



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 21, 2021

Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe (B)

Dn 7:13-14 / Rv 1:5-8

Jn 18:33b-37

## Your Majesty

**T**his is an interesting form of address. It is not really a title like *Queen* or *Lord*. Nor does it identify a function ascribed to royalty, as does *ruler*. It refers to a status of excellence. It belongs to the position of royalty itself rather than the person in that position. Just what is majesty and why do we attribute it to some people? Originally people believed that royal individuals were descendants of the gods. This probably explains the notion of royal majesty. The readings for today's feast show that Jesus turned the ideas of kingship and royal majesty upside down.

The son of man in Daniel was a heavenly being upon whom "dominion, glory, and kingship" (7:14) were bestowed by God. The kingship of this figure is universal and everlasting. In the Gospels, Jesus frequently identifies with this title. When he does so, he is making a claim about his identity. The passage

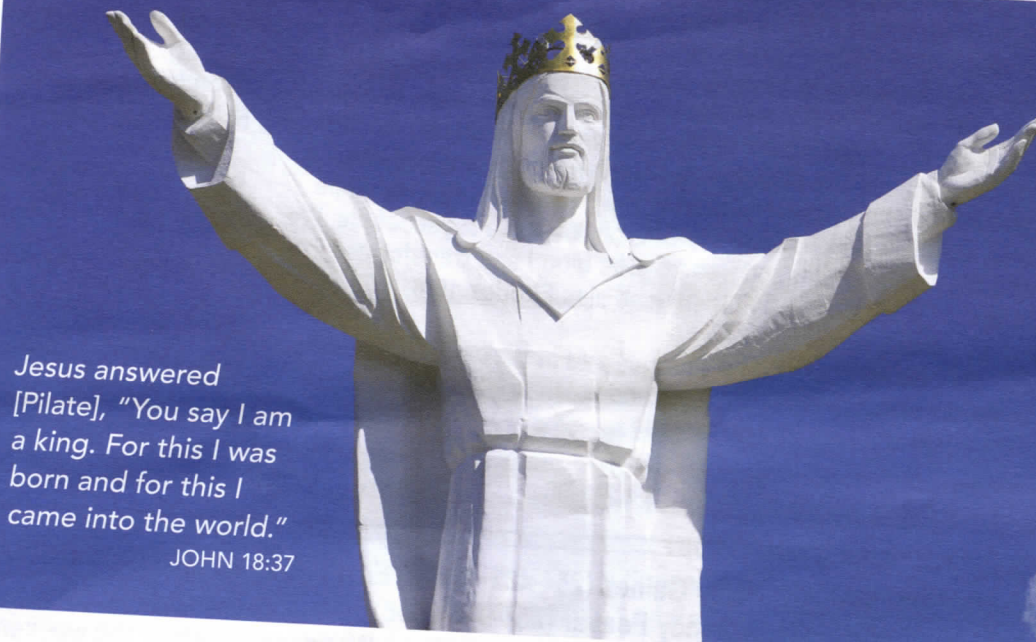
from Revelation depicts Jesus like this son of man, a heavenly being who comes "amid the clouds" (1:7) as "the ruler of the kings of the earth" (1:5).

In the Gospel scene, Jesus is interrogated about his identity. He insists that his kingship springs from love and service, not power and force. It's clear that his royal majesty flows from who he is, not from any political position he might hold. To call him king, as we do with today's responsorial psalm, was a very dangerous political statement for his early followers, for it claimed that Jesus is Lord, not Caesar.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ★ Do you think Jesus was naive about power politics? Why or why not?
- ★ What influence does Jesus exercise over your life as your king?



Jesus answered  
[Pilate], "You say I am  
a king. For this I was  
born and for this I  
came into the world."

JOHN 18:37

## THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK

*St. Joseph, Cyclone & Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak*

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**Masses: Cyclone:** Sat. 5:30PM & Sun. 8:15AM; Weekdays: Tue, 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 21, 2021 — SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

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.



11/14: Stewardship: Sunday Offering: \$ 1,211.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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



### Ministries for November 24, 2021

**Eucharistic Minister:** Kayla Laurence  
**Offertory:** Horace & Alicia Smith  
**Lector:** Merlene Slavik  
**Ushers:** Volunteers  
**Altar Servers:** Camryn, Garrison, Annalee

### Ministries for November 28, 2021

**Rosary:** Adolph & Dorothy Vansa  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Judy Vaculin  
**Offertory:** Eric & Eleanor Solomon  
**Lector:** Johnny Winkler  
**Ushers:** Alfred Vrazel & Robert Vansa  
**Altar Servers:** Gracie, Carter, Tessa

