

## Your Majesty

**T**his 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

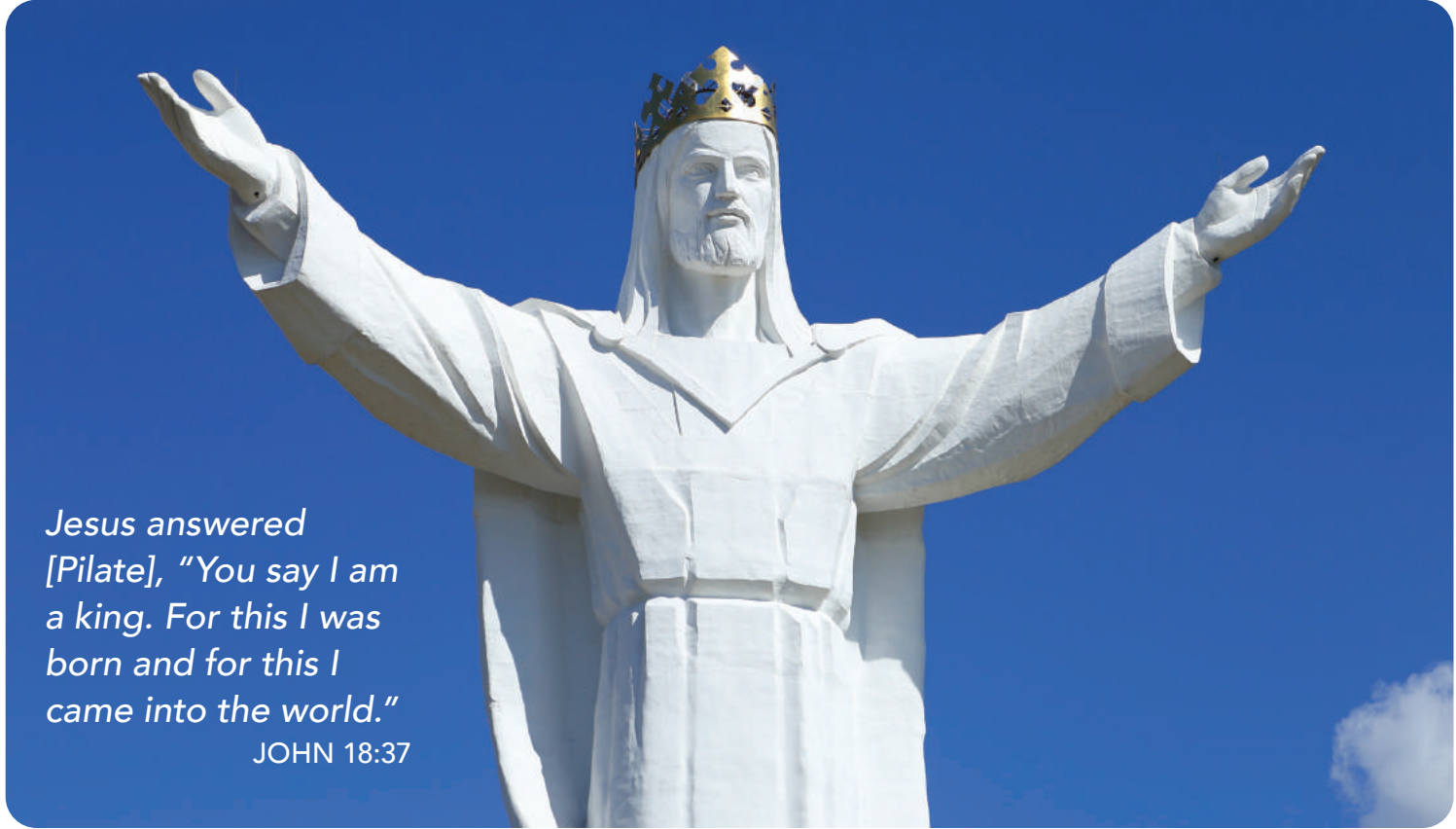
from Revelation depicts Jesus like this son of man, a heavenly being who comes "amid the clouds" (1:7) as "the ruler of the kings of the earth" (1:5).

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*

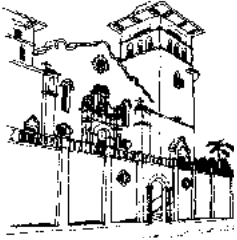
### FOR *Reflection*

- \* *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. Theresa's Cathedral

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**St. Theresa's Gift Shop:** 292-0416 – Shop Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Tuesdays, & Saturdays)

