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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. **Spanish** (piano & cantor)

Sunday

8:00 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. **Spanish** (piano & choir/cantor)

11:30 a.m. **English** (organ & choir/cantor)

1:30 p.m. **Vietnamese** (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

8:30 a.m. **Spanish** (Mon-Fri.)

12:00 p.m. **English** (Mon-Fri)

7:45 a.m. **Vietnamese** (Thu & Sat)

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

At the parish office by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

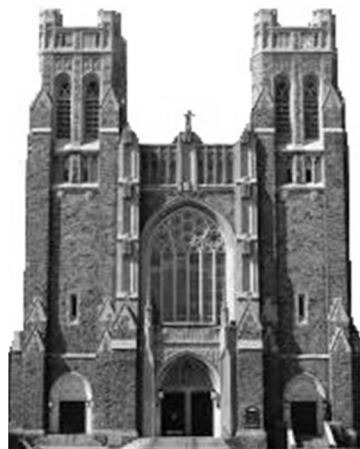
PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. open

MONDAY - THURSDAY 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open

SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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What kind of King is Jesus? How do you envision him? Remembering that they were promised a king from the line of David, the Israelites hoped for a Messiah who would set their political problems aright and bring about a worldly kingdom of Judaic power. Even Psalm 122 seems to describe this type of ruler. Luke's Gospel today shreds that image after the whip of the Roman soldiers tore at Jesus' flesh. Still, the Romans flaunted the traditional notion with their ironic inscription above King Jesus' crown of thorns. Soldiers and ordinary people jeered the royal title at him. Yet the throne of Jesus was the cross of Christ, from which he dispensed kindly mercy and justice toward the humble criminal who shared his execution. Writing to the Colossians, Saint Paul describes the truth about Jesus and his kingship, using words like fullness, peace, and forgiveness. So let us go rejoicing!

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We conclude the liturgical year today with the Solemnity of Christ the King. On the surface, we might wonder what this has to do with our lives. Why does it matter that Christ is King? Do we need a king? If we are honest with ourselves, we must admit that we do need someone to follow, a king who will rule our hearts, minds, and lives with goodness. Left to our own devices, following our own tendencies, we are bound to fall short of God's great call to grow and live in holiness. Christ will shepherd us, not from a position of power or authority, although both are his as well, but rather from the throne of the cross, the throne of humility, compassion, and peace.

JESUS, THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD

Part of the challenge of living as a child of God is not being able to see God, to know what God is like. Believing in God requires faith, the willingness to enter into a mystery that is timeless and yet timely—as true today as it has been throughout the ages. Placing our faith in Jesus does not require us to put rational thought behind. Rather, in Jesus, we see God, the creator of all that is, including our intellect, the ability to understand our experience, and more. Jesus makes God visible, he is the image of the invisible God, the sign of God's determination that we not be separated from God, the one who shows us creation's ultimate purpose. When we wonder what God is like, what God desires, or how God acts, we need only look to Christ, who pours out his life in God's compassionate love.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — David is anointed king of Israel (2 Samuel 5:1-3).

Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — The Father delivered us to the kingdom of his beloved Son (Colossians 1:12-20).

Gospel — The repentant criminal receives Jesus' promise of Paradise (Luke 23:35-43).

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JESUS, REMEMBER ME

The repentant thief in today's Gospel gives us a lasting image of Christ's undying love and forgiveness. As Jesus is dying on the cross, the thief declares his belief in Jesus, the King. Jesus recognizes his faith and makes his own declaration: "today you will be with me in Paradise." As we come to the end of the liturgical year and prepare to enter into Advent, it is good for us to ask ourselves if we, too, are ready to declare our belief that Jesus is the Christ, the image of the unseen God, the one who was and is and is to come. As we reaffirm our faith, let us place our hearts, minds, and lives in the hands of the King who reigns now and will reign into eternity.

