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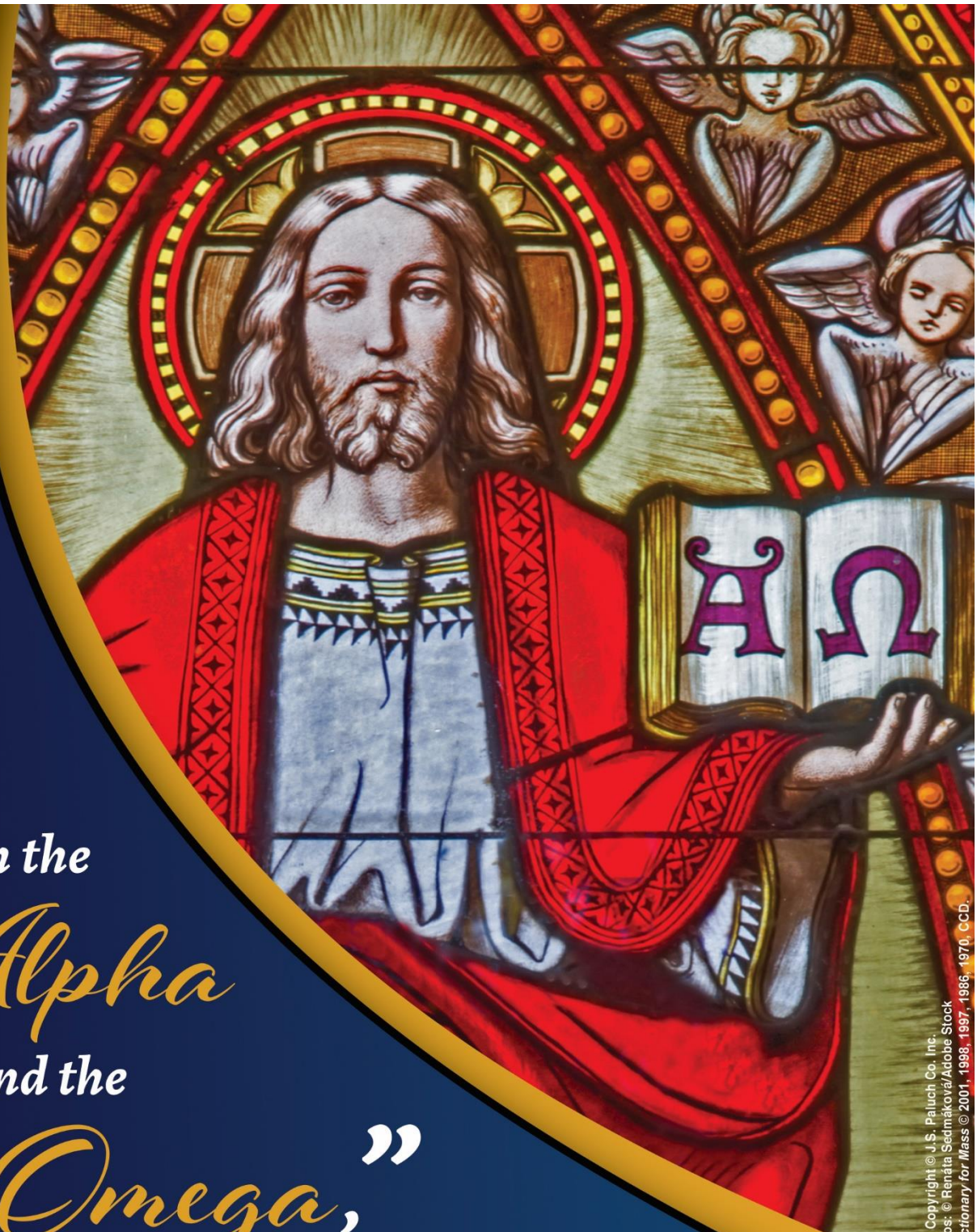

"I am the Alpha and the Omega,"

says the Lord God,
"the one who is and who was
and who is to come, the almighty."

