### Monday

NOVEMBER 23 Weekday Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Lk 21:1-4

# Tuesday

NOVEMBER 24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs Dn 2:31–45

### Wednesday

Lk 21:5-11

NOVEMBER 25 Weekday Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Lk 21:12-19

#### Thursday

NOVEMBER 26 Weekday Dn 6:12–28 Lk 21:20–28

## Friday

NOVEMBER 27 Weekday Dn 7:2–14 Lk 21:29–33

## Saturday

NOVEMBER 28 Weekday Dn 7:15–27 Lk 21:34–36

### Sunday

NOVEMBER 29 First Sunday of Advent Jer 33:14–16 1 Thes 3:12—4:2 Lk 21:25–28, 34–36

# Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 22, 2015

ike many people, when I hear the words "king" and "queen," I have an image formed by fairy tales and historical novels. The rulers of countries live in castles. They wear crowns and long capes and sit on thrones while their loyal subjects pay them homage. While I am aware that modern kings and queens wear "regular" clothes unless tradition dictates otherwise and that castles have become more contemporary, I still watch royal weddings for a glimpse of the pageantry that fed my childhood fantasies.

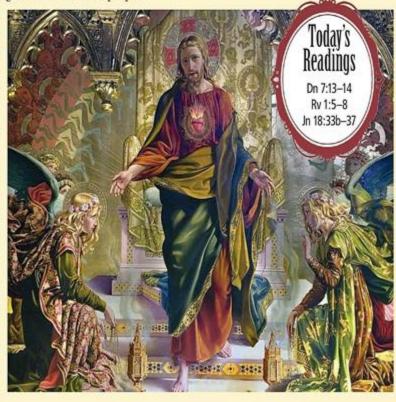
Pilate had an idea of what kings were like, too. In the first century, kings made laws and led people

into battle. They had great armies and were a danger to another country's way of life. The Jews kept talking about a Messiah who would become king and destroy Israel's enemies. Pilate wasn't taking any chances. For Rome's sake, he would get rid of anyone who seemed a threat.

What Pilate failed to realize was that Israel's king had a very specific function, and it was not to make laws or lead armies. Instead, the king was to study and obey the Law of God and become himself the example of obedience (see Dt 17:18–20). When Pilate called Jesus "the King of the Jews," his words were truer than he knew, for Jesus was obedient to his Father, even unto accepting death for our sake. But Pilate had no idea why he was right because he was thinking in human terms.

Today we honor Christ, the king of the Jews, of all of us, and of the whole universe. Let us see him as he is and do as he does.

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m
SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION
Both Before Mass and by Appointment.

Mass Schedule for this Week
Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule
Sun 7:30 am Our Parish Family
St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions
Sat 4:00 pm +Ken Acosta
Sun 9:00am Our Parish Family

Mon 8:00am +Betty Pierce Tues 8:00 am +Myra Sandedge Wed 8:00 am +Ken Acosta Thu 9:00 am Thanksgiving Fri 8:00 am +Betty Pierce

# From Father Khoa's Desk...

#### Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Solemnity of Christ the King marks the closing of the liturgical year for the Church. The Scripture readings selected for this great feast present us with an image that sums up the history of our salvation through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (the Paschal Mystery)

In the Gospel passage from John we see that Jesus responds to Pilate by telling him, "My kingdom does not belong to this world." In other words, Jesus is unlike all other kings and earthly rulers. All the usual trappings of power, prestige, authority, control, etc. are worthless in the kingdom inaugurated through the person of Jesus Christ. His is a kingdom of compassion, self-sacrificing love, generous service, and surrender to the grace of God. While Jesus proclaims that the kingdom of God is among us now, it is not fully realized in our earthly institutions and societies, not even in the Church. Tradition reminds us that the Church is a special sign and bearer of the good news of the kingdom, but it too is in need of continuous renewal and conversion. The fact that it is difficult at times to recognize the presence of God's kingdom does not mean that it does not exist. The kingdom does exist and it continues to grow through the efforts of people of faith like you and me.

Living our baptismal vocation forms the essence of our participation in the building up of the kingdom here on earth. Thus, fidelity to our family responsibilities, giving witness to God in the marketplace, sharing our time, talent, and treasure within the parish community are all part of our commitment to the kingdom. The Gospel reminds us that the kingdom grows almost unnoticed like the mustard seed when disciples of Jesus strive to live the truth of the Gospel and translate its meaning to others even in the face of opposition and rejection. The reign of Jesus Christ in our daily lives

and in the world is the ultimate truth of all human life and encourages us to look forward in hope to its full realization in heaven. Hopefully all of us can appreciate how we have an important role in helping the kingdom take root in our parish family and in our community.

