

# Our Lady of Victories Church

(serving Harrington Park, River Vale and the Pascack/Northern Valley)  
150 Harriot Avenue, Harrington Park, New Jersey

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## WELCOME

To the Parish Family of  
**OUR LADY OF VICTORIES**  
*The Little Church with a BIG Heart*

**Parish Office 201-768-1706**

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#### SPECIAL MASSES OR DEVOTIONS:

**First Friday:** 12:30-7pm Adoration, 6pm Confessions,  
7pm Mass

**First Saturday:** 8:00am, Mass of Immaculate Heart of Mary

**First Saturday:** 12:00pm, Mass for Souls in Purgatory

#### Novenas prayed after 8:00 a.m. Mass:

**Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal:** Monday

**St. Anthony:** Tuesday

**St. Joseph:** Wednesday

**St. Jude:** Thursday

**Infant of Prague:** 25th of the month

**Bl. Miriam Teresa Demjanovich:** Friday

**St. Peregrine:** First Friday of the Month

**Rosary:** Recited M - Sat after 8:00am & after 12:00Noon Mass

Sunday, November 23, 2025 A.D.  
Jubilee Year of Hope



**Thanksgiving Day**  
**One Mass ONLY at 9:00AM**  
live-streamed

#### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:

Mon.-Sat.: 7:30-7:50am. Saturday: 11:00-11:50am; 3:00-3:45pm

#### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

To register for Baptismal preparation and Baptism call the rectory.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Call the Religious Ed Office for requirements/class schedule.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Please call the rectory for an appointment.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK/LAST RITES:

Sick calls at any time in emergency.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS AND VOCATIONS:

Anyone contemplating a vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life should contact the Vocations Office at 973.497.4365.

#### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4pm & 5pm

Sunday: 7am, 8am Latin, 9:30am,  
9:30am Family Mass (gym), 10:45am,  
12pm, 1pm Spanish, 6pm

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## Fr. Wojciech's Corner...

**Hail Christ the King!** Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord **Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** and with that we culminate our Liturgical Year. Next Sunday we will already start Advent season and year A in the liturgical cycle. Let us not forget that He is THE KING and deserves reverence as such. He is Our King. May we let Him rule our lives, not rule over Him.

**We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family of Deacon Al who lost his brother Deacon Richard. May he rest in peace.**

This Thursday we will celebrate **Thanksgiving**. Gratitude is seeing with the heart. Gratitude does not take things for granted. The sick kid in the hospital, holding a toy and a rosary, when his mother asked him what would you like for your birthday, answered "I have every thing" - that is gratefulness. Gratitude sees extraordinary in the ordinary. Grateful for all of you...

*Happy Thanksgiving to all. Enjoy the turkey....*

Join **OLV Youth Group** visiting families  
Sunday Nov. 23 after 6PM Mass.  
Contact Fr. Ed for details.

## **This Sunday November 23rd only** **TURKEY DRIVE & THANKSGIVING FOOD**

Please bring your donations by 12:00Noon this Sunday.

## **GIVING TREE**

The Giving Tree will be up on Nov 29th. If you wish to help, please take a tag and return together with a gift card by December 14th. We are asking only for Visa or Mastercard Gift Cards, no presents. There will be a box in the Church on the Blessed Mother side of the altar where you can drop them. There will also be tags for Shop-rite gift cards, which we add to each family's package. Please be sure to write the dollar amount of the gift card on the tag attached to the gift card. Each tag is for a specific individual. If you take a tag and cannot return the tag you took and gift card by Dec. 14th, please return the tag and so we know and can provide for that individual.

## **St. Andrew Novena starts November 30th**

The St. Andrew Novena is a devotion, also known as the Christmas Anticipation Prayer, that starts on the feast day of St. Andrew the Apostle, November 30, and ends on Christmas Eve. It consists in reciting the prayer found below 15 times each day of the novena period. Its exact origin is unknown, but it is believed to have begun in Ireland during the 19th century. This is a very meditative prayer that brings about graces, increases our awareness of the real focus of Christmas and prepares us spiritually for His coming.

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment

In which the Son of God was born  
of the most pure Virgin Mary at midnight,  
in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold.

