Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 20, 2016 (C) ✦ 2 Sm 5:1–3 ✦ Col 1:12–20 ✦ Lk 23:35–43

The readings for the solemnity of Christ the king in each of the three Sunday cycles help us to see how different Jesus' kingship is from that of earthly rulers. The reign of Jesus is not tied to judgment or authority, for he subjects himself to the judgment and authority of others. His reign is not tied to an ability to make and defend laws, for he submits to the existing law which condemns him to death on a cross. His reign is not tied to the power to conquer nations or to lead great armies against oppressors. Christ the king comes to save, to conquer "death and the devil" (*Catechism* 636, 1019).

Rather, the kingdom of God is about comfort, peace, redemption, truth, real justice, and mercy. Even from the cross, Jesus forgave his enemies and held on to no anger or hate. He welcomed repentant sinners into the kingdom. He resisted the temptation to impress others with the power that came from who he was and who he knew. In the great contradiction of our faith, the power of Christ the King is manifest in his willingness to become powerless for love of us.

What does that mean for us, his disciples? We, too, must let go of power, reject destruction, and turn toward God. As we make our way, we are called to practice forgiveness, hospitality, and humility in loving all of God's children. As we close this Year of Mercy and enter another Advent, this may be the best gift we can give to Christ our king.

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Liguori Publications is deeply grateful to Mary Katharine Deeley for her articulate stories and amazing insight into the Sunday readings for the last three years. Starting next week, we will feature reflections from Fr. Mark Haydu, LC, and artwork from the Vatican Museums.

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St. Mary's & St. John's Catholic Church

Pastor, Rev. Marek Ciesla, S. Chr.

Masses: Saturday – 5:00 PM (Brush), Sunday – 10:00 AM (Brush), 12:00 PM (Stoneham)
Reconciliation: Saturday – 3:00 PM (Brush); Sunday – 1:00 PM (Stoneham); 1/2 hr. before weekday Masses
Daily Mass: Thursday 5:30 PM (Brush) & Friday 8:00 AM (Brush)

Mass Intentions

Sat., Nov 19	**Vigil Mass**
5:00 p.m.	For health for Angelina Springer
Sun., Nov 20	**Christ the King Sunday**
10:00 a.m.	†Dionisio Ramirez /1 anniv./
12:00 p.m.	.....
Thur., Nov 24	**Mass / Thanksgiving Day**
9:30 a.m.	In thanksgiving for graces
Fri., Nov 25	**Mass**
8:00 a.m.	† Marvin Gardner
Sat., Nov 26	**Vigil Mass**
5:00 p.m.	†Barbara A. Devlin (4)
Sun., Nov 27	**1st Sunday of Advent**
10:00 a.m.	†Barry Quinlin
12:00 p.m.	.....

PLEASE PRAY FOR
George Doughty
Jan Willich
Leona Blackwelder
Joe & Jenny Mata
David Lawrence
Ardell Bruce
Archie Tadolini
Paul Ramirez
Nancy Roark
Glen & Angelina Springer
Peggy Theisen
John Mantey

Repose of the Soul
Barry Quinlin
Barbara Devlin
Betynuit Leyva Moya
Sandra Garcia Madigan

Please call Sarah Lopez: 842-3001 to be added to the prayer list.

Knights of Columbus: Next meeting:
Wednesday, Nov. 30, 7:00 pm RE Bldg. (Brush)

BIBLE STUDY: Tues, Nov 22, 6:30 pm;
Reading Matthew, Chapter 7

From the desk of Fr. Marek....

This weekend, at the end of liturgical year, we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. We are reminded that Jesus is the 'Alpha and Omega', the 'Beginning and End', the 'Way, Truth, and Life'. Our King promises to His faithful friends the gift of salvation, the pledge of everlasting life through His Resurrection.

This Feast was instituted in 1925 by than Pope Pius XI as a response to the secularism in the world. The world was putting things like money, power, and fame on a pedestal above God. Pope Pius XI recognized that secularism would breed hostility against the Church and threatened also civilization. He gave hope to people by saying that Jesus's Kingdom, unlike the kingdoms of this world, would last forever.

This weekend we celebrate the fact that our King loves us so much that He died for us! Through His death and resurrection our King opened the door to eternal happiness for us.

St. Mary's Fall Food Drive

Please donate canned & dry goods to the food pantry of Brush! Drop off at St. Mary's Church.

Thanksgiving Day Masses

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph's (Akron)
9:30 a.m. St. Mary's (Brush)

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Best Advent Ever starts Sunday, Nov. 27
Sign up at: BestAdventEver.com
We prepare for everything we consider important in life. This year, prepare for Christmas in a different way. Sign up for Best Advent Ever and *Rediscover Christmas* with inspirational emails and videos delivered to your inbox for free. Have your best Advent ever!