Revelation 1:8

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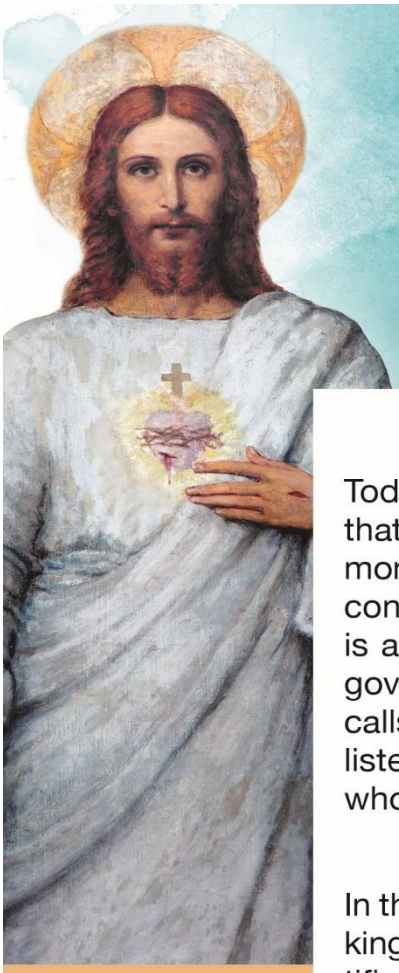

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead and
ruler of the kings of the earth.
To him be glory and power
forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 1:5, 6

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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A KING LIKE NO OTHER

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. It is likely that when we think of a king, the image that comes to mind is of pomp, ceremony, and civic authority. Jesus is a king like no other. He is not bound by the constraints of time or place. His authority is everlasting. He is the one "who is and who was and who is to come." Jesus does not rule as earthly kings govern. Jesus reigns in humble obedience to the will of God the Father and calls us to do the same. It is by following the truth of Christ's command and listening to his voice of love that we are made into a kingdom, serving the One whose dominion is everlasting.

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST

In the waters of Baptism, we were drawn into Christ, who is priest, prophet, and king and called to be "alter Christus," "other Christs." Christ who is priest sanctifies the everyday stuff of life, building a bridge between God and humanity. Christ who is prophet proclaims God's love and mercy in a world that desperately needs it. Christ who is king rules the universe in loving, sacrificial service. We who are baptized into Christ are called to bring God's love into our hearts, homes, places of work, and the wider world. We are called to show and share God's love to others, especially those who most need the care, compassion, and forgiveness that is at the heart of Christ's eternal message. We are called to give of ourselves beyond what might seem reasonable, in imitation of our Lord and king who gave himself on the cross and who reigns forever.

CALLED TO LISTEN AND SERVE

Jesus said to Pilate, "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Jesus spoke to the disciples and his voice reaches through the ages in the words of sacred scripture and the tradition of the Church. In prayer, participation in the liturgy, and learning from the saints and the teachings of the Church, we grow in belonging to the truth of Christ's love. We hear and follow Jesus' command to wash others' feet, to love as he loves, to serve as he serves. And while it is certainly our duty to do so, there is more to our service than merely fulfilling the instructions of another. We fulfill Christ's command as a grateful response to the incredible love of God for us. How will you listen to and serve the Lord? How will you make Jesus the king of your heart and life?

TODAY'S READINGS

Daniel 7:13–14
Psalm 93:1, 1–2, 5
Revelation 1:5–8
John 18:33b–37

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 20

5:00 pm.....Rito Rocha RIP (4th Anniversary)

Sunday, November 21

9:00 am.....Rito Rocha RIP (4th Anniversary)

Weekly Parish Activities

Sunday, November 21

St. Mary

8:30 am..... Confession
9:00 am..... Holy Mass

Our Lady of Guadalupe

10:00 am.....Confession
10:30 am.....Holy Mass

Sacred Heart

11:00 am.....Confession
11:30 am.....Holy Mass

St. Brendan

3:15 pm..... RCIA
4:30 pm..... Confession
5:00 pm..... Holy Mass
7:00 pm.....Al-Anon Meeting

Monday, November 22

8:00 am.....Daily Mass (St. Brendan)

Tuesday, November 23

8:00 am.....Daily Mass (St. Brendan)
12:00 pm..... Al-Anon Meeting (St. Brendan)

Wednesday, November 24

6:30 pm.....Daily Mass (St. Brendan)

Thursday, November 25

8:00 am.....Daily Mass (St. Brendan)
7:00 pm.....Al-Anon Meeting (St. Brendan)

Friday, November 26

8:00 am.....Daily Mass (St. Brendan)

Saturday, November 27

8:00 am.....TMIY (St. Brendan)
4:30 pm.....Confession (St. Brendan)
5:00 pm.....Holy Mass (St. Brendan)
7:00 pm.....Confession (St. Mary)
7:30 pm.....Santa Misa (St. Mary)

NEW Office Hours: Monday through Thursday form 9-2. Please call (254-965-5693) or email stbrendancc@gmail.com with questions or to make an appointment.