In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee,  
O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires,  
(mention your request here)

Through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ  
and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

## **Give Thanks!**

The Churches of Harrington Park Thanksgiving Service  
Sunday, November 23, at 7:30PM  
Community Church of Harrington Park (1 Spring St.)

**The feast of Christ the King** had a close connection to All Saints Day when it was first instituted by Pope Pius XI.

When the world was in turmoil and the increasing growth of secularism was spreading throughout the world, Pope Pius XI sought to combat it with an affirmation that Jesus Christ is the true king to whom we owe allegiance.

He did this by establishing a feast in honor of "Our Lord Jesus Christ the King" in 1925, through his encyclical letter *Quas Primas*. Pius XI explained, "**We firmly hope ... that the feast of the Kingship of Christ, which in future will be yearly observed, may hasten the return of society to our loving Savior.**"

Initially this feast was celebrated on the **last Sunday of October**, immediately preceding the feast of All Saints Day on November 1. This was a deliberate choice and Pius XI explains why he chose that date.

The last Sunday of October seemed the most convenient of all for this purpose, because it is at the end of the liturgical year, and thus the feast of the Kingship of Christ sets the crowning glory upon the mysteries of the life of Christ already commemorated during the year, and, before celebrating the triumph of all the Saints, we proclaim and extol the glory of him who triumphs in all the Saints and in all the Elect. Make it your duty and your task, Venerable Brethren, to see that sermons are preached to the people in every parish to teach them the meaning and the importance of this feast, that they may so order their lives as to be worthy of faithful and obedient subjects of the Divine King.

In this way Pius XI was **linking our quest for holiness to the kingship of Christ**.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* highlights this connection when commenting on our participation in the kingly office of Jesus Christ. The People of God shares in the royal office of Christ. He exercises his kingship by drawing all men to himself through his death and Resurrection. Christ, King and Lord of the universe, made himself the servant of all, for he came "not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." For the Christian, "to reign is to serve him," particularly when serving "the poor and the suffering, in whom the Church recognizes the image of her poor and suffering founder." **The People of God fulfills its royal dignity by a life in keeping with its vocation to serve with Christ.** (CCC 786)

We participate in that kingship when we **serve others** and order our lives according to the Gospel. The saints in Heaven were successful in that regard and were true **servants of the King**, pouring out his love to all those in the world.

While this feast was later moved to the end of November to heighten its connection to the end of the liturgical year, this spiritual theme still retains its power and reminds us what it means to be obedient servants of a benevolent King.

We will inherit the joys of the Kingdom only when we recognize our role as faithful servants, ready and willing to do whatever it takes to bring about a reign of love that covers the whole world. -aleteia.org

## **Viva Cristo Rey!**

Blessed Miguel Pro was sentenced to death amid the Cristero War (1926-29), which broke out in response to the brutal persecution of Catholics. While facing his firing squad, Blessed Miguel forgave his persecutors before raising his arms in imitation of Christ and crying out, "Viva Cristo Rey!" That is, "Long live Christ the King!"

## **SAVE THE DATE - January 17, 2026**

ANNUAL "Hap Nightingale" BEEFSTEAK  
Our Lady of Victories Knights of Columbus Council 14483

**What if you are CALLED! ???** Call the Vocations office 973-497-4365 and ask for Fr. Gino, Director, who is always ready to listen - or call Fr. Wojciech at our parish 201-768-1706, x11.

### Pray for Those in the Military

#### US Army

Captain Ben Clemente  
 RRT Specialist James Crumb  
 Staff Sergeant Peter Dippolito  
 Major Michael Franson  
 Sergeant First Class Charles Greene  
 Captain Shawn Linn  
 Sergeant Major Marc Medina  
 Captain John G. Miele  
 Captain Joseph W. Niece  
 1st Lieutenant Megan Niece  
 Private Edward Oakley  
 Captain Jack Ottomanelli  
 Staff Sergeant David Petersen  
 Specialist John Petersen

#### US Marine Corps.

Corporal Shanna Bennett  
 Staff Sergeant Matthew Brady  
 1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo  
 Lance Corporal Nicholas Giron  
 Major Stephen Ikalowych  
 Captain J.P. Maher  
 Corporal Cody McGrath

#### US Navy

Commander Julia Cheringal  
 Lieutenant Jonathan Clemente  
 Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger  
 Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger  
 Airman Cody Massa

