

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

WHO IS THE KING OF GLORY?

Ancient Israel understood God to be the only “King” that they needed. As time went on, human envy and insecurity crept in, and they wanted a king like their neighbors, an earthly king who would lead them to greatness. God’s people came to depend upon and find their strength in frail humanity rather than their faithful Creator. When that failed, they hoped for a human Messiah King to give them back that fragile sense of security. We can understand, perhaps, their confusion upon encountering the powerfully gentle and gloriously humble Jesus.

THE KING OF HEARTS

Are you aware that today’s joyous feast is not even one hundred years old? In his 1925 encyclical *Quam Primas*, Pius XI established the feast of Christ the King. Remember what the world was like in those days—the rise of nationalism and secularism in Europe and un-Godly false prophets, leading inexorably to the Passion of the Holocaust and wide-ranging martyrdoms. No wonder the pope was anxious to show the world a true King! Saint Luke today goes straight to the heart of kingship, of a king’s devotion to his beloved people. In this topsy-turvy kingdom, we see not a king decked in power and glory, but the crucified “King of the Jews” who robes himself in the suffering of a sad and lonely world. His forgiveness and heart-breaking love throughout his passion is a hard act for humans to follow, and yet Jesus gives us his life and death as a model. And then he tells us that, along with the “good criminal,” we will be with him “in Paradise.” What more could we ever ask?

It is fitting that Pius’ encyclical ties this royal feast to the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This King who gave his heart to humanity in the sacrificial love feast of Good Friday gives his heart every day to a broken world still trying to figure out who he is.

Today’s Readings: 2 Sam 5:1–3; Ps 122:1–2, 3–4, 4–5; Col 1:12–20; Lk 23:35–43

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¿QUIÉN ES EL REY DE LA GLORIA?

El antiguo Israel entendió que Dios era el único “rey” que necesitaban. Con el paso del tiempo, la envidia y la inseguridad se fueron metiendo, y ellos querían un rey como el de sus vecinos, un rey terrenal que los llevara a la grandeza. El pueblo de Dios llegó a depender y encontrar su fortaleza en la fragilidad humana en lugar de la de su Creador fiel. Cuando eso falló, esperaban por un rey mesías que les devolviera ese frágil sentido de seguridad. Podemos entender su confusión, quizás, al encontrar a Jesús intensamente gentil y gloriosamente humilde.

EL REY DE CORAZONES

¿Sabías que la gloriosa fiesta de hoy no tiene ni siquiera cien años? En la encíclica *Quam Primas* escrita por Pío XI en 1925 se estableció la fiesta de Cristo Rey. Recuerda cómo era el mundo en esos días, el surgimiento del nacionalismo, el secularismo en Europa y falsos profetas que llevaron al Holocausto y vastos martirios. ¡No es de extrañar que el Papa estuviera preocupado por mostrar al mundo a un verdadero rey! Hoy san Lucas va directo a la realeza, de la devoción de un rey a su amado pueblo. En este reino confuso, no vemos a un rey ataviado con poder y gloria, sino al crucificado “Rey de los Judíos” vestido así mismo en el sufrimiento de un mundo solo y triste. Su perdón y amor desgarrador a lo largo de su pasión es un ejemplo difícil seguir para las personas, y aun así Jesús nos da su vida y muerte como modelo. Y luego él nos dice que, junto con “el buen ladrón”, estaremos con él “en el Paraíso”. ¿Qué más podríamos pedir?

Es oportuno que la encíclica del Papa Pío une esta fiesta real a la fiesta del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús. Este rey que da su corazón a la humanidad en la fiesta de sacrificio de amor del Viernes Santo que da su corazón cada día a un mundo destrozado que todavía intenta descubrir quién es él.

