

Dear Padre,

Today we celebrate Christ the King. Why isn't this changed to "Christ the Lord"? The notion of "king" seems outdated.

Christ the King is not the easiest concept to get close to and celebrate. Kings, queens, and monarchies aren't part of our cultural heritage. With the current penchant for cutting celebrities and politicians down to size, a king or queen wouldn't fare well. With the turmoil of England's royal family, we frequently witness the demythologizing of the world's monarchies.

Christ's kingship obviously cannot fall into any of these woeful categories. Christ came to establish a different kind of kingdom, the kingdom of God, and that in itself puts Jesus on a different plane than all other concepts of earthly monarchies. Jesus came to proclaim God's reign, God's rule, in the manner in which God the Creator and Maker of all wants things to be.

We, however, are fiercely independent and freedom-conscious people. We don't want anyone telling us what to do. We want to participate in all decisions. We resent being pushed around by anyone. And that's fine. But in this case of God's kingdom, we have nothing to fear. God's power is to serve and give life, not to exploit or corrupt.

God's kingdom is the redemptive presence of God. Whenever people love one another, forgive one another, bear one another's burdens, and work to build a just and peaceful community, God's redemptive and liberating presence is being manifested. That is the kingdom and kinship we celebrate.

—Fr. Joseph Morin, CSSR
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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The kingdoms of this world at times are sustained by arrogance, rivalries, and oppression; the reign of Christ is a "kingdom of justice, love and peace." For a Christian, speaking of power and strength means referring to the power of the cross, and the strength of Jesus' love: a love which remains steadfast and complete.

—ANGELUS, SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING,
NOVEMBER 22, 2015



Calendar

Monday
NOVEMBER 23
Weekday
Rv 14:1–3, 4b–5
Lk 21:1–4

Tuesday
NOVEMBER 24
St. Andrew Dūng-Lac,
Priest, and Companion,
Martyrs
Rv 14:14–19
Lk 21:5–11

Wednesday
NOVEMBER 25
Weekday
Rv 15:1–4
Lk 21:12–19

Thursday
NOVEMBER 26
Weekday
Rv 18:1–2, 21–23;
19:1–3, 9a
Lk 21:20–28

Friday
NOVEMBER 27
Weekday
Rv 20:1–4, 11—21:2
Lk 21:29–33

Saturday
NOVEMBER 28
Weekday
Rv 22:1–7
Lk 21:34–36

Sunday
NOVEMBER 29
First Sunday
of Advent
Is 63:16b–17, 19b;
64:2–7
1 Cor 1:3–9
Mk 13:33–37

Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 22, 2020

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A)
Ez 34:11–12, 15–17
1 Cor 15:20–26, 28
Mt 25:31–46

The Lord Is My Shepherd

The prominent image for God in today's readings is the shepherd. This might be an unfamiliar image for city dwellers, but it is a very rich religious image. The Bible tells us that early Israelites were herders, so they know a lot about shepherds. They knew that shepherds follow the wandering of their sheep and attended to their needs—not the other way around. They knew that shepherds lived with their sheep in the hills for long periods, away from family, friends, and the comforts of life. They knew that shepherds helped birthing and dying. They knew that all of this is a messy, smelly business, and no job for the fastidious.

Many nations of the ancient world, Israel included, thought of their kings as shepherds of the people—leaders who should be willing to do for their people what the shepherd does for the sheep. This explains why, on the feast of Christ the King, we represent our king as a shepherd rather than a victorious military commander, as many kings are. But more than this, throughout his life—at his passion and death, and now in his risen glory—Christ cares for us and leads us as a shepherd does. He embraces the messy, smelly reality of life. He is a shepherd-king, intent on our needs, searching for us when we seem to be lost. How comforting it is to know he carries us on his shoulders.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- Recite today's responsorial psalm slowly and thoughtfully.
- Which images of Psalm 23 touch you the most? Why?



The lost I will search out,
the strays I will bring back,
the injured I will bind up,
and the sick I will heal.

EZEKIEL 34:16

CHRISTIANAPRICH/SHUTTERSTOCK



St. Joseph Neier

Rev. Thomas J. Wissler, Pastor

November
21 & 22
2020

Weekday: 6:30am
Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am & 10:00am

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Confessions – Saturday

4:00pm – 4:40pm

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From Fr. Tom,

It's been said the only two things that are certain in this world are death and taxes. True enough. November is usually the month our personal property and real estate tax bills are sent out and this year at the end of November for us Catholics we hear in the readings about death and the final judgement at the end of the world! Death and taxes...The difference is we know when our taxes are due and can pretty well guess how much we'll owe. But we have no way of knowing about our death, when, where, or how. We can, however, prepare for both! We can save up money all year to pay our taxes AND we can prepare our souls for inevitable death by depositing spiritual tender through prayer and worship, practicing the corporal works of mercy, being generous, and considering others. How's your checking/soul account?



