



St. Benedict Catholic Church

November 21, 2021

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Your Majesty



This 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.

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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?*

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away,
Dn 7:13-14

Psalm: The Lord is king; He is robed in majesty. Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5

Second Reading: ...to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen. Rv 1:5-8

Gospel: So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king." Jn 18:33b-37

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The office is closed on holidays and weekends.

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HOSPITALITY



ALOHA AND WELCOME HOME

In compliance with Bishop Silva's directives, our Masses are being held at St. Benedict Hall Chapel. Social distancing and masks are required. We welcome all to celebrate The Eucharist with us.

BISHOP SILVA ENDED THE DISPENSATION

from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, which had been in effect since mid-March, 2020. However, anyone who is sick, may have been exposed to anyone with COVID-19, or who has a health condition that would endanger themselves or others by being present in church, continues to be dispensed.

SACRAMENTS

Funerals may now take place again in St. Benedict Hall Chapel according to the same guidelines as weekend Masses, i.e. following all health and safety precautions. Funerals at this time may not include visitation times, only the Vigil for the Deceased, a Funeral Mass and Committal may be held.

Baptisms may take place according to the same guidelines as weekend Masses. They will be done in such a way that the same water is not poured on more than one person or stored in the font after use.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

At this time Father Sieg is available for Confessions by appointment, observing all proper precautions. Call the office 328-2227.

Eucharist to Homebound and Hospitalized

Call the office to arrange for a visit from a priest or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

LIVE STREAMING ONLINE MASS

Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace-Oahu

Sunday: 10am; Mon-Sat: 12pm Sat: 5pm.

<https://www.facebook.com/HonoluluCathedralBasilica/live>

Do not foster hatred for the sinner, for we are all guilty...Hate his sins, and pray for him, so that you may be made like unto Christ, who had no dislike for sinners, but prayed for them."

- St. Isaac the Syrian-

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

Use your GOD-GIVEN GIFTS to serve others. 1 Peter 4:10

During Sundays in Advent you will be receiving Commitment cards to tell us what ministries you feel God is calling you to. Ministries we are hoping you will volunteer for are: Altar Servers/Sacristans, Ushers/Greeters, Church Cleaners, Money Counters, Homebound Ministry/Hospital Ministry, Choir, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors. Please consider prayerfully helping your parish. Advent is a new start and we appreciate all those who have continued in their ministry roles for years. We would like to also see new and eager volunteers coming forward.

OUR THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks. Thank You for all the graces and blessings You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage, our food and shelter, our health, the love we have for one another, our family and friends. Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year. This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.



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, 201



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

8 DECEMBER 2020, TO 8 DECEMBER 2021

Most glorious St. Joseph, pray for me, that I may accomplish the will of God all the days of my life.



PRAYER

Model of Humility, Love and Tenderness"

Whenever we look to Mary, we come to believe once again in the revolutionary nature of love and tenderness. In her we see that humility and tenderness are not virtues of the weak but of the strong who need not treat others poorly in order to feel important themselves."

Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, 288



Pray the Rosary Daily

PRAYER FOR HEALING

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH, KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Tamo Wong, Jeffrey Crusat, Robin Crusat, Cheryl Ono, Michelle Paopao-Skillern, William Anderson, Lionel Gaspar, Gloria Grapa, Tamayo Hanato, Mary Bunao, Linda Laskow, Caroline Smith, Liam Jones (age two), Hilda Sebastian, Dorothy Kelepolo, Tony Dias, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Johnny Koene, Charles Tripoli, Danny Burgess Jr., Linda Adkins, DeeDee Tripoli, Guy Miranda, Keiki San Filippo, Dottie Combs

***Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.

"The secret to happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what He is sending us every day in His goodness."

-St. Gianna Molla

PRAYER

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 Dñg-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

"To become adult Christians you must learn familiarity with the scriptures"

-St. John Chrysostom-

*An Act of
Spiritual Communion*

*My Jesus,
I believe that You are
present in the Most
Holy Sacrament.*

*I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive
You into my soul.*

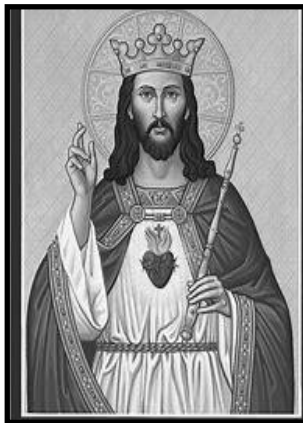
*Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least
spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace You as if You
were already there
and unite myself
wholly to You.*

*Never permit me to be
separated from You.*

Amen.

*Thank God...
for the gift of Jesus
in the Eucharist!*



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Treasure Hunt

[John 18:33-37 & Rev. 1:5-8]

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This week's Treasure Hunt commemorates the end of this liturgical year with the Feast of Christ the King.

1. When Jesus is brought before Pilate, what is **the first question** Pilate asks Him?
2. According to Pilate, **who** handed Jesus over to him?
3. What would His followers be doing on His behalf if Jesus' Kingdom belonged to this world?
4. Jesus' Kingdom is a _____ kingdom, based on _____ rather than political power.
5. In Revelations 1:5-8, Jesus is called " _____ " because he conquered sin and death.
[HINT: the answer is 5 words long.]

BONUS: In the Creed, WHY do we profess that Jesus "suffered under Pontius Pilate"?

Answers to last week's Treasure Hunt **Remembering Our Saints # 1**

1— St. Luke; **2**— St. St. Agatha of Sicily; **3**— St. Florian; **4**— St. John Baptist de la Salle; **5**— They are saints for first responders or emergency workers

SAINT OF THE WEEK ST. EDMUND THE MARTYR **841-869 Feast Day December 20**



An English patriot-king, Edmund began life with a Saxon lineage and Christian upbringing. He may have been elected king of East Anglia as early as 855, when he was 14, and of Suffolk the following year. He ruled wisely and was regarded as a good man. The great Viking invasion

of 866, led by Ingvar, reached his domain a few years later. Because of his faith, Edmund repeatedly rejected Ingvar's attempts to have them rule jointly. Ingvar finally had him scourged, pierced with arrows and beheaded. Edmund is sometimes depicted in art with the wolf that allegedly guarded his head after his murder, and is the patron of wolves.



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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. Hereditary 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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SERVICE

ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is ***normally*** open on the **2nd** and **4th** Fridays of each month, from 9:00 to 10:00 am. However, due to upcoming holidays there will be a couple of changes.

Next distribution: Friday, December 3, 2021, 9:00 to 10:00 am. Please take note that the final December distribution will be on **Friday, December 17, 2021**, and the Food Pantry **will not be open on the 4th Friday, December 24** due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

THANK YOU

Mahalo to all those who participated and shared your thoughts for Bishop Larry's question last week. Your ideas and suggestions will be taken very seriously by our diocese, our Bishop, and all the bishops. This endeavor will go from you all the way to Pope Francis who is behind Bishop Larry's request. The question may seem somewhat insignificant. The truth is there is great concern for the Catholic Church all over the world and everyone's input is needed to bring our 2000 year-old Church back to its glory and bring all Catholics back home.