



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,

King of the Universe

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king." - Jn 18:37a

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We often come to life expecting all of the pieces of the puzzle to nicely fit together. We want and expect harmony, order, and fairness, the achievement of rewards for good behavior, good health, and happiness. We can more easily accept death when it comes naturally after a good long life, but have a real difficulty comprehending the meaning of it all when it is cut short. Willing to put in a good measure of effort, we desire positive results. When things go wrong and life gets hurtful, unjust, and downright ugly, we become unsettled and can quickly fall into despair. This is especially true if we are people of faith who believe in a God who sees things on our terms and works in favor of our life agenda. What happens to our faith when we find ourselves sitting in a mess?

Does it help to know that God understands and that hardship, failure, disappointment, injustice, confusion, and all of life's ugliness do not make faith irrelevant or irrational? God is wonderfully and surprising creative! He turns the tables on not only our understanding of life, but of what it means to be a king. God sends us a king who is not exempt from life's ills but embraces them. The king that God gives to us knows what it means to be poor, suffer insults, be ridiculed, face rejection, endure suffering, be betrayed, and face a most unjust and horrific death. This is our king. Jesus is not a king of prestige or grandeur but a king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. Christ dances before us pleading with us to hold on, cling to love, avoid being negative, stop feeling cheated, and be strong in faith! There may be hardship and disappointment now but there are more surprises to come.

Once we understand this truth, we will also understand that we are on a most incredible and awesome universal journey to Christ and becoming one in Christ. We all carry within us the image of God, the image of our suffering king. The One who lives in us also lives in all of our brothers and sisters. Failing to see this universal Divine Presence in all is one of the greatest mistakes we can make, for we also fail to see God, our king, as well. There are many things that can bring hardship to life. If we keep our head about us and do not lose hope, we can persevere and strive for the greatest degree of justice possible. Even though there are ample things that can challenge our faith, we also know that our deepest joy comes from union with God and our brothers and sisters. One day, the fullness of that joy will be ours to have when we are all eternally one with Christ our King forever.

Parish Stewardship "Treasure Report"

Due to an early transmittal of this Bulletin, the collection for November 14th will appear in the November 28th copy.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. KAJ....

This last Sunday of the church year has our text coming from the last book of the Bible. "Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come..." is the way it begins. That of course refers to God. It means that God is God right now, and that God was God in the past, and—what? That God will be God in the future? That is certainly true but it's not what the text says. God is "the one who is to come" or, to translate the Greek more precisely, God is "the one who is coming." God is not planning to show up some day but even now is on the way.

God is coming now and always, God is not just waiting for the future to arrive but is coming to us from the future—from God's own future.

Jesus Christ, who was a faithful witness to the point of death, is risen and is "the ruler of the kings of the earth." That is a message that the recipients of this letter needed to hear! They knew that some of their fellow Christians had been put to death because they refused to offer sacrifice to pagan gods or swear by the guiding "genius" of the emperor. They could be put in the same position tomorrow if someone reported them to the authorities.

We were told that Christ has made us to be a "kingdom" - a community might be the way we would put that today—and to be priests serving the Father. The God is coming from the future has called into being this community through Christ's cross and resurrection. And since God "desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth," it doesn't seem too speculative to suggest that the priestly service of God's people is to invite all into that community of the future.

John closes this opening greeting by emphasizing again who is calling us. "I am the Alpha and the Omega (the beginning and the end of the Greek alphabet) says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is coming, the Almighty."

That is good news.

My dear parishioners, on behalf of myself, Fr. Gabriel, Deacon Vincent, Deacon Paul and the entire staff of Corpus Christi, I extend my blessings to all for a very Happy Thanksgiving! May we all count our blessings the Lord has bestowed on us. I wish you a wonderful day with your family and friends. Please start the day by joining us for the 9:00am Mass.

Advent is a week away—our "waiting period" for the coming of our Savior. May we begin to think about how we will spend those four weeks in preparation of this miraculous event.

Our St. Nicholas Mass will be held on December 5th at 10:00am. I welcome all families with children to attend.

A reminder, please return all surveys by December 5. Please complete one survey per family. Thank you for your input.

God Bless,
Fr. Kaj



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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—

Please note the following:

- ♦ Adoration is held in the Adoration Chapel. Adoration will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1pm to 11pm.
- ♦ Adorers are needed for the following times: Mondays at 8pm & 10pm; Tuesdays 3pm & 4pm

If you would like to become an Adorer and spend an hour in prayer, please contact Diane Calabrese at (201) 288-7732.

"Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the Living Heart of each of our parishes." St. Pope Paul VI

THE IMPORTANCE OF REGISTERING

Registering is a very important part of being a parishioner of Corpus Christi. Our communication with you is made easier once we have your information in our database. **In order for families to receive a tuition discount at Corpus Christi School, they need to be registered and using their envelopes/electronic giving as proof of their support for our parish.**

The occasion may arise when you are asked to be a sponsor for Baptism and/or Confirmation. The church in which the sacrament is being held may ask you for **proof that you are a registered, practicing Catholic.** We can only provide such documentation if the priests or staff recognize you as a regular Sunday attendee and registered in the parish. **There is a three-month evaluation period for new parishioners of your participation before determining if a Sponsor Certificate is issued.** Please use your contribution envelopes or electronic giving to indicate your participation.

Formal registration is the best way of communicating with you and showing that you wish to be a part of our parish family.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Dear Lord, on Thanksgiving Day, we bow our hearts to You in prayer. We give You thanks for all You have done, mostly for the gift of Jesus Christ, Your Son. For beauty in nature, in which we see Your glory, for joy and health, friends and family. For our daily sustenance, Your mercy and care, these are the blessings You kindly share. So today we offer this response of praise with a promise to follow You all of our days. Amen.



