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## Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

5:00 p.m.

Sunday

**Mass on the Grass**

**Outdoors**

8:30 a.m.

**Indoor Mass**

10:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

Daily Mass (M-W)

8:00 a.m.

## Reconciliation

Saturdays

3:45-4:30 p.m.

**Inside Church**

## Adoration

First Fridays

8:00-9:00 a.m.





# Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Welcome to the last Sunday of the Church Year! The entire year culminates in the celebration of the *Solemnity of Jesus Christ the King of the Universe!!* This weekend I'll continue my homily series on *How to Pray the Mass* as we reflect on Part 3 of the Mass – *The Liturgy of the Eucharist!* May Jesus Christ be the King of your life!

Thank you to all who gave to help bring Thanksgiving joy to 104 families last weekend. Whether you brought a blanket or food or a check or helped distribute the gifts to the families – thank you!

Remember to mark your calendars and come to hear the inspiring Dr. Creasy talk about the “The Christmas Story”. Scroll down to see the flyer for further info.

Here are some images of Gratitude:



All the volunteers who helped with the Thanksgiving Distribution of gifts to 104 Families!



Welcome to the Church Scotlynn Petra Steinhauser!



Welcome to the Church – Maeve Bowman!!

Thanksgiving Blessings,  
Msgr. Kevin

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD,  
I will judge between one sheep and another,  
between rams and goats. (Ez 34:17)

### Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
(Ps 23)

### Second Reading:

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. (1 Cor 15:28)

### Gospel:

"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."  
(Mt 25:31-32)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

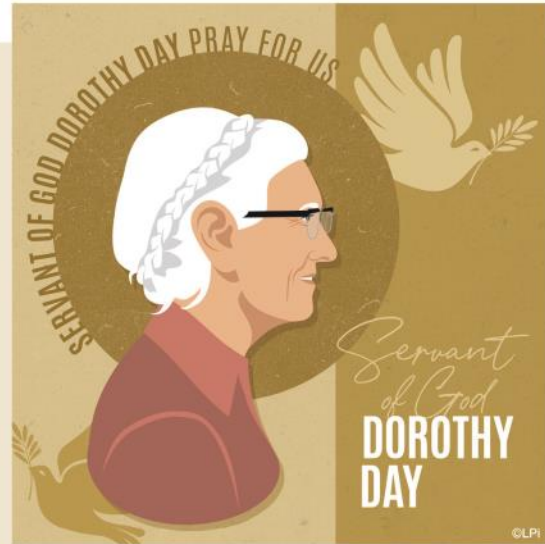
God is always closer to us than we suspect. He is in every need we encounter and every person we meet. Never stop seeking His face.

## Observances for the week of November 26, 2023

**Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe

**Thursday:** St. Andrew, Apostle

**Next Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Advent



## Saint of the week

Servant of God Dorothy Day was an American journalist, social activist, and Catholic convert who co-founded the Catholic Worker Movement. Her work inspired countless others and earned her recognition as one of the most influential Catholic figures of the 20th century.

## Prayer

Merciful God, You called your servant Dorothy Day to show us the face of Jesus in the poor and forsaken. By constant practice of the works of mercy, she embraced poverty and witnessed steadfastly to justice and peace. Count her among your saints and lead us all to become friends of the poor ones of the earth, and to recognize you in them. We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ, bringer of good news to the poor. Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://catholicworker.org/prayers-for-the-canonization-of-dorothy-day/>)

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# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of November 26, 2023

### Sunday:

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/  
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

### Monday:

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/  
Lk 21:1-4

### Tuesday:

Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/  
Lk 21:5-11

### Wednesday:

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63,  
64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

