OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Luke 23:42

CHRIST OUR LIGHT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



PASTOR:

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34th Sunday In Ordinary Time A

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Sunday: (Spanish) 1:00 pm

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First Saturday 9: 00 am Wed, Thurs, Fri 8:30 am Tuesday 6:00 pm (English) Thursday 6:00 pm (Spanish)

Reconciliation Confession

Tues, Thurs

2nd & 4th Saturdays

5:00 – 5:45 pm

Confession by appointment:

Parish Office

Tel: 936-825-3920

Confesiones

Los martes, jueves y el segundo y cuarto sábado a las 5:00-5:45 pm y por cita 936-825-3920

PARISH LIFE

Rosary Prayed in Common

Tues & Thurs: 5:40 pm Wed & Fri: 8:10 am Saturday: 5:15 pm Sunday: 7:15 am & 12:15 pm

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. following the 8:30 AM Masses and will be reposed at 9:00 PM on Wednesdays, Thursdays at 5:45 PM before the 6:00 PM Spanish Mass and Friday at 9:00 PM. The "Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to him in adoration. contemplation full of faith, and open to make amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease. "Please call Mary Rangel @ 936-419-9024

SUNDAY COLLECTION

33rd Week Sunday Collection

11/21/2023 \$3,309.00

Children Collection \$ 49.00

Online Giving \$ 463.76

Maintenance Fund \$ 130.00

Retired Priest \$ 50.00 Second Collection \$ 772.00

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2023

2023 Parish Goal...... \$ 26,000.00

2023 Total Paid

(activity thru 11/17/23) \$ 20,947.00 Difference Goal vs. Paid \$ 5,053.00

POPE PRAYER INTENTION



For persons with disabilities We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

PARISH REGISTRATION

To our new parishioner, we welcome you to Christ Our Light Parish. Please register at the parish office or ask one of the Hospitality Ministers to help you. For parishioners moving out of the parish or changing your address or phone number, **please** notify the parish office: 936-825-3920 or by email: admin@christourlight.org

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

English Baptism preparation is completed via an on-line video class. Spanish Baptism Classes will be held in person. Please call for Rosa or Felisa for class dates and times. All Documents, forms and classes must be completed prior to the next upcoming scheduled Baptism date, turned in, and approved by the Pastor.

The Sacrament of Baptism is a communal celebration; therefore, private baptisms are not celebrated at Christ Our Light.

For English Baptism, contact Susan Pilger at 979-219-1360. For Spanish Baptisms, contact Rosa Torres at \$ 49.00 936-419-8974 or Felisa Paz at 979-\$ 463.76 255-4361.

MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Candle Stands are electrical. Anyone wanting to light a candle may do so by pressing the red button and give an offering. The candle will burn for 12 hours. Memorial Candles burning for one year are \$150.00 each. Come by the parish office to schedule and pay your offering of \$150.00 for your Memorial candle.

THE PARISH THANKS
DOROTHY WILDE, IN MEMORY
OF CECIL WILDE

FOR THIS PAST WEEKEND ALTAR FLOWERS

EACH ONE HAS RECEIVED A GIFT, USE
IT TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER AS GOOD
STEWARDS OF GOD'S VARIED GRACE"
(1 PT 4:10)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

34th SUNDAY ORDINARY-A

GATHER BOOK #1022 Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46 (160) Pss Prop

2.7

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Lk 21:1-4 (503) Pss II

78

Dn 2:31-45 Lk 21:5-11 (504)

29

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Lk 21:12-19 (505)

30

Saint Andrew, Apostle Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22 (684) Pss Prop

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Dn 7:2-14 Lk 21:29-33 (507)

SATURDAY

Dn 7:15-27 Lk 21:34-36 (508)

2

OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION USCCB CHARTER AUDIT CMGConnect online training

The Safe Environment compliance training and renewal training is a condition of employment and for volunteer ministry in our Archdiocese. All clergy, employees, contracted school personnel, volunteers, members of groups, movements, and organizations over the age of 18, who work, volunteer or participate in any capacity are required to complete the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Training and a criminal background check before they may begin employment or volunteer activities. Mandatory renewal training must be completed every five years and a new background check submitted before the five-year expiration of prior training.

