



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church Newsletter November 22, 2020

My Dear Parishioners,

This weekend is the big Thanksgiving food distribution by our pantry. On behalf of all of those involved in the pantry and all of those who benefit from the pantry, I would like to thank you for your generosity. Because of you, many, many, families will truly have a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Also this weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, which we more commonly refer to as the Feast of Christ the King. Among major liturgical feasts, this feast is relatively new. It was originally established just over a century ago in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. With nationalism and secularism on the rise at that time, Pope Pius XI wanted a Feast to remind the world that it has only one true King and one true Kingdom, and that the truth, justice, and freedom are only possible through, with, and in Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

The appeal of the Feast was great, and was quickly adopted by other major Christian denominations, including the Anglicans, the Episcopalians, the Methodists, and the Lutherans. This weekend, let us join together with all Christians and publicly witness to the reign of Christ the King and renew our efforts to make His Kingdom present on Earth.

Of course, Jesus Christ remains most powerfully present in this world through the Holy Eucharist, and to have the Holy Eucharist, we must have priests. So appropriately this weekend, we have our seminary appeal weekend. Our own son of the parish, Reece Hoyer, is speaking at all of the Masses. Let us give him a warm welcome as we recommit ourselves to supporting vocations to Holy Orders.

We have two gifts for you on this last weekend of Ordinary Time. One is the Magnificat Advent Companion. The other is a bottle of Holy Water. Hopefully, the Magnificat Advent Companion will help us in our preparation for Christmas. Also, hopefully the Holy Water will remind us of our Baptism into Jesus Christ as we bless ourselves, our families and our homes.

This Thursday is of course the holiday of Thanksgiving. We will be having one Mass at 9:30 AM. At this Mass, we will be blessing any food or beverage items that you bring with you to Mass. The blessing of the food and beverage items will take place at the end of Mass.

In this newsletter, I have included excerpts of the Encyclical “Quas Primas” which established the Feast of Christ the King along with the readings for the Feast.

Let us continue to pray our Rosaries and Chaplets for the sick, the deceased, for first responders, and for the end of the pandemic.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, pray for us!

Fr. Michael J Pawelko



EXCERPTS FROM "QUAS PRIMAS"

BY

POPE PIUS XI



Establishing the Feast of Christ the King

...Since this Holy Year therefore has provided more than one opportunity to enhance the glory of the kingdom of Christ, we deem it in keeping with our Apostolic office to accede to the desire of many of the Cardinals, Bishops, and faithful, made known to Us both individually and collectively, by closing this Holy Year with the insertion into the Sacred Liturgy of a special feast of *the Kingship of Our Lord Jesus Christ*.

This matter is so dear to Our heart, Venerable Brethren, that I would wish to address to you a few words concerning it. It will be for you later to explain in a manner suited to the understanding of the faithful what We are about to say concerning the Kingship of Christ, so that the annual feast which We shall decree may be attended with much fruit and produce beneficial results in the future.

It has long been a common custom to give to Christ the metaphorical title of "King," because of the high degree of perfection whereby he excels all creatures. So he is said to reign "in the hearts of men," both by reason of the keenness of his intellect and the extent of his knowledge, and also because he is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind.

He reigns, too, *in the wills of men*, for in him the human will was perfectly and entirely obedient to the Holy Will of God, and further by his grace and inspiration he so subjects our free-will as to incite us to the most noble endeavors.

He is *King of hearts*, too, by reason of his "charity which exceeded all knowledge." And his mercy and kindness which draw all men to him, for never has it been known, nor will it ever be, that man be loved so much and so universally as Jesus Christ.

But if we ponder this matter more deeply, we cannot but see that the title and the power of King belongs to Christ as man in the strict and proper sense too. For it is only as man that he may be said to have received from the Father "power and glory and a kingdom," since the Word of God, as consubstantial with the Father, has all things in common with him, and therefore has necessarily supreme and absolute dominion over all things created.....

Thus the empire of our Redeemer embraces all men. To use the words of Our immortal predecessor, Pope Leo XIII: "His empire includes not only Catholic nations, not only baptized persons who, though of right belonging to the Church, have been led astray by error, or have been cut off from her by schism, but also all those who are outside the Christian faith; so that truly the whole of mankind is subject to the power of Jesus Christ."

Nor is there any difference in this matter between the individual and the family or the State; for all men, whether collectively or individually, are under the dominion of Christ. In him is the salvation of the individual, in him is the salvation of society. "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given to men whereby we must be saved." He is the author of happiness and true prosperity for every man and for every nation. "For a nation is happy when its citizens are happy. What else is a nation but a number of men living in concord?"

If, therefore, the rulers of nations wish to preserve their authority, to promote and increase the prosperity of their countries, they will not neglect the public duty of reverence and obedience to the rule of Christ. What We said at the beginning of Our Pontificate concerning the decline of public authority, and the lack of respect for the same, is equally true at the present day. "With God and Jesus Christ," we said, "excluded from political life, with authority derived not from God but from man, the very basis of that authority has been taken away, because the chief reason of the distinction between ruler and subject has been eliminated.

The result is that human society is tottering to its fall, because it has no longer a secure and solid foundation." When once men recognize, both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace and harmony.



Sunday Mass Readings

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Reading 1: [Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17](#)

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly. As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalms 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6](#)

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

► The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose. **R.**

► Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. **R.**

► You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **R.**

► Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come. **R.**

Reading 2: [1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28](#)

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

► Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: [Matthew 25:31-46](#)

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."



Thanksgiving Day

Mass: 9:30 AM

This year, we will not be giving out bread. We will however be blessing whatever foods or beverages that you bring from your own home for Thanksgiving. The blessing of foods and beverages will be at the end of Mass.

In advance, our entire parish staff wishes you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving!



2020 Christmas Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE - Thursday, December 24

2:00 PM in the Church
4:00 PM in the Church
4:15 P.M. in the Gym
6:00 and 8:30 P.M. in the Church
8:00 P.M. – Carols

LIVE Streaming ~ 8:00 PM Carols & 8:30 PM Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY - Friday, December 25

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 A.M. in the Church





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