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Day Gracias - Giving Thanks



OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

Monday - Friday
9:15 a.m. *in English*
7:00 p.m. *in Spanish*
Saturday Vigil Mass
4:00 p.m. *in English*
Sunday Masses
10:30 a.m. *in English*
12:00 p.m. *in Spanish*

HOLY DAY MASSES

Dates and times vary

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. *or by appointment; seasonal services*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (KINDERGARDEN - 8TH GRADE)

Sunday Classes 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Sunday Classes 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM / EL SACRAMENTO DE BAUTISMO

Please call the Parish Office for more information. English baptisms normally are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at noon, Spanish Baptisms on the 3rd Saturday of the month at noon. / Por favor llame a la Parroquia para mas información. Normalmente, los bautismos están celebrando los tercer Sabado cada mes al mediodía.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY (MARRIAGE) / EL SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO

Please call the office before setting a date for your wedding. The diocese requires a six month preparation prior to the wedding. / Las parejas pueden llamar a la oficina antes de poner una fecha para su boda o de hacer otros compromisos. La Diócesis de requiera un tiempo de preparación de un mínimo de seis meses entre la boda.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / (UNCIÓN) DE LOS ENFERMOS

Call the Office if you know of someone in need of the Sacrament. / Contacte la Parroquia si alguien en su familia necesita el Sacramento.

FUNERALS / FUNERALES

Contact the Parish Office before placing any obituary notices.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP / ASOCIACIÓN DE PARROQUIA

Registration Forms are located in the Parish Office or in Church. / Las formas de inscripción pueden ser encontrado en la oficina.

November 22-23, 2025: The Solemnity of Christ the King

LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

34TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 22-23, 2025

Readings from this week's Mass can be found in #1029 of the Journey songs Book

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Monday (St. Andrew & Comps.) November 24

9:15 A.M. Communion Service

Tuesday (St. Catherine) November 25

9:15 A.M. Communion Service

Wednesday November 26

9:15 A.M. † Deceased Pastors of St. Pat's

Thursday (Thanksgiving Day) November 27

9:15 A.M. † Deceased Bishops of the Diocese

Friday November 28

9:15 A.M. † Souls in Purgatory

7:00 P.M. † Annette Cooper

† Maria Gudalupe Bello Ruiz (Familia)

Saturday November 29

4:00 P.M. † Mal Peterson (Ardis Wardynski)

Sunday (FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT) November 30

10:30 A.M. The Families of St. Patrick's Church

12:00 P.M. † Efrén Diaz Márquez

† Anna Palermo

FR. PETE STILL OFFERS ONLINE MASSES AT
www.stpatricksmomence.org!!!

COLLECTION COUNTERS:

November 23 B. Boicken & M. Jo. Boicken

November 30 B. Kovacs & S. Ekhoﬀ

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

November 8-9, 2025 \$3,719.00

2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

GOAL FOR ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH \$19,300

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CHURCH IN YOUR WILL OR ESTATE PLANNING!!!



ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER If you know of someone who is sick and in need of the sacraments or wishes a visit at a care facility, please contact the parish office at ☎ (815) 685-1359.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: P. Anderson, N. Atkinson, R. Bailey, D. Barth, Beedle Family, J. Betourney D. Brown, M. Cárdenas, P. Caro, B & E. Coffman, S. Conner, M & D Cousin, M. Cronk, M. Cruz, A. Delaney, M. Dionne, J. Dobbins, E. Duke, D. Dunlap, G. Field, C. Fritz, A. Fuhrmann, R. Gall, Tony & Adrienne Gallinaro, J. Grill, R. Harper, K. Hensa, J. Hibbs, D. Hiller, C. Jones, L. Kane, R. Kazee, A. Kijewski, Joe Kraus, L. Lee, L. Leranthe, E. Lopez, B. Love, J. Marcotte, W. Marten, J. McCracken, L. McNulty, L. Mercado, R & V Morse, C. Ortman, C. Piec, J. Prather, C. Provost, E. Provost, R. Rehmer, P. Reising, D. Roberts, M. Saldaña, A. Schaff, J. Schopf, A. Schmid, D. Schmied, K. Simpson, B. Siwicki, B. Spagnola, M. Tolbert, M. Tolmer, H. Tousignant, S. Trubach M. Velazquez, C. Vickery, M. Williams, Gary Witherell, M. Witherspoon, S. Young, J. L. Zagal, A. Zimmerman, M. & L. Zink and G. Zokal.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Saturday November 29 (Fr. Pete) 4:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: M.J. Boicken

