

GOOD NEWS!

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 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 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

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 The notion of “king” seems outdated?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

Scripture Readings for the week of Nov. 23 –30

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5	Rv 14:14-19	Rv. 15:1-4	Rv 18:1-2,21-23; 19:1-3, 9a	Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2	Rv 22:1-7	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
Lk 21:1-4	Lk 21:5-11	Lk 21:12-19	Lk 21:20-28	Lk 21:29-33		1 Cor 1:3-9
						Mk 13:33-37



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From the Priest's Desk

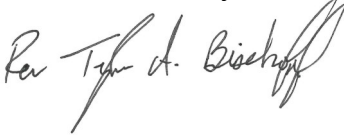
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. In this time of stress, anxiety and fear, how much more ought we turn to Jesus Christ the King of the Universe and place our hope in Him and Him alone. He is our King. He is our Savior—He alone.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all this week as we celebrate our national holiday of gratitude. We have so much to be thankful for this year. Remember that it was the adversity of the pilgrims’ first year that prompted them to have a special celebration of Thanksgiving. In the adversity of this year how much more do we need to celebrate and give Thanks to God for His many blessings and graces. All good things come from God.

As we enter into the colder, winter season the cases of Covid-19 seem to be rising. Please, please be extra attentive to all the safety protocols that we have been following now for months and months as a church. Thank you!

God bless,



I am Deacon John Fitch. My wife of 45 years, Laurie and I recently moved to Hubbard Lake. We have five adult children, 14 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren with a 3rd due in April. Our youngest, Erin Smith and family reside in Alpena and are members of St. Catherine’s. I grew up in East Lansing and am a graduate of Michigan State University. I am also an Army Veteran having served in the Republic of Vietnam in 1967-68. I was ordained to the diaconate in the Diocese of Lansing in 2011 and served St. Casimir Parish until moving here. Apostolic Administrator Hurley has graciously given me permission to serve in the Diocese of Gaylord and assigned me to the four parishes of the Resurrection. My service as a Deacon has included various ministries within the parish and distribution of Holy Eucharist to the homebound and rehabilitation and residential centers. Laurie and I are looking forward getting to know all of you.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

SEE ONLINE CALENDAR FOR FULL DETAILS

Sunday, November 22, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael

For the lonely

6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Catherine

John Dumont

9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine

Edward & Harriet Sierota

11:00 am Mass, St. Anne

*Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,
St. Gabriel & St. Raphael*

Monday, November 23, St. Clemens, St. Columbian & Blessed Miguel Agustin

9:00 am Mass, St. Anne

Maxine Humphrey

Tuesday, November 24, St. Andrew Dung-Lac

9:00 am Mass, St. Anne

Special Intention for Angela Maile

9:30-10:30 am, Adoration & Confession at St. Anne

Wednesday, November 25, St. Catherine of Alexandria

5:00 pm Adoration & Confession at St. Catherine

6:00 pm Mass, St. Catherine

James Crevier

Thursday, November 26, Thanksgiving Day
NO MASS

Friday, November 27,
NO MASS

Saturday, November 21,
3:30 pm Confession, St. Raphael

Sunday, November 28, First Sunday of Advent

4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael

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St. Gabriel & St. Raphael*

6:30 pm Mass, St. Catherine

Jo Ann Beatty

9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine

John Dumont

11:00 am Mass, St. Anne

Edwin Leo & Mary Ethel Curtin

PARISH STEWARDSHIP



“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Pt 4:10).
Thanks you for all the sacrifices you make as we all labor in God’s vineyard to bring the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our neighbors. 10% of everything received is donated to support charities near and far.

	St. Anne	St. Catherine	St. Gabriel	St. Raphael
Needed each week	\$2,144.23	\$2,593.95	\$555.10	\$740.38
Needed year-to-date	\$45,028.83	\$49,285.05	\$10,546.90	\$15,547.98
Actual year-to-date	\$43,240.08	\$48,779.00	\$9,931.89	\$14,914.55
November 15	\$1,702.62	\$3,730.00	\$795.00	\$1,305.55
Other Collections:	\$5.00	\$155.00	\$15.00	\$125.00

Pray for Our Priests & Religious

Sunday—Rev. Kenneth Stachnik

Monday—Rev. Dennis Stilwell

Tuesday— Vocations to the Priesthood and all Religious Life

Wednesday— Rev. Emmanuel Tizhe

Thursday—Rev. Bernard Tyler

Friday—Rev. Duane Wachowiak

Saturday—All Seminarians

The Giving Trees are up! Please take a tag or tags, purchase gift, wrap it, place original tag on outside of gift and **return to the church by Dec. 13**. This is a great way to help families in our community during this difficult time of year. Thank you in advance.

Giving Tuesday: December 1, 2020

As you may be aware, the national day of giving — Giving Tuesday — is on December 1, 2020. Giving Tuesday was launched in 2012, and over the past eight years, has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to celebrate generosity and give to causes they care about. This national day is a great reminder to reflect on our gratitude and consider making a gift of time, talent, or treasure to further our mission as the Body of Christ. Please consider a special gift to our parish this Giving Tuesday, to support the ministry work of our parish community. Consider a donation to St. Vincent de Paul or our Parish Special Project Fund. Thank you for all you do for our parish and those in need. May God bless you!

St. Catherine has banquet tables available for sale for \$25.00 per table. If you are interested please contact the parish office.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

In early March, and again in August, the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation was granted in the Diocese of Gaylord in view of the pandemic that engulfed our state, country and world. The latter extension expires November 22, 2020. We had hoped that by that time, things would return to normal and all could safely return to our celebrations of the Eucharist.

Sadly, that hope is not being realized, and we continue to find ourselves not in a diminishment of cases, but in an increase here in Michigan and our own area. People continue to be at risk. Some are fearful, and many for good reason. While most of our churches have observed the required protocols for safety, such as wearing masks, not all have done so, placing others at risk. If safe distancing is maintained in the diocese, many of our churches would be unable to accommodate all.

Considering these and other factors, I am extending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation for the people in the Diocese of Gaylord until further notice.

The granting of this dispensation is not meant to be a reason to absent oneself from Mass. If you are able to do so, I invite you to come back to the parish celebrations. Whether we are able to attend or not, we all have a serious obligation to “Keep holy the sabbath day.” If you are not able to attend Mass, I ask that you set aside time for prayer, not only everyday but especially on Sunday. While not a substitute for Mass attendance, the various “virtual Masses” can be useful in focusing our prayer and our union with all our brothers and sisters. The recitation of the rosary, other devotions, visits to the Blessed Sacrament at the church or chapel, and Scripture or other reading can all be helpful.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Walter A. Hurley,
Apostolic Administrator