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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 26, 2023



May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ to the World!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"King" is a word we do not normally use to describe Jesus because we associate the word "king" with power and majesty and Jesus did not display that kind of power or majesty. If we heard someone describing Jesus as king we might reply, "but he was born in a stable." True, Jesus was not the kingly, majestic type. When Satan showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and said they could all be his if Jesus worshipped him (Luke 4:5-7), Jesus replied that only God is to be worshipped (Luke 4:8). Satan offered a temptation to display power. But Jesus resisted that temptation always. Jesus avoided all shows of earthly power and authority.

Jesus was a king because he has a kingdom but his kingdom is totally at odds with any display of power in this world. Some people like to dominate others, abuse their power, and manipulate others. Those with power can unfortunately abuse their power in so many ways but Jesus is totally powerless on the cross. The values in Jesus' kingdom are service and humility. There is no place for violence or retribution in Jesus' kingdom. Jesus is a king but his kingdom is not of this world. Jesus did not abuse power, and he is our model. Jesus, the humble king, is an example to those who abuse power that abuse of power has no place in Jesus' kingdom.

**Readings for Next Sunday,
December 3, 2023**
Isaiah 63:16-19b; 64:2-7
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37

Saint of the Week... St. Andrew the Apostle

Andrew was Saint Peter's older brother, and was called with him. "As [Jesus] was walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is now called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him" (Matthew 4:18-20).

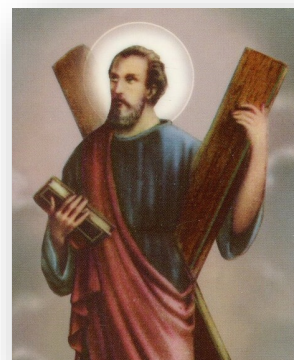
John the Evangelist presents Andrew as a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." Andrew and another disciple followed Jesus. "Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come, and you will see.' So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day" (John 1:38-39a).

Andrew is mentioned only a few other times in the Gospels. Before the multiplication of the loaves, it was Andrew who spoke up about the boy who had the barley loaves and fishes. When he was being crucified by the Romans, it is said that he believed himself unworthy to be crucified on a cross like that of Christ, and so he met his end on a saltire (an x-shaped cross) which became his symbol.

As in the case of all the apostles except Peter and John, the Gospels give us little about the holiness of Andrew. He was an apostle. That is enough. He was called personally by Jesus to proclaim the Good News, to heal with Jesus' power and to share his life and death. Holiness today is no different. It is a gift that includes a call to be concerned about the Kingdom, an outgoing attitude that wants nothing more than to share the riches of Christ with all people.

Saint Andrew is the patron saint of fishermen, Greece, Russia and Scotland.

Source: franciscanmedia.org



Feast Day: November 30



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Mickey Brooks, Sue Burns, Palma Devic*, Cathy Dorsey, Debbie Kelley Evans, Bill Fazzalore*, Rosalee Freeman*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Larry & Marianne Hammel, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Betty McAvoy, Debbie Pappas, Susie Radcliffe, Charles Ravenscroft, Caroline Reeves, Katherine Revell, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Justin Smith, Fran Sommers, John Stephen Jr., Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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Prayer for the Sick

May you be wrapped up in God's love,
found deep in His everlasting wings,
carried and kept, safe and cherished.

May the healing power of Christ
breathe across your being now. Amen.



The Christmas season has become so hectic and commercialized...is our focus still on the birth of the Lord?

Most of us decorate our homes to help us celebrate Christmas, but do we know the tradition behind these decorations? Each week during Advent we will uncover the reasons why we decorate the way we do!

Next week: **Why do we put lights everywhere?**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Throughout our Jubilee year, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Friday of each month, including this Friday, December 1. Adoration hours will be 5-7 p.m. (No change in the Mass time for that day, 9 a.m.)

As a reminder, we make a double-genuflection (kneel on both knees) when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. A list of items to help with your time during Adoration will be available in the vestibule.



Holy Water Returning to Font

At the request of some parishioners, beginning next weekend Holy Water will be in the font on the right side of the nave. On the left side will be the offertory basket. The touchless Holy Water dispensers will remain for those who prefer that method.

