

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink."

— Matthew 25:35

THE SHEPHERD KING

The job of shepherd and the job of king couldn't be more different from each other. Shepherds are on the lowest rung of society, kings are at the top. But God says, through the prophet Ezekiel, that the Messiah will lead in a way very different from earthly authorities who lord it over their people and cause harm with their poor leadership.

Our King takes on the job himself. Christ, like a shepherd, will give rest, seek out the lost, bring back the strayed and scattered ones. He will heal the wounded and bind up the injured. He does not delegate, but will "shepherd them rightly." We have a king who cares for us and who is not afraid to "judge between one sheep and another" (Ezekiel 34:17).

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will rescue my scattered sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17).

Psalms — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28).

Gospel — Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me (Matthew 25:31-46).

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

By practicing an attitude of thanksgiving in our daily lives, believers follow the model set by Jesus himself, who expressed gratitude to the Father throughout His life and ministry (Matthew 26:27, Mark 14:23 Luke 22:17-19, 1 Corinthians 11:24). It is for this reason that the Eucharist begins with a prayer of Thanksgiving, after the example of Jesus at the Last Supper.

As Pope Francis has remarked:

"Gratitude is always a powerful weapon. Only if we are able to contemplate and feel genuine gratitude for all those ways we have experienced God's love, generosity, solidarity and trust, as well as His forgiveness, patience, forbearance and compassion, will we allow the Spirit to grant us the freshness that can renew...our life and mission. Like Peter on the morning of the miraculous catch of fishes, may we let the recognition of all the blessings we have received awaken in us the amazement and gratitude that can enable us to say: 'Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man' (Luke 5:8). Only then to hear the Lord repeat his summons: 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be fishers of men' (Luke 5:10). For his mercy endures forever."

May the Word of the Lord strengthen our own devotion and inspire us to practice gratitude in our life.

OUR GIFTS RECORD

| | Offertory | Development |
|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Last Week's Collection | \$1,285.00 | \$767.00 |
| Number of Families contributing | 37 | 30 |
| Total Pledge for 2020 | \$167,031.00 | \$162,928.00 |
| Pledged to Date (42 Weeks) | \$143,079.00 | \$144,728.00 |
| Received to Date | \$159,786.00 | \$122,988.00 |
| Envelopes Outstanding | (\$16,707.00) | \$21,740.00 |

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

| Amount given last week | Amount given to Date in 2020 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$91.00 | \$17,315.00 |

Twenty-three ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

| Amount given last week | Amount given to Date in 2020 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| \$4,443.00 | \$16,963.00 |

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

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

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|----------------|---------------------|
| GOAL | \$165,000.00 |
| Total Pledged | \$210,300.00 |
| Total Received | \$43,642.00 |

2 CHILDREN contributed \$10.00

THANK YOU to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Mother Teresa and St. Raphael; and to two members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. A Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite;
2. And a Parish Member in thanks to St. Theresa.

THANKSGIVING DAY: NOVEMBER 26TH

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 Cherian 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. The event followed a winter of great hardship. When it was first inaugurated, only a few eastern states participated. However, through the effort of Sarah Hale a change was effected. She was fired with the determination of having the whole nation join together in setting apart a national day for giving thanks "unto Him from whom all blessings flow." 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, when 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 25th** and **Thursday, November 26th** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday and will reopen **Monday, November 30th**.

2020-2021 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

will be this Monday, November 23rd and Tuesday, November 24th from 3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. in the Hall. The registration fee is \$40 for one child and \$60 for two children. Religious Education classes will begin January 4, 2021. Classes will be on *Monday and Thursday ONLY*. The classes will be as follows:

MONDAY – 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Grades

THURSDAY – 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Grades

GOD ANSWERS US God gives us answers in 3 ways. He says *YES* and gives you what you *WANT*. He says *NO* and gives you something *BETTER*. He says *WAIT* and give you the *BEST*.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS It is asked that everyone donate \$10 for poinsettias. Please give your donation to Mary Rita O’Hara, Bridget Rita, or the Church Office.

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. Clement I; St. Columban;
Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro

Tuesday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions

Wednesday: St. Catherine of Alexandria

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: For repose of the soul of Starbuck’s Mary Catherine on the 15th Anniversary of her death.

Tuesday: For the repose of the soul of Cracker on the 33rd Anniversary of his death.

Wednesday: For the repose of the souls of Edward Straightner O’Hara on the 21st Anniversary of his death and Birdie Sherlock on her Birthday.

Thursday: In Thanksgiving.

Friday: In thanks for Townes on her 3rd Birthday.

THE PILGRIMS CAME

**The Pilgrims came across the sea,
And never thought of you and me;
And yet it’s very strange the way
We think of them on Thanksgiving Day.**

**We tell their story old and true,
Of how they sailed across the blue,
And found a new land to be free
And built their home quite near the sea.**

**The people think that they were sad,
And grave; I’m sure they were glad –
They made Thanksgiving Day- that’s fun-
We thank the Pilgrims every one!**

READERS

Sat. Nov. 21st, 4:00 P.M.

Cathy Lisa & Reed

Sun. Nov. 22nd, 10:00 A.M.

Jersey & Jimmy Joseph

Sat. Nov. 28th, 4:00 P.M.

Ritz & Savannah

Sun. Nov. 29th, 10:00 A.M.

Rose Marie

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday - Taneil

Tuesday - Fallon

Wednesday - Cathy Lisa

Thursday - Dayna

Friday - Christina

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday - Cathy Pole

Tuesday - Kim Gallon

Wednesday - Rosie Cat

Thursday - Mary Cat

Friday - Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Front Mary Margaret

Right Cathy Pole

Left Kim Gallon

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

November 22nd

Rose Marie

Mary Cat

November 29th

Rose Marie

Mary Cat

THANKSGIVING HUMOR

- **What key has legs and can’t open the door?**
A turkey.
- **What do you call a running turkey?**
Fast food.
- **What role do green beans play in Thanksgiving dinner?**
The Casse-rolle.
- **With Coronavirus being a possible concern this year, what’s likely the most popular Thanksgiving side dish?**
Masked potatoes.

TRUTH

You cannot be PERFECT without making MISTAKES.
You cannot get SUCCESS without facing FAILURES.
You cannot feel HAPPINESS without being SAD.
Everything comes in a PAIR and you can never get ONE without facing the OTHER.

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

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Father, all Powerful, Your gifts of love are countless and Your goodness infinite; as we come before You on Thanksgiving Day with gratitude for Your kindness, open our hearts to have concern for every man, woman and child, so that we may share Your gifts in loving service. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.