

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.

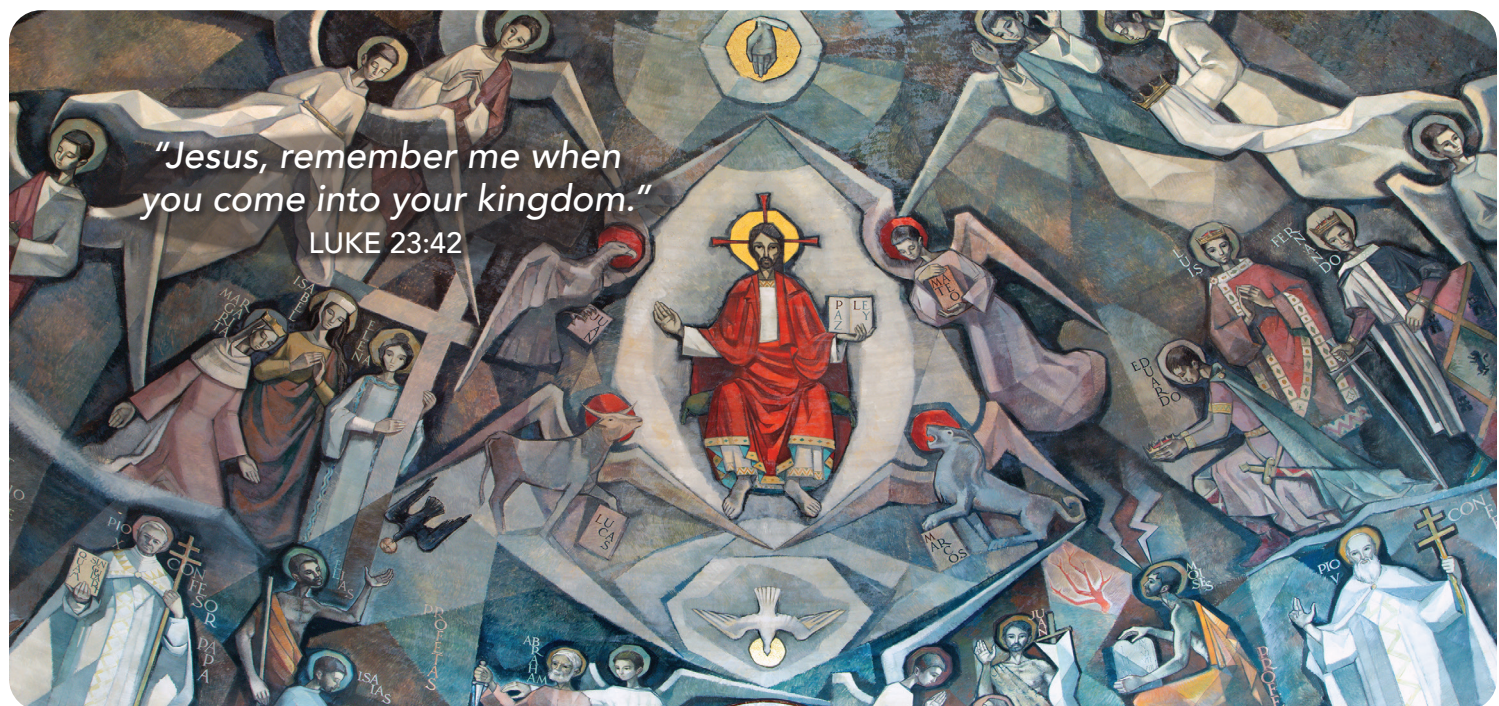
In the last words of the Gospel, Jesus opens the gates of his kingdom to a repentant sinner: "Today you will be with me in Paradise." This is what all of us long to hear, words that are empty when coming from one who has no authority, but charged with power when spoken by the one who is king over us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

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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 Juknialis. The people of Liguori Publications thank Sr. Dianne for her three years of insightful reflections. We wish her well.

FOR Reflection

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





St. Joseph's Church

was consecrated on the 29th January 1928.
It is the oldest standing Roman Catholic Church on the island.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Anthony's – Saturday at 5:00 p.m., or by appointment

St. Joseph's – Sunday morning 8:30 a.m. “ ”

St. Anthony's Mass times: Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m.
Sunday morning at 11:15 a.m.

BAPTISMS by appointment – one month in advance

WEDDINGS by appointment – one year in advance (approx.)

Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting – TBA

Coffee Social after Mass – 4th December 2022 (Team 2)

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON IN BERMUDA

Most Rev. Bishop, Wiesław (Wes) Śpiwak

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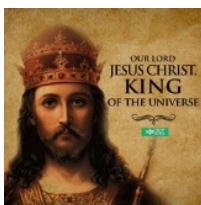


Today's Hymns



Entrance:	Crown Him with Many Crowns	#461
Offertory:	Alleluia! Sing to Jesus	#458
Communion:	Behold the Lamb	#785
Recessional:	The King of Glory	#470

Leader of Song: Justin Tavares



We are pleased to have our visitors celebrate the Mass with us this morning, and we hope their stay on the island will be a pleasant one.



- 27th November 2022

Proclaimer of God's Word
Opening/Closing of Church
Collection Counters
Music
Altar Server

Jane Bermingham
Kathie Ausenda
Annette Barclay
Tony Bari
Seamus Stones

Mass Intentions:

	Attendance	Collection
Saturday – 12 th November	8	74.00
Sunday – 13 th November (Reg)	43	434.00
(Maint)		100.00
		\$608.00

Thank you for your kindness and generosity, it is greatly appreciated.

Banking information: St. Joseph's Parish - Account Number:

20006060757062100 – Bank of NT Butterfield.

Prayers: Please keep our sick and shut-ins in your prayers, especially Lucille Dixon, Mary Maybury, Ilene Bremar, Hugh & Sheelah Hassell, Eleanor Correia, and Bernie & Eileen Davies.

Today we gather with the children to prepare for Advent. This will be held in the Parish Centre from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.



Annual Christmas Bingo – Friday, 9th

December at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to donate a prize for the bingo/raffle, or goodies for the refreshment table, please let Liz know as soon as possible. There will be assorted soups, rolls, and sandwiches, to start the evening off. Tickets (\$15 Adults - \$10 for children) are available from Liz.

Note the Change:



Decorating the Church & Christmas tree. If you have some free time on **Friday, 16th December**, to come and help to decorate the Church and tree for Christmas, it would be most greatly appreciated; many hands make light work!! **Time: 6:30 p.m. Or Saturday, 17th December 10:00 a.m.**, if we need to finish off.



Our Christmas get-together will be held on Sunday, 18th December at 2:15 p.m., in the Church (carols, songs, music). This is an “informal” celebration; therefore, let us have fun and enjoy it as a Parish Family in the Spirit of the Season!! We will have a social afterwards in the Parish Centre. If the children want to play an instrument, sing, or recite a poem; now is the time to get them to start practicing.

THANK YOU's

Hand Rail:

We would like to thank Hermano Pereira for putting up the railing that you see outside the kitchen door at the Parish Centre. This will be of great benefit to those who have difficulty negotiating the steps. Thank you, Hermano.

Stations of the Cross.

As you look around the walls of the church you will notice that the Stations of the Cross have "new life". We take this opportunity to thank Stephen Card for giving of his time and talent over the past few weeks to paint the "stations". What an undertaking, but what a wonderful "gift of stewardship". Thank you, Stevie.

DIOCESE

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!
Bishop Wes

The **Memorial Mass for Fr. Julio**, to thank God for his life and ministerial work, will be celebrated at St. Theresa's Cathedral on Friday, 25th of November at 7:30 p.m., the one-month anniversary of his death, which is according to good Polish tradition, and it will almost be at the eve of his Polish name day. The Mass will be celebrated in English and in Portuguese.

St. Anthony's Church will be holding their Christmas fair and Car Boot on Saturday, 3rd December from 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. 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. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP has for sale a variety of Christmas cards, Advent candles, a limited number of Advent calendars, statues, and other Christmas items. Also available are their usual stock of rosaries, statues, prayer cards and miscellaneous greeting cards, etc.



**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

"....giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." Colossians 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things.

**We were made for God.
Open your heart and let Him in!**

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

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A 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

Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 21
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 14:1–3, 4b–5
Lk 21:1–4

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 22
St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
Rv 14:14–19
Lk 21:5–11

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 23
Weekday
Rv 15:1–4
Lk 21:12–19

Thursday

NOVEMBER 24
St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Rv 18:1–2, 21–23;
19:1–3, 9a
Lk 21:20–28
Thanksgiving Day (US)
Sir 50:22–24
1 Cor 1:3–9
Lk 17:11–19

Friday

NOVEMBER 25
Weekday
Rv 20:1–4, 11–21:2
Lk 21:29–33

Saturday

NOVEMBER 26
Weekday
Rv 22:1–7 / Lk 21:34–36

Sunday

NOVEMBER 27
First Sunday of Advent
Is 2:1–5
Rom 13:11–14
Mt 24:37–44