

Hail, Christ Our King

The readings for today's feast create a collage of images that capture different characteristics of Christ's kingship. "Shepherd" assures us his kingly rule is characterized by tenderness. "King of Israel" locates him squarely within human time and space. "Image of the Invisible God" acclaims his divine origin. "Firstborn of all Creation" places him over the entire created world. "Source of all Created Things" acknowledges him as the model after which all things were fashioned. "Head of the Body, the Church" underscores the intimacy and interrelationship between him and all those joined to him through faith and baptism. "Firstborn of the Dead" acclaims his resurrection and guarantees the resurrection of those who will follow him into death.

The Gospel's image of Christ as the crucified king clearly interprets all the other images. He is a shepherd who protects his flock with his life, a king who rules with dedication despite shame and defeat, divine yet accepted death on a cross. He was God who became a

vulnerable child of earth, a simple man who offered himself as sacrifice, the one through whom we will all enjoy resurrection from the dead.

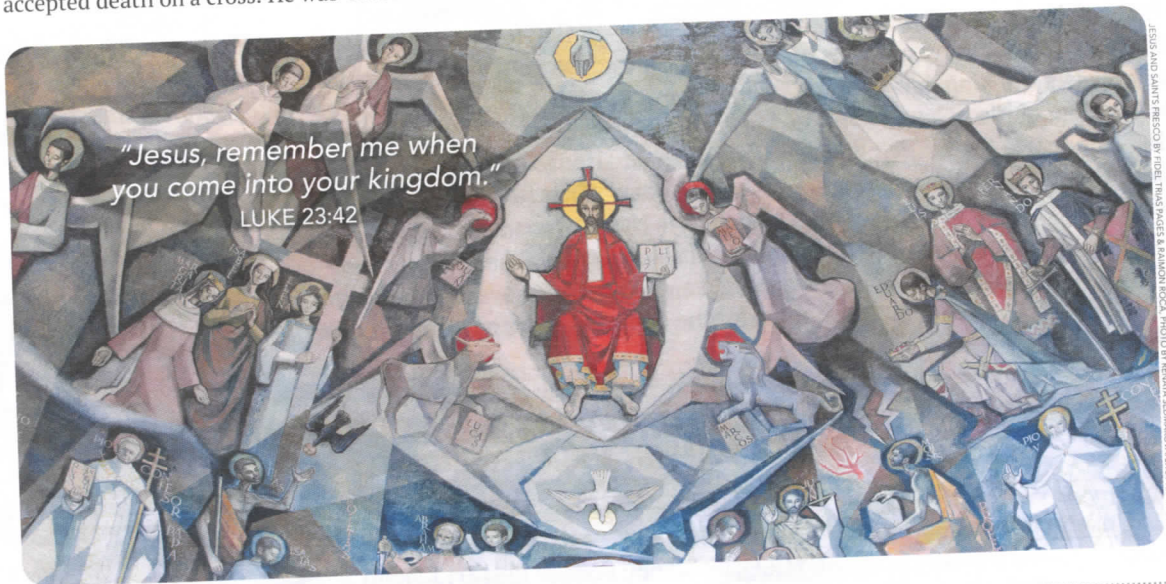
In the last words of the Gospel, Jesus opens the gates of his kingdom to a repentant sinner: "Today you will be with me in Paradise." This is what all of us long to hear, words that are empty when coming from one who has no authority, but charged with power when spoken by the one who is king over us all.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Editor's note: This is Sr. Dianne Bergant's final reflection for *Our Parish Community*. She will continue to serve as professor of biblical studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. When a new liturgical cycle begins on November 27, 2022, we will welcome a new reflections writer, Fr. Joseph Juknialis. The people of Liguori Publications thank Sr. Dianne for her three years of insightful reflections. We wish her well.

FOR Reflection

- ✦ Which image of Christ inspires you? Why?
- ✦ What must you do to allow Christ to have sway in your life?



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK

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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 20, 2022 — THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Week by week, the Liturgy has been preparing us for the revelation to be made on this, the last Sunday of the Church year. Jesus, we have been shown, is truly the Chosen One, the Messiah of God, the King of the Jews. Ironically, in today's Gospel we hear these names on the lips of those who don't believe in Him—Israel's rulers, the soldiers, a criminal dying alongside Him.

They can only see the scandal of a bloodied figure nailed to a cross. They scorn Him in words and gestures foretold in Israel's Scriptures (see [Psalm 22:7-9](#); [69:21-22](#); [Wisdom 2:18-20](#)). If He is truly King, God will rescue Him, they taunt. But He did not come to save Himself, but to save them—and us.

The good thief shows us how we are to accept the salvation He offers us. He confesses his sins and acknowledges he deserves to die for them. And he calls on the name of Jesus, seeking His mercy and forgiveness.

By his faith he is saved. Jesus "remembers" him—as God has always remembered His people, visiting them with His saving deeds, numbering them among His chosen heirs (see [Psalm 106:4-5](#)). By the blood of His cross, Jesus reveals His Kingship—not in saving His own life, but in offering it as a ransom for ours. He transfers us to "the kingdom of His beloved Son," as today's Epistle tells us.

