



**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

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Many Americans are fascinated with England's monarchy. For many different reasons, we are drawn to the regal pageantry and all of the protocols associated with royal lifestyles. What's most amazing is that for all of the media attention focused on the comings and goings of English royalty, they really have very little effect on the day to day dealings of their country. Thoughts and images of kings and queens are often centered on this story book understanding of who and what they are. We associate protocols, etiquette, and proper words and actions to how we approach members of a royal family. These tools serve the necessary purpose of keeping them isolated, enthroned, and at a distance. There is something attractive about being an observer of ritual, pomp, and circumstance. It's almost theatrical.

Is this how we see Jesus Christ, too? We often behave as if Christ is an isolated, enthroned, royal, and even ineffective king. Jesus wants nothing to do with having the status of an earthly king. Jesus also does not want to be watched, observed, or set apart. He wants to get down and dirty with the very stuff of life especially the poor, marginalized, confused, hurting, lost, broken, imprisoned, and forgotten ones. Jesus is the king who turns the tables on us and wants not only our attention but our engagement and conversion. He wants us to get dirty too.

How we treat other people is at the heart of Christ's kingdom. "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." At different times in our lives we are all counted among the "least" ones. We may not be physically poor, but we can easily become emotionally and spiritually poor. We may not be marginalized as many physically are, cast aside because they have too many needs or don't quite fit in. But who hasn't experienced isolation, loneliness, inner turmoil, angst, heartache, or loss? Almost every human being has experienced brokenness at one point or another, or will most definitely at some future point, facing discouragement, fear, insecurity. People are thirsty for more than water. We are imprisoned by our prejudices, misconceived notions and ideas, self-focused obsessions and ideologies. There is a lot of pain and many least ones around us. Stop, look and listen. This is what Christ the King is asking us to do. Look deeply into the eyes and soul of your sisters and brothers, all of them, and see Christ himself.

Being a spectator and observing all of the pageantry isn't enough. Jesus wants us to inherit the kingdom and live the kingdom. It is built on the blocks of love, mercy, compassion, hope, faith, and blessing. It engages those who want it, changes and informs minds, inspires and transforms hearts, converts and renews souls, and sets things right. There is such a great need around us. Are you ready and willing to do whatever you can to serve in God's kingdom?

Due to an early transmittal time, the collection for November 15 will appear in the November 29th Bulletin. Thank you for your continued support.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. GABRIEL....

One of the passages from the final days of Jesus' ministry on earth, shortly before his crucifixion and resurrection, offer us in searing detail a vision of what Jesus regards as the ultimate decider as to who is indeed "in" and who doesn't make that most final of final cuts. What, to Jesus, is the unforgivable sin? What is it that sends one to hell? What is it that does indeed separate one from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord? It is hardness of heart in the face of relievable human misery according to this week's parable.

The parable teaches that what "saves" is works of mercy toward Jesus when he presents himself to us in the guise of one of the least of these members of Jesus' family. What "damns" is a failure to respond to him when he comes in this way.

What saves, what puts us in the presence of Jesus—or, perhaps, more accurately, enables us truly to recognize when we are in the presence of Jesus, when we are in the presence of God, when we are in the presence of that holiness which is the union of true humanity and true divinity—is compassion, a genuine compassion, and not a self-serving playing at it that is ultimately designed to get us something we want in return. This is what saves us: an unthinking, uncalculating, compassion that is not consciously aware of what it's doing.

"Salvation" is not about sound doctrine, or correct opinions—and neither, strictly speaking, is it about good works. Salvation comes out of unselfconscious, spontaneous love—love even for those who seem unlovable. A spontaneous outpouring of compassion in the face of relievable human misery—when that happens, we are truly in the presence of God.

Ultimately, what we must do, all we *can* do, is pray—pray for this spontaneous, unselfconscious love that wells up within us before we are even aware it's there, a spontaneous compassion that comes from beyond us, that is not something we can manufacture out of our own flawed and fractured will. Ultimately, our salvation is spiritual, something that comes through prayer—prayer for that spirit of unselfconscious love that drives us to serve, so that it's second nature—something that we can't *not* do.

We are just days away from celebrating another Thanksgiving. This year we especially reflect on all of God's blessings. Thank you to all who donated to our food drive. Your generosity to those in need is appreciated. I look forward to seeing you at Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00am in the Chapel. Please make sure you register. Join our live-stream if you are unable to attend. Let us give thanks to God as a parish family.

Adoration will resume on Monday, November 30. Please see the detailed information in the Bulletin. Come spend time in prayer, especially as we begin the Advent Season next week.

God Bless & Happy Thanksgiving,
Fr. Gabriel

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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5:00pm, Sunday, 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00nn will be held in the **CHAPEL**. The Sunday 6:00pm will be held in the **CHURCH**.

6:30am & 8:00am weekday Mass (Mon-Sat) will be held in the **CHURCH**

YOU MUST ENTER THROUGH THE MAIN DOORS ONLY

The mandated guidelines/restrictions which MUST be followed are:

- ◆ Facemasks must be worn
- ◆ Maximum capacity of building space will be followed
- ◆ Sit only in designated spots
- ◆ Follow Ushers direction
- ◆ Social distancing of 6ft must be maintained
- ◆ If you have any symptoms of being sick, please stay home
- ◆ Those at high risk may consider staying home

The above guidelines/restrictions will also be enforced for Sunday Masses.