**Confessions:** By appointment only – Social distancing of 3' if a mask is worn or 6' if no mask is worn.

**Baptisms:** By appointment – 5 weeks in advance

**Weddings:** By appointment – 1 year in advance. Pre-Marriage Course is required for all weddings here or elsewhere

**Facebook:** Our Catholic Diocese is on Facebook. Visit our page & "LIKE" us and join our on-line community.

DATES	TIMES	INTENTIONS FOR
Sat. Nov. 20	6:30 pm	+ Deceased Members of the Pacheco & Maiato Family
Sun. Nov. 21	8:30 am	+ St. Theresa's Parish Family
	10:00 am	+ Jose Fernando Pimentel, Antonio Pimentel, & Antonio Mansinho
	11:30 am	+ Intentions of Teresa Misurale
	2pm & 4pm	+ Confirmation Candidates & Their Families
Mon. Nov. 22	6:00 pm	+ Carrie DeSilva
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Tues. Nov. 23	7:30 am	Intentions of Dr. Hawking
Wed. Nov. 24	7:30 am	+ Benito Visaya
	12:10 pm	+ Michael Craggs
Thurs. Nov. 25	7:30 am	Intentions of Catherine Visaya
	12:10 pm	
Fri. Nov. 26	7:30 am	+ Roy Thomas
	12:10 pm	
Sat. Nov. 27	6:30 pm	+ Ben DeSilva
Sun. Nov. 28 (Portuguese)	8:30 am	Intentions of Catherine Bejer
	10:00 am	
	11:30 am	+ Matilda David
	2:00 pm	+ Confirmation Candidates & Their Families
Sun. Nov. 28 (Portuguese)	6:00 pm	+ St. Theresa's Parish Family

### NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE: 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>, November 2021

	6:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
<b>Proclaimers:</b>	J. Gainey	K. Scarth	V. Turner	Volunteer
				Needed
<b>Communion</b>				
<b>Ministers:</b>	Anna Machado	O. Scarth	N/A	N/A
<b>Song Leaders:</b>				

### SUNDAY & SPECIAL OFFERINGS WITH ONLINE BANKING & PARISH ENVELOPES

Please make direct payments to the Bank of Butterfield Acct #20-006-060-482732-100 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.

**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.

### *A FEAST OF GRATITUDE!*

On the surface, the Mass is a ritual comprised of a series of songs, prayers, and gestures. We stand, sing, make the sign of the cross, sit, listen, kneel and pray. Reflect more deeply, however, and we grasp the greater meaning and impact of the Eucharist. Christ is truly present with and among us; we are fed by word and sacrament, and are drawn into union with Christ and one another. It is about joining together with grateful hearts and resolving to share Christ's life, love, and mercy with others. The very meaning of the word "eucharist" is "thanksgiving". It is a feast of gratitude.

Gather around the table, at home and at the celebration of the Eucharist. Grow in gratitude. Let your life be changed. Share with others, especially those who are in need.

*Taken from Catholic Life & Faith - 2021*

***We Welcome Fr. Paul Voisin, C.R., who arrived on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. He will be celebrating some of the weekend and weekday Masses at St. Theresa's Cathedral during his two weeks' stay with us. We hope you enjoy your time here and get to see some of your past parishioners.***



**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT**

Stewardship of our time and talent and treasure is not limited only to the Church. Especially during this season of Thanksgiving, many people gave time and money to other groups in the community as well.

**Steward's Sharing of Treasure**

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Collection:	13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> :	\$ 3,459.00
	To Date: Week 46	\$164,642.00

*Thank you for your continued financial support!*

**ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL**



21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2021

Donation Given for Two Votive Candles  
"Intentions of Hubert Faries and Family"

**INTRODUCTION:** Today's solemnity, by which we close the liturgical year, reminds us that Christ is king and ruler of all. He is the firstborn of the dead in whom all power and authority has been invested. By our baptism we share in that holy and royal identity so that we might witness to his glory and kingship before the world.



**DIOCESAN CONFIRMATION MASSES:**

Congratulations to ALL of our Confirmation Candidates, who will be confirmed by Bishop Wes Spiewak, C.R. this Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> November at the 2pm mass and at the 4pm Mass at St. Theresa's Cathedral. The next Diocesan Confirmation Mass will be held on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 at

2pm at the Cathedral. Mass celebrations are by family invite only.

*May you always walk with the Holy Spirit!*

**BOOK OF LIFE:**

November is the month of prayer for the Souls in Purgatory! The Book of Life is on the communion rail. You are invited to enter the names of your loved ones who have died, and they will be remembered at all the Masses during the month of November.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - Christmas**

**Vouchers:** 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](mailto: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 30<sup>th</sup>. Distribution will take place from Monday December 13<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you for your assistance in helping us reach those in need.



**MEMORIAL FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS:**

Forms are located on the communion rail or at the doors of the Cathedral for anyone, who wishes to make an offering for Cathedral Christmas Flowers "In Memory" of their deceased loved ones. All names will be remembered at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day!

**ADVENT GIVING TREE:** *Next Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>*, the Giving Tree will be set up at the back of the Church with name tags that will be placed on the tree for gifts for the children from the Star Lighthouse Foundation. We look forward to your participation in this Parish outreach in making these children happier this Christmas!

**ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP:**

The Gift Shop, located on Laffan Street, 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. The Gift Shop is open on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. Come in soon to visit and buy while supplies last!

**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*



# 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.**

**H**ereditary 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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