Lector: G. Hess

Ushers: K. Bukowski, R. Hess

D. Rademacher, S. Pansa

Altar Servers: A. Fuhrmann

Sunday November 30 (Fr. Pete) 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: B. Volek

Lector: L. Meyer

Ushers: M. Dionne

J. Riemenschneider

Altar Servers: Y. Aalia, C. & P. Bickel

J. & B. Miller

Sunday November 30 (Fr. Pete) 12:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: E. Zagal, C. Andrade

Lector: G. Carmona, F. Franco

Ushers: C. Duenas, M. Torres

F. Nelson, F. Franco, L. Flores

Altar Servers: L. Flores, A. Flores

K. Flores



ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER LINE:

Please call Janice Gelino at
☎ (815) 263-6342



SANCTUARY CANDLE: This month, the Sanctuary Candle is being lit in memory of Marleen, Terry & Jerry.

ST. PATRICK'S PEW & CHURCH DEDICATION PROGRAM



If you are interested in learning more about the pew dedication program (\$2,500 a pew), contact the parish office at St. Patrick's Church at ☎ (815) 472-2864 or email us at the address pjankowski@yahoo.com.



NEWS & NOTES

FROM FR. PETE JANKOWSKI

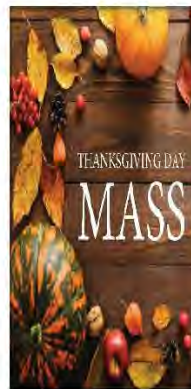
Join Fr. Pete's mailing list at
pjankowski@yahoo.com.

I received a wonderful letter from Bev Witvoet and Betty Wielgus from our St. Anne Food Pantry, who decided to send me the following note with the last motherload of food we delivered to the needy of St. Anne and Momence. I feel blessed that such good people understand what we are doing for the benefit of all...

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

It is with great admiration and heartfelt gratitude that we write this letter of appreciation for Father Peter G. Jankowski. During his time serving at St. Anne's Catholic Church, Father has been an extraordinary source of kindness, compassion, and dedication to both his parishioners and the broader community.

Father has shown remarkable leadership and generosity in supporting the community's outreach programs. He not only provided space within the church's parish hall for our community food pantry but also actively helps coordinate and encourage donations. Thanks to his guidance and tireless commitment, countless families and individuals in need have found



Thanksgiving Day
Masses at the
Bordertown Parishes
November 27, 2025

St. Anne's Church
8:00 a.m.

St. Patrick's Church
9:15 a.m.

nourishment and hope. He ensures that those who are hungry in our community are fed—not only physically, but spiritually as well—offering comfort, encouragement, and faith to all who come seeking help.

