



Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 20, 2022

Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe (C)

2 Sm 5:1-3

Col 1:12-20

Lk 23:35-43

Hail, Christ Our King

The readings for today's feast create a collage of images that capture different characteristics of Christ's kingship. "Shepherd" assures us his kingly rule is characterized by tenderness. "King of Israel" locates him squarely within human time and space. "Image of the Invisible God" acclaims his divine origin. "Firstborn of all Creation" places him over the entire created world. "Source of all Created Things" acknowledges him as the model after which all things were fashioned. "Head of the Body, the Church" underscores the intimacy and interrelationship between him and all those joined to him through faith and baptism. "Firstborn of the Dead" acclaims his resurrection and guarantees the resurrection of those who will follow him into death.

The Gospel's image of Christ as the crucified king clearly interprets all the other images. He is a shepherd who protects

his flock with his life, a king who rules with dedication despite shame and defeat, divine yet accepted death on a cross. He was God who became a vulnerable child of earth, a simple man who offered himself as sacrifice, the one through whom we will all enjoy resurrection from the dead.

In the last words of the Gospel, Jesus opens the gates of his kingdom to a repentant sinner: "Today you will be with me in Paradise." This is what all of us long to hear, words that are empty when coming from one who has no authority, but charged with power when spoken by the one who is king over us all.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✧ Which image of Christ inspires you? Why?
- ✧ What must you do to allow Christ to have sway in your life?

Editor's note: This is Sr. Dianne Bergant's final reflection for *Our Parish Community*. She will continue to serve as professor of biblical studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. When a new liturgical cycle begins on November 27, 2022, we will welcome a new reflections writer, Fr. Joseph Jukialis. The people of Liguori Publications thank Sr. Dianne for her three years of insightful reflections. We wish her well.



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We welcome our parishioners and visitors who have come to St. Michael's to worship this weekend. May you be blessed by your presence here today.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS...

MINISTRIES

NOVEMBER 19/20TH - FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

5:00PM Lector: Willie Forbes EM: Alberta Cannonier
10:00AM Lector: Pat Robinson EM: Maura Almeida
 Collection: The Almeidas

NOVEMBER 26/27th - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00PM Lector: Karen Marsh EM: Willie Forbes
10:00AM Lector: Jesse Almeida EM: Christine DaCosta
 Collection: LaVerne Lau, Patricia Robinson

MASS INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER 19/20TH - FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

5:00PM Adelina & Jose DeFrias ++
 Mary & Benjamin Botelho ++
10:00AM St. Michael's Parishioners

NOVEMBER 26/27th - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00PM Veronica & Herman Tucker ++
 Manuel & Maria Soares Sousa, & Sons ++
10:00AM St. Michael's Parishioners

You are welcome to attend Morning Masses at
 St. Theresa's - 7:30^{AM} Mon.—Fri. | St. Anthony's - 8:00^{AM} Tues.—Fri.
 St. Patrick's - 8:00^{AM} Mon.—Fri.

ST. THERESA'S Masses are live streamed via the
 Diocesan Website and their Facebook Page



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 Votes: \$64.00 Poor Box(SVDP): \$145.00
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 \$2300/week or \$9200/month in the collection
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 FOR YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTION**
 are welcomed. Consider making a weekly,
 monthly or quarterly transaction.

**When making your online transaction, be sure to include
 your name and "collection" as your memo
 on your banking transaction."**

ST. MICHAEL'S uses your regular collection contributions
 to support the day-to-day operations of our Parish.

*Thank you to those parishioners who continue to
 answer our call for stewardship to St. Michael's.*

Online donations can be made to St. Michael's Church's
 BNTB Account # 2000 6060 081824 100.

The Bishop's Corner



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

As I realised that there is some uncertainty regarding receiving the Holy Eucharist, I hope that this Bishop's Corner will help to clarify things and make our spiritual lives easier.