For questions regarding the Child and Youth Protection Safe Environment Policy or assistance with compliance issues, contact Jeannie Nelson, Director of the Office of Child and Youth Protection jnelson@archgh.org

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston (archgh.org)



PARISH LIFE

MASS INTENTION

SUNDAY NOV. 26

8:00 AM Cecil Wilde+

People of the Parish 1:00 PM

MONDAY NOV. 27

NO MASS

TUEDAY NOV. 28

6:00 PM Dominguez & Abad Families+

WEDNESDAY NOV. 29

8:30 AM Emilio Leos and Luna Family

THURSDAY NOV. 30

8:30 AM Jesus Orlando Sagrero +

6:00 PM Torres & Rangel Families

FRIDAY DEC 1

8:30 AM First Friday Spanish Legion of

Mary Living & Deceased

SATURDAY DEC 2

9:00 AM First Saturday English Legion of

Mary Living & Deceased

6:00 PM Donald Scamardo +

SUNDAY DEC 2

8:00 am Benefactor's of

The Memorial Fund

1:00 pm Petra Rios +

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

NO CCE Thanksgiving break

DSF Shortage Fund Collection

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

5:15 PM Adult Bible Study, SPH

6:30 PM Spanish Legion of Mary,

Church Cry room

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

5:00 PM to 5:45 PM Confession

7:00 PM English Choir Practice, CH

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

CCE Grades 1-5 SPH/SPCC

Advent Penance Services St. Mattias The

Apostol, Magnolia

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

12:00 PM English Legion of Mary, CH-CR

5:00 PM to 5:45 PM Confession

7:00 PM Spanish Choir Practice, CH

7:00 PM RCIA, SPH

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

6:00 AM TMIY Men's Group, SPH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Retirement Fund for Religious sister Collection

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

Retirement Fund for Religious sister Collection

PRAY for THE CONTINUING RECOVERY OR COMFORT OF

the infirmed and homebound members of our community:

Retired Deacon

Gregory Jelinek

Sarafina Alo

Andrew Castillo

Braxton Castillo

Jo Ann Clepper

Frank Crouch

Elizabeth Culmer

Eva Estrada

Liz Estrada

Lois Finke

Fabryna Hitchcock

Liz Johnson

Rachel Kammel

Mary Ann Knowles

Liz Kubricht

John Lawrence

Christian Mills

Leslie Mills

France Munoz

Angelina Petersen Wallace Petersen

Irene Ramirez

Lucila Rivera

Zek Rueda

Rosalinda Salazar

Josh Sechelski

Sherrie Shiflett

Lydia Torres

Jessie Torres

Polly Uilkie

Jessie Valadez, III

Crystal Winkler

David Woehler

Trần Thi Tuyết Mai

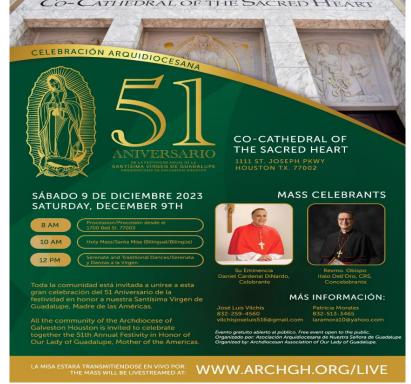
Kim Sechelski

Dawson Shiflett

Call the parish office

when a member of our community has a need to be remembered in prayer, 936-825-3920. Also, if you have added a name to the prayer list, please call to let us know when to remove the name from the list. Thank you.





PARISH LIFE/AROUND OUR ARCHDIOCESE

He must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. (1 Corinthians 15:25)

The kings who ruled over Israel and Judah were charged with defending their people from neighboring enemies who wanted to destroy them. Many kings had failed in this regard, which is why the people were waiting for a Messiah-King, a son of David who would again build a great nation as David had. Then along came Jesus, a Messiah who told people to love their enemies and turn the other cheek. What kind of a king was this?

In today's second reading, St. Paul shows us what kind of king Jesus is—One who has conquered our true enemies: Satan, sin, and death. Jesus didn't come to win a battle between nations; instead, he came to win a cosmic battle with everlasting consequences. That's why we celebrate him today as "King of the Universe."

