

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

*"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink."*

— *Matthew 25:35*

### REFLECTION

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. It was Pope Pius XI who brought the Feast of Christ the King into the liturgy in 1925 to bring Christ as Ruler, and Christian values, back into lives of Christians, into society, and into politics. The Feast as a reminder to the totalitarian governments of Mussolini, Hitler and Stalin that Jesus Christ is the only Sovereign King. Although Emperors and Kings now exist mostly in history books, we still honor Christ as the King of the Universe by enthroning Jesus in our hearts, surrendering our lives to God. This feast challenges us to see Christ the King in everyone, especially those whom our society considers the least important, and to treat each person with the same love, mercy, and compassion Jesus showed.

Leo Tolstoy (1828-1910 C.E.), the great Russian author was also a great Christian who took seriously the demands of the Great Sermon (Matthew 5-7) and attempted to live his life accordingly. One day a beggar stopped him while he was out walking and asked him for alms. Tolstoy searched his pockets for a coin but finding none he said with regret. "Please, don't be angry with me, my brother, but I have nothing with me. If I did, I would gladly give it to you." At that, the beggar's face brightened with joy. "You have given me more than I asked for", he said, "You have called me brother!" Tolstoy had not only grasped the intent of Jesus' Sermon, but he had also penetrated the truth of today's Gospel. He regarded the poor man, asking for alms, as a brother because he had understood and made his own the great commandment (Matthew 22:37). But he had also learned to see the face of Christ in the poor, and because of that insight, he met the criteria of judgment set forth for our consideration in the Gospel of Matthew. Let Christ rule our hearts and our lives!

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I will rescue my scattered sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17).

**Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28).

**Gospel** — Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me (Matthew 25:31-46).

### ~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

#### LORD JESUS

*Lord Jesus, put within my heart a burning desire to be changed and transformed in your way of holiness. Let your Holy Spirit purify my heart and renew in me a fervent love and desire to do whatever is pleasing to you and refuse whatever is contrary to your will. Amen.*

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Our Lord Christ Jesus, King of the Universe

**Thursday:** St. Andrew

**Friday:** First Friday

**Saturday:** First Saturday

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday:** Townes Sherlock 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**Tuesday:** Cracker 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary †

Cracker's Mike 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary †

**Wednesday:** In honor Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory.

Jimmy Gorman

Bryan Jude

**Thursday:** Billy O'Hara 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary †

**Friday:** Apple's Mattie Anniversary †

Keystone Anniversary †

### CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (CASC) is the primary source of funding for many critical ministries. We are impacting the lives of our brothers and sisters both spiritually and physically – but there is still much to do. We must continue to fund programs focused on charitable works, outreach, education, and evangelization. Every gift to the CASC allows us to continue to fulfill the mission that has been entrusted to us. Your participation is highly appreciated and let us reach our goal (\$19,882.00) by fulfilling the pledge and generous contribution. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

### JOKE OF THE WEEK

**Bob goes to see his supervisor in the front office.**

**"Boss," he says, "We're doing some heavy house-cleaning at home tomorrow. My wife needs me to help with the attic and the garage, moving and hauling stuff."**

**"We're short-handed, Bob" his boss said. "You know I can't give you the day off."**

**"Thanks, boss," Bobs said with a smile. "I knew I could count on you."**

## OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$2,495.00	\$1,483.00
Number of Families contributing	50	62
Total Pledge for 2023	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (43 Weeks)	\$140,361.00	\$142,374.00
Received to Date	\$123,153.00	\$96,501.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$17,208.00	\$45,873.00

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$242.00	\$9,531.00

Twenty people contributed last week.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$210.00	\$50,465.00

Two people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

### BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$71,565.00

### CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2023 GOAL
\$7,159.00	\$19,882.00

POOR BOX totaled \$79.00.

6 CHILDREN contributed \$24.00.

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Wife and Family of Johnny Mumbo Carroll in loving memory of him on the 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death; and the Wife and Family of Cracker's Mike in loving memory of him on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of his death;
2. Pat Butts and Susan in loving memory of Johnny Mumbo Carroll on the 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
3. the Wife and Family of Cracker in loving memory of him on the 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death; and the Wife and Family of Cracker's Mike in loving memory of him on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of his death;
4. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for Jayden Carroll and Windsor Sherlock.

WEEKDAY MASSES While Fr. Prasad is in India masses Monday thru Friday will be at 10:30 A.M.

THANK YOU to a parish member for a \$200 donation in thanks to St. Expedite and a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS It is asked that everyone donate \$10 for poinsettias. Please give your donation to Mary Rita O'Hara, Bridget Rita, or the Church Office.

## CHRISTMAS NOVENA

*Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior, Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother.*

It is believed that whoever recites the above prayer 15 times a day from the Feast of St. Andrew (November 30) until Christmas will obtain what is asked.

KEYBOARD & MUSIC CLASSES will be held on Tuesday at 5:00 P.M. in the Church. All those who are interested in practicing please come on Tuesday.

SINGING PRACTICE for the children will be held on Wednesday at 5:00 P.M. All children are welcome.

### MUST BE

Target must be

***"SIMPLE AND CHALLENGEABLE"***

Thoughts must be

***"PURE AND POSITIVE"***

Then life will always be

***"MEANINGFUL AND BEAUTIFUL"***

### READERS

Sat. Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M. Paris & Mary Martha

Sun. Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M. Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

Sat. Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4:00 P.M. Leah & Dayna

Sun. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 A.M. Lauren Ashley & Jimmy

### READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday	- Lauren Ashley
Tuesday	- Paris
Wednesday	- Gracelynn
Thursday	- Dayna
Friday	- Natalie

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

Monday	- Theresa Hun
Tuesday	- Jack's Mary Rita
Wednesday	- Julie Ann
Thursday	- Cathy Carroll
Friday	- Rosie Cat

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	November 25 <sup>th</sup>
Right	Theresa Hun
Left	Cathy Carroll

### Sunday 10:00 A.M

November 26 <sup>th</sup>	December 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Ned's Rose Marie	Ned's Rose Marie