

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.

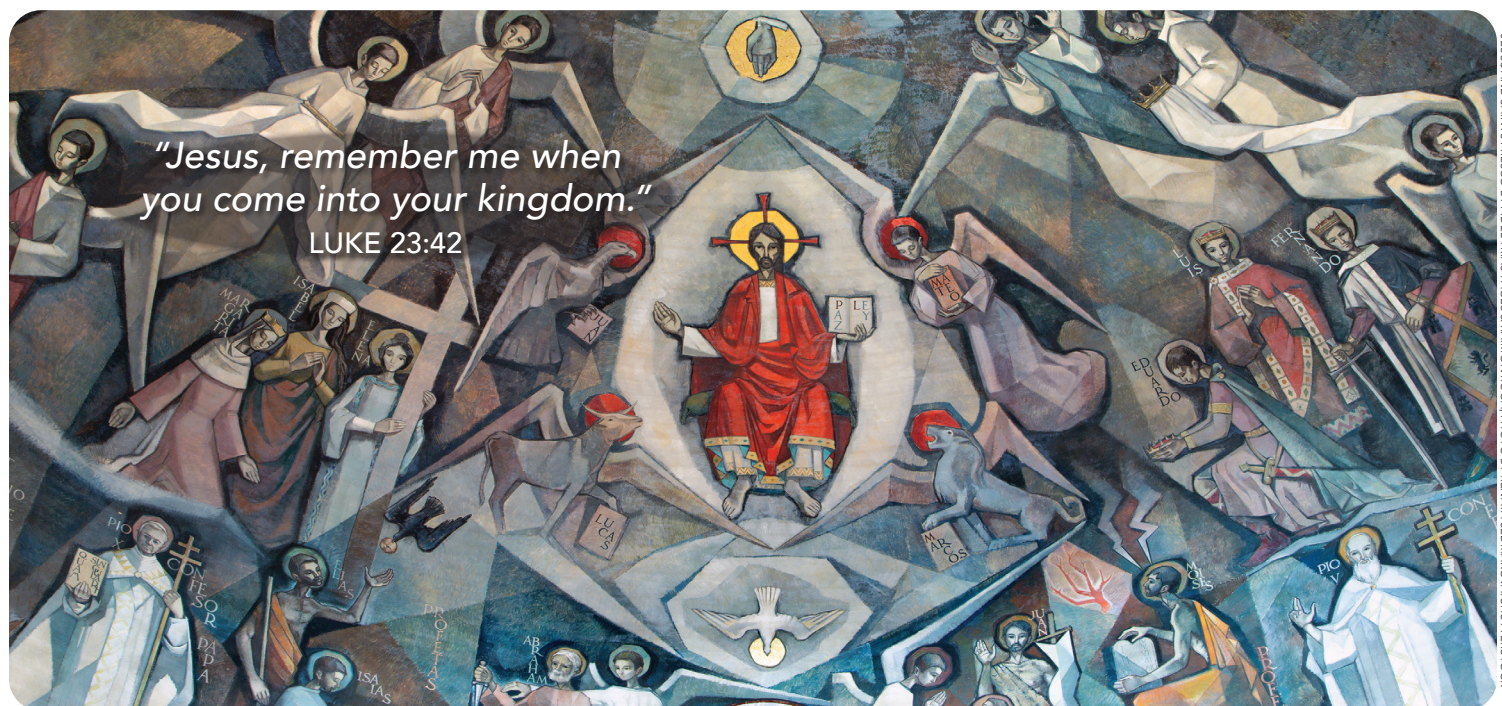
In the last words of the Gospel, Jesus opens the gates of his kingdom to a repentant sinner: "Today you will be with me in Paradise." This is what all of us long to hear, words that are empty when coming from one who has no authority, but charged with power when spoken by the one who is king over us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



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Weddings: By Appointment – usually about a year in advance
Sunday Mass: 9:00 am



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Tuesdays & Saturdays 8:00 PM in the Hall

Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

Sat	Nov 19	6:00 pm	Manuel and Maria Moura++ and family
		8:00 pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word (Hall)
Sun	Nov 20	11:15 am	Lesley Ann Virgil+
Tues	Nov 22	8:15 am	Goffredo Ferrante
Wed	Nov 23	8:15 am	Maria Marra+
		8:00 pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word (Hall)
Thu	Nov 24	8:15 am	
Fri.	Nov 25	8:15 am	Santina Marra+
Sat.	Nov 26	6:00 pm	Manuel Moura+ and family
		8:00 pm	NCW Eucharistic Celeb. (Hall)
Sun	Nov 27	11:15 am	Manuel Mendonca (Liv) Birthday

Liturgical Ministries – The books for the lectors for the new liturgical year are available and can be picked up at the back of the church. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church.

BULLETIN for November 19 and November 20, 2022

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

Nov 5/Nov 6 \$ 1,081.00
Nov 12/Nov 13 \$ 1,542.00

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.

Maintenance Collection first Sunday of the month

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 total reverence for the Sacrament. The traditional 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

Bingo for Seniors: Words alone cannot truly express my appreciation for all the lovely donations given towards the bingo for seniors. It was a lovely day of fun and games. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon and look forward to the next bingo for seniors. Thank you again. Annette

CHRISTMAS FAIR UPDATE

Mark your calendars for the Christmas Fair on December 3rd. We need volunteers to man the stalls at the fair. Also kindly sign up in the back of the church for donations towards the turkey hampers. **MORE RAFFLE PRIZES** are also needed. Start gathering items you no longer need or use to donate to the White Elephant Stall  items for the fair can be left in the back of the church or in the video room on Fridays. The tables for the boot sale are \$25 each or \$20 if you bring your own table. Please contact Debbie **737-0107** or Trish **505-0702** if you can help in any capacity!

Father Julio's Memorial Mass: The Memorial Mass for **Fr. Julio** will be to thank God for his life and ministerial work. The Mass will be in English and Portuguese and will be celebrated at St. Theresa's Cathedral **on Friday, 25th of November at 7:30pm**, the one month anniversary of his death.

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 in the front of the church.

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.

Joanne Judd

Treasurer

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP: The 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.

St. Anthony's Friday Club (formerly CCD): Our catechists are inviting the children and families to a Family Mass this Sunday Nov 20th at the 11.15am Mass. We will be singing children songs at Mass and having children doing the readings and acting as ushers. There will be a coffee social after Mass.

Message from Bishop Wes

Dear Friends,

I would like to let you officially know that beginning with 2023 MSA students will be receiving their First Holy Communion as a class during a special Mass just for them at St. Theresa's Cathedral.

Since the MSA students journey together in preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, including them for just the ceremony in the parish churches does not make much sense, and even more it disrupts their togetherness as a class and exposes them to the unnecessary stress of being added to a CCD students group that they have not been part of at all throughout the year. This also means that the MSA students will have their own Belonging and Listening Celebration and will not participate in these events in the parishes.

In case the parents of an MSA student wish to have their child receive FHC in the parish, it will be mandatory for their child to attend four CCD classes in their parish immediately prior to the FHC celebration.

The same rule also applies for children who are attending CCD classes in another parish than the one where they will be receiving FHC.

Peace and blessings,

Bishop Wes

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