

Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Savior of all.

Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Savior of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps



in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation.

Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might imagine or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of

Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Savior of all.

Holy Mass Readings for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

2 Samuel 5:1-3; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43



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Holy Day Mass @ St. Thomas: 12:00 PM Noon

Divine Mercy: Fri. 11:45 AM
Holy Rosary: Thurs. 11:40 AM

CONFESSIONS @ St. Patrick Mission: 3:30 PM

**"I am the Alpha and Omega, the one who is and who was
and who is to come, the Almighty."**

Revelation 1:8

Masses and Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025

4:00 PM: **Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**

Irma Clark (AOB) by Celestia Bluntzer

5:30 PM: **Collective Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

†Damien Cantu (AOB) by Michael Cantu

†Esilla Lawley (AOB) by Patrick & Moria Cain

†Harlew Conally (AOD) by Betty Conally

†Maria Cecilia Bosquez (AOB) by Rosario Gonzalez

†Santos Bosquez by Rosario Gonzalez

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*

11:00 AM: *J. Preston Smith (Birthday)* by Karen Vaughan

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2025

12:00 PM: *No Mass*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: *†Richard Chavarry* by Terri Chavarry

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2025 - Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: *†Proxey Prukop (AOD)* by Karen Vaughan

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2025 - @ St. Thomas the Apostle

THANKSGIVING DAY

10:00 AM: *Lauren Whitley (Birthday)* by Pat Landreth

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2025 - @ St. Thomas the Apostle

12:00 PM: *Suzette Gimbel (Birthday)* by David & Susie Tajchman

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025

4:00 PM: **Mass @ St. Patrick Mission**

Myrtle McCoy (Birthday) by the McCoy Family

5:30 PM: **Mass @ St. Thomas the Apostle**

†Cardoza Wells by the Burney Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025 - Masses @ St. Thomas the Apostle

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 AM: *Parishioners*

11:00 AM: **Collective Mass**

Yvonne Gonzalez (Birthday) by Rosario Gonzalez & Family

†Patrick Knesek by Owen & Kim Gallagher

†Peter Gallagher by Owen & Kim Gallagher

Please Pray for ...

**All the homebound, sick and suffering of our parish,
especially all those who have asked us to pray for them.**

Cathy Sikes, Larry Bryant, Mary Elva Estrada, Cambri Calaway, Stephanie Landreth, Josie Blevins, Patrick Landreth, Fred Nemec, Mari Beth, Mable Ginn, Alva Rosas, Blaine Ainsworth, Noe Ramos, Gayla Schaefer, Ruthie Weathersby, Debra Wood, Valerie Rich, Yolanda Peña, Tommy Pritchard, Kathryn White, Wallace Prukop, Juan Rodriguez, Solomon Abdo II, Frank Cain, Estefana Munoz, Charlie & Jean Chapman, Stasha Landreth, Eileen Champine, Todd Crawford, Rose Pfeiler, Tyler Skidmore, Yolanda Galvan, Elaine Cain, Arnold Dill, Rita Conroy, Joe Garza, Simon Bucknall, Arnold Guerra, Joanna Guerra, Ramiro Trevino, Dalia Gutierrez, Tom Crawford, Evelyn Castillo, Frances Hicks, Graciela Garza, T. J. Williams, Nicole Ginn, Susan Chavarry, Jeanette Respondek, Jaime Garza, Miles Elliott Martinez, Pat Landreth, Susie Tajchman, Cindy West, Elmyra Casner, Jim Landreth, Jr., Harold Prejean, Fred Guerra, Ravyn Brown, Wilma Grupe, John Bowman and Annette Freeman.