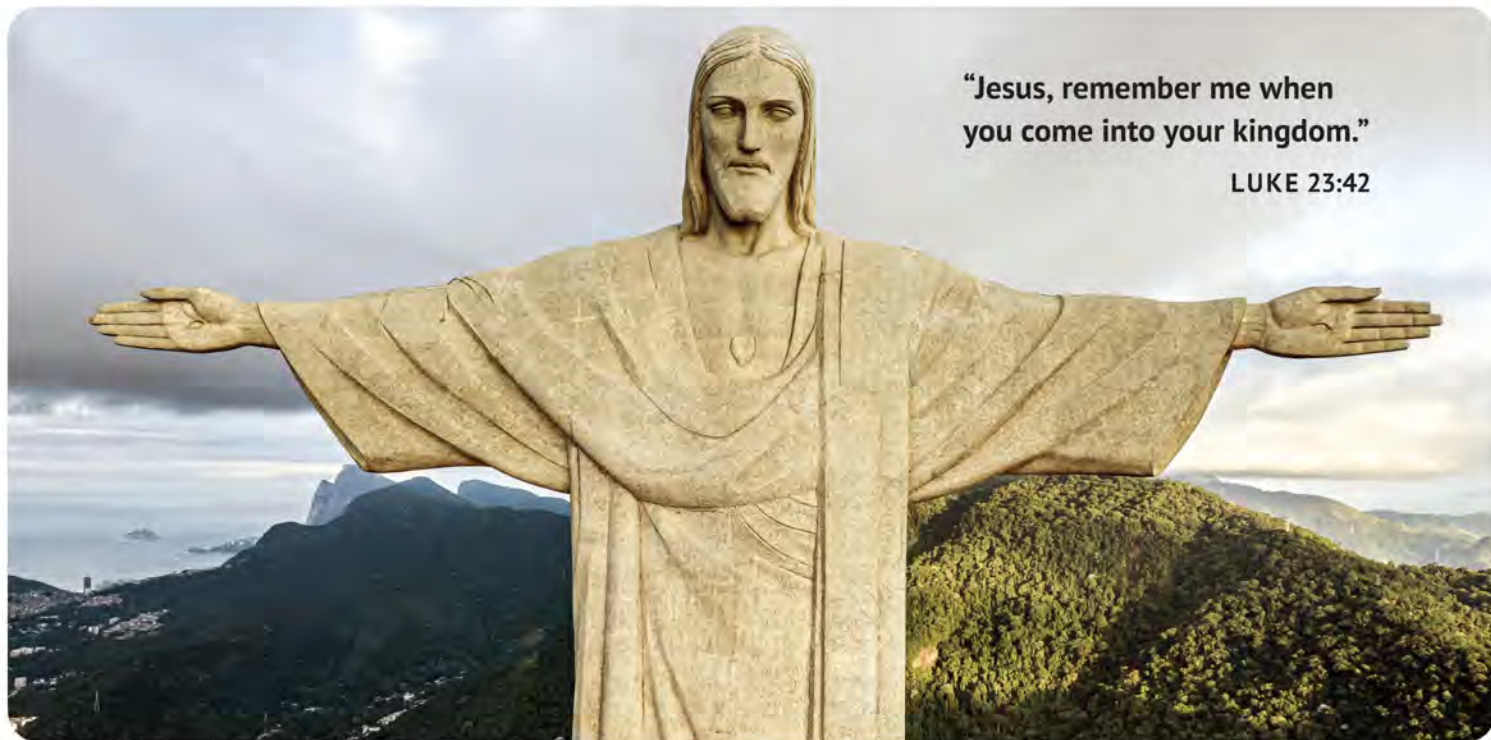
Beyond his work with the food pantry, Father continues to serve with humility and compassion. His words inspire, his actions uplift, and his presence strengthens our faith community. Whether through pastoral care, community outreach, or simply lending a listening ear, Father embodies the true spirit of service and love.

We wanted to express our appreciation and support of Father because his contributions to food pantry and the broader community have made such a difference. His unwavering commitment to faith, service, and compassion has made a lasting impact on our community. With deep respect and appreciation,

Beverley Witvoet & Betty Wielgus
Managers of St. Anne Food Pantry



On December 12, Fr. Pete Jankowski will celebrate the 6:00 Mass for Las Mañanitas and Fr. Juan José Hernández will celebrate the 6:00 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass at St. Patrick's Church with Giovanni Garcia and his "Mariachi Estrellas de Chicago."



The Hero King

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Some think of a myth as something once presumed to be true but discovered to be false. For example, we say it's a myth that Christopher Columbus discovered America. There is, however, another quite different meaning to "myth," as in a story that helps us understand life and how to negotiate it. Such myths are often centered around heroes who overcome great odds for the sake of the greater good. *Star Wars* and *Luke Skywalker* is one such myth. *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy and Frodo Baggins is another. These are myths capturing the need for courage and commitment to the good at the hero's own expense. We often find ourselves wishing we could be like these heroes.

The biblical story of the Hebrew people can be thought of as such a myth, culminating in the story of Jesus. It differs from those other myths in that this story is not fiction. It is a saga that helps us understand and negotiate life as we live it. It culminates with the sacrificial death of the one we call King of the Universe. This King is a servant-king, one who gives his life for us so that we might live. Despite being urged by religious leaders and soldiers and the thief on the cross to save himself, he resists. Saving himself is not what he is about. Jesus is the King whose true myth we tell whenever we come together. ●

Editor's note: This is Fr. Joseph Juknialis' final reflection for *Our Parish Community* bulletins. The new liturgical cycle begins next Sunday, November 30, 2025, and we will welcome three new reflection authors: Miguel Dulick, Ann M. Garrido, and Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR, the president and publisher of Liguori Publications. We thank Fr. Joe for his three years of insightful reflections and wish him well.

Reflect

What does servant-leadership mean to me in my job, my community, my home?

Dear Padre,

Why is a US secular holiday like Thanksgiving on the Church's liturgical calendar?

Since November 1969, the Proper Calendar offers a Thanksgiving Day Mass for US dioceses. While it also includes Independence Day, no suggestion is made for other civic holidays (Memorial Day, Labor Day, etc.). Instead, the *Roman Missal* provides “Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions” that are suited to these observances (*Ordo* #5, *GIRM* 368–378).

In the United States, November is associated with giving thanks to God. In 1623—three years after the Pilgrims sailed to this land on the *Mayflower*—a severe drought threatened their crops. Consequently, a day of prayer was observed, an abundant rain saved the harvest, and a Day of Thanksgiving was established. In 1863, President Lincoln issued a proclamation for “Thanksgiving and Praise to Our Beneficent Father” on the last Thursday of November (later moved to the fourth Thursday).

However, thanking God isn't just a one-day event; it's meant to be a perennial practice. Recall the lesson of the ten lepers healed by Jesus, only one of whom returned to thank him. (See Luke 17:11–19.) People who don't take their blessings for granted return thanks to God in prayer. Therefore, offer brief prayers of gratitude to God throughout the day, every day, for such gifts as your health and faith, the freedoms allowed in this country, “thy daily bread,” and the Eucharist—a word that means “thanksgiving.”

“Become what you pray”—a grateful disciple of our Lord! ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
November 24	November 25	November 26	November 27	November 28	November 29	November 30
<i>St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Thanksgiving Day (US)</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>
Dn 1:1–6, 8–20	Dn 2:31–45	Dn 5:1–6, 13–14, 16–17, 23–28	Sir 50:22–24	Dn 7:2–14	Dn 7:15–27	Is 2:1–5
Lk 21:1–4	Lk 21:5–11	Lk 21:12–19	1 Cor 1:3–9	Lk 21:29–33	Lk 21:34–36	Rom 13:11–14
			Lk 17:11–19			Mt 24:37–44



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Listen to [Christ's] offer of love and become his one family: in the One Christ, we are one. This is the path to follow together, among ourselves but also with our sister Christian churches, with those who follow other religious paths, with those who are searching for God, with all women and men of good will, in order to build a new world where peace reigns!

HOMILY, MAY 18, 2025



U.S. Bishops Issue a "Special Message" on Immigration

BALTIMORE, NOVEMBER 12, 2025—As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) gathered for their Fall Plenary Assembly in Baltimore, the bishops issued a Special Message addressing their concern for the evolving situation impacting immigrants in the United States. It marked the first time in twelve years the USCCB invoked this particularly urgent way of speaking as a body of bishops. The last one issued in 2013 was in response to the federal government's contraceptive mandate.

Under the regulations pertaining to statements and publication of the Conference, a "Special Message" may only be issued at plenary assemblies, and they are statements which the President of the Conference, the Administrative Committee, or the general membership consider to be appropriate in view of the circumstances at the time. To show the consensus of the body, a Special Message must receive two-thirds of the Conference members present and voting at the plenary in order to pass. In a vote of **216 votes in favor, 5 votes against, and 3 abstentions**, the bishops overwhelmingly approved the Special Message, with sustained applause of the body following the vote. The full text of the bishops' Special Pastoral Message follows:

As pastors, we the bishops of the United States are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants. We are concerned about the conditions in detention centers and the lack of access to pastoral care,

We lament that some immigrants in the United States have arbitrarily lost their legal status. We are troubled by threats against the sanctity of houses of worship and the special nature of hospitals and schools. We are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones.

Despite obstacles and prejudices, generations of immigrants have made enormous contributions to the well-being of our nation. We as Catholic bishops love our country and pray for its peace and prosperity. For this very reason, we feel compelled now in this environment to raise our voices in defense of God-given human dignity.

Catholic teaching exhorts nations to recognize the fundamental dignity of all persons, including immigrants. We bishops advocate for a meaningful reform of our nation's immigration laws and procedures. Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together.

We recognize that nations have a responsibility to regulate their borders and establish a just and orderly immigration system for the sake of the common good. Without such processes, immigrants face the risk of trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Safe and legal pathways serve as an antidote to such risks.

The Church's teaching rests on the foundational concern for the human person, as created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). As pastors, we look to Sacred Scripture and the example of the Lord Himself, where we find the wisdom of God's compassion. The priority of the Lord, as the Prophets remind us, is for those

who are most vulnerable: the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the stranger (Zechariah 7:10). In the Lord Jesus, we see the One who became poor for our sake (2 Corinthians 8:9), we see the Good Samaritan who lifts us from the dust (Luke 10:30-37), and we see the One who is found in the least of these (Matthew 25). The Church's concern for neighbor and our concern here for immigrants is a response to the Lord's command to love as He has loved us (John 13:34).

To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:26). You are not alone!

We note with gratitude that so many of our clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful already accompany and assist immigrants in meeting their basic human needs. We urge all people of good will to continue and expand such efforts.

We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement. We pray that the Lord may guide the leaders of our nation, and we are grateful for past and present opportunities to dialogue with public and elected officials. In this dialogue, we will continue to advocate for meaningful immigration reform.

*As disciples of the Lord, we remain
men and women of hope,
and hope does not disappoint! (cf.
Romans 5:5)*

*May the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe enfold us all in her maternal and
loving care and draw us ever closer to
the heart of Christ.*



Obispos de EE. UU. emiten un «mensaje especial» sobre inmigración

BALTIMORE, 12 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2025 — Al reunirse la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos (USCCB) durante su Asamblea Plenaria de Otoño en Baltimore, los obispos emitieron un mensaje especial en el que expresaron su preocupación por la situación cambiante que afecta a los inmigrantes en los Estados Unidos. Fue la primera vez en doce años que la USCCB recurrió a esta forma particularmente urgente de expresarse como cuerpo episcopal. La última vez que lo hizo fue en 2013, en respuesta al mandato federal sobre anticonceptivos.

De conformidad con las normas relativas a las declaraciones y publicaciones de la Conferencia, solo se pueden emitir «mensajes especiales» en las asambleas plenarias y se trata de declaraciones que el presidente de la Conferencia, el Comité Administrativo o el conjunto de los miembros considera apropiadas en vista de las circunstancias del momento. Para demostrar el consenso del organismo, un «mensaje especial» debe recibir dos tercios de los votos de los miembros de la Conferencia presentes y votantes en la sesión plenaria para ser aprobado. **Con 216 votos a favor, 5 en contra y 3 abstenciones**, los obispos aprobaron por abrumadora mayoría el mensaje especial, lo que fue seguido de un prolongado aplauso del organismo tras la votación. El texto completo del mensaje especial de los obispos a continuación:

Como pastores, los obispos de los Estados Unidos, estamos unidos a nuestro pueblo en nuestro Señor Jesucristo, por lazos de comunión y compasión. Nos inquieta ver en nuestras comunidades un clima de temor y ansiedad ante las prácticas de perfilamiento y la aplicación de las leyes migratorias. Nos entristece profundamente el tono que ha adoptado el debate contemporáneo y la creciente denigración de los inmigrantes.

Nos preocupan las condiciones en los centros de detención y la falta de acceso a una atención pastoral adecuada. Lamentamos que algunos inmigrantes que viven en los Estados Unidos han perdido su estatus migratorio de manera arbitraria. Nos preocupan las amenazas contra la santidad de los lugares de culto, y el carácter especial de los hospitales y las escuelas. Nos entristece profundamente cuando nos encontramos con padres que temen ser detenidos al llevar a sus hijos a la escuela o cuando intentamos consolar a familiares que ya han sido separados de sus seres queridos.

A pesar de los obstáculos y prejuicios, por generaciones, los inmigrantes han contribuido inmensamente al bienestar de nuestra nación. Como obispos católicos, profesamos nuestro amor por nuestro país y oramos por su paz y prosperidad. Por este preciso motivo nos sentimos obligados en este entorno a elevar nuestras voces en defensa de la dignidad humana otorgada por Dios.

La enseñanza católica exhorta a las naciones a reconocer la dignidad fundamental de todas las personas, incluidos los inmigrantes. Como obispos, abogamos por una reforma significativa de las leyes y los procedimientos migratorios de nuestra nación. La dignidad humana y la seguridad nacional no son valores en conflicto. Ambas pueden alcanzarse con buena voluntad y uniendo esfuerzos.

Reconocemos que las naciones tienen la responsabilidad de controlar sus fronteras y establecer un sistema de inmigración justo y ordenado por el bien común. Sin dichos procedimientos, los inmigrantes corren el riesgo de caer en la trata de personas y en otras formas de explotación. Las vías legales y seguras sin ren como antídoto frente a esos riesgos.

La enseñanza de la Iglesia se basa en la preocupación fundamental por la persona humana, creada a imagen y semejanza de Dios. (Génesis

1:27). Como pastores, recurrimos a las Sagradas Escrituras y al ejemplo de Dios mismo, donde encontramos la sabiduría de la compasión de Dios. La prioridad del Señor, como nos recuerdan los profetas, es para los más vulnerables: las viudas, los huérfanos, los pobres y los migrantes (Zacarías 7:10). En el Señor Jesús, vemos a Aquel que se hizo pobre por nosotros (2 Corintios 8:9), vemos al buen samaritano que nos levanta del polvo (Lucas 10:30-37) y vemos a Aquel que se encuentra en los más pequeños (Mateo 25). La preocupación de la Iglesia por el prójimo y nuestra preocupación aquí por los inmigrantes son una respuesta al mandato del Señor de amar como Él nos ha amado (Juan 13:34).

A nuestros hermanos y hermanas inmigrantes, estamos con ustedes en su sufrimiento, pues si un miembro sufre, todos sufren (1 Corintios 12:26). ¡No están solos!

Observamos con gratitud que tantos de nuestros sacerdotes, religiosos consagrados, y fieles laicos ya están acompañando y asistiendo a inmigrantes en sus necesidades humanas básicas. Exhortamos a todas las personas de buena voluntad a continuar y ampliar esos esfuerzos.

Nos oponemos a las deportaciones masivas e indiscriminadas. Oramos por el fin de la retórica inhumana y de la violencia, ya sea dirigida contra inmigrantes o contra los organismos de seguridad. Oramos para que el Señor guíe a los líderes de nuestra nación y estamos agradecidos por las oportunidades pasadas y presentes de dialogar con funcionarios públicos y electos. En este diálogo, continuaremos abogando por una reforma migratoria significativa.

Como discípulos del Señor, seguimos siendo hombres y mujeres de esperanza, y la esperanza no defrauda. (Romanos 5: 5).

Que el manto de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe nos envuelva a todos en su



REFLECTION FOR THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, this Solemnity marks the end of our Liturgical Year. Next week we enter a new Liturgical Year with the First Sunday of Advent. As we look to Thanksgiving, the Advent Season and Christmas, we can find ourselves planning for the holidays and looking forward to the true meaning of the Season. It is understandable that as we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we would be looking beyond this celebration and focusing on Advent and Christmas. It was only in 1925 that Pope Pius XI established the Solemnity of Christ the King, Christmas has been celebrated on December 25th since at least 336 AD, and the Advent Season has been celebrated since 480 AD.

Noting the newness of the Solemnity that we celebrate this weekend, it is an opportunity for us to ponder the meaning of this Solemnity considering this Sunday's Gospel Reading. This Sunday in the Gospel of John is the account of Jesus being brought before Pontius Pilate and is questioned by him. Jesus had already been brought before the Sanhedrin and was convicted. The Sanhedrin was a legislative and judicial assembly with religious, civil and criminal jurisdiction in Palestine in the time of Jesus. Pontius Pilate was the 5th governor of the Roman province of Judaea from 26 AD to 36 AD, serving under the Roman Emperor Tiberius. Pontius Pilate was not from Palestine, he was most likely born in Italy, and some historians think he might have been born in Scotland. We do know that the Jewish Philosopher, Philo of Alexandria, writing in the year 50 AD chastised Pilate for his behavior regarding bribes, insults, robberies, wanton injuries, execution without trial, and supremely grievous cruelty. Today in our Gospel Reading we have the account in the Gospel of John of Pilate questioning Jesus, and at the end of this exchange we have Jesus saying, *"You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."* The "this" that Jesus speaks about is His pending death and resurrection. All the moments that we read about in sacred scriptures about the life of Jesus Christ lead to the "this" that Jesus shares with Pontius Pilate. I would venture to say that the 5th Governor of the Roman province of Judaea goes not understand what Jesus is saying to him. But even Pilate, who Philo found to have many character flaws still saw Jesus as an innocent man that should not be put to death and tried but failed, to save the life of Christ. It was the "this" that the Governor of Judaea saw in Jesus Christ, he did not understand, it but it caused him to react differently to Jesus.

So, on this Solemnity of Christ the King, what is the message we should take from our Gospel Reading that presents us with the conversation that Jesus Christ has with the Roman Governor of Judaea. Pilate, a man that is not from Palestine, how comes from another part of the world, from a different culture, a person not well respected by many in the Palestinian Community of his time. This man was able to see in Christ something that he did not see in others. Pilate found himself trying to avoid taking the life of Jesus Christ. He saw something in Jesus that caused him to pause and look for a different way to do things. It is clearly the "this" that Jesus spoke about when He spoke with Pilate. *"For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."* These two sentences are a part of last verse of our Gospel Reading this Sunday and they contain the reason that Christ came into the world, the "this." Which is the fact that Christ came into the world for the salvation of humanity. His death and resurrection provide each one of us with the hope and a chance of eternal salvation. You might at this point be thinking to yourself, Father we already know why Christ came into the world, this is not earth-shattering information. Yes, I agree with you for as people of faith we know that Christ came into the world for the salvation of humanity. But that was not the case with Pontius Pilate, he could not understand the "this" he could not understand the willingness of Christ, an innocent man, willing to give His life for others. It is sad to say but even today over two thousand years after Jesus dead and rose from the dead for our salvation, there are still people in the world that do not know the "this." This can lead us to the message of the Solemnity of Christ the King, which is for us to embrace the example of Jesus Christ, and the Saints who have gone before us in faith and share the message of salvation with a world that is in such need of it. It is the "this" that we need to share with our needy world, and it is the "this" that truly makes Jesus Christ the King of the Universe.

22-23 Noviembre 2025: Cristo el Rey (XXXIV Domingo)

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En la frontera entre México y El Paso en Texas en los Estados Unidos hay una grandísima imagen de Cristo Rey con sus brazos extendidos en bienvenida y sobre una cruz. En el continente Americana encontramos imágenes de Cristo en las montañas coma Cristo Redentor en Brasil, o Cristo de los Andes, entre Chile y Argentina, o el Cristo Rey en Colombia; todos observando calladamente pesares y progresos de sus pueblos y naciones. En toda Latinoamérica se grita esperanzadamente "Viva Cristo Rey." La Iglesia universal honra a Cristo con el título de Rey solo desde 1925, pero siempre tuvo la certeza que el pobre Jesús de Nazaret es nuestro Maestro y Señor y, contra él no pueden las fuerzas del mal ni la injusticia. Terminando el Año Litúrgico, es justo y necesario recordar y festejar que Jesús reina para siempre. En Latinoamérica y en todas partes donde la injusticia parece dominar, Cristo Rey es continua recuerdo de la promesa divina; de la esperanza de un mundo mejor no allá en el cielo sino aquí en la tierra renovada. Por eso terminemos el Año litúrgico gritando "Viva Cristo Rey." - Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glз, OFM, Copyright, © J. S. Paluch Co.

REINADO

El libro de Samuel nos relata la unción de David coma rey de Israel. Fueron los ancianos de Israel quienes declararon a David coma rey ese día, pero fue Dios quien llamó a David para que pastoreara a Israel. Mandado así por los ciudadanos de su reino y por el Señor, David ocupó su lugar en un largo linaje de reyes. El apóstol Pablo también nos

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habla de realeza, pero en un plano muy superior: la realeza de Jesús nuestro Señor. Tan grande coma fue David, él y todos los reyes terrenales anteriores y posteriores, en sus reinos, son reyes menores en comparación con el verdadero Rey. Finalmente, escuchamos el relato del verdadero Rey en, tal vez, su momento mas débil: cerca de la muerte, colgando en una cruz, insultado por un criminal común y por el mundo en su totalidad. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

... DARÁN GRACIAS AL PADRE, QUE NOS PREPARÓ PARA RECIBIR NUESTRA PARTE DE LA HERENCIA RESERVADA A LOS SANTOS EN SU REINO DE LUZ.

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Dios quiere que seamos felices! En vez de mirar los diez mandamientos como restricciones y que nos dicen lo que no podemos hacer, míralos como guías para vivir una vida llena de alegría y en paz. La mayoría de nuestros problemas surgen cuando ponemos nuestras propias necesidades en primer lugar, o cuando pasamos la mayor parte de nuestro tiempo tratando de adquirir "cosas". Trata en cambio de poner a Dios primero en todas las cosas.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera Lectura - Se unge a David rey de Israel (2 Samuel 5: 1-3).

Salmo - Vayamos con alegría al encuentro del Señor (Salmo 122).

Segunda Lectura - El Padre nos trasladó al Reino de su Hija amado (Colosenses 1: 12-20).

Evangelio - El malhechor arrepentido recibe la promesa del paraíso de boca de Jesús (Lucas 23: 35-43).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Dn 1: 1-6, 8-20; Dn 3: 52-56; Lc 21: 1-4

Martes: Dn 2: 31-45; Dn 3: 57-61; Lc 21: 5-11

Miércoles: Dn 5: 1; Dn 3: 62-67; Lc 21: 12-19

Jueves: Sir 50: 22-24; Sal 145; 1 Cor 1: 3-9; Lc 17: 11-19

Viernes: Dn 7: 2-14; Dn 3: 75-81; Lc 21: 29-33

Sábado: Dn 7: 15-27; Dn 3: 82-87; Lc 21: 34-36

Domingo: Is 63: 16b-17, 19b; 64: 2-7; Sal 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1: 3-9; Mc 13: 33-37



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