Please pray for those who are sick in our parish:

- Anna Marie Brueggemann
- Olivia Jasper
- Zachery Goosage
- Henry Tobben
- Bill Greife
- Brandon Huels
- Betty Bean
- Marisa Shollenberger
- Ryan Elbert
- Cynthia Faust
- Sheri Zambruski
- Charles Nordwald
- Brandon Gullett
- Special Intension
- Jean Oldani
- Shirley Beckman
- Karen Waters
- Jacob McMullin
- Andrew Hellebusch
- Ashley Shelton
- KJ Frost
- Eugene Salvino
- Kelly Arrington
- Joyce Stuesse
- Theresa Briggs
- Emma Kissinger
- Lloyd Miesner
- Chris Elbert

Please also pray for those Serving our Country:

- Matthew Blankenship
- Taylor Donner
- Jamie Brueggemann Murphy
- Luke Stuesse
- Michael Murphy
- Andy Davis
- Sam Smith
- Adam Amato

Please review the Parish Prayer lists above and call or email the office for any changes. Thank you!!



Thank you for your generosity!

Donations for General Funds

November 15, 2020

Regular Offering Envelopes:	\$ 2,710.49
Regular Offering Loose:	\$ 55.00
All Saints & All Souls Day:	\$ 7.00
Hall Rental Income:	\$ 500.00
Online Giving (GF):	\$ 529.05*
Total:	THANK YOU!! \$ 3,801.54

*With Transaction Fees Removed.

Tithes & Offerings *Giving Back to God*



November "General Fund" Collections

November 1, 2020	\$4,028.57	November 8, 2020	\$25,231.97
November 15, 2020	\$3,801.54	November 22, 2020	\$ TBD
November 29, 2020	\$ TBD		

Average Monthly Expenses	\$30,115.36
Total for November as of 11/15	\$33,062.08
Amount Over Our Monthly Goal	\$ 2,946.72 THANK YOU!!!

Please keep
St. Joseph in mind
for your year-end
donations.

Thank you for your generosity!

Donations for Restricted Funds

November 15, 2020

Cemetery Maintenance:	\$ 220.00
Electric:	\$2,500.00
Partners in Child Development (PCD):	\$ 50.00

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 21	5:00pm	Mary Salvino
Sunday, November 22	8:00am	Parish Family of St. Joseph
	10:00am	Vincent Schmuke Jr.
Monday, November 23	6:30am	No Mass
Tuesday, November 24	6:30am	Elmer & Doris Otten
Wednesday, November 25	6:30am	Virginia & Jim Grant, Margaret & Norvil Pillen
Thursday, November 26	9:00am	Myrt, Leon, & Christine Grus
Friday, November 27	6:30am	Bonnie Birke
Saturday, November 28	5:00pm	Arthur, Virginia, Karen, & Dennis Voss
Sunday, November 29	8:00am	Louis & Rose Schmuke
	10:00am	Parish Family of St. Joseph



9:00am Mass
Thanksgiving Day!

*Collection for
St. Vincent de Paul
Immaculate Conception in Union*

Happy Thanksgiving

Lector: Jim Noelker

Commentators and Lectors:

November 21 & 22

November 28 & 29

Saturday	5:00pm	Judy Brueggemann	Karen Gerlemann
Sunday	8:00am	Michelle Young	Viola Schroeder
	10:00am	VOLUNTEER	Lisa Bocklage

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.



Facebook Live drawing held on 12/13/2020

MEGA RAFFLE

bit.ly/2020ICMEGARaffle

WIN UP TO \$6500

PRESENTED BY
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
HOME AND SCHOOL ASSN



You could win multiple times!

Final Prizes determined by the # of tickets sold

The Ladies Sodality

DINNER ROLLS
12 for \$5.00

CINNAMON ROLLS
6 for \$5.00

FRUIT STOLLENS
1 for \$8.00

Orders are ready for curb side pick up or delivery to your car after all Masses this weekend

The Angel Tree

Angel Tree ornaments are available starting this weekend. All gifts will need to be returned by Sunday, December 6th.

Sorry for the short turnaround time this year. If you have any questions, please call or text Erica @ 636.584.4297

Thank you!!

The Ladies Sodality is inviting Santa to visit the parish children on December 16th @ 7:30pm.

Please RSVP by calling/emailing the parish office with the # of children by December 2nd.



Santa will be taking a group picture of all the children in attendance.

Because of COVID, no individual pictures with Santa will be taken this year. Sorry!

*Get your tickets now!
Drawing to be held on December 16th*



Themed Raffle

Sponsored by:
The St. Joseph Neier Quilters

1st Prize
56" X 86" Quilted Blues Throw

2nd Prize
56" X 70" Fleece Blues Throw

3rd Prize
Assortment of Blues/Blue items