### Thursday:

Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

### Friday:

Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/  
Lk 21:29-33

### Saturday:

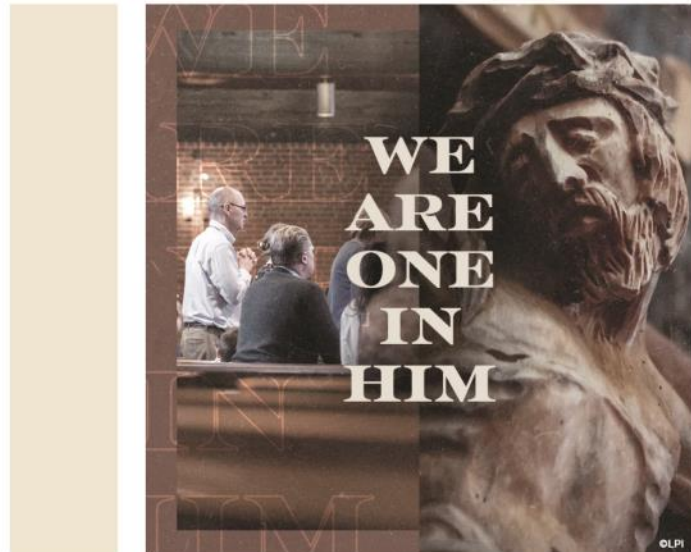
Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/  
Lk 21:34-36

### Next Sunday:

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16,  
18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

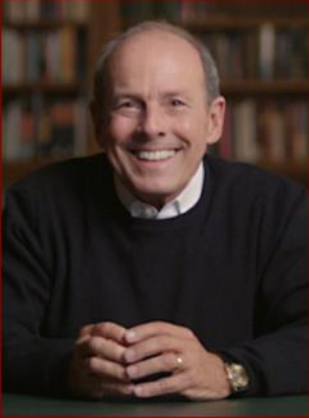
In May 2023, for the first time in almost three quarters of a century, a monarch was crowned in England. A few days later a friend of mine scoffed, “What a waste of time and energy! What is the point of a king?”

I’m a proud American who wants neither theocracy nor monarchical restoration. I like our democratic republic. But the coronation of King Charles reminded me of something needed in every person and community: confidence in the future. The king’s most basic role is to symbolize the unity of the nation. In England, the parliament members handle many of the practical duties of governance. But the king or queen can do what they cannot: embody in a single person the reality and future of a whole nation. To say, “this is our king” is to say, “we exist as a community, and we have a future.” Kingship isn’t primarily about the power of one person or family. It’s about the enduring identity and unity of the whole.

To say Christ is our King is to say we exist as a people. We are one in him. We are, and we will be as long as he is. And since he will be our risen king forever, together we have a future filled with hope. Even the best countries will finally fall. But Christ and his Church will endure forever. What good news! It’s not a waste of time to crown a king. We do it all the time. Let’s be sure to crown the right one — the one whose kingdom never ends.

— Father John Muir

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## **A CHRISTMAS STORY WITH DR. BILL CREASY**

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## Movement for a Better World

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” 1 John 3:18

### Thanksgiving Food and Blanket

Distribution: **THANK YOU** for your generous support of 104 very grateful families for Thanksgiving! An abundant amount of food, two or more blankets, blessings and hope were provided.

Dec. 2-3 – Christmas Present Drive: Envelopes will be available at Masses for the children of families we will support for Christmas: a child’s name, age, sex, sizes, and instructions. Please return gifts to the Parish Life Center or church **by Dec. 10 at 12:30 pm.**

### Dec. 16 - Christmas Food and Present

Distribution: As a parish community, we will support 71 families for Christmas and Easter. **Can you help us deliver?** So meaningful to kids! Please contact Jill Salinaz (562) 822-7367 or [jmsalinaz@yahoo.com](mailto:jmsalinaz@yahoo.com).

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.



November 26, 2023



## Adoration



Come and spend an hour with our Lord Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Experience what Catholic author Matthew Kelly calls “The Classroom of Silence,” and respond to Jesus’ call: “Could you not watch with me one hour?” (Matthew 26:40). Deacon Tom & Pat Halliwell will lead Eucharistic Adoration this **Friday, December 1st at 8:00 am.**

*Please join us for a 7th Grade Fundraiser*

# PASTA NIGHT

# *Farewell*

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*Friday, December 1, 2023*

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### How do groomers work?

Groomers start by picking out a potential victim, often a child who is emotionally vulnerable or isolated, or with low self-esteem. Then, groomers will start to slowly build a relationship — bonding over an alleged shared interest and expanding relationships out to build trust with the victim’s family and friends. Groomers work hard to make themselves appear trustworthy and safe, to gain better access to their victims. From there, they can isolate their victims and perpetrate abuse. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “The Many Stages of Grooming” at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).