CHRIST, THE KING — November 21, 2021

The selection from the book of Daniel presented in today's first reading was part of an attempt to weave a vision of ultimate success for the Jews under persecution. Exactly whom the author had in mind when he refers to "one like a Son of Man" is hotly disputed by scholars today. The fact is, we simply do not know if the author meant anyone in particular or if this is a collective, figurative image of Israel's triumph. What we do know is that the early Christian community seized upon this passage and recognized it as a messianic prophecy, a foretelling of the ultimate triumph of Jesus as the Christ of God. The Lectionary's juxtaposition of this text with today's Gospel narrative of Jesus before Pilate is a wonderful example of how the liturgy "layers" passages with new meaning by inserting them in a particular context.

The celebration of Christ the King allows us to hear these passages with a new depth of meaning in light of our contemporary understanding of how, in Jesus and his resurrection and ascension, we have seen the fulfillment of Daniel's vision of ultimate deliverance. The veiled admission of Jesus before Pilate that he did indeed have a kingdom "not here" takes on new meaning against the cosmic vision of Daniel, who allows us to glimpse the "Ancient One" on his heavenly throne.

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CRISTO REY — 21 de noviembre de 2021

La selección del libro de Daniel para la primera lectura de hoy forma parte de un intento de tejer una visión del éxito final de los judíos perseguidos. Exactamente qué tenía el autor en mente cuando se refiere a "uno semejante a un Hijo de hombre" es muy disputado por los eruditos de hoy. El hecho es que, simplemente, no sabemos si el autor quiso decir a alguien en particular o si se trata de una imagen colectiva, figurativa del triunfo de Israel. Lo que sí sabemos es que la primera comunidad cristiana se apoderó de este pasaje y lo reconoció como una profecía mesiánica, un anuncio de la victoria final de Jesús como el Cristo de Dios. El contraste que hace el leccionario de este texto con la narrativa del Evangelio de hoy de Jesús ante Pilato es un maravilloso ejemplo de cómo la liturgia da a ciertos pasajes nuevas "capas" de significado mediante la inserción en un contexto particular.

La celebración de Cristo Rey nos permite escuchar estos pasajes con una nueva profundidad de significado a la luz de nuestra comprensión contemporánea de cómo, en Jesús y su Resurrección y Ascensión, hemos visto el cumplimiento de la visión de Daniel de la liberación final. La admisión velada de Jesús ante Pilato que, efectivamente, él tenía un reino pero "no aquí" toma un nuevo significado con la visión cósmica de Daniel sirviendo de fondo, que nos permite vislumbrar al "Anciano" en su trono celestial.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28 Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Giving: During this challenging time, we depend on donations to keep our parish family going. Please take advantage of online giving by visiting our parish website at www.stbrendanscc.org and click Donate Now-Online Giving. **Prefer Mail?** Make check payable to your parish and mail to 1444 W. Washington St. Stephenville, TX 76401

- Helping Hands will be having a bake sale after the 9am Mass this weekend. Helping Hands members, please bring baked goods. Christmas basket tickets are on sale, 1 for $1 or 6 for $5.
- There will be a **second collection** **THIS WEEKEND** for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development.**
- The office will be closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving.
- Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 8am at St. Brendan only.

The 2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal is now underway throughout the Diocese of Fort Worth.

Through this annual campaign, the Diocese funds programs and ministries for the nearly one million Catholics it serves in 90 parishes and missions throughout the 28 counties it serves.

If you have not received a mail out from the Diocese on the appeal, commitment envelopes contain detailed information on this year's campaign as well as a pledge card with various options for payment, are in the back of all 4 churches. You can mail your payment or pledge card directly to the Diocese office in Fort Worth in the envelope.

THANK YOU for your past support of this effort. Through your generous support, the Diocese of Fort Worth will continue to serve the needs of our Diocesan family. Here is the latest ADA report from the Diocese:

As 11-11-21

Our Lady of Guadalupe…17 donors…Goal $6000 Committed…4946 (82%) Paid…$3556 (59%)

St. Mary's…25 donors…Goal $16,700 Committed $6520 (39%) Paid…$6660 (38%)

St. Brendan's…18 donors…Goal $18,000 Committed…$7205 (40%) Paid…$5265 (29%)

Sacred Heart…2 donor…Goal $6300 Committed…$470 (7%) Paid…$470 (7%)

