

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





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 - Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. or by appointment

St. Joseph's at 8.30 a.m. Sunday morning " "

St. Anthony's Mass times: Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday morning 11.15 a.m.

BAPTISMS by appointment - one month in advance

WEDDINGS by appointment - one year in advance (approx)

CCD - Closed

Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting - 29th November

Stewardship Team -

Coffee Social after Mass - 28th November - Team 2 (Grace+)

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Most Reverend Bishop, Wieslaw (Wes) Spiewak

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Mrs. Elizabeth Card - Pastoral
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Council

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Today's Hymns



Entrance: All Creatures of Our God & King #578

Offertory: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent #591

**Communion: Draw Near & Take the Body of
The Lord #454**

Recessional: Praise My Soul the King of Heaven #586

Leader of Song: Justin Tavares



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



- 28th November 2021

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

**Jane Bermingham
Mary Harvey
Elizabeth Card
Tony Bari**

If you would like to participate in one of the above-mentioned ministries, please see Annette Barclay.

Mass Intention - The People of St. Joseph's

		<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Collection</u>
13 th November	Regular	14	\$86.00
	Maintenance		\$30.00
14 th November	Regular	40	\$173.00
	Maintenance		71.00
			<u>\$360.00</u>

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Prayers: Please keep our sick and shut-in in your prayers, especially Manuel Arruda.



Our monthly Coffee Social will resume on Sunday, 28th November, and will be hosted by Team 2 (Grace, Pereza, Ailyn, Gigi, Luisa, Jose, and Cherry).

ADVENT STARTS NEXT SUNDAY: Get your calendars/ wreaths/candles ready. Try to set aside some time during this "preparation period" for prayer and reflection.

The next Pastoral & Finance Council meeting will be held on Monday, 29th November, at 7.30 p.m., in the Parish Centre.

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 at 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. Definitively 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 death also. 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 we will be revealed the true meaning of history and of our life, 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 in the end showed the plan of the Father at work in the Passion and Death of Christ. Without the resurrection, the Passion and Death would just have been absolute nonsense. But in the same way as 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 and because of it 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, which is also a plan of love, until we will see it 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

Announcements:

1. The Workbooks for Lectors for the new liturgical year are available and can be picked up at the Sacristy anytime.
2. Liturgy of the Word at St. Joseph's Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.
3. Holy Hour of Adoration at St. Anthony Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
4. Portuguese Mass with Fr. Julio on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

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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

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. These Christmas items consist of Nativity sets, Holy Family figurines, Advent candles & wreaths, Advent calendars for children, children's story books and Christmas cards.

Also, Catholic Life 2022 calendars will soon be available for purchase. The Gift Shop is open on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Thank you for your patronage.

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 that 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, 30th November. Distribution will take place from Monday December 13th.** Thank you for your assistance in helping us reach those in need.

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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