.00	\$3,565.00
Number of Families contributing	107	98
Total Pledge for 2021	\$161,051.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (41 Weeks)	\$142,106.00	\$144,674.00
Received to Date	\$141,169.00	\$112,510.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$937.00	\$32,164.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$219.00	\$8,822.00

Twenty-three ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$1,030.00	\$133,965.00

Four people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$69,865.00

POOR BOX totaled \$57.00.

17 **CHILDREN** contributed \$93.00.

BAA totaled \$50.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Are you ever burdened with a load of care? Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear? Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly, and you will be singing as the days go by?"

What a wonderful reminder to take the time to think about what God is doing for us. Too often we focus just on the horrid things — the evil, the hurricanes, the floods and devastation and famine. But take time every day to verbalize or write all you are thankful for. You may want to use this outline. Doing so will revitalize your soul.

Psalm 100:4 tells us, *"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise."*

- Thank Him for His patience and forgiveness.
- Thank Him for the privilege of coming into His presence.
- Thank Him for what He has done in and through your life in the last year.

Take time to list what God has done for you. Be specific.

Think through every area of your life.

- Consider who God is. (Psalm 103)
- Praise him for His attributes. (Psalm 145)
- Rejoice in your fellowship with Him and that He delights in you. (Proverbs 15:8)
- Read passages of scripture and pray them back to God. (Psalms 146-150)
- Sing to the Lord.

Lord, I thank You for the beauty of the seasons. I thank

You for health and strength. I thank You for people to love and people who love me. I love You God and thank You for loving me first. Amen.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Scully's' in loving memory of Scully's Ann on the 19th Anniversary of her death and in loving memory of Fr. Bill on his Birthday;
2. the Family of Mary "Teter" Carroll in loving memory of her on her Birthday and in loving memory of Bridget "Big Mama" Carroll on the Anniversary of her death;
3. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

SPECIAL COLLECTION The special collection this weekend will be for the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development*. Please be generous in this collection.

THANKSGIVING DAY: NOVEMBER 25TH

Thanksgiving Day in America is a Day set aside each year for giving thanks to God for the blessings received during the year. It is also a Day of family gatherings and holiday meals.

Father Cherlan wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving Day!

HISTORY OF THANKSGIVING Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday in the United States commemorating the Harvest of the Plymouth in 1621. When it was first inaugurated, only a few eastern states participated. However, through the effort of Sarah Hale a change was effected. To this end, she resolutely engaged the press with an endless flow of letters and articles to the various newspapers and journals of her time. In addition, she pleaded long and earnestly with three Presidents: Fillmore, Pierce and Buchanan during the period of 1852. At last her campaign succeeded in uniting 29 states in marking the last Thursday of November as "Thanksgiving Day."

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The Church Office will be closed this *Wednesday, November 24th* and *Thursday, November 25th* in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday and will reopen *Monday, November 29th*.

THANKSGIVING DAY HEALING MASS Rev. Roy, CMI will celebrate a Healing Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 5:00 P.M. There will be individual and group healing sessions during the service. All are welcome to this spiritual banquet to get ourselves healed and comforted by the Holy Spirit.

7:00 P.M. SATURDAY MASS will resume next Saturday, November 27th.

THANK YOU to a parish member for their donation in thanks to St. Joseph for the needy; a parish member for their donation in thanks to St. Anthony; and a parish member for their donation in thanks to St. Jude.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A lady was looking for a turkey but couldn't find one big enough. She asked the stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?"

The stock boy replied, "No, they're dead."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday: St. Cecilia
Tuesday: St. Clement I; St. Columban;
Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro
Wednesday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions
Thursday: Thanksgiving Day; St. Catherine of Alexandria
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For the repose of the soul of Starbuck's Mary Catherine on the 15th Anniversary of her death.
Tuesday: For deceased Legionaries and for the suffering souls.
Wednesday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory.
Thursday: In thanksgiving.
Friday: In thanks for Townes on her 3rd Birthday.

BEST THANKSGIVING

**Thanksgiving is here, so our minds have turned
To what time has taught us, to what we have learned:**

**We often focus all our thought
On shiny things we've shopped and bought.**

**We take our pleasure in material things,
Forgetting the pleasure that friendship brings.
If a lot of our stuff just vanished today,
We'd see the foundation of each happy day.**

**Is special relationships, constant and true,
And that's when our thoughts go directly to you.
We wish you a Thanksgiving you'll never forget,
Full of love and joy – your best one yet!**

READERS

Sat. Nov. 20th, 4:00 P.M. Christina & Julie Ann
Sun. Nov. 21st, 10:00 A.M. Theresa Maria & Jersey

Sat. Nov. 27th, 4:00 P.M. Natalie & Mary Martha
Sat. Nov. 27th, 7:00 P.M. Ritz & Savannah

S Sun. Nov. 28th, 10:00 A.M Theresa Maria & Jersey

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday - Reed
Tuesday - Julie Ann
Wednesday - Cathy Lisa
Thursday - Ciara
Friday - Gracelyn

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday - Bridget Anna
Tuesday - Nora
Wednesday - Catherine Ann
Thursday - Mary Cat
Friday - Rosie Cat

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M. **November 20th**
Front Winnie Ann
Right Cathy Pole
Left Catherine Ann

Saturday 7:00 P.M. **November 27th**
Right Blue
Left Bridgette Anna

Sunday **Sunday**
November 21st **November 28th**
Rose Marie Rose Marie
Mary Cat Mary Cat

WISDOM OF ST. FULTON SHEEN

A Catholic may sin and sin as badly as anyone else, but no genuine Catholic ever denies he is a sinner. A Catholic wants his sins forgiven – not excused or sublimated.

THANKSGIVING HUMOR

- Q. Why did the turkey cross the road?**
A. *It was Thanksgiving Day and he wanted people to think he was a chicken!*
- Q. When did the Pilgrims first say, "God bless America?"**
A. *The first time they heard America sneeze.*
- Q. Can a turkey jump higher than the Empire State Building?**
A. *Yes, of course! A building can't jump at all.*

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Loving God, amid all the troubling news of the world, thank you for the good news of the Gospel. Amid the fear of foreigners, thank You for helping us welcome strangers. In the hectic race for wealth, thank You for opening us to the joys of sharing and of serving others. Amid the pain of sin and brokenness, thank You for helping us to be compassionate healers. When we are tempted to think violence is the only way to reach our goals, we thank You for guiding us into ways of peace and reconciliation. Amen.