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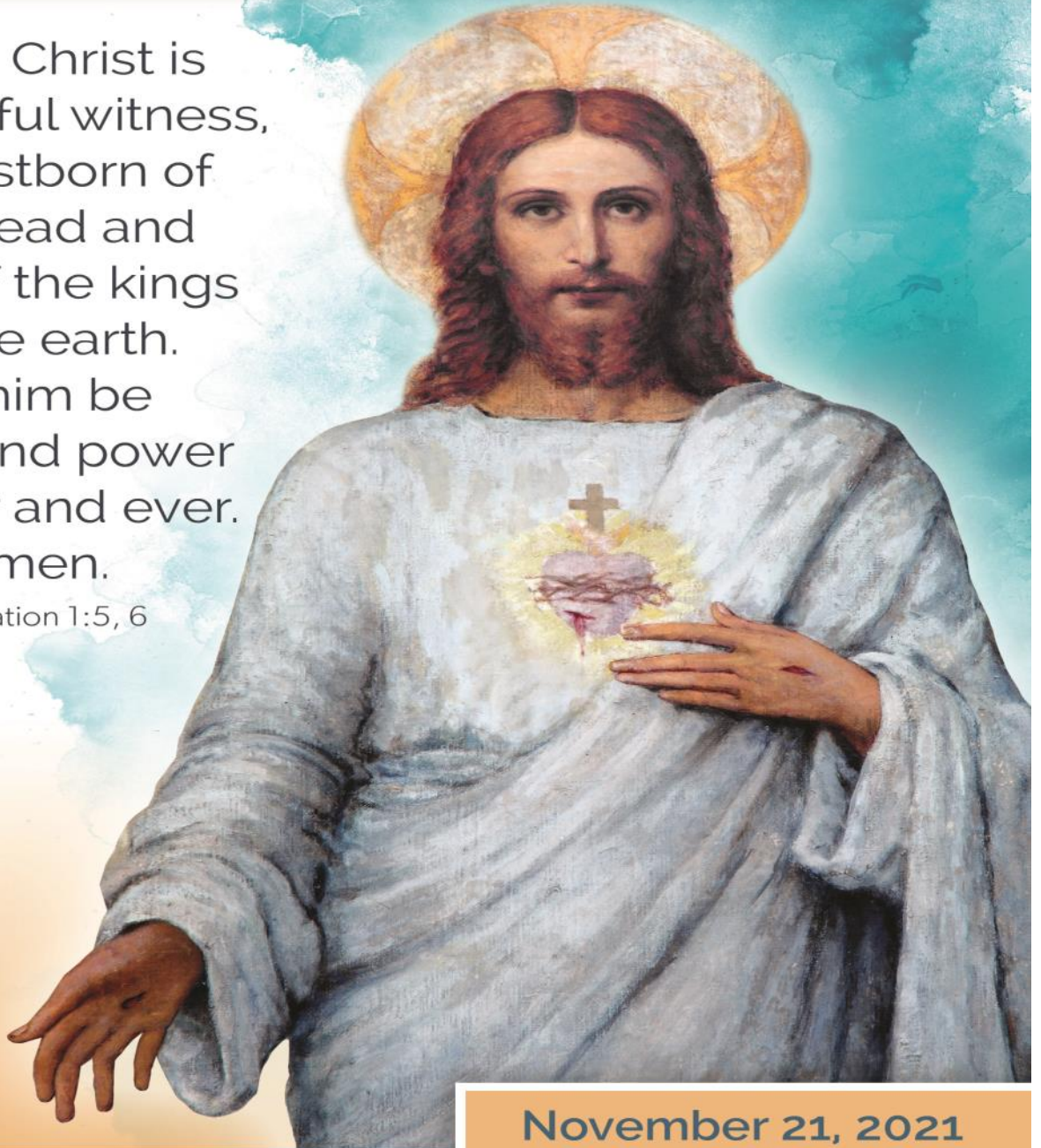
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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of the earth.

To him be
glory and power
forever and ever.

Amen.

Revelation 1:5, 6



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Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:00 p.m.

Indoor Vigil

Sunday

Mass on the Grass

Outdoors

8:30 a.m.

Indoor Mass

10:30 a.m.

Indoor Mass

12:30 p.m.

Daily Mass (M-W)

8:00 a.m. Indoor

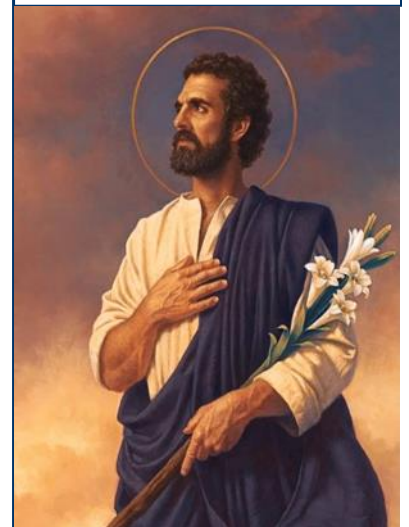
Reconciliation

Saturdays

3:45-4:30 p.m.