Lecturas de hoy: 2 Sam 5:1–3; Sal 122 :1–2, 3–4, 4–5; Col 1:12–20; Lc 23:35–43

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Please Pray for the Sick

Prayer List Updates



Arturo Parra	Kayla Scott	David Santoyo
Frances Vasaldua	Maria Langley	Eva Flores
Trini Torres	Irma Urias	Paul Muñoz, Sr.
Martin Ramos	Mary S. Martinez	Joe Espinoza
Daniel Hernandez	Frances Lozano	Virginia & Jose Ponce
Debra Sendejo	Mary Escalera	Victoria Oroasco
Michael Sendejo	Maximus James Tobar	Henry Vidal
Ashley Arthur	Suzanne Gutierrez	Hope Esquivel
Annette Vega	Benny Martinez	Victor Cruz
Kevin Ryan Martinez	Edward Martinez	Tomas Johnson
David Ortiz	Terry Moreno	Deacon Jesus Rodriguez
Sammuel Cortez	Sarah Contreras	Rosalinda Esparza
Mary Lou Medina	Donnie Vordenbaum	Daniel Rodriguez
Inez De Los Santos	Gary Stanko	Rosie Flores
Frances Ramirez	Jose Flores	Jessica Diaz
Clara Perez	Ramiro Davila	Robert Campos
Sandra Amaya	Marty Carrera Tobias	Gloria Martinez
Danny Rae Schexnayder, Sr.	Jesse R. Diaz	Carlos Guardiola, III
Sandra Jean Guerra	Celina Herrera	Joe R. Martinez

We thank God for the healing of so many sick parishioners. Please be courteous and call the Parish Office if your loved one is no longer suffering or sick. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE NOVEMBER 16-17, 2019

5:00 PM	-\$ 706.30	(086)
8:00 AM	-\$ 642.93	(094)
10:00 AM	-\$1,059.00	(118)
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Children’s Basket	-\$ 25.81	
School Mass	-\$ 42.89	
Turkey Bingo	-\$ 648.15	
2019 Gift of Giving	-\$ 260.97	
Mail/Drop In	-\$1,235.00	
TOTAL	\$6,142.52	

SECOND COLLECTION

November 24, 2019 - Campaign Human Development

2019 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions 11//16-17/19	\$ 262.97
RUNNING BALANCE TOTAL	\$18,420.99

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, November 23

5:00 p.m. † Frank Valdivia - Campos Family

Sunday, November 24

8:00 a.m.

Gift of Life Perla Rose Treviño - Nora Treviño

10:00 a.m. † Martin & Margaret Burrell - Daughter

† Daniel C. Arzola - Family

† Hortencia Rodriguez Watson - Husband & Family

† Antonia G. De Robles - Friends @ Braxton Apartments

Gift of Life Rose Mary Flores

12:00 p.m. For Our Parish Community

Monday, November 25

Tuesday, November 26

12:00 p.m.

For Health Carlos Guardiola, III

Wednesday, November 27

12:00 p.m.

Gift of Life Rose Mary Flores

Thursday, November 28 - THANKSGIVING DAY

10 a.m. † Daniel Traspaña, Jr.

† Raymundo Cruz, Sr. - Cruz Family

† Candelario & Mercedes Lopez - Lopez Family

† Mercedes Lopez Soto - Lopez Family

† Irene Lopez Tello - Lopez Family

† Nieves Lopez Barrientes - Lopez Family

† Ernesto Rubio, Sr. - Family

† Maria Soto - Family

† Juan C. Velasquez - Daughters

Friday, November 29 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

12:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 30

5:00 p.m. † Fr. Eddie Bernal - John & Angie Diaz

Sunday, December 1 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 a.m. † Petra Chavez - Sisters

† Casimiro Bernal - Family

† Hilda Torres - Ultreya

Gift of Life Carlos Treviño - Nora Treviño

10:00 a.m. † Martin & Margaret Burrell - Daughter

† Daniel C. Arzola - Family

12:00 p.m. † Arturo Dominguez - Family

† Guadalupe Saldaña - Mr. & Mrs. Joe Ponce

In Loving Memory

We pray for the souls of our dearly departed who have passed from our parish community:

Sanctuary Light

Holy Souls in Purgatory

† Luis Duran, Sr.



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Happy Thanksgiving to each and everyone of you! I sincerely hope and pray you have a wonderful time with your families and your loved ones. May this day be an opportunity to thank God for all the blessings and privileges we have.