LECTORS for NOVEMBER 29-30, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Agnes Flores

Sunday, 8:30 AM: John Harris

Sunday, 11:00 AM: Velma Garcia



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - NOVEMBER 29-30, '25

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Tony Arredondo, Louis Deases

Sunday, 8:30 AM: Deacon Bill, Matt Kimmel, Rosa Trevino

Sunday, 11:00 AM: Tony Nelson, Javier Flores, Gianna Flores

ALTAR SERVERS for NOVEMBER 29-30, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM: Able Flurry, Abraum Flurry

Sunday, 8:30 AM: Casey Gwynn, Gabriel Kimmel, Cyprian Kimmel

Sunday, 11:00 AM: Sarita Nelson, Charleigh Nelson

USHERS for NOVEMBER 29-30, 2025

Saturday, 5:30 PM: D. Kurtz, W. Riebschleager, E. Flurry, J. Freeman

Sunday, 8:30 AM: B. Gwynn, M. Rektorik, M. Reilly, R. Mendiola

Sunday, 11:00 AM: R. Polasek, D. Dusek, M. Ybarra, R. Garcia

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs;

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Baptism: Call the parish office to register for the Sacrament of Baptism. All paperwork must be completed before attending class or scheduling Baptism. See website for more information.

Bulletin: Bulletin announcements are due on Monday by 1:00 PM.

Confession: 30 minutes before Masses or by appointment.

Religious Ed: Schedule for Religious Ed can be found on our website www.christon624.com under the Religious Ed Tab. on the Home Page under Parish Statement.

Scripture Study: Sunday's after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the KC Bldg.

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FROM THE MISSIONS TO THE CHAIR OF PETER

By Ines San Martin

In a historic moment for the Catholic Church, the election of Pope Leo XIV on May 8, 2025, marked the ascent of the first American-born and first Augustinian pope to the Chair of Peter. Born Robert Francis Prevost in Chicago, his path to the papacy was profoundly shaped by over two decades of missionary service in Peru, reflecting a life dedicated to evangelization and pastoral care.

Robert Francis Prevost was born on September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois, to Louis Marius Prevost and Mildred Martinez. Raised in Dolton, a working-class suburb, he was the youngest of three boys in a devout Catholic family. In several interviews during the days after his election, his brother John often remembered a prophetic moment in first grade, when a neighbor told young Rob he would become the first American pope.

Known as "Rob" to family and "Bob" to friends, he grew up serving at the altar of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish and singing in the choir. He attended St. Augustine Seminary High School in Michigan, earned a math degree at Villanova University, then a Master of Divinity in Chicago, and a Doctorate in Canon Law in Rome. His academic work focused on Augustine's idea of religious authority as service, not power—a vision that shaped his leadership.

He was ordained a priest on June 19, 1982, at the Augustinian College of Saint Monica in Rome by Archbishop Jean Jadot.

In 1985, Father Prevost was sent to Peru as a missionary. There, in a region plagued by guerrilla violence and poverty, he became a deeply rooted pastoral figure. "Had he stayed in his native country, I think his sense of the Church would've been very different," said Aldo Llanos, a professor of philosophy and anthropology at Peru's University of Piura. "But he came to Peru in 1985—a country in crisis—and was changed by it. That experience left a mark."

He became a Peruvian citizen in 2015, fulfilling a requirement for his appointment as bishop. He led formation programs for Augustinians, taught theology, and served as a judge in the regional ecclesiastical court.

(to be continued)

From the desk of the Pastor

LITURGY OF THE DAY

Reflection on the Gospel Reading (Luke 23:35-43).

FAMILY CONNECTION: Understanding today's Feast of Christ the King may be particularly challenging. While we may not have a direct experience of kings or royalty, we have some sense of what these mean. We know that royalty have sovereignty over their kingdom. We know that those who are subjects to royalty offer them allegiance and honor. Christ is King in a way that is different from traditional understandings of royalty. Christ's kingship extends to all places, all people, and all times. Christ manifests his kingship through his death on the Cross, in which he offers salvation to all.

Recall with your children stories that you may have read about royalty. Talk with your children about what they have learned from these stories about what it means to be a king. Talk about what they have learned from these stories about what it means to be a subject.

Tell your children that this Sunday is the last Sunday in the Church Year, and on this Sunday, we celebrate a special feast called the Feast of Christ the King. Read today's Gospel, Luke 23: 35-43. Reflect together on how the various people in this Gospel respond to Jesus on the Cross. Who in this Gospel recognizes Jesus as King? (the thief) What does Jesus promise the thief as a result? (The thief will be with Jesus in paradise.)

Talk about how your family will recognize and honor Christ the King. Pray together the Lord's Prayer and ask God to help your family to act in ways that show you recognize and honor Christ as King.

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From the Pastor's desk

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celebration

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Guadalupe*

12/12

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