By the East Church

Door parking lot





Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

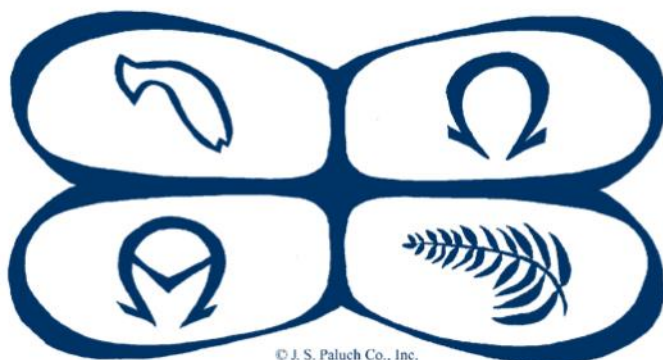
Blessings as we celebrate Thanksgiving week. Just a reminder that our annual Thanksgiving Day Mass will be this Thursday, November 25 at 9:00 AM in the Church! I'll be honored to bless any wine or bread that you will be using for your dinner and please keep any food items wrapped and with you in the pew. Please don't bring the turkey!

This year I've attached the Blessing Prayer (see below) that my family will pray around our Thanksgiving Table. Please feel free to pray this with your family.

This Thanksgiving week, I'm grateful to our bountiful God for all of you and your families and know of my support and prayer.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving Week!

I'm praying for you and your families,
Msgr. Kevin



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— *Revelation 1:5*



Family Blessing on Thanksgiving 2021

Scripture Reading: From the Gospel according to Luke:

*As he was entering a village, ten persons with leprosy met him.
They stood at a distance from him and raised their voices, saying,
"Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!"
And when he saw them, he said,
"Go show yourselves to the priests."
As they were going they were cleansed.
And one of them, realizing he had been healed,
returned, glorifying God in a loud voice;
and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him.*

Leader: That we may always appreciate the gift of family, we pray...
All: We give thanks to the Lord.

Leader: That our children will be safe and grow in God's love, we pray...
All: We give thanks to the Lord.

Leader: That we may always share our blessings with those in need, we pray...
All: We give thanks to the Lord.

Leader: That we will always see and cherish the image of God in everyone, we pray...
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader & All: God most provident, we join all creation in raising to you a hymn of Thanksgiving through Jesus Christ, your Son.

For generation upon generation, peoples of this land have sung of your bounty; we too offer you praise for the rich harvest we have received at your hands.

Bless us and this food and drink which we share with grateful hearts. Continue to make our land and lives fruitful, and let our love be shown to others as we gather around this beautiful table of abundance.

Praise and glory to you, Lord God, now and forever! AMEN



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the firstborn of the dead and
ruler of the kings of the earth.
To him be glory and power
forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 1:5, 6

A KING LIKE NO OTHER

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. It is likely that when we think of a king, the image that comes to mind is of pomp, ceremony, and civic authority. Jesus is a king like no other. He is not bound by the constraints of time or place. His authority is everlasting. He is the one “who is and who was and who is to come.” Jesus does not rule as earthly kings govern. Jesus reigns in humble obedience to the will of God the Father and calls us to do the same. It is by following the truth of Christ’s command and listening to his voice of love that we are made into a kingdom, serving the One whose dominion is everlasting.

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST

In the waters of Baptism, we were drawn into Christ, who is priest, prophet, and king and called to be “alter Christus,” “other Christs.” Christ who is priest sanctifies the everyday stuff of life, building a bridge between God and humanity. Christ who is prophet proclaims God’s love and mercy in a world that desperately needs it. Christ who is king rules the universe in loving, sacrificial service. We who are baptized into Christ are called to bring God’s love into our hearts, homes, places of work, and the wider world. We are called to show and share God’s love to others, especially those who most need the care, compassion, and forgiveness that is at the heart of Christ’s eternal message. We are called to give of ourselves beyond what might seem reasonable, in imitation of our Lord and king who gave himself on the cross and who reigns forever.

CALLED TO LISTEN AND SERVE

Jesus said to Pilate, “Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” Jesus spoke to the disciples and his voice reaches through the ages in the words of sacred scripture and the tradition of the Church. In prayer, participation in the liturgy, and learning from the saints and the teachings of the Church, we grow in belonging to the truth of Christ’s love. We hear and follow Jesus’ command to wash others’ feet, to love as he loves, to serve as he serves. And while it is certainly our duty to do so, there is more to our service than merely fulfilling the instructions of another. We fulfill Christ’s command as a grateful response to the incredible love of God for us. How will you listen to and serve the Lord? How will you make Jesus the king of your heart and life?

