

November 22nd Solemnity of Christ the King

Church is open for Indoor Mass

The Church is open for two Public Masses. The masses will be at: **10am in English and 12 noon in Spanish.**

Iglesia está abierta para misa

La Iglesia está abierta para misa a las 10:00am en inglés y a las 12:00pm en español.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 21

9:00am *St. John Volunteers*
4:30pm *St. John Parishioners*

Sunday, November 22

8:00am † *John Brennan*
10:00am † *Moss Brennan*
12:00pm † *Lionel Hernandez*

Monday, November 23

9:00am

Tuesday, November 24

9:00am † *Cristina G. de Zamora*

Wednesday, November 25

9:00am

Thursday, November 26

9:00am † *Cristobal Elloso*

Friday, November 27

9:00am *Cami Cayabyab (bday)*

Saturday, November 28

9:00am *St. John Volunteers*
4:30pm † *Valentino Alfonso*

Second Collection

Today's second collection is for **The Campaign of Human Development.** The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by funding community programs that encourage independence. Thank you for your generous support.



Prayer to Christ the King

O Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations. We pray to You, O Divine King, for mercy, peace, justice, and all good things. O Sovereign King, our sins against you are many but we ask for your loving compassion and forgiveness. We trust in Your Great Mercy, and we bow before You and acknowledge You as the one true King. Amen

From the Desk of the Pastor ...

Today we honor Christ as our King. This Feast was introduced by Pope Pius XI in 1925. It was a time of great stress in the world. In Europe, many nations were still badly wounded by the First World War. In Russia, atheistic Communism was already persecuting the Church. In Italy and Germany the unrest which led to ideas such as fascism and Nazism was growing.

Today, we notice that not much has changed, in so far as human quest for greater independence, moral relativity, modernism, materialism, self seeking, apathy, alienation from God and as if we can control and determine our own destiny, resulting into injustice, fear and anxiety. We cannot live without justice. Today those among us who have not experienced oppression or injustice, are drawn to emphasize God's mercy, to the exclusion of his justice. At the same time, there is no denying of the fact that a big number of people still live and has lived under such oppressive conditions. When a society despairs of God's justice, experience shows that it will entrust itself instead to man's justice to redress every inequity and right every wrong.

Our human experience admits that human justice, even in the best circumstances, is a frail thing. Democratic juries cannot see into a person's heart. Therefore, they must operate on probabilities and "reasonable doubts." They have to address the situation and apply the applicable Law and yet, even when the human justice is properly administered, it seldom restores what is lost: the human life taken, the good name tarnished, years of suffering and want endured...

Unless there is an eternal all powerful judge of the living and the dead, whose judgment covers all times and all circumstances, who has the power to "undo" past wrongs, as well as punish them, there is no healing of injury, no closure, and no peace.

Jesus exercises his kingship and the judge of the living and the dead, through his sacrificial and loving death. The incarnate word of God goes through humiliation, suffering, and death. Jesus challenges all our notions of power. His kingly robe is the blood pouring down his body, his crown is a crown of thorns, and his throne is the cross. His kingdom is not of this world. From the wood of the Cross even at the moment of His death on the Cross, he finds an opportunity to exercise his kingship and forgives the repentant thief, granting him sovereign freedom, and healing of his sins: "Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise."

November Plenary Indulgences for Souls in Purgatory

The Vatican has announced an extension to the plenary indulgences traditionally obtained during the first week of November. Because of restrictions on cemetery visits due to COVID-19, "the Plenary Indulgence applicable to the deceased by those who visit a cemetery has been extended beyond the normal dates of 1 to 8 November. This year, the indulgence can be obtained by anyone who visits a cemetery, even if only mentally, on any day in November, and devoutly prays for the faithful departed."

To obtain an indulgence, one must be a Catholic in the state of grace and free from all attachment to sin, even venial sin. In addition to this pious act, it is necessary to fulfill the following three conditions in order to gain the indulgence:

- sacramental confession,
- Eucharistic Communion

and prayer for the intention of the Pope (this can be satisfied by reciting one Our Father and one Hail Mary, or any other prayer for the intention of the Roman Pontiff).

The full Vatican announcement is available at: www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-10/decreed-plenary-indulgence-faithful-departed-november.html

Mass Intentions Book 2021

The Mass Intentions Book for the New Year 2021 is now open.

You are invited to come to the Parish office beginning this Monday with your request for Mass intentions. Please bring a written list with all the names, mass dates and times that you would like to request along with the stipend. The process is on a "first come, first serve basis".

The Archdiocese of San Francisco has traditionally regulated Mass stipends for announced and unannounced mass intentions. The suggested donation for an announced mass is \$10.00; for an unannounced intention it is \$5.00.

Mass intentions are published in the Parish bulletin with the deadline for printing on Monday afternoon. The Parish Office is open Monday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.