Unlike an earthly king, Jesus did not engage his enemies with armaments of war. No, he defeated them by dying on a cross. Through his death and resurrection, he saved not just Israel but all who believe in him (1 Corinthians 15:22). Out of his great love for each one of us, Jesus offered himself up, disarming the devil and draining sin of its power. Now we are forgiven, redeemed, and given the grace to love and forgive others as he has done for us. And though we still see evil in the world, we know that Jesus will destroy "every sovereignty and every authority and power" when he comes again (15:24).

Today at Mass, let's recommit ourselves to living under the reign of this great King. Let's tell him that we are ready to join him in rescuing his creation from the powers of darkness. Our King has already shown us how to do this: by offering ourselves in love to one another. Because without a doubt, love is the most powerful force in the universe!

"Jesus, King of kings, reign in my heart today and always." Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 - WORD AMONG US Él tiene que reinar hasta que el Padre ponga bajo sus pies a todos sus enemigos. (1 Corintios 15, 25)

Los reyes que gobernaron Israel y Judá debieron esforzarse por defender a sus pueblos de los enemigos vecinos que querían destruirlos. Muchos reyes habían fracasado en este sentido, y esa es la razón por la cual el pueblo estaba esperando a un Mesías y Rey, un hijo de David que construiría de nuevo una gran nación como la que David había tenido. Luego vino Jesús, un Mesías que les dijo a las personas que amaran a sus enemigos y pusieran la otra mejilla. ¿Qué clase de rey era este?

En la segunda lectura de hoy, San Pablo nos muestra la clase de rey que es Jesús, Aquel que ha vencido a los verdaderos enemigos: Satanás, el pecado y la muerte. Jesús no vino a ganar una guerra entre naciones; más bien, vino a ganar una batalla cósmica con consecuencias eternas. Esa es la razón por la cual hoy lo celebramos como "Rey del Universo".

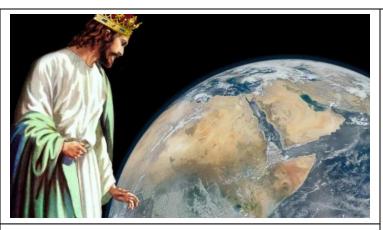
A diferencia de un rey terrenal, Jesús no luchó contra sus enemigos con armas de guerra, él los venció muriendo en una cruz. A través de su muerte y su resurrección, salvó no solo a Israel sino a todos los que creyeron en él (1 Corintios 15, 22). Por el gran amor que nos tiene, Jesús se ofreció a sí mismo, desarmando al enemigo y dejando al pecado sin poder. Ahora somos perdonados, redimidos y tenemos la gracia para amar y perdonar a otros como él hizo por nosotros. Y aunque aun vemos maldad en el mundo, sabemos que Jesús destruirá "todos los poderes del mal" cuando regrese (15, 24).

Hoy en la Misa, comprometámonos nuevamente a vivir bajo el reinado de este gran Rey. Digámosle que estamos preparados para unirnos a él para rescatar su creación de los poderes de la oscuridad. Nuestro Rey ya nos ha mostrado cómo hacer esto: Ofreciéndonos por amor a los otros. Porque sin duda, jel amor es la fuerza más poderosa del universo!

"Señor Jesús, Rey de reyes, te suplico que reines en mi corazón hoy y siempre."

Ezequiel 34, 11-12. 15-17 Salmo 23 (22), 1-2a. 2b-3. 5-6Mateo 25, 31-46





Why do we celebrate "Christ the King"?

Pope Pius XI instituted the feast in 1925 in the midst of the political tumult following World War I

Although the annual celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King has been part of the life and prayer of the Church for many years, two years ago I had an opportunity to experience this celebration in a very different context: with a Protestant community celebrating "Reign of Christ" Sunday. Their observance of this day provided me with a new perspective on this feast and for what it can mean for all, particularly in these post–election days when our nation, communities, and families seem more divided than ever before.

And so, to help us have a better sense of what this Sunday's celebration is all about, I think it's important for us to consider the history of the feast and the reasons that we have a special day dedicated to the Universal Sovereignty of Christ as part of our liturgical calendar.