#### US Air Force

1st Lieutenant Brian Kearney  
 Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn

#### Prayer for the Safety of Soldiers

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in You will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of Your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of Your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise You for Your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Pray for Our Sick** Please Pray in the name of JESUS, the Healer, that the sick of the Parish may be restored to health and all those who assist and care for the sick will be given the strength to continue God's Will: infants Jack Merritt, Abigail Jude, Aidan, Olive, Adeline Quarello, Jonathan & Joseph; children Gabriel Aungst, Antonio and Shane, Cordelia and Eileen, Remy and Silvie; Annie Baklycki, Kevin Douglas Barry, Michael Baruch, Julie Berbert, Paul Brennan, James Buckley, Kathe Burruano, Joe Cafaro, Anna Carfagno, Bill Clark, Kevin Columbo, Thomas Connolly, Eddie Cooper, Paula Criqui, Michael Curran, Marie D'Ascenzo, Maryann Dean, Noelle DeJoseph, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Guy DeSantis, Siobhan Donaghi, Whitney Dugan, Carl Falasca, Michael Fallon, Dan Filippone, Jeremy Willis, Walter Flaherty, Mary Foley, Phil Gangusa & Vicky Ferrara, Robin Fletcher, Leo Gendron, Ken Grier, Glenn Hall, Amy Hartwell, Richard Hogan, Kristine Leigh Hook, Rolando Joaquim, Austin Kellar, Pat Kissane, Christina Kenny, Tim Keohane, Joseph Koch, Artie Latz, Kenneth Luther, Peter Mahler, Robert Mayer, James McGarry, Michael McMahon, Adolfo Mendoza, David Mercur, Alice Miller, Len Moriarity, Gianna Moscatello, Kevin Mullane, Rose Marie Myers, Natalie Niebergall, Michael Oates, John Pal, Mary Parker, Tom Paskewich, Ronald Peterson, Bob Phillips, Canice Prince, Christina Pulver, William Ragusa, Dan & Phyllis Ragusa, Robert Rasmussen, Patrick Ricci, Herman Rodriguez, Veronica Romanchuk, Wendy Ruggiero, Beth Sacco, Blase K Sacus, Samantha Sconzo, Patricia Ann Shalhoub, Peggy and Chris Shedden, Brian Sumereau, Michael Suresh, Maria Tamayo, Ollie Tetlow, Angeline Thomas, Felicia Veneruso, Jim Vlantés, Dennis Ubriaco, Carl Walker, Megan Weingarten, Hope White, Maria Williams, Daniel Wu, Mary Young, Anthony K., Brian, Carla, Christina, Donna M., Edward, Elba, Jack, Jennifer, Joann, John, Karen, Kathleen V., Kaitlin V. Lauren, Lisa, Lou, Lucas, Lynn, Mary, Margaret, Melinda, Michelle, Patrick, Peter, Robert, Samantha, Sarah, Scott, Sharon, Steven, Tom.

**My Parish-My Responsibility** Thank you to those who so generously continue to support our parish by mailing in your donations. At the same time, we understand that some are unable to continue their donations at this time. *Donations may be mailed to OLV, 81 Lynn St., Harrington Park, NJ 07640.* **New to the area?** Register to become a member of the OLV Family. Visit OLV's website olvhp.org and click on "Parish Registration". **New address or phone number?** Please inform the rectory.

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, Nov. 23—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:00 Harry Barrett R/b the Barrett Family  
 8:00 Benedict and Anthony Walsh R/b Bridget Walsh  
 9:30 Joseph A. Ceccon R/b Kevin and Paula Cummings  
 9:30 (Gym) Barbara Gastaldo R/b the Kalivas Family  
 10:45 Jeanne Avitabile R/b Joan Kincaid  
 12:00 Ricardo Sabalvaro R/b the Selby Family  
 1:00 People of the Parish  
 6:00 William A. Duby Sr. R/b the Duby Family

#### Monday, Nov. 24 - St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions, Martyrs

8:00 John Raven Sr. R/b Caroline Connolly  
 12:00 Diane Giardino R/b Sonny and Anita Garzino

#### Tuesday, November 25 - St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr

8:00 Anna Lucia Arias R/b Maria Arias  
 12:00 Blaise Zaccaro R/b the Zaccaro Family

