

Your Majesty

This is an interesting form of address. It is not really a title like *Queen* or *Lord*. Nor does it identify a function ascribed to royalty, as does *ruler*. It refers to a status of excellence. It belongs to the position of royalty itself rather than the person in that position. Just what is majesty and why do we attribute it to some people? Originally people believed that royal individuals were descendants of the gods. This probably explains the notion of royal majesty. The readings for today's feast show that Jesus turned the ideas of kingship and royal majesty upside down.

The son of man in Daniel was a heavenly being upon whom "dominion, glory, and kingship" (7:14) were bestowed by God. The kingship of this figure is universal and everlasting. In the Gospels, Jesus frequently identifies with this title. When he does so, he is making a claim about his identity. The passage

from Revelation depicts Jesus like this son of man, a heavenly being who comes "amid the clouds" (1:7) as "the ruler of the kings of the earth" (1:5).

In the Gospel scene, Jesus is interrogated about his identity. He insists that his kingship springs from love and service, not power and force. It's clear that his royal majesty flows from who he is, not from any political position he might hold. To call him king, as we do with today's responsorial psalm, was a very dangerous political statement for his early followers, for it claimed that Jesus is Lord, not Caesar.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *Do you think Jesus was naive about power politics? Why or why not?*
- ★ *What influence does Jesus exercise over your life as your king?*

*Jesus answered
[Pilate], "You say I am
a king. For this I was
born and for this I
came into the world."*

JOHN 18:37



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Masses at St. Anthony's

Sat	Nov 20	6:00 pm	Souls in Purgatory
		8:00 pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word
Sun	Nov 21	11:15 am	Maria Jesse Pacheco+ and fam
Tues	Nov 23	8:15 am	
Wed	Nov 24	8:15 am	
		7:00 pm	Holy Hour (Adoration + Rosary)
		8:00 pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word (Hall)
Thu.	Nov 25	8:15 am	
Fri.	Nov 26	8:15 am	
		7:30 pm	Portuguese Mass
Sat.	Nov 27	6:00 pm	Manuel Moura+
		8:00 pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word
Sun	Nov 28	11:15 am	Herminio Furtado+ and family
		3:00 pm	Spanish Mass

Liturgical Ministries at St. Anthony's -- Kindly sign up on the sheet in the back of the church if you can participate in any of the liturgical ministries at St. Anthony's.

BULLETIN for November 20 and 21, 2021

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

Regular

Nov 6/7 \$1,024.00

Nov 13/14 \$1,566.00

Online payments can be made directly into the Bank account of St. Anthony's – Butterfield Bank – BD \$ Current A/c – 20006060061567100 and US \$ Current A/c – 20006840061567100. Please make sure to indicate what the donation is for in the memo field when making the payment i.e., Gen collection; Maintenance; Mission Sunday, etc. Multiple payments can be made for those times that you are away or on vacation. Please note that we are charged \$20 for US checks drawn on a US Bank.

Schedule of Masses: We have resumed the regular schedule of masses at our Churches. We do not want to break any laws so kindly remember to wear your masks, sanitize your hands and keep social distancing within the pews.

Holy Hour Adoration: In this very difficult moment for our Island, we are called to a deeper prayer. On Wednesday at 7 PM at St. Anthony's Church we will pray for divine help over this last outbreak and for your own personal intentions, which you can submit to us by email (stanthonybermuda@gmail.com) or by social media Messenger. We will place all these intentions of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. For those who would like to be present physically, COVID precautions will be observed. Kindly sanitize your hands upon entry into the church and spread out well enough to make the event safe.

Pastor's Note

Dear friends,

This Sunday is the feast of Christ King of the Universe, reminding us that at the end the whole of history is directed towards Christ. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that when Christ comes in glory, He will reveal the true meaning of history and its events, as well as the moment of our death in our individual judgment. The true meaning of the events that happened in our life will be revealed. In the dialogue between Jesus and Pontius Pilate, Jesus says that the origin his kingdom is not from this world, that his kingship cannot be understood with categories and principles that belong to this world. Definitely the world does not seem to go the way we would like it to go. There is violence, injustice, malice, deceit, war, sickness in the world. There is also death. In our way of looking at things, if Christ is king, things should be different. Innocent people should not suffer, there

should be no injustice, people should not be granted the freedom to hurt other people. However, when the true meaning of history and of our life will be revealed to us, we will see that everything went according to the plan of God in Christ. We had a foretaste of this in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which showed the plan of the Father at work in the Passion and Death of Christ. Without the Resurrection, the Passion and Death of Christ would just have been absolute nonsense. But in the same way Jesus was aware of the plan of the Father as it was already laid out in the Scriptures. We too can have a glimpse of the true meaning of our history by listening to the Word of Jesus Christ. Then we can follow His lead and recognize, at least in part, that God is the Lord of the events of our life and we can abandon ourselves to this plan. It is also a plan of love, which we will see fully revealed at the end. Then it will be obvious that Christ is the king of the universe. That is why he says to Pilate: "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

God bless you all. Fr. Attilio

Bishop's Corner

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Save The Children has published a shocking report on poor children in Europe. Although Europe is considered to be one of the richest and most socially ambitious regions in the world, it turns out that it is unable to feed its own children. Twenty million young Europeans live in poverty. In Italy, the number of poor children has increased by 200,000 in comparison to last year. Large families and migrants are the most vulnerable.