Canon 917 of the Code of Canon Law states: "A person who has already received the Most Holy Eucharist can receive it a second time on the same day only within the eucharistic celebration in which the person participates." The legislation before 1984 forbade the receiving of Holy Communion more than once a day, except in the event of danger of death or to prevent impending irreverence. This Canon Law changes the previous legislation by permitting the receiving of Holy Communion twice in a day for any reason, provided the second reception is in the context of participation in the Holy Mass.



Canon 919 states: "A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before Holy Communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine. The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour." The hour of fasting is to be measured from the moment of receiving of Holy Communion and not from the beginning of the Mass. The custom of fasting before receiving Holy Communion arose after the third century and was mandated by early Councils. Fasting is considered a means of spiritual preparation for the Eucharist and a way of showing reverence for the Sacrament. The traditional total fast from midnight, prescribed in the 1917 Code of Canon Law, was reduced to a three hour fast in 1957, and to one hour fast in 1964 which has been confirmed by the present Code.

Have a peaceful weekend and a good week!

+ *Wesley*
 Bishop Wes



Dear Friends

There is going to be a Memorial Mass to thank God for Fr. Julio's life and ministerial work.

The Mass in English and Portuguese will be celebrated at St. Theresa's Cathedral on Friday, 25th of November at 7:30pm. This is the one month anniversary of his death, which according to good Polish tradition. It will almost be the eve of his Polish name day. **Please mark your calendars!**

Peace, Bishop Wes



SUNDAY READINGS – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe (Solemnity)

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray,
that the whole creation, set free from slavery,
may render your majesty service
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
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.

FIRST READING – 2 Samuel 5:1-3

In those days, all the tribes of Israel came to David in Hebron and said: "Here we are, your bone and your flesh. In days past, when Saul was our king, it was you who led the Israelites out and brought them back. And the Lord said to you, 'You shall shepherd my people Israel and shall be commander of Israel.'" When all the elders of Israel came to David in Hebron, King David made an agreement with them there before the Lord, and they anointed him king of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Psalm 122:1-5

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced because they said to me,
"We will go up to the house of the Lord."
And now we have set foot
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R)**

Jerusalem, built as a city
with compact unity.
To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. **(R)**

According to the decree for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
In it are set up judgment seats,
seats for the house of David. **(R)**

SECOND READING – Colossians 1:12-20

Brothers and sisters: 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.

He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.
For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth,
the visible and the invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers;
all things were created through him and for him.
He is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.
He is the head of the body, the church.
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
that in all things he himself might be preeminent.
For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell,

and through him to reconcile all things for him,
making peace by the blood of his cross
through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Mk 11:9,10

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL – Luke 23:35-43

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews."

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise

WORD FROM Pope Francis

The face of God revealed by Jesus is that of a Father concerned for and close to the poor... We do not find him when and where we want, but see him in the lives of the poor, in their sufferings and needs, in the often inhuman conditions in which they are forced to live.



MESSAGE, WORLD DAY OF THE POOR,
NOVEMBER 14, 2021



Congratulations

to Christopher and Michelle Carreiro on the
Baptism of their son,
CEDRIC ROYCE
at the 10am Mass this Sunday.
May God continue to bless your family.

Dear Padre,

Can all good people go to heaven after they die, even if they haven't been a Christian? My dad is from India and grew up with another religion. The rest of my family is Catholic. I am afraid that we won't see each other again after we die.

Put your mind at ease. A person who is not a Christian can go to heaven. Heaven is not just for Christians, but for everyone who loves God and responds to God's will in his or her life.

We know that God wants all people to be saved, not just Christians. Jesus began a Church to help people achieve salvation. The Church teaches that those who seek "the truth and [do] the will of God in accordance with their understanding of it can be saved" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1260).

