

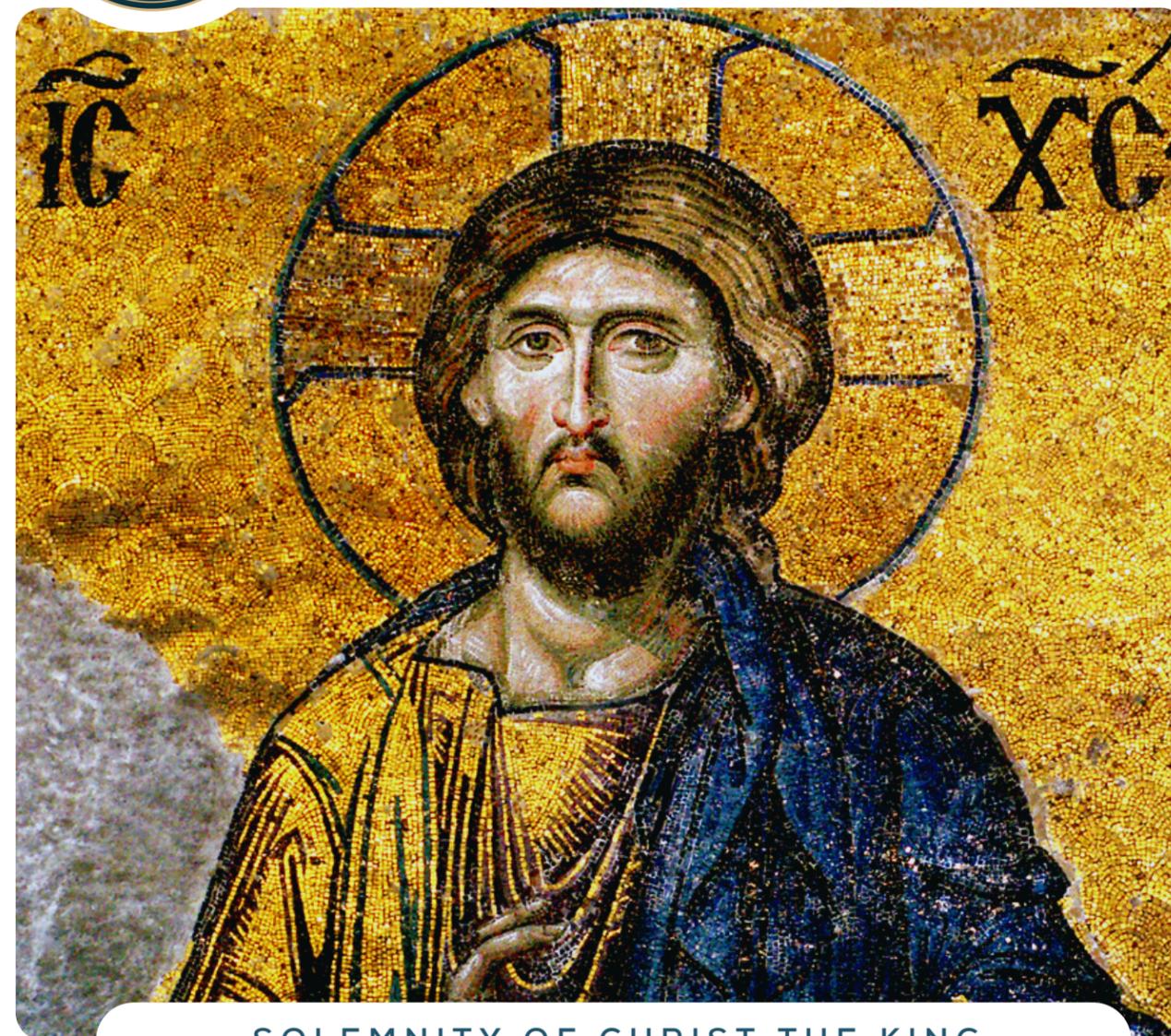
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# SAINT STEPHEN

CATHOLIC CHURCH



SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING  
23 NOVEMBER 2025

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THE HOLY SACRIFICE  
OF THE MASS

Saturday (Anticipatory) – 4 pm  
Sunday – 7 am, 10 am, & 6:30 pm  
Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri – 12:10 pm

Confessions

Saturday – 3 pm to 3:50 pm  
+ Half an hour before other Masses

## FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

### CHRIST THE KING - 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

100 years ago in 1925, Pope Pius XI gave the Church the Feast of Christ the King. He looked at the conflict between nations and growing atheism, and he saw the need to reclaim Christ as King. This weekend, we worship Christ as King of all – King of our world, our nation, and our hearts.

### ADVENT BEGINS NEXT WEEK

#### A Time of New Beginnings

This weekend is also the last weekend before the new liturgical year in Advent. The holy season of Advent is a time of preparation, renewal, and new beginnings. *How is the Lord inviting you to begin anew in the Advent season? In your prayer life? In your presence at Holy Mass (including Daily Mass)? In the Confessional? In your relationships? With the poor? Our Faith is founded on new beginnings, How will you choose to make a "new start" this Advent?*

### SUNDAY EVENING MASS

#### MOVING TO EARLIER TIME AT 5:30 PM (2nd Notice)

For the past few years, I've been asked about the possibility of moving the Sunday evening Mass to an earlier time. Many have suggested that the Mass is too late, and that it is difficult for families to eat together afterward – particularly on a school night. Over the past year, I've consulted with the Parish Advisory Council and families who regularly attend the Sunday Evening Mass. After much prayer and discussion, the Sunday evening Mass will move to an earlier time, at 5:30pm, beginning next Sunday (First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 30).

