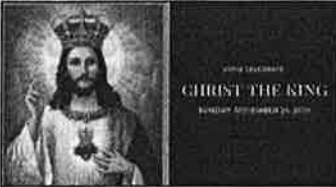


November 24th 2019 - Solemnity of Christ the King



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 23

9:00am † *Benny Falcon*
4:30pm † *Jose Luis Solorzano*

Sunday, November 24

7:30am *Armando Corona (bday)*
9:30am † *Ruben Rodriguez*
11:00am † *Joel Sandoval*
12:30pm † *Maria Alegria*

Monday, November 25

9:00am † *Cathy Lauzon*

Tuesday, November 26

9:00am † *Benny Falcon*

Wednesday, November 27

9:00am *Cami Cayabyab (bday)*

Thursday, November 28

9:00am *Dominador Tomas (bday)*

Friday, November 29

9:00am † *Benny Falcon*

Saturday, November 30

9:00am † *Cathy Lauzon*
4:30pm † *Kathy Murphy Keifner*

FOOD FOR THE POOR AND THE HUNGRY

At the **Thanksgiving Day 9:00am mass, on November 28**, the St. Vincent De Paul conference of St. John the Evangelist Parish requests all to consider bringing non-perishable food for distribution to those in need in our parish and community. They seek white rice, pinto beans, pasta, ramen, oatmeal, meat-based soups, and small cans of whole kernel corn, fruit, tuna, and meat or spam. Thank you.

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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA
November 11th - November 17th, 2019

Tuesday's Spec coll.\$ 95.00
Tues. On-line giving\$ 5.00
Weekend Offering.....\$2,699.30
Weekend On-line giving....\$ 295.00
St. Patrick Sem.....\$ 1,198.00
St. Patrick Sem. On-Line Giving.\$ 88.00

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.

The Pope reminded the world that there is ultimately only one ruler: God. God made his rule most clear in the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King. As Pope Pius XI said, when we all recognize "both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace and harmony.

Jesus exercises his kingship through his sacrificial and loving death. The incarnate word of God goes through humiliation, suffering, and death.

Jesus challenges all our notions and understanding 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."

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Pastoral Council thanks you for your overwhelming support and participation in the "Parish Mass Survey" conducted in the last few weekends.

The Parish Council recommends to the Pastor and the Parishioners the following Mass schedule: 8:00am (English); 10:00am (English) and 12noon (Spanish) effective from Sunday January 5, 2020.

We are grateful to all of you who took time and invested yourselves in this stewardship of the Parish. Your comments were indeed very positive, encouraging and appreciative. Your efforts and your hearts say in so many words that you care and are invested in this Parish of St. John the Evangelist. Thank you.

Long live St. John the Evangelist Parish. God Bless!

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

On Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2019, our Parish will celebrate a multilingual (English-Spanish-Tagalog) **Mass at 9:00am in our Church**. We invite you to make a special effort to come, join and celebrate this Mass with us.

Our Parish joins our fellow sisters and brothers, as a grateful nation to give thanks to God for so many gifts, favors and blessings we have received from him all through this past year.

Parish Office Closed

In observance of Thanksgiving weekend the Parish Office will be closed on **Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29**. We will re-open on Monday, December 2.

Rite of Enrollment for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Holy Communion Class 2020

On December 1, at the 9:30am Mass, we shall celebrate the Rite of Enrollment for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Holy Communion Class 2020.

We will have children from the St. John's School and from the Parish Religious Education Program (CCD).

Season of Advent

On Sunday, December 1, we enter into the Advent Season, it begins the Church's liturgical year. Advent encompasses four Sundays and weekdays leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

Advent is a time of expectation and hope. "Advent" means "arrival" or "coming," and it prompts us to pause each day in December and remember why Jesus came at Christmas.

The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life.

The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ.

During the season of Advent, one candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday. Each candle represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

The **first candle** symbolizes **hope** and is called the "Prophet's Candle."

The **second candle** represents **faith** and is called "Bethlehem's Candle."

The **third candle** symbolizes **joy** and is called the "Shepherd's Candle."

The **fourth candle** represents **peace** and is called the "Angel's Candle."