You must PRE-REGISTER for weekend Mass by calling the Parish Center or you can email the following information to mbviviani@optonline.net

**Name, Contact Phone Number,
Mass Time & Number of Attendees**

**PLEASE PRE-REGISTER BY
12NN ON FRIDAY**

MASS TIME CHANGES/OFFICE CLOSURES

Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, November 26 at 9:00am. Only one Mass will be celebrated on Friday, November 27 at 8:00am.

The Parish Center will be closed Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27.



Every year the Rosary Society sponsors a Christmas Stocking project for the benefit of approximately 20 local children. Because of the current crisis, we are unable to follow our usual procedure of assigning names and purchasing presents. This year's plan is to substitute a gift card for each child so their families can shop for the gifts. We are asking for your support of a monetary donation to assist in purchasing the gift cards. If you wish to make a donation, please mail it to the Parish Center or drop it in the mail slot. **Please mark the envelope—Rosary Society Christmas Stocking Project.** If you have any questions, please contact Karen McDowell at (201) 288-5738.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

We will celebrate as a parish community to give thanks at 9:00am on Thursday, November 26 in the Chapel. To ensure social distancing, please register for Mass as you do for the weekend Mass schedule by calling the Parish Center or send an email to mbviviani@optonline.net.



FALL FOOD DRIVE

We ask for your generous support in purchasing non-perishable items, especially those that can be used for Thanksgiving such as: mashed potatoes, canned yams, canned vegetables, stuffing, juice, cake mix, canned fruit, gravy, paper goods....

All donations are to be brought to the Parish Center. Please do not leave bags in the Church or Chapel. They can be dropped off at any time. If you drop them off when the office is closed, please leave the bags in the inside porch. The white door to the left of the porch is open. We ask that all donations are dropped off by Sunday, November 22.

Someone will be in the Parish Center during Mass times this weekend to receive your donations. If you would like to donate a gift card instead of shopping, you may drop it off as well.

Thank you for your continued support. Praying for everyone's good health, and Happy Thanksgiving!

ADORATION RESUMES...

Adoration will resume on Monday, November 30. Please note the following:

- ◆ Adoration will be held in the Church
- ◆ Adoration will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1pm to 11pm.
- ◆ Face coverings MUST be worn, and social distancing seating is to be maintained.

If you would like to become an Adorer and spend an hour in prayer, please contact Rita Licameli at (201) 288-5210.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA, these initials may sound familiar. It is a process of initiation in our Catholic faith. Seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, this process is for non-baptized adults, adults baptized in another Christian faith or adults Baptized Catholics who wish to have the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Call the Parish Center, 201-288-4844, and leave your name and number for someone to return your call. God Bless!

Morning Prayers

Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary take place prior to weekday Mass beginning at 7:30am. Come join fellow parishioners. All are welcome!

MASS INTENTIONS

ANTICIPATED MASS, NOVEMBER 21

5:00 PM Dr. Donald S. Pavlick, Sr.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:00 AM Christine Wallace
10:00 AM Filippo Nicastro (10th Anniv)
12:00 NN Alfred Carney
6:00 PM Peter Botbyl

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

6:30 AM John Rocha
8:00 AM William McKeever, Jr.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

6:30 AM Joseph George Perkins
8:00 AM Frank Coccaro (2nd Anniv)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

6:30 AM Mark Reese Weldon
8:00 AM Angelina "Kitty" Baker

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9:00 AM Patricia Godfrey

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:00 AM John Archer

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:00 AM Judith M. Roberts

ANTICIPATED MASS

5:00 PM Teresa Ontra

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:00 AM Ayden Berube
10:00 AM Marguerite Vasquez
12:00 NN Giulio Sciancalepore
6:00 PM People of the Parish

CANDLES, HOSTS & WINE FOR THE WEEK

The candles to be burned on our altars as well as the hosts and wine to be consecrated at all the Masses this week were donated in loving memory of **Angelina "Kitty" Baker** from **the Family**.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

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

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Generous and merciful God, we thank you for your abundant gifts to us. As we celebrate this Thanksgiving feast, we ask you to send your Spirit, to open our hearts to you and our neighbor, that we may share the gifts you have given us as your Son Jesus taught us to.

Thank you for the many blessings of our lives: our family and friends, our home and food we eat, our health and employment.

We ask your blessing on all gathered here today, and all your people throughout the world, through Christ your Son. Amen



May the Holy Spirit sustain those who are poor and oppressed, the sick, suffering, and sorrowing of all ages, especially, Justin Duffy, Margaret Marchetta, Antonio Salcines, Albert DeBenedictis, Mary Nichols, Cosmelina Cammarata, Fred Baxter, Baby Adrian Victor Sanfilippo, Paul Giordano, Debbie Murphy, Gary Ryan, Dee Sullivan, Bonnie Poznar, Danielle Delfino, Patricia Kunzmann, Christine Ryan, Patricia Casey, Noreen Ryan, Joseph Cooney, Mishelle Kittlinger, Raimunda Martins, Joseph Marino, Michael Toscano, Jack Coneys, Josey Munez, Frank Sambucini, Gail Abbate, JoAnne Piccarreto, Dennis Buttacavoli, Natalie Caulfield, Elizabeth Semencz, Nora Lindquist, Catherine Groarke, Barbara D'Amato

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Sharing the Gospel

Share food with the hungry. Give clothes to the poor. Send a card to the sick. Share the good news about Jesus with people who have made bad choices. Jesus came to forgive them. God will see the loving things you do. He will reward you one day in heaven.

Prayer

God, help me to share what you have given me.

Something to Draw

Draw yourself doing something nice for someone in need.

Mission for the Week

Read Matthew 25:31-46 with your family. Decide how you will make a difference. Share as Jesus asks.