**Sanctuary Light: November 22nd-28th:** August & Mary Hubnik by Liz & Arvell Jungmann

**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 to all those who have been affected by the Covid-19 Virus and also that the vaccine for the corona virus will help to stop this pandemic & for the following: Adrian Mitcham (Hubnik Family), Anton Vrazel, Paulette Foster, Reenie Hubnik, Baby Townes Bush, Carolyn Klecka, Edward Brenek, Jr., Marilyn June Gonzalez, and 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](mailto:Slavik@farm-market.net)**

### **MARAK MASSES — November 21-28, 2021**

Date	Time	Mass Intentions
Today—11/21	10:15am	+ August & Mary Hubnik by Liz & Arvell Jungmann + Mary Ann Plachy by Edith & Laddie Vaculin + Eugene Vaculin by Richard & BJ Brenek In Honor of Laddie & Edith Vaculin 69th Anniversary
11/24 — Wednesday	5:30pm	+ Thomas Strmiska by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel + Albert Michalka by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel + Albina Vrazel by Alice Vrazel + Joe Vansa by Laverne Vansa & Nicole Trubee
11/28— Sunday	10:15am	+ Albert Michalka by Alma Simicek + Mary Ann Plachy by Georgia & Carol Stermer + Eugene Vaculin by Joe & Christa Konderla + Valeria Kostiha by Robert & Debbie Vansa

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- **TODAY:** Second Collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development.
- **DECEMBER 4TH:** KC Christmas dinner will be held at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Cyclone starting at 6pm. There is a sign up sheet in the Church Entry.
- **DECEMBER 5TH:** Parish Christmas Luncheon will be held after Mass. There is a sign-in sheet in the entry of the church. The Church will supply the meats (Chicken & Sausage) and we ask the parishioners to bring sides and desserts. Last name beginning with A thru M bring vegetables and N thru Z bring desserts or if you like you can bring both.
- **CONGRATULATIONS:** A very special blessing to Laddie and Edith Vaculin on their 69th Wedding Anniversary. May God Bless you today and always.



# Dear Padre,

**Why does the Church continue to use the image of a king to describe Jesus? He didn't act like a king or expect his followers to treat him like one.**

**H**ereditary kings ruled most nations in the ancient Near East. In Egypt, the king was actually recognized as a god. In Israel, God was considered the one true king, and God's covenant was the treaty that united God and the people.

But the time came when the Israelites thought they needed to strengthen themselves militarily and politically. Then the elders came to Samuel and asked him to appoint a king to govern them like other nations (1 Samuel 8:5). The three great kings of Israel (Saul, David, and Solomon) were considered instruments of God but were also subject to existing legal codes.

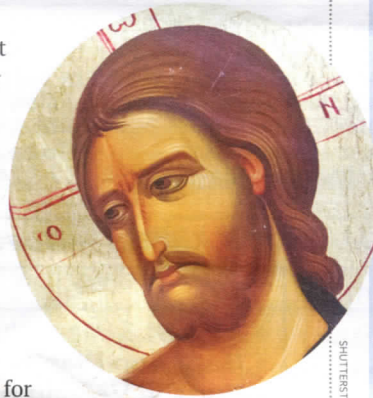
Throughout the New Testament runs the theme that Jesus, a descendant of the royal Davidic line, is a ruler or king. The Magi first proclaimed Jesus king, saying they were looking for the "newborn king of the Jews" (Matthew 2:2).

At the heart of Jesus' message was the good news that all people could enter the kingdom of God if they rejected sin. Jesus used the parable of the mustard seed (Mark 4:30–32) to show that his kingdom will grow until everyone can be embraced within its branches. This kingdom, first manifested in simplicity and love in the Galilean countryside, is to reach its fulfillment in a great love among all people. Jesus as king is an image that should lead us to recognize our commitment to love and service to others in his kingdom.

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## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*Jesus asks us to allow him to become our king....But we must not forget that Jesus' kingdom is not of this world. He will give new meaning to our life—at times even put us to difficult tests through our mistakes and our sins—merely on the condition that we not follow the logics of the world and of its "kings."*

ANGELUS, NOVEMBER 25, 2018

## Calendar

### Monday

NOVEMBER 22

St. Cecilia,  
Virgin and Martyr  
Dn 1:1–6, 8–20  
Lk 21:1–4

### Tuesday

NOVEMBER 23

Weekday  
Dn 2:31–45  
Lk 21:5–11

### Wednesday

NOVEMBER 24

St. Andrew Dũng-Lac,  
Priest, and Companions,  
Martyrs  
Dn 5:1–6, 13–14, 16–17,  
23–28  
Lk 21:12–19

### Thursday

NOVEMBER 25

Weekday  
Dn 6:12–28  
Lk 21:20–28

### Friday

NOVEMBER 26

Weekday  
Dn 7:2–14  
Lk 21:29–33

### Saturday

NOVEMBER 27

Weekday  
Dn 7:15–27  
Lk 21:34–36

### Sunday

NOVEMBER 28

First Sunday of Advent  
Jer 33:14–16  
1 Thes 3:12–4:2  
Lk 21:25–28, 34–36

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