ST. FRANCIS DeSALES RAFFLE

St. Francis is holding a Thanksgiving Super 50/50 cash raffle. Drawing after the 9am Mass on Thanksgiving. Tickets are \$2/ea or 10 tickets for \$15.00. Winner need not be present—must be 18 or older. Call the Rectory for tickets (973) 779-4330.

Christmas Luminaries



We will be offering Christmas luminaries this Christmas season. Luminaries may shine for a living or deceased loved one. All luminaries will be displayed around the Chapel and

Church steps during all the Masses on Christmas Eve. If you would like a luminary to shine for one of your loved ones, please fill out the form that can be found in the back of the Church or Parish Center. Please print your information. Typed tags will be placed on the bags. You can purchase as many bags as you wish for a cost of \$10 per luminary bag. Please return the form along with payment to the Parish Center by Friday, Dec 17. Checks are payable to Corpus Christi Church. Please note that the battery-operated light pack will be kept by the church to be used again next year. There are sample bags on display in the Church & Parish Center.



St. Nicholas Mass Sunday, December 5 10:00am

Join us for a very special St. Nicholas Mass—all families with young children are encouraged to attend. There will be a special treat for the children.

THANK YOU
for your generosity

Thank you to all who donated groceries and/or gift cards for our Thanksgiving Food Drive. Your support will bring happiness to those in need during this Thanksgiving Holiday. Your generous support is always appreciated.

Wishing you and your families a Blessed & Happy Thanksgiving!

Maria Wojciechowski
Social Concerns Ministry



The Parish Center will be closed on Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Only **ONE** Mass will be celebrated at 9am on Thanksgiving Day & Friday, November 26.

Adoration will be closed on Thanksgiving. Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

MINISTRY UPDATE....

Corpus Christi is in need of Ushers, particularly for the 5pm & 6pm Masses. Any man or woman in the parish that may be interested, please contact Dennis Buttacavoli at (201) 288-8812. This ministry falls under those members requiring Protecting God's Children certification which includes completing a Volunteer Application, Code of Ethics, Criminal Background Check and attending a PGC Workshop.

NOVEMBER 21, 2021



ANTICIPATED MASS, NOVEMBER 20

5:00 PM Martha & George Pertuz
(50th Wedding Anniversary)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8:00 AM +Living & Deceased Members of
The Maria Lora Mendoza Family
10:00 AM +Filippo Nicastro
12:00 NN +Veronica George
6:00 PM +Michael Malley

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

6:30 AM +Rose Belluccio
8:00 AM +Ruth McGovern

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

6:30 AM +Francesca Riccobono
8:00 AM +William McKeever, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

6:30 AM +William Robert Bacon
8:00 AM +Frank Coccaro (3rd Anniv)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25-THANKSGIVING

9:00 AM +Robert & Beatrice Woodger

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9:00 AM +Irene Minan Balbo

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:00 AM +Frank Petronella

ANTICIPATED MASS

5:00 PM Giulia Salvemini

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:00 AM +The Follari & Hadrava Families
10:00 AM +Irene Drzewiecki
12:00 NN Donors of Corpus Christi Parish
6:00 PM +Bronislaw Partyka

CANDLES FOR THE WEEK

The candles to be burned on our altars this week were donated in loving memory of **Michael Loscalzo** from The Family.

WINE FOR THE WEEK

The wine to be consecrated at all the Masses was donated in loving memory **Rosemarie Allotta (1st Anniv)** from Rosemary Smith.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

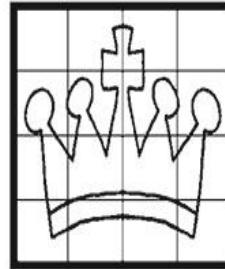
Please remember the deceased members of our families, friends and community, especially Charles Bernhammer.



The faith community of Corpus Christi offers continued support to parishioners grieving the loss of a loved one. If you are overwhelmed by feelings of sadness and sorrow, please contact Patricia Caulfield at the Parish Center, (201) 288-4844, ext. 138. We will help you find light, warmth and comfort.



May the Holy Spirit sustain those who are poor and oppressed, the sick, suffering, and sorrowing of all ages, especially, Justin Duffy, Antonio Salcines, Albert DeBenedictis, Mary Nichols, Cosmelina Cammarata,, Adrian Victor Sanfilippo, Paul Giordano, Debbie Murphy, Gary Ryan, Dee Sullivan, Bonnie Poznar, Danielle Delfino, Christine Ryan, Patricia Casey, Noreen Ryan, Joseph Cooney, Raimunda Martins, Joseph Marino, Michael Toscano, Josey Munez, Frank Sambucini, JoAnne Piccarreto, Dennis Buttacavoli, Nora Lindquist, Catherine Groarke, Barbara D'Amato, Phyllis Mink, Mary Lynne Seitz, Leslie Macaluso, MaryAnn Settecasì, Julio Alvarez, Tom Dalton, Clarita DeLeon, Anthony Miele, George Pertuz, Tony Freay



**2021 ANNUAL APPEAL
SHINING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

Parishioners are encouraged to prayerfully consider a donation to this year's Appeal. Your donation helps so many within the Archdiocese as well as right here in our parish of Corpus Christi. Rebate monies after attaining our goal will help our parish and school with repairs/upgrades or any needs that arise.

Envelopes are still available or you are encouraged to donate online at www.rcan.org/sharing. Designate Corpus Christi as your parish. Your gift may be restricted for any ministry listed. Thanking you in advance for your generous support. The Archdiocese exceeding their goal. Thank you.