#### Wednesday, November 26 - St. John Berchmans, Religious

8:00 Richard O'Neil R/b Peggy O'Brien  
 12:00 Bob Connolly - Anniversary R/b Margaret Brandes

#### Thursday, November 27 – THANKSGIVING DAY / St. Maximus, Bishop

9:00 Peter T. Stonitsch R/b Pete Stonitsch  
 Joseph A. Ceccon - 1st Anniversary R/b Ceccon Family

#### Friday, November 28 - St. James of the March, Priest

8:00 Marijan Fizulich R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich  
 12:00 Edward and Winifred Pavlu R/b the Kip Family

#### Saturday, November 29 – St. Saturninus, Bishop & Martyr

8:00 Giacomina Lister R/b Antonia Picinic  
 12:00 Denise Oppelt R/b Rae Rinaldi  
 4:00 Selena Piazza R/b Monica Ottomanelli  
 5:00 Peter Bentivegna Sr. R/b the Bentivegna Family

#### Sunday, November 30 – 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - St. Andrew, Apostle

7:00 Margaret Lerobler R/b the Barrett Family  
 8:00 Carol Muzas R/b the Evanelia Family  
 9:30 David and Kathleen Musante R/b Jeannette and Vanessa Musante

#### NO MASS IN OLV GYM TODAY

10:45 Intentions of Brian McElroy Jr. R/b the McElroy Family  
 12:00 Dorothy Errico R/b the Oakley Family  
 1:00 People of the Parish  
 6:00 William A. Duby Sr. R/b the Duby Family

### Sanctuary Memorials (this week)

**The Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for the repose of the souls of all those who have died this past year.

**The Bl. Virgin Mary Votive Lamp** will burn for the repose of the souls of Sam and Clare Burruano

**The St. Joseph Votive Lamp** will burn for the repose of the soul of Deacon Richard McLaughlin.

**Flower & Sanctuary Offerings** Flowers, Bread and Wine, the Bl. Virgin Mary and St. Joseph Votive Lamps and Sanctuary Lamp in the Church can be dedicated on a weekly basis. Contact the rectory for more information.

## Relevant Radio

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# Fridays are dedicated to the Passion

## I am THANKFUL for ...

For the wife who says it's hot dogs tonight,  
Because she is home with me and not out with someone else.  
For the husband who is on the sofa being a couch potato  
Because he is home with me and not out at the bars.  
For the teenager who is complaining about doing dishes  
Because it means she is at home, not on the streets.  
For the taxes I pay  
Because it means I am employed.  
For the mess to clean after a party  
Because it means I have been surrounded by friends.  
For the clothes that fit a little too snug  
Because it means I have enough to eat.  
For my shadow that watches me work  
Because it means I am out in the sunshine.  
For a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning,  
And gutters that need fixing  
Because it means I have a home.  
For all the complaining I hear about the government  
Because it means we have freedom of speech.  
For the parking spot I find at the far end of the parking lot  
Because it means I am capable of walking  
and I have been blessed with transportation.  
For my huge heating bill  
Because it means I am warm.  
For the lady behind me in church who sings off key  
Because it means I can hear.  
For the pile of laundry and ironing  
Because it means I have clothes to wear.  
For the weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day  
Because it means I have been capable of working hard.  
For the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours  
Because it means I am alive.

## Are you an **ADULT** without **Confirmation, Communion or Baptism?**

If you want to become a Roman Catholic or complete your Initiation into the Church, the RCIA is for you! For information, phone the rectory. *Adult Catholics* who have not yet celebrated *Confirmation* or Holy Communion should contact the rectory for preparation class/information.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR BAPTISM OR CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

Godparent/Sponsor must be at least 16 years old \* **Godparent/Sponsor must be in good standing with the Catholic Church.** Must be a practicing Catholic (*Attend Sunday Mass weekly*). \* Must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. If married, must be married in the Catholic Church. \* If single, not living with significant other, nor married civilly only. \* **Godparent/Sponsor cannot be the candidate's parent.** Each child only requires one Godparent. If you wish to have two Godparents, there must be one female and one male. (Canon Law 872-874)

### Sacred Matrimony on Sacred ground

"ceremony" at the venue is not a valid Sacrament

For the Catholic Church the Sacrament of Matrimony is such a sacred matter that the Church requires for two Catholics to be married Sacramentally in the Catholic Church, not elsewhere. All the Sacraments except Confession are always celebrated in Church. Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and the Sacred Orders (Priesthood is even celebrated at the Cathedral of a given Diocese). A Catholic priest can only officiate Sacrament of Matrimony of two Catholics on sacred grounds (Church). This wedding at the same time is a civil wedding. For more info contact Fr. Wojciech.