When Pope Pius XI instituted a special feast honoring Christ "the King" in 1925, he grieved for a world that had been ravaged by the First World War and which had begun to bow down before the "lords" of exploitative consumerism, nationalism, secularism, and new forms of injustice. The old power structures in Europe and the Middle East were fading into memory (including the colonial system that allowed European nations to claim lands in Africa, Southeast Asia, and South America). A new and uncertain world was rising in their place.

Pope Pius recognized that, for the Christian, those passing empires and colonies did not define who *or whose* they were. Instead, he reflected that the kingdom to which Christians belong is "spiritual and concerned with spiritual things... it demands of its subjects a spirit of detachment from riches and earthly things, and a spirit of gentleness. They must hunger and thirst after justice and more than this, they must deny themselves and carry the cross" (from the Encyclical *Quas primas*, 15). Pope Pius envisioned "a dominion by a King of Peace who came to reconcile all things, who came not to be served but to serve" (20). As the Second Reading this Sunday reminds us, the reign of Christ embraces all people. This is certainly a timely reminder as we confront violence, uncertainty, and questions about what we owe to those who are the victims of terror and oppression.

The idea of a "king" is very foreign to most of us. In fact, there are only 29 sovereign monarchs in the world today. (This number would be 30, if we include Pope Francis as the sovereign head of Vatican City.) And yet, in our communities, many of us will sing great hymns like

"To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King" and "Crown Him with Many Crowns." By limiting the focus of this feast to the kingship of Christ, we risk losing the broader view of what we are really celebrating today: our citizenship in the Kingdom of God. And the message that we hear today is that we can no longer identify simply ourselves as "American," "Navajo," "Italian," "Dutch," "Sudanese," or "Thai." We have been claimed by and for Christ in our baptism and our true home is in the Reign of Christ—a reality that surpasses the limits of boundaries, ethnicities, and even time itself. We are co-citizens of God's Kingdom, with all the Communion of Saints.

In the end, this Sunday's celebration of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe reminds us that the Kingdom of Christ isn't some far-off reality. We are living in that Kingdom now. After all, Jesus tells the dying thief "Today you will be with me in Paradise." But this feast also reminds us that while we should honor Jesus as our "Sovereign King," we must also emulate his total gift of himself, perfectly embodied in his sacrifice on the Cross. It is only by imitating our thorn-crowned King that we can help bring relief to those who suffer and God's healing mercy to those who long for forgiveness, helping to proclaim the Good News of the Reign of Christ in the world today.

What does it mean for you to be a citizen in the Kingdom of Christ? How are you being called to promote Pope Pius' vision of the Reign of Christ in the world today?

As we mark the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, how have you experienced God's boundless love and tenderness in this Jubilee Year? Words of Wisdom: "Jesus in Galilee was not teaching a religious doctrine for his listeners to learn and follow. He was proclaiming an event, so could accept it joyfully and faithfully. No one saw him as a teacher devoted to explaining the religious traditions of Israel. They knew a prophet with a passion for a fuller life for everyone, who only wanted people to embrace God, so that God's reign of justice and mercy would become ever wider and more joyful. His goal was... to hasten the coming of the long-awaited reign of God, which meant life, justice and peace."—José A. Pagola, Jesus: An Historical Approximation Brother Silas Henderson, SDS – published on 11/19/16



HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM GOLDEN CREEK NURSING HOME!

8 Things You Didn't Know About the Feast of Christ the King

On the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar, today is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, more commonly known as the Feast of Christ the King.

The last Sunday of the liturgical year (next week is Advent!), this feast reminds us that whatever earth powers may do or ask of us, Christ is the true king that should reign in our hearts.

Here are 8 things about this awesome feast you may not have

1) It was instituted less than 100 years ago in 1925

In the aftermath of the First World War, in the midst of the rise of Communism in Russia, and during the 16th centenary of the Council of Nicaea (325), Pope Pius XI instituted the feast in his 1925 encyclical *Quas Primas*, though its first celebration took place in 1926.

2) It was first celebrated on Halloween in 1926

It was originally supposed to be the last Sunday of October, just before the Feast of All Saints – which, in 1926, just happened to be October 31st.

3) In 1969, Pope Paul VI revised the feast, giving it its current name and date

Pope Paul VI gave the feast its current full title (the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe) and moved it to the last Sunday of the liturgical year.