Mark Your Calendar for MOVIE NIGHT at ST MARY'S

Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. / Parish Hall (church basement) /
We will watch, **" The 13th Day"** - best film ever made about the story of Fatima.

Holy Door Card Reminder: Remember to submit a photocopy of your completed postcard for a chance to win a Year of Mercy icon if you visited all five Holy Doors during this special Year of Mercy. Send before December 30, 2016 to the address provided on the card.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 8 - A Holy Day of Obligation

Wed. Dec. 7, 5:30 p.m., St. Joseph (Akron)
Thurs, Dec. 8, 5:30 p.m., St. Mary (Brush)*
*Food & fellowship following Mass (Brush)

CALENDAR

Sat, Nov 19
11:30 a.m. Baptism class (Brush)
3:00 p.m. Confessions
4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass (Brush)
5:00 p.m. Mass (Brush)
Sun, Nov 20
9:00 a.m. RE Classes (Brush)
9:00 a.m. Catholicism DVD Series (Brush)
9:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass (Brush)
10:00 a.m. Mass (Brush)
12:00 p.m. Mass (Stoneham)
Tues, Nov 22 - 6:30 p.m. Bible Study (Brush)
Wed, Nov 23
6:30 p.m. Youth Group, Church basement
Knights of Columbus mtg. moved to Nov. 30
Thurs, Nov 24 - Happy Thanksgiving!
9:30 a.m. Mass (Brush)
No 5:30 p.m. Mass
Fri, Nov 25
7:30-7:50 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Mass
9:45 a.m. Communion Service at Sunset Manor
Sat, Nov 26
3:00 p.m. Confessions
4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass (Brush)
5:00 p.m. Mass (Brush)
Sun, Nov 27
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Catechism of the Catholic Church: ***In what sense do we understand man and woman as created "in the image of God"?*** The human person is created in the image of God in the sense that he or she is capable of knowing and of loving their Creator in freedom. Human beings are the only creatures on earth that God has willed for their own sake and has called to share, through knowledge and love, in his own divine life.

November 20, 2016

dear Padre

My youth group sometimes raises funds for activities. Once, an angry parishioner told me that the Church was only concerned with money. Is raising money within or for the Church OK?

Schools and religious groups commonly raise money for their activities and projects. It's also normal for parish organizations to get their funds from membership dues or event tickets. The parish is often the first place people go, but if your group already receives a lot of support from its members, consider looking to other sources, such as local businesses that are interested in supporting youth in your area.

The fundraising you plan often dictates your methods. If you're promoting an event, such as a dance, ticket sales are an appropriate model. If you choose a third-party or commercial fundraiser, make sure its business practices are morally acceptable within a Catholic context. If you desire a special mention, collection, or to solicit after Mass or during a parish function, obtain approval from the pastor or designated staff beforehand.

Some people are very sensitive to financial appeals. Maybe that person had just received multiple requests. Fundraising efforts should be coordinated within the parish. If groups are competing or events fall too closely together, problems can arise.

Money is necessary for many things. Fundraising for a good purpose, especially to help others, has existed in the Church since St. Paul himself.

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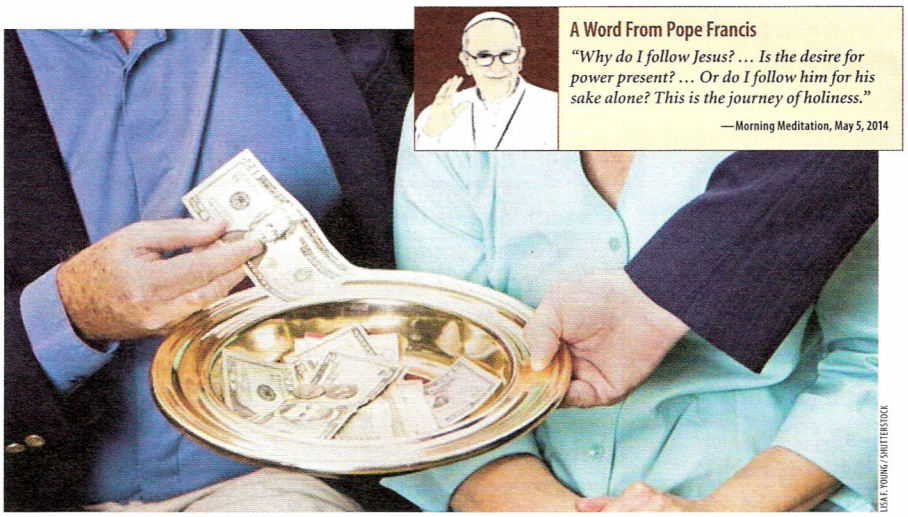

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A Word From Pope Francis

"Why do I follow Jesus? … Is the desire for power present? … Or do I follow him for his sake alone? This is the journey of holiness."

—Morning Meditation, May 5, 2014

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

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

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