

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

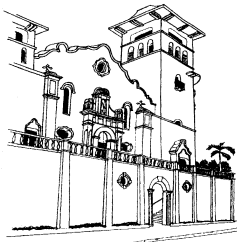
FOR Reflection

- ★ 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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	DATES	TIMES	INTENTIONS FOR
Sat.	Nov. 19	6:30 pm	St. Theresa's Parish Family
Sun.	Nov. 20	8:30 am	Antonio & Ernestina Rebello
		10:00 am	Isaul Cordeiro, Alzira da Costa, Maria de Jesus Furtado, Jose Cunha, Antonio Minsinho, Angelina Botelho, Jose & Maria A. Tirano Jr., Manuel & Maria Amaral Barroso, & Pelas Almas do Purgatorio Gloria Mello
		11:30 am	Intentions of Eduardo Buna
		6:00 pm	
Mon.	Nov. 21	7:30 am	William Lusher
Tues.	Nov. 22	7:30 am	Maria de Jesus Furtado
Wed.	Nov. 23	7:30 am	Ben DeSilva, Steven W. DeSilva & Ann DeSilva
		12:10 pm	Intentions of Crystal Rose Fox
Thurs.	Nov. 24	7:30 am	John & Mabel DeSilva & John & Alma DeSilva
		12:10 pm	William Lusher
Fri.	Nov. 25	7:30 am	In Honour of Our Lady of Medjugorje, Queen of Peace
		12:10 pm	Intentions of Catherine Visaya
Sat.	Nov. 26	6:30 pm	Deceased Members of the Pacheco & Maiato Families
Sun.	Nov. 27 (Portuguese)	8:30 am	Ben DeSilva
		10:00 am	
		11:30 am	St. Theresa's Parish Family
		6:00 pm	Molly Funk

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE: 26th/27th November, 2022

	6:30PM	8:30AM	11:30AM	6:00PM
Proclaimer:	Anna Machado	B.D. Knights	F. Maxwell	H. Consolacion
Communion	J. Judd	G. Lovecchio	N/A	N/A
Ministers:	D. DeSilva	I. Brackstone		
Song Leaders:	D. Mutch	M. Pastor	M. Gravito	

SUNDAY & SPECIAL OFFERINGS WITH ONLINE BANKING & PARISH ENVELOPES

Please make direct payments to St. Theresa's Cathedral at Bank of Butterfield A/C #20006060-482732100 and include "Sunday Offering" in the memo field. Also, the parish encourages the use of Sunday Offering Envelopes to promote the concept of stewardship of treasure. Thank you for continued support in remembering the needs of the Cathedral.

Saturday Adoration in the Chapel of St. Theresa's Cathedral: 9am – Holy Mass in Portuguese followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration - 10:00 am – Benediction.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

This year, the Sunday before Thanksgiving is the final Sunday of the liturgical year, the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. We are baptized into Christ's life as priest, prophet and king. Today, we are reminded that following Jesus' kingship is not about earthly power, but rather of the humble obedience to God's will.

The mission of spreading Christ's kingdom is sacred, although not always easy. Faith in Jesus Christ calls us to persevere to 'stick with it' even when it is difficult to do so. Our faith is sure to be tested, by the circumstances of daily life, by aspects of our social and cultural surroundings, by the knowledge that many in our world suffer the effects of violence, poverty, war, and injustice.

Throughout his earthly ministry, in his death on the cross, and in his Resurrection, Jesus helps us to grasp the implications of discipleship, and he encourages us to keep the wider view, certain that the challenges of the moment will not have the final word. Jesus, the Word made flesh, the king of the universe, is that final word, that of truth, life, holiness, grace, justice love and peace.

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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is the Lord of my life:

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Collection:	12 th /13 th November, 2022...	\$ 3,119.00
	To Date: Week 46 ...	\$ 188,087.00
<i>Thank you for your stewardship!</i>		

ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL



20th – 26th November, 2022

Donation Given for Two 7-Day Votive Candles & 2 Roses
"In Memory of Oskar Lewnowski"

INTRODUCTION:

Life is sometimes described as a journey with an ultimate destination. As we near the end of another liturgical year we are invited to reflect on the last things – death, judgment, heaven, and hell. But we do so not in fear but in hope, for while this earthly life might end, the promise of life eternal shines brightly in Christ.



MEMORIAL MASS FOR FR. JULIO:

A Memorial Mass celebrated in English and Portuguese for Fr. Julio Blazejewski, who was the Portuguese Episcopal Vicar, will be celebrated at **St. Theresa's Cathedral next Friday, 25th November at 7:30pm.** Please plan to attend to thank God for Fr. Julio's ministerial work and life.



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 person's 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 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.



CHRISTMAS FAIR & CAR BOOT SALE:

St. Anthony's Church located on Middle Road, Warwick (Next to Price Rite) will be having a **Christmas Fair & Car Boot Sale on Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 9am – 4pm.** Book now for a Spot! \$25 includes table & \$20 bring your own table.

Contact: Tel: #737-0107 or email: pschrah@gmail.com

MEMORIAL FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS:

Forms are located on the communion rail and at the main doors of the Cathedral for anyone, who wishes to make an offering for St. Theresa's Christmas Flowers "In Memory" of their deceased loved ones. All names will be remembered on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. **Deadline is Sunday, December 11th.** Thank you for your anticipated support!



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. The Gift Shop is open on Tuesday and Saturdays from 10:00am to 2:00 pm.

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

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-Lac,
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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