

Today's Introit takes from the Apocalypse, chapter 5, verse 12, and chapter 1, verse 6; and from Psalm 71, verse 1. We review these scriptures then understand them in relation to the feast. Content within the parenthesis is omitted in the Introit.

The Book of the Apocalypse is addressed to the seven churches in Asia; it contains prophecies of things that are and that will come to pass; St. John wrote it during his exile on Patmos in the year 64 A.D. **Chapter 5** describes a book sealed with seven seals which are opened by the Lamb, Who thereupon receives adoration and praise. **Chapter 1** recalls how St. John was ordered to write to the seven churches in Asia and how Christ appeared to him... "one like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment to the feet,... His head and hairs were white as wool,... His eyes were as a flame of fire... His voice as a sound of many waters... His face shone as the sun in power. When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead." So is the majesty of Christ. Seeing this, what would you have done?

5:12 *The Lamb that was slain is worthy to receive power, and divinity and wisdom, and strength, and honor,* (and glory, and benediction.)

1:6 (And hath made us a kingdom, and priests to God and His Father), *to Him be glory and empire for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Lamb is Jesus Christ, slain for the salvation of all mankind and, thereby, worthy of and owed the highest homage by all mankind, not sometimes, like on Christmas and Easter, but always, especially by faithfully attending Mass every Sunday of the year.

Psalm 71 is paraphrased: "A prophecy of the coming of Christ, and of His kingdom: prefigured by Solomon and his happy reign."

1. *Give to the king thy judgment, O God; and to the king's son thy justice:* (to judge thy people with justice, and thy poor with judgment.)

St. Robert Bellarmine comments: David prays that God grant his son, Solomon, to judge with justice. He does not pray that his son receive riches or power, but grace to properly discharge his duties. David knew kings are created for the people and not people for the kings; only the king who rules with this kind of justice is a good king. "*Thy people*" and "*thy poor*" refer to the same object: all men, however wealthy, are poor in the sight of God: "For they need assistance in everything, and whatever they have, they have from God, not as a gift, but as a loan; therefore, God can demand it back and take it away from them without offering them any injury; and though the heathen does not understand these things, God's people should understand it and profit by it." Finally, "judgment" and "justice" do differ, justice being a virtue and judgment an act of justice, but here they are used to convey the same idea.

The Feast of Christ the King proclaims to the world the absolute dominion of God, in His second Person, over all created things by a twofold right: creation & redemption. Jesus Christ, as God, created all things; as Man, He redeemed His fallen creation. Therefore, His kingship extends over all created things, forever. Although many do not submit to this truth now, it will, one day, become unavoidably clear to all. Amen!



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CHRIST THE KING

(19th Sunday after Pentecost)

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Marriage: Contact the parish at least six months before the wedding.
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Daily Mass Times
Mon. & Wed.: 6:30 am & 9 am.
Tues. & Thurs.: 6:30 am & 12 noon.
Fri.: 6:30 am & 7 pm (followed by Holy Hour).
Sat.: 7 am & 9 am.

Sunday Mass Times
7 am low Mass (at the church)
8 am low Mass (at the gym)
10:30 am high Mass (at the gym)
1 pm low Mass (at the church)
Confessions are heard in the confessional box ½ hour before each Mass.

Church Hours
Mon.-Thurs.: 6 am - 7 pm
Fri.: 6 am - 9 pm
Sat.: 6:30 am - 7 pm
Sun.: 7 am - 7 pm

Office Hours
Mon. - Fri.: 8 am - 4 pm.
Closed on Holy Days

Liturgical Calendar for the Upcoming Week

DATE	FEAST	CLASS/COLOR	COMMEMORATION
Sun 10-26	Christ the King	1/W	No commemoration
Mon 10-27	Feria (Mass of 20th Sunday after Pentecost)	4/G	
Tues 10-28	Ss Simon & Jude, <i>Apostles</i>	2/R	
Wed 10-29	Feria	4/G	
Thu 10-30	Feria	4/G	
Fri 10-31	Feria	4/G	
Sat 11-01	All Saints	1/W	
Sun 11-02	21st Sunday after Pentecost	2/G	

Mass Intentions for the Upcoming Week

Sun 10-26	(8 am) All Souls Novena (frf) (10:30 am) Fr Austin Intention (fra) (1 pm) <i>Pro-populo</i> (frh) (6:30 am) All Souls Novena (frh)	rb Anonymous rb Anonymous rb Anonymous rb Anonymous
Mon 10-27	(9 am) Tom Stark & family (6:30 am) All Souls Novena (frh)	rb L Riney rb Anonymous
Tues 10-28	(12 noon) Sarah Salter (6:30 am) All Souls Novena (frh)	rb C Giuffre rb Anonymous
Wed 10-29	(9 am) Frs Austin, Favole, & Rapoport (6:30 am) Allison Nixon (frh)	rb J Cvitkovic rb A Nixon
Thu 10-30	(12 noon) All Souls Novena (6:30 am) Raphaela Monribot	rb Anonymous rb J Prewett
Fri 10-31	(7 pm) All Souls Novena (frh) (7 am) Chris Hathaway, FssP (frh)	rb Anonymous rb Anonymous
Sat 11-01	(9 am) All Souls Novena (7 am) Deceased, FssP (frf)	rb Anonymous
Sun 11-02	(8 am) Fr Austin intention (fra) (10:30 am) <i>Pro-populo</i> (frh) (1 pm) Carol Fitzsimmons+ (frf)	rb Anonymous

Today, the Feast of the Kingship of Our Lord Jesus Christ, fulfilling the normal conditions, one may gain a plenary indulgence by the public recitation of The Act of Consecration of the Human Race to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. After Mass, we will recite this Act (handouts provided, but not to be taken home. In addition, after the 10:30 am Mass, there will be an outdoor procession.

This week, Monday, staff meeting (1 pm), Saturday, All Saints Day (not a holy day of obligation), All Saints' party (10 am-1 pm).

Next Sunday, we begin a modified Sunday Mass schedule. An added 7 am Mass and the normal 1 pm Mass will be offered in the church while the normal 8 am Mass and 10:30 am Mass will remain at those times but offered in the gym. Again, some souls want to return the Sunday Mass to the church, a consecrated place, to worship; other souls desire to keep the normal Mass times. As the church may not comfortably seat the 8 & 10:30 am Mass crowds these Masses will remain in the gym.

November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. From Nov. 1 through Nov. 8, inclusive, a plenary indulgence, applicable to the Poor Souls, is granted to those who visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the departed. On Nov. 2, the same may be gained in any church by reciting an Our Father & the Apostles' Creed. There is no stipulation that the cemetery be Catholic.

All indulgences whatsoever may be applied to the Poor Souls at any time by way of suffrage. The simple intention to offer them for the Poor Souls is sufficient.

You are invited to put names of deceased family, friends, enemies in the basket in the vestibule of the church. These will be placed on the altar for the duration of November that they might be recommended before the Lord during the Holy Sacrifice.

Last week's collection: cash \$6,097.00; online \$7,959.00 total: \$14,066.00

Attendance: 8 am-205; 10:30 am-363; 1 pm-128; total 696 souls.

Heads up! All Saints' party on Saturday, November 1 after the 9 am high Mass. Crafts, activities, treats & fellowship. Dress as your favorite saint!

Heads-up! This year, because all Souls' Day falls on a Sunday, it is being transferred to Monday, the 3rd of November. The Church allows a priest to offer three Masses on this feast. One must be offered for all the faithful departed & another for the intentions of the Holy Father. Fr Hathaway will offer three Masses this day. At 5:30 am, he will offer the first & second, as in your hand missal, but only distribute Holy communion after the second Mass. At 6:30 am, he will offer the third Mass, as found in your missal.

KoC will participate in "Carry the Cross Challenge Walk" for Atlanta seminarians on Saturday, November 8. Team members will carry a 40-pound cross six miles at Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield Park. To donate see: <http://go.dojiggy.io/379b09/t/14625/Team/Details>. To join contact Lance at lanceorchid@protonmail.com or Erk at erikfendertkd@gmail.com

Maxim of St Francis de Sales

Never look forward to the accidents of life with apprehension; anticipate them with a perfect hope that God, whose child you are, will deliver you from them, according as they come.