**Respect Life** Any woman who is pregnant and in need of assistance should **never** feel that abortion is her only option. For confidential assistance call: Archdiocese Respect Life Office 973-497-4350\*Gateway Pregnancy Ctr. 908-353-0604\*Catholic Community Svcs. 201-246-7379 \*Lifecall 800-662-2678\*Birthright: 201-845-4646\*NewHope 201-722-4705.

**OLV Needlers** If you'd like to learn to knit or crochet, join us in the lower church Wednesdays at 6PM and/or Thursdays after 12Noon Mass. Yarn, crochet hooks and knitting needles supplied.

**OLV Knights of Columbus** All men over 18 are invited to join the Knights of Columbus. As Catholic men we are called to lead, serve, protect and defend our Faith, families, and our parish. The Knights of Columbus will help you grow as a husband, father and Catholic. Join us!

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas** For info' call Marie 201-741-0499.

*If you purchased tickets to St. Joseph's HS production of "Is He Dead":* Due to a recent flooding incident, our production must be postponed. If you purchased tickets via Booktix.com, please await further instructions/updates. We hope to reschedule in the near future. We appreciate your patronage. Contact [sjrtheater@sjrnj.org](mailto:sjrtheater@sjrnj.org) with any questions.

Offerings received for All Souls are used as stipends for priests who offer the Masses for the deceased, assisting in grieving ministry and helping cemeteries.

Clothing Bins: Please donate clothes, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks, toys, and children's books. Please place your donations INSIDE the bins. Do not leave items outside.

From Archdiocese: Report Financial Misconduct Confidentially: if you suspect financial misconduct use EthicsPoint, an independent and confidential reporting tool that helps the Archdiocesan community address issues while promoting positive parish, school and workplace environments. Visit [www.rcan.org](http://www.rcan.org) for the hotline and reporting link.

How to Report Abuse: The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

## A Little Humor ...



*My friends told me to stop telling Thanksgiving jokes, but I couldn't quit cold turkey.*

How does Thanksgiving always end? **With "G"**  
Who doesn't eat on Thanksgiving? **A turkey — it's always stuffed.**  
What's the most musical part of a turkey? **The drumstick.**  
Where did the pilgrims learn to play music? **School of Plymouth Rock.**  
What do you call a running turkey? **Fast food.**

## Kidz Korner Answers

1. The Last Sunday of the Liturgical Year.
2. Solemnity.
3. Pope Pius XI.
4. Pope Paul VI.
5. First Sunday of Advent.

### Last Words of the Servant of God Gino Pistoni

Below is the story of the young Catholic partisan from Ivrea, Italy who died in 1944 at the age of 20 helping an enemy soldier!

Gino initially had a very normal life. He studied at the Collegio San Giuseppe in Turin, directed by the Brothers of the Christian Schools, where he became an accountant. He enjoyed football, basketball, skiing, and mountaineering. He then came into contact with Catholic Action, whose mission, "Prayer, Action, Sacrifice," he immediately identified with.



Gino later became an animator of youth centers. He was also entrusted with the secretariat of the diocesan center, in close contact with the diocesan assistant and the management team, under whose eyes Gino Pistoni's incredible closeness to holiness was evident. His favorite prayer:

"I offer my life, I offer myself, what I am, what I have become, and what I am still becoming in God's loving embrace."

**The last words of the Servant of God Gino Pistoni in the war?**  
"Long Live Christ the King!"

In 1944, he was called to military service, which soon turned into an evangelization opportunity, as he managed to involve the dormitory in the recitation of the rosary every evening. A short time later, he decided to go to the mountains with the partisans, but without taking his rifle. On July 25, 1944, during an attack by the German SS on the Trovinasse mountains, while all his armed comrades fled, he remained defenseless to help a wounded enemy soldier.