We celebrate **Thanksgiving** on Thursday, November 27th. While not a holy day of obligation, it is indeed a holy day when so many throughout the country go to their places of worship to thank God for their blessings. We have so much to be thankful for. We give thanks for the blessings of our country and remember to pray for God's special guidance at this time in our history. We also thank God for all the spiritual and material gifts that God has given us as individuals, as families, as a churches. **I hope that you are able to join us for our** *Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 a.m. at St. Ann.* 

At this Mass, we invite you to bring to church the bread, wine, fruit, oil, salt and water for your Thanksgiving meal for a special blessing.

Season of Advent Next week begins the Liturgical Season of Advent. This gives us four weeks of special prayers, Masses and devotions to help us prepare for the Feast of Christmas and for the Second Coming of Christ. In preparation for this Advent Season, If you haven't already gotten a The Word among us Advent devotional booklets are available in the vestibule of the church. This booklet, along with the daily scripture meditation booklet is a great resource to enrich your journey with the Lord this Advent season. I pray that we have a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving with family and friends. Let's remember to pray for each other. May God bless all of us!

Have a great week! May God bless all of us!

...Fr. Khoa

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Sat Nov 21	Henrietta	Ellen West, Mike Mays,	James Estrada	Doug	Jim & Jan
5pm		Diane Mays		Kermit	Estrada
Nov 22 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Nov 22	Lisa Cuevas	Beverly Saucier, Carolyn	Nicholas	Robert	Marlow &
9am		Brewer, Robin Peterson	Karter	Tyler	Valerie Ladner
Sat Nov 28	Ruth	Lenell King, W C King,	James Estrada	Doug	Richard & Amy
5pm	Schonewitz	Kay VanPelt		August	Dunlap
Nov 29 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Nov 29	Valerie Ladner	Helena, Kim Wood, Sharon	Rylie Rines	Robert	Tyler & Gina
9am		Leimer	Conner	Jimmy	Leveret Family

# This Weekend is the Special Collection for the Campaign for Human Development

<u>Garage Sale:</u> This Saturday Nov 21. Please contact **Beverly** and **Loretta**. Thank you.

<u>Thanksgiving Day Mass Schedule</u> on Thursday, November 26 **9:00** AM

<u>ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:</u>\*\* 77Identifiable: \$1,669.00; Loose: \$1,313.00; Total: \$2,982.00; Children: \$19.00; Building Fund: \$184.05;

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Identifiable: \$210.00; Loose: \$163.00; Total:

**\$373.00**. Building Fund: **\$10.00**.

\*\*Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84.

Thank you for your generosity.

**Thanksgiving Basket:** Thank you for your continual support and help for the poor. The baskets can pick up this Sunday Oct 22 from 10-10:15am.

<u>Fr Pete's Memorial:</u> If you have any question, please contact Douglas Ladner.

# ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.

<u>Church Cleaning:</u> Beverly Saucier will clean the church on Nov 22 & 29. Please call Ellen at 341-0279 to sign up.

<u>CCD:</u> If you have any questions, please contact Robert Lizana the DRE. Thank you.

### **RCIA:** Please contact **Henrietta Ladner**.

<u>CYO:</u> meet every other week on Sunday 6:00pm. You can visit St Ann CYO contact **Katelyn Moran** and **Danielle Ladner** or on the website **www.facebook.com/stannslizanacyo**.

Bereavement Committee: Please contact Sharon Leimer at 539-9928. Lasagna, green salad, rolls, and deserts will be provided for the funeral reception upon request. Thank you.

<u>MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS:</u> You can have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living family and friends. Mass cards and envelopes are available at the office.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE

Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding. Our advice is to call well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive info: one's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

### PRAYER REOUESTS Those who are ill:

Leslie Cuevas, William DeMello, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley, Victoria Moran, Michael Gilbert, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, Julia Perronne, John Moran, Jerry Rutland, Pat Leimer, Ricky Crabtree, Carolyn Brewer, August Schonewitz, Elizabeth Necaise, Loretta Ladner, and Regina Franke.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS † PLEASE FILL OUT A NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM AND SUBMIT TO PARISH OFFICE FR. KHOA WOULD BE HAPPY TO VISIT WITH YOU AND HELP YOU ASSESS YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS.