



## The Lord Is My Shepherd

**T**he prominent image for God in today's readings is the shepherd. This might be an unfamiliar image for city dwellers, but it is a very rich religious image. The Bible tells us that early Israelites were herders, so they know a lot about shepherds. They knew that shepherds follow the wandering of their sheep and attended to their needs—not the other way around. They knew that shepherds lived with their sheep in the hills for long periods, away from family, friends, and the comforts of life. They knew that shepherds helped birthing and dying. They knew that all of this is a messy, smelly business, and no job for the fastidious.

Many nations of the ancient world, Israel included, thought of their kings as shepherds of the people—leaders who should be willing to do for their people what the shepherd does for the sheep. This explains why, on the feast of Christ the King, we represent our king as a shepherd rather than a victorious military commander, as many kings are. But more than this, throughout his life—at his passion and death, and now in his risen glory—Christ cares for us and leads us as a shepherd does. He embraces the messy, smelly reality of life. He is a shepherd-king, intent on our needs, searching for us when we seem to be lost. How comforting it is to know he carries us on his shoulders.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Recite today's responsorial psalm slowly and thoughtfully.
- ★ Which images of Psalm 23 touch you the most? Why?



*The lost I will search out,  
the strays I will bring back,  
the injured I will bind up,  
and the sick I will heal.*

EZEKIEL 34:16

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## **THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—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 for scheduling 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.

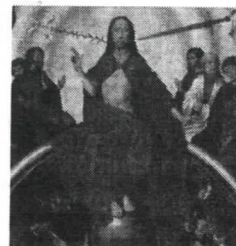
### **NOVEMBER 22, 2020— SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING**

"Therefore Wait for me, says the Lord for the day as I arise as a witness." Zephaniah 8

The Church year ends today with a vision of the end of time. The scene in the Gospel is stark and resounds with Old Testament echoes. The Son of Man is enthroned over all nations and peoples of every language (see Daniel 7:13-14). The nations have been gathered to see His glory and receive His judgment (see Isaiah 66:18; Zephaniah 3:8). The King is the divine shepherd Ezekiel foresees in today's First Reading, judging as a shepherd separates sheep from goats.

Each of us will be judged upon our performance of the simple works of mercy we hear in the Gospel today. These works, as Jesus explains today, are reflections or measures of our love for Him, our faithfulness to His commandment that we love God with all our might and our neighbor as ourselves (see Matthew 22:36-40).

Our faith is dead, lifeless, unless it be expressed in works of love (see James 2:20; Galatians 5:6). And we cannot say we truly love God, whom we cannot see, if we don't love our neighbor, whom we can (see 1 John 4:20). The Lord is our shepherd, as we sing in today's Psalm. And we are to follow His lead, to imitate His example (see 1 Corinthians 1:11; Ephesians 5:1). He healed our sickness (see Luke 6:19), freed us from the prison of sin and death (see Romans 8:2, 21), welcomed us who were once strangers to His covenant (see Ephesians 2:12, 19). He clothed us in baptism (see Revelation 3:5; 2 Corinthians 5:3-4), and feeds us with the food and drink of His own body and blood.



**11/15: Stewardship: Regular Offering: \$1,470.00**

**11/15: Children's Offering: \$31.00**

**11/15: All Saints: \$5.00**

**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 29

Rosary: Veronica Hrozek

Offertory: Alfred & Bernice Vrazel

Ushers: Richard Brenek & Robert Plachy

Eucharistic Minister: Cynthia Prcin

Lector: Jeannine Dohnalik



Altar Servers: Camryn Green, Colby Green, Garrison Prcin

Vigil Sanctuary Light: Nov. 16th-22nd: Special Intention by Ethel Marak

**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 for the following: Marilyn Junek Gonzalez, Jordan Young, Doris Matocha, and Monsignor Victor Goertz. 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 22-29, 2020**

| Date             | Time    | Mass Intentions                                                                                           |
|------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Today— 11/22     | 10:15am | + August & Mary Hubnik by Liz & Arvell Jungmann<br>+ Annie Mae Hubnik by Katherine Hubnik                 |
| 11/25 —Wednesday | 5:30pm  | + Albert Michalka by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel<br>+ Daniel Hromcik by Margie Wade                           |
| 11/29—Sunday     | 10:15am | + Doris Bruggman by Richard & Betty Brenek<br>In Honor of Laddie & Edith Vaculin 68th Wedding Anniversary |

**CYCLONE MASSES —November 22-29, 2020**

| Date                 | Time   | Mass Intentions                                                |
|----------------------|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Today – 11/22        | 8:15am | + Scott Eixman by Monica Mikeska                               |
| 11/24—Tuesday        | 7:00am | + Randolph Green by Family—Today would have been 95th Birthday |
| 11/26—Thursday       | 7:00am | + Sharon Fletcher by Charles & Renae Willberg                  |
| 11/27—Friday         | 7:00am | Jon Simek for Health by Nancy Posvar                           |
| 11/28—Saturday Vigil | 5:30pm | + Marvin Wilde by Oleta Wilde                                  |
| 11/29—Sunday         | 8:15am | + Rosa Pechal by Bill & Carol Smetana                          |

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION**

- **PARISH COUNCIL:** Congratulations to Andy Littlejohn and Jill Stermer for being elected to serve on the Parish Council. May God give you the guidance and leadership while serving on the Council for Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church. God Bless you!
- **THRIFT STORE FOOD DRIVE:** A special thanks to all those who participated in the food drive. May God bless all of you!
- **CONGRATULATIONS:** A special Anniversary blessing for Arvell & Liz Jungmann on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. May God bless you today and always!
- **NOVEMBER 22ND:** Special Collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development.
- **NOVEMBER 25TH:** Thanksgiving Mass will be held at 5:30pm.

# Dear Padre,

**Today we celebrate Christ the King.  
Why isn't this changed to "Christ the Lord"?  
The notion of "king" seems outdated.**

**C**hrist the King is not the easiest concept to get close to and celebrate. Kings, queens, and monarchies aren't part of our cultural heritage. With the current penchant for cutting celebrities and politicians down to size, a king or queen wouldn't fare well. With the turmoil of England's royal family, we frequently witness the demythologizing of the world's monarchies.

Christ's kingship obviously cannot fall into any of these woeful categories. Christ came to establish a different kind of kingdom, the kingdom of God, and that in itself puts Jesus on a different plane than all other concepts of earthly monarchies. Jesus came to proclaim God's reign, God's rule, in the manner in which God the Creator and Maker of all wants things to be.

We, however, are fiercely independent and freedom-conscious people. We don't want anyone telling us what to do. We want to participate in all decisions. We resent being pushed around by anyone. And that's fine. But in this case of God's kingdom, we have nothing to fear. God's power is to serve and give life, not to exploit or corrupt.

God's kingdom is the redemptive presence of God. Whenever people love one another, forgive one another, bear one another's burdens, and work to build a just and peaceful community, God's redemptive and liberating presence is being manifested. That is the kingdom and kinship we celebrate.

—Fr. Joseph Morin, CSSR  
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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*The kingdoms of this world at times are sustained by arrogance, rivalries, and oppression; the reign of Christ is a "kingdom of justice, love and peace." For a Christian, speaking of power and strength means referring to the power of the cross, and the strength of Jesus' love: a love which remains steadfast and complete.*

—ANGELUS, SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING,  
NOVEMBER 22, 2015



## Calendar

### Monday

NOVEMBER 23

Weekday

Rv 14:1–3, 4b–5

Lk 21:1–4

### Tuesday

NOVEMBER 24

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

Rv 14:14–19

Lk 21:5–11

### Wednesday

NOVEMBER 25

Weekday

Rv 15:1–4

Lk 21:12–19

### Thursday

NOVEMBER 26

Weekday

Rv 18:1–2, 21–23;

19:1–3, 9a

Lk 21:20–28

### Friday

NOVEMBER 27

Weekday

Rv 20:1–4, 11–21:2

Lk 21:29–33

### Saturday

NOVEMBER 28

Weekday

Rv 22:1–7

Lk 21:34–36

### Sunday

NOVEMBER 29

First Sunday  
of Advent

Is 63:16b–17, 19b;

64:2–7

1 Cor 1:3–9

Mk 13:33–37

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