According to Antonella Inverno from the Italian branch of Save The Children, the pandemic has visibly demonstrated that governments are ineffective in helping the most endangered environments. It is also worrying that child poverty is becoming a widespread problem in Europe. Also in a country as prosperous as Germany, every fourth child is at risk of poverty. In Spain and Romania, every third child lives below the poverty line. Even work is no longer safe from poverty.

"In countries such as Spain or the Netherlands, forty percent of children at risk of poverty live in families where both parents have jobs. This shows that the class of so-called poor workers is still growing. Thus, problematic is both the quality of work and family policy, especially in relation to large or immigrant families. Moreover, material poverty is closely related to educational poverty. The rule that those who were not born into a privileged environment will have more and more problems with obtaining an appropriate education that would enable them to get out of poverty, is becoming more and more

evident. It is related to the quality of education, health care, housing and food. The problem of food poverty has returned in Europe. Again, there are children who do not have at least one complete meal a day. In other words, children who are poor in childhood are most likely to be poor as adults as well."

Have a restful weekend and a blessed week!

Bishop Wes

A HUGE THANK YOU: A big thank you to Mrs. Maria Fortuna for the beautiful linen cloth on the main altar of our church. May God continue to bless you and your amazing crocheting talent.

RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED: The past couple of years have been difficult times for everybody, including for our Churches, which have been shut down for months and limited in the modalities of operation in more than one way. This has also had a financial impact. As we are trying to get back on our feet and continue with our mission to bring Christ to the people and the people to God, we are organizing a raffle as a fund raiser to take place before Christmas. We are presently looking for prizes to raffle out. Let us know if you may be willing to donate one or more prizes, and also the value, since this information needs to appear in the form we will need to fill in order to obtain the permit from the Government of Bermuda. Thank you for your support and your help and may God bless you.

St. Vincent de Paul Society -Christmas Voucher Programme: The St. Vincent de Paul Society will once again be distributing food vouchers to those in need at Christmas. If you know of any parishioners who could use a voucher, please call 732-2060 or email svdp@northrock.bm. Please supply the person's name and telephone number, along with your name and telephone number. **Deadline to receive names is Tuesday November 30th. Distribution will take place from Monday December 13th.** Thank you for your assistance in helping us reach those in need.

ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP: The Gift Shop has received a recent shipment of crucifixes, crosses, rosaries, saint statues, children's books and bibles, greeting cards and special Christmas items such as Nativity sets, Holy Family figurines, Advent candles & wreaths, Advent calendars for children, children's story books and Christmas cards. Catholic Life 2022 calendars will soon be available for purchase. The Gift Shop is open on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. Thank you.

Lectors: The Books for the Lectors for the new liturgical year are available and can be picked up at the Sacristy anytime.

Dear Padre,

Why does the Church continue to use the image of a king to describe Jesus? He didn't act like a king or expect his followers to treat him like one.

Hereditary kings ruled most nations in the ancient Near East. In Egypt, the king was actually recognized as a god. In Israel, God was considered the one true king, and God's covenant was the treaty that united God and the people.

But the time came when the Israelites thought they needed to strengthen themselves militarily and politically. Then the elders came to Samuel and asked him to appoint a king to govern them like other nations (1 Samuel 8:5). The three great kings of Israel (Saul, David, and Solomon) were considered instruments of God but were also subject to existing legal codes.

Throughout the New Testament runs the theme that Jesus, a descendant of the royal Davidic line, is a ruler or king. The Magi first proclaimed Jesus king, saying they were looking for the "newborn king of the Jews" (Matthew 2:2).

At the heart of Jesus' message was the good news that all people could enter the kingdom of God if they rejected sin. Jesus used the parable of the mustard seed (Mark 4:30–32) to show that his kingdom will grow until everyone can be embraced within its branches. This kingdom, first manifested in simplicity and love in the Galilean countryside, is to reach its fulfillment in a great love among all people. Jesus as king is an image that should lead us to recognize our commitment to love and service to others in his kingdom.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Jesus asks us to allow him to become our king....But we must not forget that Jesus' kingdom is not of this world. He will give new meaning to our life—at times even put us to difficult tests through our mistakes and our sins—merely on the condition that we not follow the logics of the world and of its "kings."

ANGELUS, NOVEMBER 25, 2018

Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 22

St. Cecilia,

Virgin and Martyr

Dn 1:1–6, 8–20

Lk 21:1–4

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 23

Weekday

Dn 2:31–45

Lk 21:5–11

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 24

St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc,
Priest, and Companions,
Martyrs

Dn 5:1–6, 13–14, 16–17,
23–28

Lk 21:12–19

Thursday

NOVEMBER 25

Weekday

Dn 6:12–28

Lk 21:20–28

Friday

NOVEMBER 26

Weekday

Dn 7:2–14

Lk 21:29–33

Saturday

NOVEMBER 27

Weekday

Dn 7:15–27

Lk 21:34–36

Sunday

NOVEMBER 28

First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14–16

1 Thes 3:12–4:2

Lk 21:25–28, 34–36

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