#### Why this change?

- The new 5:30pm Mass time will help families eat together on Sunday evening – many have complained that the 6:30pm time is too late, and that eating together as a family is difficult.
- As Sunday is a school night, the earlier time will help families with school-age children.
- With the seasonal time change, it is often dark by the time 6:30 pm Mass begins. An earlier Mass time will help those who prefer not to drive at nighttime.

#### Father Away Thanksgiving Week

Next week, I will be away Monday through Friday. The weekday 12:10 pm Mass schedule will be as normal, with substitute clergy. In addition, there will be a special **8 am Thanksgiving Day Mass**. I wish you and your family a happy Thanksgiving!



## THE RECTORY CAMPAIGN

HONORING 127 YEARS OF PRIESTS & CHURCH STAFF



FRONT ELEVATION

### HELP US BUILD A NEW HOME

FOR THE PRIESTS AND STAFF OF ST. STEPHEN'S

### TRACKING OUR PROGRESS

Total Donations and Pledged Gifts to Date:

**\$ 297,502.00**

#### NAMED GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

✓ Windows (0 available)	1,000 each
✓ Priest's Office	15,000
✓ Office Lobby	10,000
✓ Secretary's Office	5,000
✓ Bookkeeper's Office	5,000
✓ Records Room	2,500
✓ Office Front Porch	2,500
✓ Residence Kitchen	10,000
✓ Residence Courtyard	5,000
✓ Residence Living Room	5,000
✓ Residence Pantry	2,500
✓ Residence Utility Room	2,500

#### "NAMED GIVING" FULLY RESERVED

This week, the final Named Giving opportunities were reserved. This is a huge milestone in our campaign to rebuild the rectory. We are one step closer to a new home for me and our church staff. THANK YOU to all who have given so generously to this campaign. May God reward your sacrifices! **Fr. Istre**



## THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

**24 November - St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions**  
J.P. Morella fly. (L&D)

**25 November - Votive of The Holy Angels**

The Poor Holy Souls in Purgatory

**26 November - Votive of St. Joseph**

The Poor Holy Souls in Purgatory

**27 November - Thanksgiving Day (8 am Mass)**

Louis Boudreaux, Lee Felterman, Onesime & Hazel Richard, Asa & Aline Stewart, Dot Bella

**28 November - Votive of the Sacred Heart**

The Poor Holy Souls in Purgatory, Louis Boudreaux

**29 November - 4 pm Anticipatory Mass**

Louis Boudreaux, Wade J. Landry, Sr., Miles Liner fly (L&D), E.J. & Gerry Lemoine fly. (L&D), Herman Pellerin fly. (L&D), John Tholen, Louis & Girlie Berthelot

**30 November - 7am Mass**

Deanna Sampey, Calvin Leleux fly. (L&D), Kenneth Garber, Sr., Al Adams III fly. (L&D)

**10 am Solemn Mass**

*Pro Populo*, Laura Magee Larive fly. (L&D), Annalee Daigle, Jimmy Joseph Hue, Bob Radtke, Hazel Richard

**5:30 pm Mass**

Craig Nini, John Czajka, President Donald Trump

### LOOKING AHEAD - THIS ADVENT

#### ADVENT MISSION NIGHT - Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 6 pm

We welcome Fr. Don Bernard, pastor of St. Edward Church in New Iberia to preach our Mission Night. The evening includes Exposition, a talk, Benediction, and sacred music, and will last under one hour.

#### ADVENT OUTREACH DAY (NEW OPPORTUNITY)

##### Saturday, December 6 - Following First Sat. Mass

Join us for this new opportunity for outreach with families in need. We have arranged for a group from St. Stephen's to serve lunch at St. Joseph's Diner in Lafayette. Due to space limitations, the kitchen has imposed a limit on group size: please call the parish office to register. *This is a "pilot group" – we hope to take many more in the future!*

# Advent

AT ST. STEPHEN'S



### ADVENT MISSION NIGHT

With Fr. Donald Bernard

Tuesday, Dec. 2, at 6pm



### THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Advent Confessions

Wednesdays in Advent, 6:30 to 8pm



### ADVENT OUTREACH DAY

St. Joseph Diner & Shelter in Lafayette

Saturday, December 6



### LESSONS AND CAROLS

Christmas & Advent Carol Service

Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 6pm

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, Nov. 27, **Special Time: 8 am**

## NOEL NIGHT

Benefitting the New Rectory



Thursday, December 11, 2025,  
6 pm at the Petroleum Club

*Tickets Now Sold Out!*  
*Thank you to all who purchased tickets and tables*

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory	\$ 7,794
New Rectory Fund	\$ 300
<b>Total Offertory Giving</b>	<b>\$ 8,094</b>

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