His kingdom is the Church, the new Jerusalem and House of David that we sing of in today's Psalm. By their covenant with David in today's First Reading, Israel's tribes are made one "bone and flesh" with their king. By the New Covenant made in His blood, Christ becomes one flesh with the people of His kingdom—the head of His body, the Church (see [Ephesians 5:23-32](#)). We celebrate and renew this covenant in every Eucharist, giving thanks for our redemption, hoping for the day when we too will be with Him in Paradise.



11/13: Stewardship: Sunday Offering: \$1,325.00 11/13: Children's Offering: \$5.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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

Ministries for November 23, 2022

Eucharistic Minister: Judy Vaculin

Offertory: Greg & Mary Hoelscher

Lector: Brad Vaculin

Ushers: James Marek & Mike Marek

Servers: Chase, Cade, Cutter



Ministries for November 27, 2022

Rosary: Liz Jungmann

Eucharistic Minister: Johnny Winkler

Offertory: Ronald & Irene Kaulfus

Lector: Jeannine Dohnalik

Ushers: Ronald Kaulfus & Garrey Prcin

Servers: Camryn, Garrison, Annalee

Sanctuary Light: November 21st-27th: Albyn Simecek/Steve Simecek by Carolyn Talafuse

Prayer Chain... Please remember in your daily prayers the faithfully departed, those souls in purgatory, those of our community that are in special need of prayer, those who are homebound or in nursing homes, all those in the military and for the following: Louis and Genevieve Tepera Family, Denise Russell, Sister of Jeannine Dohnalik, Helen Moriarty, mother of Stacie Higgins, Brady Barton, son of Clay and Rebecca Barton, Georgia Ann (Hubnik) Glaser, Ryan Miller, Rosalie Kostroun, Adrian Mitcham (Hubnik Family), Anton Vrazel, Paulette Foster, Reenie Hubnik, Marilyn June Gonzalez, Doris Matocha. Prayers are powerful! To be added to the prayer chain:
Please contact: Merlene Slavik—254-697-1247 or email—Slavik@farm-market.net

MARAK MASSES—November 20-27, 2022

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today—11/20	10:15am	+ Marilyn Kemp by Rebecca Barton + Charles Chandler by Retta Chandler + Jerry Wade by Tony & Debbie Dohnalik
11/23— Wed. Thanksgiving Eve	5:30pm	+ Thomas Strmiska by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel + August & Mary Hubnik by Arvell & Liz Jungmann + Jerry Sipula by St. Anne's Altar Society
11/27—Sunday	10:15am	+ Joe Vansa by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel Laddie & Edith Vaculin 70th Wedding Anniversary + Eva & Joe David by Laddie & Edith Vaculin + Joe & Elizabeth Vaculin by Laddie & Edith Vaculin

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **KJZT JRS.** are sponsoring a Non-Perishable Food Drive for the Cameron Area Thrift Shop thru today. Baskets will be at the door entry.
- **KC CHRISTMAS PARTY:** There is a signup sheet located in the entrance of the church for the KC Christmas party which will be held on December 10th. Widows of our past members are welcome to attend.
- **TODAY: Second Collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development.**
- **DECEMBER 4TH:** The KJZT Jrs. will be sponsoring a No Bake— Bake Sale by having a second collection and the proceeds will go to Brady Barton and Family.
- **DECEMBER 4TH:** Parish Christmas Party will be held after Mass. Everyone is invited to attend. Please sign the sheet in the church entry if you plan to attend. Please bring sides and/ or desserts. The meat will be furnished by the Church. Christmas Play after meal and Santa Claus will be here.
- **SYMPATHY:** Our deepest sympathy to Susan and Duane Tomek for the loss of Susan's Father, Leon Stockton who passed away on October 30th. May God Provide comfort to the Family.

Dear Padre,

Can all good people go to heaven after they die, even if they haven't been a Christian? My dad is from India and grew up with another religion. The rest of my family is Catholic. I am afraid that we won't see each other again after we die.

Put your mind at ease. A person who is not a Christian can go to heaven. Heaven is not just for Christians, but for everyone who loves God and responds to God's will in his or her life.

We know that God wants all people to be saved, not just Christians. Jesus began a Church to help people achieve salvation. The Church teaches that those who seek "the truth and [do] the will of God in accordance with their understanding of it can be saved" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1260). What we know as Catholics is that God called us into the Church. It is there that we will work out our salvation. "Since Christ died for all, and since all are called to one and the same destiny, which is divine," we must believe that the Holy Spirit makes a way for everyone, a way that only God knows (CCC 1260).

You should pray for your dad and be a faithful Catholic. Perhaps your good example will help him become a Christian. Even if he never becomes a Christian, your prayers will help him work out his salvation without the benefit of the sacraments and a believing community. If he does what is right, God will reward him.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The face of God revealed by Jesus is that of a Father concerned for and close to the poor....We do not find him when and where we want, but see him in the lives of the poor, in their sufferings and needs, in the often inhuman conditions in which they are forced to live.

MESSAGE, WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, NOVEMBER 14, 2021

Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 21

Presentation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5

Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 22

St. Cecilia,
Virgin and Martyr

Rv 14:14-19

Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 23

Weekday

Rv 15:1-4

Lk 21:12-19

Thursday

NOVEMBER 24

St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc,
Priest, and Companions,
Martyrs

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 25

Weekday

Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2

Lk 21:29-33

Saturday

NOVEMBER 26

Weekday

Rv 22:1-7 / Lk 21:34-36

Sunday

NOVEMBER 27

First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5

Rom 13:11-14

Mt 24:37-44

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