Advent Prayer Exchange

You are invited to participate in our Advent Prayer Exchange! The steps are simple:

- 1) **Today**, fill out the card you received from the greeters with your own information and drop it in the offertory basket as you leave.
- 2) **Next weekend**, you will receive a card at Mass with someone else's name on it.
- 3) **Throughout Advent**, pray for the special intentions of the person or family whose card you receive.
- 4) **Just before December 25**, send a Christmas card to the person or family you've been praying for to let them know who their "secret prayer warrior" has been!

Parish Christmas Dinner

Monday, December 4, 2023

5:00 social hour ★ 6:00 buffet dinner

St. Mary's Hall

Catered by Flying W Farms Restaurant

\$25 adult \$12 children

RSVP to the Parish Office by Wednesday, November 29.

304-788-2488 or acckwv@gmail.com

Dinner includes roast beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, tossed salad, rolls, dessert, iced tea, water and coffee.

Social hour is BYOB. Ticket price includes tax + tip.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, November 25	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Joan Roach	Linda Marsh
		Souls of Lorenzo & Barbara Grubbs	Steve & Kathy Grubbs & family
		Intentions of Dean & Kathy Alt	Anonymous
Sunday, November 26	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Linda Marsh	Margaret McGee
Monday, November 27	No Mass		
Tuesday, November 28	No Mass		
Wednesday, November 29	5:00 p.m.	Soul of Kenny Barrett	Tammy Dorsey-Dale
Thursday, November 30	12 noon	Souls of Ruth & Al Martin	Lynn McQuinn
Friday, December 1	9:00 a.m.	The Barrick & Travis Families	Howard & Karen Barrick
		Soul of James Shaffer	Jim & Mary Lambert
Saturday, December 2	4:00 p.m.	Souls of Joe Altobello & Jackie Altobello	Mike & Joanne Stickley
		Soul of Margie Konka and the Intentions of Bob Konka	Linda Marsh
Sunday, December 3	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Leticia Bayla Tabucol	Margaret McGee

Please join us 30 minutes before the start of each Mass to pray the Rosary as a parish family.



Assumption Parish

\$0	\$13,325 (73%) as of today	\$18,280 parish goal
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Our 2023 Catholic Sharing Appeal campaign is in its final weeks! Please note that since we have passed the 50% mark, **all donations now come back to our parish!** This year we will use our parish CSA funding to support the many activities planned for our Jubilee celebration.

GIVING TUESDAY

If you haven't yet supported the Catholic Sharing Appeal, this Tuesday, November 28, is a perfect day to do so! Giving Tuesday is a global day of generosity and doing good. Join in the movement by completing the pledge card you received in the mail or by visiting the CSA website below. Checks can also be accepted at the Parish Office. Thank you!

www.csa.dwcministries.org/donate

Your Faithful Stewardship

November 18-19, 2023

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,138
Loose Donations.....	\$1,300
Repairs & Maintenance.....	\$30
Christmas Flowers	\$100
Total.....	\$3,568

Attendance

Saturday, 11/18.....	71
Sunday, 11/19.....	124
Total	195

thank you



Warm the Children Donations

The Knights of Columbus continue to collect new and unused winter clothing items for the local Warm the Children campaign. Those donations can be dropped off at the Church or at the Parish Office through next week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, December 4

5:00 pm
Parish Christmas Party at St. Mary's Hall

Friday, December 8

6:30 pm
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday-Sunday, December 9-10

Teaching Masses with Fr. Giles

Sunday, December 10

Following 8:30 am Mass
CCD Christmas program

Sunday-Tuesday, December 17-19

Retreat with Fr. Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, December 2 (Knight's Mass)

Lector: Alan Taylor
Servers: Mike Landis & Paul Bogdan
EM: Bill Lupis, Mike Landis (c), Bob Yowler (c)
Greeters: Dave Dunn & Bob Yowler
Cantor: TBD

Sunday, December 3

Lector: Derek Stephen
Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick
EM: Pam Williams, David Minnich (c), Tina Stephen (c)
Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk
Cantor: TBD

Saturday, December 9

Lector: Doug Minnich
Servers: James & Tess Maybury
EM: Mary Wagoner, Cathy Pardee (c), Jean Harber (c)
Greeters: Sue & Jean Harber
Cantor: TBD

Sunday, December 10 (Youth Mass)

Lector: CCD students
Servers: CCD students
EM: Kelley Kuhn, Charlotte Delilo (c), Nancy Starcher (c)
Greeters: CCD students
Cantor: TBD

Stonerise EM

November 30 Stacy Rhodes
December 7 Dave Dunn