What we know as Catholics is that God called us into the Church. It is there that we will work out our salvation. "Since Christ died for all, and since all are called to one and the same destiny, which is divine," we must believe that the Holy Spirit makes a way for everyone, a way that only God knows (*CCC* 1260).

You should pray for your dad and be a faithful Catholic. Perhaps your good example will help him become a Christian. Even if he never becomes a Christian, your prayers will help him work out his salvation without the benefit of the sacraments and a believing community. If he does what is right, God will reward him.

The Redemptorists Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



There will be a Remembrance Book for deceased loved ones in front of the altar during the month of November.

Feel free to list your deceased loved ones, who will be remembered each week during the weekend Masses.



ST. THERESA'S

Thanksgiving Dinner

Plan to attend St. Theresa's Thanksgiving Dinner to be held on **November 19, 2022 at 7:30pm** in the Parish Hall.

Tickets are \$25.00 Adults and \$15.00 children (12 yrs. and under)

Tickets can be purchased through the Parish Council Members, who will be at the main doors of the Cathedral after Mass times.

Tickets can also be purchased from the Rectory Office by calling 292-0607 Ext. 2 or by email: sttheresas@orthrock.bm. Music and Entertainment will be provided. **Please note that no dinner tickets will be sold at the door!**

THE CCD PROGRAMME

will take on a different format..

It will be directed more to the weekly Sunday readings.

We require six (6) Catechists for the combined levels 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8 to have a full programme. If not, then we will have only FHC youth (1&2) to commence in January 2023.

Please contact Patricia Carreiro at pcarreiro1976@gmail.com or by cell 737 1047.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

ST. PATRICK'S welcomes everyone each Wednesday morning at 10:00am to recite the Holy Rosary.

HOLY ROSARY Every Thursday evening at 7:30pm. Please join us for the Holy Rosary, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist.

LECTIO DIVINA takes place every Monday evening at 7pm via zoom. Franz Wohlmuth is the contact person, gwohlmuth@logic.bm. You will receive a Zoom link contact number along with the following Sunday readings. Monday evening meetings are led by Bishop Wes.

12:10PM MASS at the Cathedral each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, celebrated by Bishop Wes.

ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP Hours of operation are Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. The Gift Shop has for sale a variety of Christmas cards, Advent candles, a limited number of Advent calendars, statues and other Christmas items.

A limited number of 2023 Catholic Faith Calendars will also be available mid November/December. Customers should put their names on the list provided in the Gift Shop to purchase Calendars, so they can be notified when the calendars become available.

Also available are their usual stock of rosaries, statues, prayer cards and miscellaneous greeting cards, etc.

ST. ANTHONY'S will be holding their Christmas Fair and Car Boot on Saturday, December 3 from 9AM - 4PM.

Portuguese Donuts, Baked Goods, White Elephant, Raffles, Bingo, Food, Entertainment and more. Book your spot for the CAR BOOT. \$25 (we provide a table), \$20 (bring your table). Call 737-0107 or email pschrah@gmail.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

CHRISTMAS VOUCHER PROGRAMME

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is distributing food vouchers to those in need at Christmas. If you know of any parishioners needing assistance with a food voucher, please call 525-1191 or email svdp@northrock.bm.

Please supply the persons name and telephone number, along with your name and telephone number.

Deadline to receive names is 1st December 2022.

Distribution will take place on Saturday, 10th December 2022.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to this programme you can make a direct deposit to BNTB – St. Vincent de Paul Society a/c no. 20006060476711100 or place a donation in an envelope and place it in the collection basket of your parish with the SVDP name on it.

Thank you for your assistance in helping our outreach to those in need.

Celebration of Mass Ministries

We NEED LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS and SONG LEADERS at our two Masses.

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00pm and 10am Sunday Mornings. Please consider returning to Mass and participating in proclaiming the Good News as well as distributing the Eucharist. Your participation is important to our parish community.

Please email Karen with your availability for November and December and especially at the CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR MASSES to allow me to prepare the rosters. Many thanks, Karen