4) The feast was a response to the rise of secularization, atheism, and communism

While the world was increasingly telling Christians that they must compartmentalize their religion and give their highest allegiance to the government, Pope Pius XI wrote regarding the feast:

If to Christ our Lord is given all power in heaven and on earth; if all men, purchased by his precious blood, are by a new right subjected to his dominion; if this power embraces all men, it must be clear that not one of our faculties is exempt from his empire. He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. (Quas Primas, 33)

5) Despite its recent Catholic origins, the feast is celebrated by many Protestants

Even though it was created by a pope less than a hundred years ago, some Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists, and Presbyterians celebrate the feast.

6) In the protestant Church of Sweden, this Sunday is called "the Sunday of Doom"

Its official name is "the Return of Christ," but its colloquial name comes from the fact that they give a particular focus on the Last Judgement at Christ's Second Coming.

7) Some Anglicans refer to this Sunday as "Stir-up Sunday"

This Sunday got this name for two reasons:

First, the Anglican collect for the day begins with the words, "Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people..." Second, some old pudding recipes require the pudding to sit for several weeks before being cooked. This Sunday became a day that people would traditionally begin preparing pudding for Christians, which includes "stirring it up."

These two things came together in people's minds, as Wikipedia explains: "Supposedly, cooks, wives and their servants would go to church, hear the words 'Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord...', and be reminded, by association of ideas, that it was about time to start stirring up the puddings for Christmas."



8) The "Christ the King" statue in Poland is the largest statue of

Jesus in the world At 33 meters tall (one meter for each year of Jesus' earthly life), the Christ the King statue is 3 meters taller than the Christ the Redeemer in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. EWTN -Church Pop.com



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Thursday December 7, 2023 Vigil Mass 6:00 pm Friday December 8, 2023 Feast Day 8:30 am & 6:00 pm

Whatever you do to others...

Jesus is a fair king. In today's Gospel reading, He tells us how He will judge people at the end of time. Those who were good to God will be saved, and those who were not good to Him will be condemned. Whoever is good to others is good to God, and whoever is unkind to others is unkind to God.



Our Lord cares so much about His people that He will judge us according to how we treat each

other. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and the King, and He cares about every one of us specially. Imagine a king who came to see every one of his subjects to make sure that they were doing okay. Well, Jesus does more than that- He died for us on

the cross! He looks after us all the time, and He says that anyone who is unkind to us will be judged as being unkind to Him.

Christ the King is the just judge. How do you think you will be judged when you die, or at the end of time? Are you kind to others? Do you ever think about how you would treat Jesus if He were here? Do you treat other people the way you would treat Jesus?



Answers to match-up puzzle: I myself will pasture them.

Answers to match-up puzzle: I. you gave me food, 2 you gave me drink,
3 you welcomed me, 4 you clothed me, 5 you cared for me, 6 you visited me.

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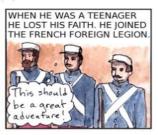


What does God say about His people in the first reading? Use the code to find out some of what He said.



Saint Charles de Foucauld December 1

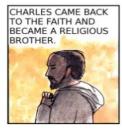


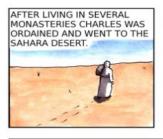






PRAYED TO GOD TO GIVE HIM FAITH.







HE LIVED NEAR A MUSLIM TRIBE AND LEARNED THEIR LAN-GUAGE. AFTER SPENDING 15 YEARS PRAYING AND WORKING HE WAS MURDERED BY ENEMY TRIBESMEN.

WHEN HE WAS YOUNGER, SAINT CHARLES CARED ONLY ABOUT HAVING FUN. BUT GOD PUT IN HIS HEART A DESIRE TO KNOW HIM. THEN WHEN CHARLES PRAYED, GOD GAVE HIM THE GIFT OF FAITH. DO YOU KNOW PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW GOD? CAN YOU PRAY AND DO A SACRIFICE FOR THEM TODAY?

Gospel Match-Up

In today's Gospel reading, Our Lord tells the people how they will be judged. What did the righteous people do when they found people in need?

See if you can match up the needs on the left with the help on the right!

- I was hungry and •
- you welcomed me,
- 2. I was thirsty and •
- you clothed me,
- a stranger and •
- you gave me drink,

4. naked and •

 you cared for me,

5. ill and •

- · you visited me.
- 6. in prison and •
- you gave me food,













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