There, he was hit by a mortar shrapnel that severed his femoral artery. He died alone and bled to death, but he had time to write with blood-soaked fingers on the cloth of the haversack: "I offer my life for Catholic Action and for Italy, Long Live Christ the King."

Next to his body was found, stained with blood, the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **Servant of God Gino Pistoni pray for us!** Churchpop.com

**king who learned from THE KING** to reign over himself first.

In 1917, the Holy City was captured from the Turks and came under the control of a Christian power for the first time since the crusading era. The British commander, General Edmund Allenby, had a deep respect for Jerusalem's sacred heritage, and was unwilling to make his own entry in a manner similar to that of the "King of Kings." Thus, on December 11, 1917, eschewing all elevation upon the backs of horses, or even donkeys, Allenby and his men made their formal entry into the conquered city on foot and in silence. Exactly eight years later, Pope Pius XI promulgated his great encyclical, Quas Primas, on the rightful sovereignty of Christ over every human society.

### Faithful always recognized Christ's Kingdom

Pope Benedict XVI marked the feast of Christ the King in 2009 by telling a midday audience that the regal power of Jesus Christ is "the power of love which knows how to draw good from evil, to soften hardened hearts, to bring peace to the harshest conflict, to enkindle hope in the murkiest darkness." Although the feast day was established only in the 20th century, the Pope reminded his audience that Christians have spoken of Christ's Kingdom since the earliest times. The faithful, he observed, recognize fully that Christ's Kingdom is not of this world, and that loyalty to his Kingdom may not bring earthly rewards, but it does ensure the peace and joy that only He can give. This is apparent, in every age, from the experience of so many men and women who, in Christ's name, in the name of truth and justice, have shown themselves capable of resisting the lure of earthly power in its various disguises, even to the point of crowning their faithfulness with martyrdom.

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### Did you know? What do the letters IHS stand for?

The symbol IHS is the first three letters of the name Jesus in Greek - iota (I), eta (H), and sigma (S) - formed the basis of this abbreviation derived from the Greek name for Jesus, written as *IΗΣΟΥΣ* (Iesous).

## Saints on Giving Thanks

A thanksgiving should be made to God each and every day, according to the saints in heaven.

**St. Teresa of Calcutta:** The best way to show my gratitude is to accept everything, even my problems, with joy.

**St. Gianna Beretta Molla:** The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that he, in his goodness, sends to us day after day.

**St. John Paul II:** *Duc in altum!* (Put out into the deep!) These words ring out for us today, and they invite us to remember the past with gratitude, to live the present with enthusiasm, and to look forward to the future with confidence.

**St. Thérèse of Lisieux:** Jesus does not demand great actions from us, but simply surrender and gratitude.

**St. Josemaría Escrivá:** Get used to lifting your heart to God, in acts of thanksgiving, many times a day. Because he gives you this and that. Because you have been despised. Because you haven't what you need or because you have. Because he made his mother so beautiful, his mother who is also your mother. Because he created the sun and the moon and this animal and that plant. Because he made that man eloquent and you he left tongue-tied ... Thank him for everything, because everything is good.

**St. Teresa of Ávila:** In all created things discern the providence and wisdom of God, and in all things give him thanks.

**Blessed Solanus Casey:** "Thank God ahead of time."

**St. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier:** Gratitude is the memory of the heart.

**St. John Vianney:** Believe and adore. Believe that Jesus Christ is in this sacrament as truly as he was nine months in the womb of Mary, as really as he was nailed to the cross. Adore in humility and gratitude.

**St. Francis of Assisi, in his "Canticle of the Sun":**

*Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures, especially through my lord Brother Sun, who brings the day; and you give light through him. And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendor! Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness. Be praised, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars; in the heavens you have made them bright, precious and beautiful ... Praise and bless my Lord, and give thanks, and serve him with great humility.*

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## KIDZ KORNER

1. When is the Solemnity of Christ the King celebrated?
2. Is Christ the King Sunday a Feast Day or Solemnity?
3. Who initiated the feast of Christ the King?
4. Who moved the feast of Christ the King and raised its rank?
5. Which Sunday follows the Solemnity of Christ the King?

Answers on page 4.

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