Today we celebrate Christ the King. Christ is the King of the Universe. May his kindship of love, sacrifice, forgiveness, compassion, kindness and understanding reign in our daily life. Today also marks the end of the liturgical year C and we initiate Liturgical year A. Next week we officially commence the Advent season, or tie. The following four weeks will prepare us to celebrate the birthday of our Savior and anticipate his second coming. I invite you to focus in prayers and actions of charity to prepare for Christmas.

As we approach the holidays, especially Christmas, I would like to thank each and every one of you for contributing every weekend with a \$1 donation in support of the needs of the families during the holidays. We have collected over \$18,000 thanks to your generosity. Any family in need of assistance is asked to request an application in the parish office, or speak with me directly. I am looking forward to celebrating the birthday of our Lord and anticipate his second coming.

It is with great excitement that I announce the tiles for the church floor are already in and the work has begun. The work will be completed in sections and anticipate completion by Christmas. Thank you, as always, for your patience and support.

It is with great excitement that I announce my future pilgrimage to the Holy Land! I will be leading a pilgrimage to The Holy Land for 10 days from June 2nd thru June 11th, 2020. We will explore and meditate in places where Jesus was born, worked, suffered, died and rose from the dead. We will also visit places where Mary, Mother of God, was born, where she raised Jesus and witnessed her son's suffering, death and resurrection. This is an opportunity for us to connect with scriptures and the reality. The trip's cost is \$3,100 per person (double occupancy) which includes round trip airfare from San Antonio, 4 & 5 star hotels, breakfast and dinner included, daily sightseeing, tips, daily Masses, airport taxes, fuel surcharges and the assistance of professional local catholic guides. Invite your family members and friends to join me in this memorable trip. If you intend to walk with me in this journey, please stop by the office for a detailed brochure or speak with me after Mass for more information. **FIRST MEETING TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF THIS TRIP will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Formation House.**

May God bless you always,



Father Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor
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Announcements

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord said to David, "You shall shepherd my people Israel!" (2 Samuel 5:1-3).

Psalm - Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psa 122).

Second Reading — Thanks to the Father who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light (Colo 1:12-20).

Gospel — Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom (Luke 23:35-43).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
Tue: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
Wed: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
Thu: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28
Fri: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
Sat: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Sun: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Events of the Week ~ November 24 - 30, 2019

Sunday, November 24

8:00 a.m. Spanish Mass - Church
10:00 a.m. Mass - Church
12:00 p.m. Mass - Church
1:30 p.m. IGBO Mass - Church
IGBO RECEPTION FOLLOWING MASS- Formation
2:00 p.m. Turkey Bingo - Cafeteria

Monday, November 25

7:00 p.m. OVASE Training - School Cafeteria

Tuesday, November 26

12:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel

Wednesday, November 27

8:15 a.m. Mass - Chapel
7:00 p.m. KOC Officer Meeting - Formation

Thursday, November 28 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

10:00 a.m. Bilingual Thanksgiving Mass - Church

Friday, November 29 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, November 30 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

5:00 p.m. Mass - Church

Sunday, December 1

8:00 a.m. Spanish Mass - Church
10:00 a.m. Mass - Church
12:00 p.m. Mass - Church



NO ADORATION SERVICE DUE TO OFFICE CLOSURE

OVASE SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Reminder for ALL individuals, who serve as MINISTERS/VOLUNTEERS, and work with minors or vulnerable populations. A **Mandatory training will be held on Monday, November 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.** If you are volunteering in a ministry, and **do not** attend this training you will **NOT** be able to continue in your respective ministry and or volunteering. **THANK YOU, FATHER FIDELE!**

ST. JOHN BERCHMANS SCHOOL INFORMATION ST. JOHN BERCHMANS NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY FUNDRAISER

The NJHS is sponsoring a coat and peanut butter drive to benefit Catholic Charities and the San Antonio Food Bank, respectively. The NJHS will be collecting new or gently used coats as well as jars of peanut butter until December 13th. Thank you for your support!

CAFETERIA RENTAL

Do you need a place to host a party, reunion or get-together? Our SJB cafeteria is available for rental. Please contact Sandy, school secretary, for more information at (210) 433-0411.

