

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE
NOVEMBER 23 & 24, 2024**



With this Solemnity, the liturgical cycle B ends and we will begin the cycle C. That is, next Sunday we will begin the time of Advent and start the new Liturgical Year. “Almighty and eternal God, who willed to base all things on your beloved Son, King of the Universe, grant, graciously, that all creation, freed from the slavery of sin, may serve your majesty and praise you eternally (Collect Prayer). In the First Reading of the Prophet Daniel his reign is announced: “His power is the eternal power that will not pass away; his kingdom will not be destroyed” (Daniel 7:14). Eternal and universal royalty was the vision of the Prophet Daniel.

Do you believe that Jesus Christ is currently recognized as King of the universe? Is Jesus the King of families? If we reflect carefully, we will realize that, throughout the years, governments pass, kings of different hierarchies pass, they govern and reign, but they die. However, Jesus is the eternal King, who will never pass away. And this is what must be taught in every Christian home: “I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty” (Revelation 1:8). May the Lord reign in every home forever and give us his blessing and peace.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Daniel had visions of Jesus (“Son of man”) receiving everlasting dominion, glory, and kingship from God (“the Ancient One”). Why do you think some people receive visions?

Second Reading:

Revelation teaches that Jesus loves us and has made us into a kingdom of priests for God. What do you think Jesus expects from us in return?

Gospel:

In his trial Jesus tells Pilate he was born to testify to the truth. Can you think of a time in your life when you had to tell a difficult truth to someone?

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

The restoration of the statues in the sanctuary has prompted a few questions regarding the meaning of the colors and symbols in these images. In this bulletin article, I would like to highlight the significance of some of the details in the image of Our Lady and the Child Jesus.

White- symbolizes purity. Our Lady is the Immaculate Conception: she was conceived without sin. God selected the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the purest temple for Christ. It also symbolizes her virginal purity: she conceived Jesus while remaining a virgin.

Red- is often seen as an earthly color. This symbolizes the physical person of Mary and her role as the loving Mother of God. Red is also the color of the Passion and thus can symbolize Our Lady’s faithful presence at the foot of the cross and her compassion with the sufferings of her Divine Son.

Blue- this is the color of the sky and represents the heavens. The blue mantle symbolizes Our Lady as clothed with the divinity of her Creator by virtue of the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit and the presence of the Word in her womb. In the Old Testament, the Book of Numbers explains that the Ark of the Covenant was to be covered with “...a cloth all of blue” (4:6). And over the table of the bread of the Presence they shall spread a cloth of blue’ (4:7).” Mary is traditionally referred to as the new Ark of the Covenant, as explained in the Catechism: “Mary, in whom the Lord himself has just made his dwelling, is the daughter of Zion in person, the Ark of the Covenant, the place where the glory of the Lord dwells. She is ‘the dwelling of God . . . with men’” (CCC 2676).

Gold- signifies royalty. The use of gold conveys the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Crown and Scepter- The crown of Mary and the scepter (a staff symbolizing authority and sovereignty) in her right hand identify Our Lady as Queen of all creation. Her Queenship is the culmination of all the privileges granted to our Lady. The Mother of God, assumed body and soul into heaven, is raised by the Most Holy Trinity above the choirs of angels and all the saints. She holds her Divine Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. All of Mary’s power derives from that of the Lord. God willed to exalt the Blessed Virgin Mary above all creatures: *He has looked graciously upon the lowliness of his handmaid* (Luke 1:48). Honoring Mary as the Mother of the King, the faithful have always attested to her exalted glory as a sharer in Christ’s royalty. Our Lord has placed in Mary’s hands the merits He gained by His Passion and death on the Cross, so that she might distribute them according to God’s Will. The Church encourages us to have recourse to Mary, our Mother and our Queen, in all our necessities.

While by no means exhaustive, I hope the above considerations will help deepen our appreciation of the rich symbolism in this work of art and aid in devotion to Our Lady. Next week, we will take a closer look at the newly restored statue of St. Joseph!

Blessings,

Fr. Pacheco

**MASS INTENTIONS
NOVEMBER 23 -29, 2024**

Saturday (23)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba †
	6:30pm	Carmen Flores & Cirilo Martínez † Eleuterio & Manuel Gaona † Alfonso & Maria Bran † Beatriz Valencia † Belen Mandujano † Victor Martín & Raquel Dzul † Candelaria & Raquel Campo †
Sunday (24)	8:00am	Michael Burleson
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (25)	12:05pm	No Mass
Tuesday (26)	5:30pm	Faithful Departed †
Wednesday(27)	12:05pm	Faithful Departed †
Thursday (28)	10:00am	Faithful Departed †
Friday (29)	12:05pm	Faithful Departed †

WEEKLY COLLECTION

NOVEMBER 16 & 17, 2024...\$1,971.00
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SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:

MAINTENANCE FUND

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:

LIABILITY INSURANCE

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& CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Gerardo Escobedo, Cuca Soto, Yolanda Soto, Rosalío Martínez, Felix Santillán, Esperanza Barba, Bertha Valenzuela, Gina Piviroto, Angie Gómez, Rose Cortez, Fidela Jara, Martha Sánchez, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick Heater, Ann Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret Milliken, Nick Quin, Mary Servis, Matty Walker & Ofelia Ybarra.

**LET'S PRAY FOR ALL OUR FAMILY MEMBER
AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY**

Edgar Salinas, Uriel Osorio, Nerio Salazar, Jovany Baez, María de la Luz Ramírez, Matt Mills & Jared Schroeder.



The Youth Group at OLGC is starting back up!
Come join us Monday nights at 6:30-8:00pm in Classroom #1.
For more information contact
Noemi Hernández 707.972.6880.



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9AM - 12PM

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\$12.00/PLATE

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**PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS OUR CHURCH
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11/22/2024



ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH, THANKSGIVING DAY,
MASS WILL BE AT 10AM.



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
THANKSGIVING DAY AND THE DAY AFTER.

