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JOHN 18:37

His Life as Truth

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We are bombarded by many statements professing to be true. Advertisers seek our endorsement, political parties seek our allegiance, and friends seek our agreement. Each purports to offer truth. In the Gospel this week, Pilate asks Jesus whether he is a king. Jesus replies, "You say I am a king. For this...I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice" (John 18:37). What is Jesus' truth?

We tend to go through life taking stands on various issues: how to raise children, what kind of exercise is best, which political approach to endorse, and countless others. Once we decide, we often make that stance one of life's truths and proclaim all others

false. Jesus, on the other hand, offers his life as truth, much bigger than our petty truths. His truth stretches us beyond what we already are, more than life issues that change daily. His life's truth declares that meaning is found only by living for others, that loving someone can heal their pain, that wisdom is found in the struggle, that less is more. Jesus' ultimate truth is doing his Father's will. The fact that it is difficult or that we tend not to live it very well makes it no less the truth. ●

Reflect

**How does your life witness to the truth
Jesus' life reveals?**

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK

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Masses: Cyclone: Saturday 5:30PM & Sunday 8:15AM; Weekdays: Tues., Thurs & Friday: 7AM

Marak: Sundays: 10:15AM and Wednesday 5:30PM(unless otherwise stated)

The Sacraments:

Baptism: On Sundays after Mass. Please contact the pastor to schedule a meeting with him; a preparation program may be needed. Parents must be registered parishioners of St. Joseph, Cyclone or Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak.

Confessions: Before Mass on the weekend and anytime by appointment.

Marriage: Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least six months in advance before you set the date of the wedding. Completion of required paperwork and a preparation program needed.

NOVEMBER 24, 2024 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

What's the truth Jesus comes to bear witness to in this last Gospel of the Church's year?

It's the truth that in Jesus God keeps the promise He made to David of an everlasting kingdom, of an heir who would be His Son, "the first born, highest of the kings of the earth" (see [2 Samuel 7:12-16](#); [Psalm 89:27-38](#)).

Today's Second Reading, taken from the Book of Revelation, quotes these promises and celebrates Jesus as "the faithful witness." The reading hearkens back to Isaiah's prophecy that the Messiah would "witness to the peoples" that God is renewing His "everlasting covenant" with David (see [Isaiah 55:3-5](#)).

But as Jesus tells Pilate, there's far more going on here than the restoration of a temporal monarchy. In the Revelation reading, Jesus calls Himself "the Alpha and the Omega," the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. He's applying to Himself a description that God uses to describe Himself in the Old Testament—the first and the last, the One who calls forth all generations (see [Isaiah 41:4](#); [44:6](#); [48:12](#)).

"He has made the world," today's Psalm cries, and His dominion is over all creation (see also [John 1:3](#); [Colossians 1:16-17](#)). In the vision of Daniel we hear in today's First Reading, He comes on "the clouds of heaven"—another sign of His divinity—to be given "glory and kingship" forever over all nations and peoples.

Christ is King and His kingdom, while not of this world, exists in this world in the Church. We are a royal people. We know we have been loved by Him and freed by His blood and transformed into "a kingdom, priests for his God and Father" (see also [Exodus 19:6](#); [1 Peter 2:9](#)).

As a priestly people, we share in His sacrifice and in His witness to God's everlasting covenant. We belong to His truth and listen to His voice, waiting for Him to come again amid the clouds.



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Bulletin deadline : Please call or e-mail info by Wednesday before the weekend!

MINISTRIES FOR NOVEMBER 27, 2024 Thanksgiving Eve

Lector: Rhonda Gelter

Eucharistic Minister: Debbie Vansa

Offertory: Louis and Mary Frances Vansa

Ushers: Ronald Kaulfus and Andy Littlejohn

Servers: Cade, Cutter

MINISTRIES FOR DECEMBER 1, 2024

Rosary: Lynne Hornung

Eucharistic Minister: Jeannine Dohnalik

Lector: Misty Green

Offertory: Arvell and Liz Jungmann

Ushers: Mike Marek and James Marek

Servers: Brady, Hampton, and Julianna

Sanctuary Light: November 25th—December 1st: Albyn and Alma Simicek by Carolyn Talafuse

Prayer Chain... Please pray for Anton Vrazel, Martha Hubnik, Brandon Lewis (Cousin to the Tomek Family), Dorothy Vansa, Kay and Ed Moraw, and Ethel Marak as well as those in need in the Book of Prayers. Prayers are powerful as we pray daily for those in need. To be added to the prayer chain:

Please contact Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net

MARAK MASSES—November 24—December 1, 2024

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today—11/24	10:15am	†Stefina Vansa by Alfred and Bernice Vrazel †Thomas Strmiska by Alfred and Bernice Vrazel †Special Intention by Ed and Kay Moraw †Stanley Hubnik by Sherry Mueck †Laddie Dohnalik by Chester and Margaret Hays *In honor of Laddie and Edith Vaculin's 72nd Wedding Anniversary
11/27—Wednesday	5:30 pm	†Joe and Stefina Vansa by Robert and Debbie Vansa †Joe Vansa by Alfred and Bernice Vrazel †Clement Tomek by Robert Hall, Frank Hall, and Linda Vargas
12/1—Sunday	10:15am	†Joe and Eva David by Laddie and Edith Vaculin †James Junek by Aline Junek †Clement Tomek by Leroy and Kathy Vansa †Clement Tomek by Mary Karstadt, Debbie Wene, John Sims, Gail Sims †Laddie Dohnalik by Richard and Betty Brenek

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **PARISH COUNCIL BALLOTS:** Parish Council Ballots are available and due today.
- **SECOND COLLECTION:** Catholic Campaign for Human Development—Second Collection—Today.
- **PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON:** The parish Christmas Luncheon will follow mass on December 1st. Join us for fellowship and a special Christmas Program. Meat will be provided; please bring a side dish or dessert. A sign-up sheet is available at the entry of the Church.
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERS CHRISTMAS GATHERING:** The Knights of Columbus Members Christmas Gathering will be held December 7th at the Marak Parish Hall. Socializing begins at 5PM; Meal at 6PM. Widows of past members are welcome. A sign-up sheet will be located at the entry of the Church through December 1st.
- **SECOND COLLECTION:** Next Sunday's second collection is for the Building Fund.

11-17: Sunday Offering: \$966.00

11-17 Children's Offering: \$9.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Dear Padre,

When receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, I feel the need to respond, "Thank you, Jesus. Amen." Is this OK or should I just stick to "Amen"?



ALON KAMBER / SHUTTERSTOCK

"Amen" is an appropriate response, in and of itself. An emphatic, heartfelt "Amen" is an affirmation of faith meant to capture our feelings of profound gratitude and awe in the presence of God. It's also a statement of belief, roughly translated as "truly," "most assuredly," or "so be it" to what has been said.

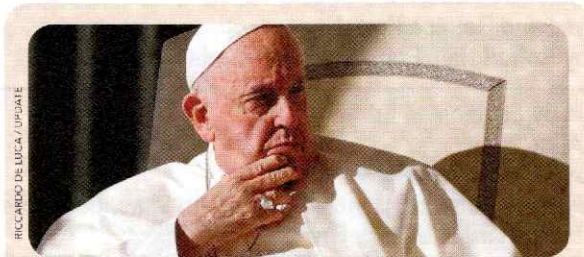
For example, when we conclude the Creed with "Amen," it repeats and confirms the first words "I believe." "To believe is to say 'Amen' to God's words, promises and commandments; to entrust oneself completely to him who is the 'Amen' of infinite love and perfect faithfulness" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1064). "Jesus Christ is...the definitive 'Amen' of the Father's love for us. He takes up and completes our 'Amen' to the Father.... That is why we utter the Amen through him, to the glory of God" (CCC 1065).

Sharing in the one bread and the one cup is a time of unity with God and with God's people. Each individual communicant's "Amen" is also meant to be an expression of our unity together in receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. Responding with something other than "Amen" may serve to disrupt that unity and draw attention to yourself. So, yes, stick with a sincere, mindful "Amen!" ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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RICCARDO DE LUCA / UPDATE

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The best proof that Christ is our king is detachment from what pollutes life, makes it ambiguous, opaque, sad.... When we live under the lordship of Jesus, we do not become corrupt, we do not become false, inclined to cover up the truth. We do not live double lives. Remember this well: all of us are sinners, yes; corrupt, never.

ANGELUS, ROME, NOVEMBER 21, 2021

Monday

November 25

Weekday

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5

Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

November 26

Weekday

Rv 14:14-19

Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

November 27

Weekday

Rv 15:1-4

Lk 21:12-19

Thursday

November 28

Weekday

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23;

19:1-3, 9a

Lk 21:20-28

Thanksgiving Day (US)

Sir 50:22-24

1 Cor 1:3-9

Lk 17:11-19

Friday

November 29

Weekday

Rv 20:1-4, 11-

21:2

Lk 21:29-33

Saturday

November 30

St. Andrew,

Apostle

Rom 10:9-18

Mt 4:18-22

Sunday

December 1

First Sunday

of Advent

Jer 33:14-16

1 Thes 3:12-4:2

Lk 21:25-28,

34-36