THANKSGIVING BREAK: Mon, Nov 25 - Fri, Nov 29, 2019

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: Sat. Dec. 7, 2019 (9am-Noon) Pre-Sale Tickets available in School Office (210) 433-0411.

CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY

Our parish is always in need of a few good hands every Saturday morning to help us clean our beautiful church. *"A short time devoted to taking care of the Lord's House is a small price to pay for all He does for us each and every day."*

Cleaning Schedule of Ministries

November 30, 2019 - Altar Servers/Liturgy Comm.



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests must be sent by email to osantoyo1104@gmail.com and will be finalized for approval by Father Fidele. We ask that you submit your requests at least two (2) weeks in advance for placement in the bulletin.

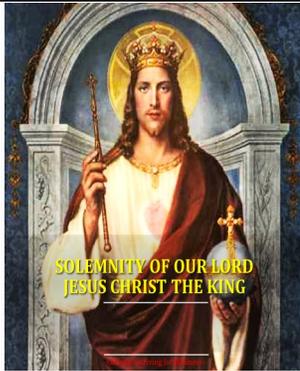


NEW TO OUR PARISH AND WANT TO REGISTER AS A NEW PARISHIONER?

If you are interested in registering as a new parishioner at St. John Berchmans Church, please contact our Parish Office at 210-434-3247 to fill out a registration form.

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (SOLEMNITY)

This Sunday, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe. It is the last Sunday of the liturgical year and on this day, we contemplate the kingship of Jesus our Redeemer.

We gather in our churches this Sunday, as we do every Sunday, to worship Christ our King. We celebrate this memorial of His death and resurrection. The King of the Universe comes to us under the humble forms of bread and wine to nourish us with his true Body and Blood. Our Eucharistic King strengthens us to overcome evil with good, and hatred and violence with forgiveness and love.

May we serve, honor, and obey Him in our daily lives. May Christ's peace reign in your hearts!

We thank God for the gift of life, health, for our families, friends, country, city, community, parish and one another. Please do not take for granted all the blessings bestowed upon us. Everyday is a blessing and a gift from God.

The Parish office will be closed on **Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29, and Saturday, November 30, 2019**. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, December 2, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

REMINDER: Parishioners who wish to have their bread blessed for their Thanksgiving meals are asked to bring them to the 10am Mass on Thanksgiving Day.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Our Religious Education program will **NOT** conduct classes this coming week. **No classes will be held on Sunday, November 24 and Sunday, December 1, 2019**. Classes will resume on Sunday, December 8, 2019.

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- ⇒ **THANKSGIVING BILINGUAL MASS, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2019 AT 10:00 A.M.**
- ⇒ **ADVENT TALK, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M. BY FATHER MICHAEL DEGEROLAMI**



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

It's that time of year again! If you would like to order a Christmas poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please contact the Parish Office at 210.434.3247. The altar will be beautifully decorated with the poinsettias and they may be picked up in the office, **after Christmas**.

The cost per poinsettia is \$10.00 and we will sell only 65 poinsettias. Thank you!

ANNUAL TURKEY BINGO

Please come out and support our Turkey **Bingo which begins at 2:00 p.m. this SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24th**, and will be held in the School Cafeteria. Cost is \$7.00 per card - 15 games along with Specials. (No Refunds)
There will be delicious food, sweets, and refreshments. Tickets are still available, and may be purchased at the door.



OF KINGS AND KINGSHIP

Americans have an uncomfortable relationship with kings. The American Revolution was fought for independence from King George, after all. Nonetheless, today every Catholic church around the world celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Today's feast invites us to look beyond our national loyalties and rejoice in our primary identity. We are children of God in Jesus, Christ the King. Our readings help us consider what it's like to belong to God's kingdom. The book of Samuel captures the deep longing of the Israelites for a king to shepherd them. Saint Paul reminds the Colossians that we belong to the kingdom of Christ, whose power he praises in a beautiful hymn. Finally, Luke's Gospel calls to mind the kind of king Jesus chooses to be—a suffering servant, a man for others. By sacrificing his life for us, Jesus throws open the gates of Paradise. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

From whom do I need to seek forgiveness and whom do I need to forgive? Can I look at this as part of the road to salvation?