## Seniors Group

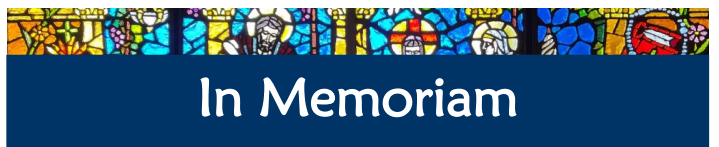
The next meeting of the St. Joseph Senior Group will be on **Monday, November 27**, in the hall. The activities will begin promptly at **11:00 am** and will include Bingo, many kinds of card games, Mexican train, and lots of socializing. Bring your brown bag lunch, and coffee, tea, water, snacks and cookies will be provided. We look forward to seeing all our members and any new friends who would like to join us. This meeting will be your last chance to make a reservation for our Christmas luncheon which will be on **Monday, December 11**. The cost of the luncheon is \$10 and must be paid by November 26. Also, we will be collecting hand knit blankets and baby/toddler clothing and toys for Movement for a Better World. I hope you all have a blessed Thanksgiving, and that you will be joining us for our Christmas luncheon.



## St. Joseph Grief Support

Offering support and care this holiday season.

Grief support in person session plus video.  
**December 12th**, Tuesday 9:30 am to 11:30 am  
 in the PLC building.  
 (This Session is Complimentary)



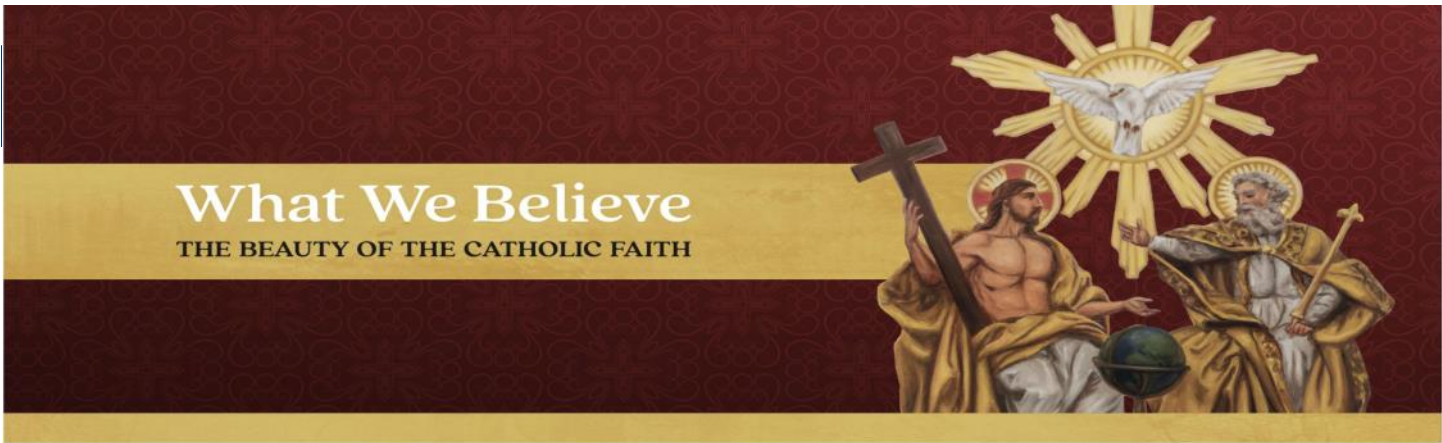
## In Memoriam

**William (B.I.) Mais**  
 Funeral Mass at St. Joseph: December 9th at 10:00 am

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
 May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

~Amen~





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THE BEAUTY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

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The Catholic Church is extraordinary. It is where we encounter God in his Word, his sacraments, and his saints. It proclaims the fullness of life, leaving no person out. It calls all to repent and to believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the source of all life and salvation.

Maybe you've been Catholic your entire life. Maybe you're just beginning to explore the Catholic Faith. Wherever you may be in your journey, you will be profoundly moved by the beauty and the richness of the Catholic Church. Join us for *What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith* at St. Joseph in the PLC and on Zoom beginning Thursday, January 11th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm and continuing every Thursday for 10 weeks. For more information or to register for the study, contact Mike Santy at 562-370-0769 or by email at [mike@stjosephlb.org](mailto:mike@stjosephlb.org).

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