TODAY’S READINGS

Daniel 7:13–14
Psalm 93:1, 1–2, 5
Revelation 1:5–8
John 18:33b–37

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October Collection

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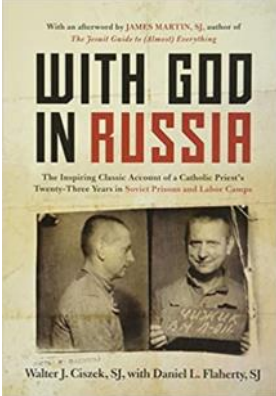
The office will be closed
**Thursday, November 25 and
 Friday November 26**

**Native American Heritage Day
 November 26th
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Book Club



Our next Zoom meeting is Tuesday, January 11 at 7pm. We will discuss: **With God in Russia** by Walter J. Ciszek

It is the inspiring story of a Catholic priest's 23 years in Soviet prisons and labor camps and his faith in God's goodness to allow him to live through his ordeal.

All are welcome!

For more info, email agoodlife@msn.com



Meditation Group

St. Joseph's Meditation Group now meets as a Zoom meeting every Tuesday at 7:00PM.

No prior experience is necessary and newcomers are welcome to experience both the prayerful and calming benefits of this ancient Christian practice.

For more information please contact group leader, Frank McKown, at frmckown@gmail.com or 310-633-1744



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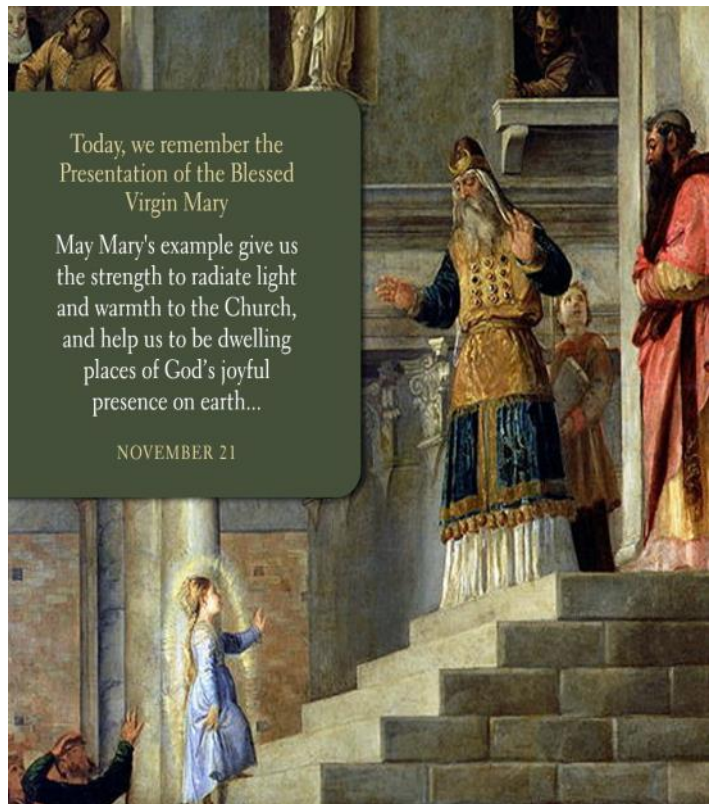


Music Ministry



Do you play an instrument or sing?

Are you called to share your gift of music with the St. Joseph Community? The Music Ministry at St. Joseph's is looking for confident and talented musicians and singers to support the band at the 12:30pm Sunday Mass as well as to Cantor at other Masses. If you are interested, please reach out to the Parish Music Director, Vivian Doughty, before or after Mass, or call the Church and leave a message (562) 594-4657



Today, we remember the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

May Mary's example give us the strength to radiate light and warmth to the Church, and help us to be dwelling places of God's joyful presence on earth...

NOVEMBER 21



Safeguard The Children



Honoring children’s boundaries teaches important lessons about consent

As we enter into the holiday season, where many of us will spend time with extended family and friends, parents should remember to pay attention to their children’s comfort levels, especially when it comes to physical affection. We want our children to be kind and considerate, so it is tempting to ask them to give hugs and kisses to family members and friends. But when children are nervous or shy, or just do not want to, it is important to honor their personal boundaries and it teaches them a great lesson about consent over who interacts with them and their bodies. You can suggest alternatives, like high-fives or fist bumps. For more information, read [“Why you shouldn’t force your kids to hug relatives.”](#)



Movement For A Better World

“You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God.” 2 Cor 9:11.

This Weekend - Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution: MANY thanks to everyone that supported our **Thanksgiving Food and Blanket Distribution** this week! As a parish community, we are supporting over 72 VERY grateful families in need! An additional 27 families are being assisted by way of our **Family Adoption** program. Much gratitude as well, for the parish’s support of our **Blanket Drive**. Most of our supported families received 2 blankets. Another 66 were distributed directly to people experiencing homelessness by our St. Joseph Homeless Ministry October 31.

Family Adoptions: Can you adopt a family, on a family-to-family basis, for Christmas, and Easter? Questions? Please call Donna Luciene at (562) 421-4993 or e-mail Amy Ford at: amyford6331@yahoo.com.

Dec. 4-5: Christmas Present Drive: Envelopes to purchase a gift for a child of one of our 72 parish community supported families will be available at all Masses. PLEASE return purchased gifts by 12:00 pm, Sunday Dec. 12!

Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please be especially mindful during the holiday season when our needs are greatest. For many fulfilling ways to serve, please call Tim Clark (562) 431-4385.

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