Jesus, Remember Me

The man who hung on the cross next to Jesus asks him to “remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Of all the people who took part in the crucifixion of Jesus, only this man sincerely acknowledges Jesus as King. Only he receives the promise of joining Jesus in paradise that very day. I wonder if he knew what Jesus’ kingdom meant?

The second reading gives us a better idea of the extent of that kingdom. Paul uses images of things visible and invisible, of dominions, principalities, and powers. While the latter terms refer to types of angels, we can stretch our imagination even further. Notice one short phrase that appears six times in that reading: “all things.” So do we really believe that Jesus is King of all things?

Some astronomers say that the universe is infinite. At first I thought, “That couldn’t be right; only God is infinite.” But it occurred to me that an infinite God would want the universe to be a sign of divine glory, so why couldn’t God make an infinite universe? So Jesus is King of that universe. While that sounds impressive, it might tempt us to forget about things closer to home.

If Christ is King of all things, that includes our possessions. We might keep that in mind, not only when deciding how much we give to the poor or to the Church, but also how we use the things we own. The things we watch on TV, the foods we eat, the books we read—all are under Jesus’ kingship. Our own bodies belong not just to us, but also to Christ. I might even drive more carefully if I remember that my car belongs to the Lord.

Even our life is under his reign. That can remind us to trust Jesus more, as well as to ask for the guidance of his Spirit in our decisions. If we let the Lord guide our lives, we know that anything that happens to us is either God’s will or something that Jesus can lead us through, on our way to paradise.

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The parish office will be closed on Thursday, November 24, 2022 and Friday, November 25, 2022 in observance of Thanksgiving. There will be only one bilingual mass on each of those days at 9AM.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
NOVEMBER 6, 2022

Tithing: \$7, 626.01
Children: \$0.00
Total: \$7,626.01

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
NOVEMBER 21, 2022

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28
Thanksgiving Day (suggested):
Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
NOVEMBER 21, 2022

Monday 8:30am Casamiro Confesor Hidalgo, Edward Hidalgo Bautista, Ramon Santana Ovalle (D); Por todos los Santos
12:00pm Tuesday 8:30am Anastacio Montero, Bienvenido Gonzalez, Rosa Caines, Fernando Hernandez (D); Ricardo Reyes (L) - cumpleaños Rafaela Rodriguez Guzman, Chanelle Berroa (D)
12:00pm Wednesday 8:30am Acción de gracias al Sagrado Corazón de Jesus; Por todas las almas del purgatorio, Jorge Luis Polanco (D)
12:00pm Thursday 9:00am Brunilda Gonzalez Sosa, Juan Cristobal Gonzalez Sosa, Hilaria Reyes, Pascual Jimenez, Daniel Gonzalo Jimenez (D)
Friday 9:00am Mercedes Acosta, Lourdes Frias, Maria Rogelia Martinez, Clara Aimee Fernandez, Maria Louisa Roffin Acosta, Manuel Olimpico Alba, Isabel Gonzalez, Carlos Gonzalez, Lazaro Companioni (D) (D)
Saturday 7:45am 7:00pm Phero Thong & Magarita Han(D) Santa & Mario Valdez (D); Valerie Reynoso, Victor Manuel Bonilla, Rosa Julia Bonilla (D); Eduardo Rodriguez Sanchez (D), Espiritu Santo
Sunday 8:00am People of SNT; Thanksgiving for the life of Pascalito
9:30am Miguel Angel Vichay Tovar (D); Delfina Mosso Acevedo (D); Genoveva Valerio, Alberto Nuñez & Maria Veras (D)
11:30am 1:30pm Giuse Luc & Gionbaotixita Chau (D)



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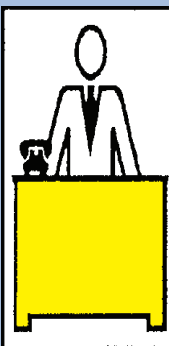
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