PRAYER CORNER: Please pray for the different intentions of each person this week for: Manoo, Jason Landry, Teresa Esquivel Garnicia, Rebeka, Sadie, Darlene Vick, Kendall Osman, Vicky Flores, Carol Caibaiosai, Julietta Landeros-Caibaiosai, Arturo Steve Rodriguez, Clifford Goble, Elizabeth Ford, Albert & Sandra Olivan, Freddy Pulido, Dan Kernaghan, Shiloh Family, Mike Hill, Sam Pier Family, Bill Cook, JoAnn, Bill Svadlenka, Florin Schlautman, Acuña family, Madeline, Mark, Wendi, Kristina, Mike Roberts, Bob Haschke's Mom, Maria Cruz, Eddie Dunn, Julie Vecera, Paul, Gordon, Pelletier Family, Vicki Rawlings, Richard Petronis, Lou Hinzman, Bill O'Neal, Bole Family, Jody Cornell, Tye Coapland, Neide Gonsalves, Jackie Demetruk, Natal Mello, Poplin family, Carl Volleman, John McCarthy, Irma Lopez, Jennifer Lancaster and Family, Della Munson and Husband, Ismael M, Mack McCormick, Ann Blair, Paulette Jones, Amanda Nicholson, Jocelyn Lewis, Rudy Guerrero, Nursing Home Patients, all the homebound and ill, and for all the souls in purgatory.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a blood drive along with CarterBlood Care on **Sunday December 5, 2021** at Newman Hall from 9am-2pm. On-line registration is encouraged but walk-in are always welcome.(carterbloodcare.org). A full breakfast will be provided for all those donating and Carter will be testing all donations for Covid antibodies. For more information, contact John or Jeanette Seifert. 254-592-4574.

Please pray St. Brendan's prayer to help us to be successful in our Voyage to our faith and ministry!

Help me to journey beyond the familiar and into the unknown.
Give me the faith to leave old ways and break fresh ground with you.
Christ of the mysteries, I trust you to be stronger than each storm in me.
I will trust in the darkness and know that my times, even now, are in your hand.
Tune my spirit to the music of heaven, and somehow, make my obedience count for you.
Amen!

As a small but growing ministry, we strive to help students encounter the love of God and witness the depth and beauty of the Church. There is still much work to be done, but God has been faithful and will continue to make a way. Between now and November 30th, please prayerfully consider giving a donation to support CCM, and please share our mission with others! But more than anything, please pray for our students, ministry and staff!

"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain." Psalm 127:1

https://fortworth.igivecatholic.org/organizations/tarleton-catholic-campus-ministry

FAITH CORNER

FEAST OF FAITH: Procession

"The Mass is ended, go in peace." At the beginning of Mass, the ministers entered in solemn procession, an emblem of the diverse community that comes together around the altar each week to celebrate the Eucharist. As Mass ends, another procession forms, and the ministers go forth from the church. This concluding procession also acts as an emblem of the entire assembly, who, nourished by the Eucharist, will now go forth to our scattered homes and places of work to be a transforming leaven of the gospel in the world. At the beginning of Mass, the priest kissed the altar as a sign of greeting, a gesture of reverence for Christ. Now, the priest reverences the altar again, this time in a gesture of farewell. We gather our things and go forth as we entered—but not quite. Through our celebration of the Eucharist, we have renewed our commitment to service of Christ our King, and we go forth nourished, strengthened, renewed—changed.
—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FIESTA DE LA FE: La misa no termina

El sacerdote nos saluda una vez más, como nos saludó al principio. Nos da la bendición y luego, el sacerdote o diácono despide a la asamblea con una encomienda muy propia, ir en paz. La misa no se da por concluida, como quien rompe lo sagrado y lo separa de lo no-sagrado. Es un envío pleno que hace el ministro ordenado para que vayamos al mundo, a nuestra vida diaria a ser el pan que hemos partido y compartido; a ser el vino alegre que lleva a la vida a los ambientes más distantes que, a veces, son los nuestros. La asamblea ha de ir animada por la Palabra de Dios que se le ha proclamado a ser la palabra viva de Dios en medio del pueblo mismo. Vamos fortalecidos por la comunidad eclesial con la que nos hemos hecho uno en comunión y con quienes hemos compartido de un mismo pan; vamos a ser comunidad en nuestros barrios y lugares de trabajo, a compartir nuestro pan con quien tiene hambre y a vivir la comunión aún por encima de nuestra diversidad de pensamiento. Somos enviados a transformar el mundo, a "cristificarlo", a hacer que sea como Cristo, a quien hemos recibido en la comunión.
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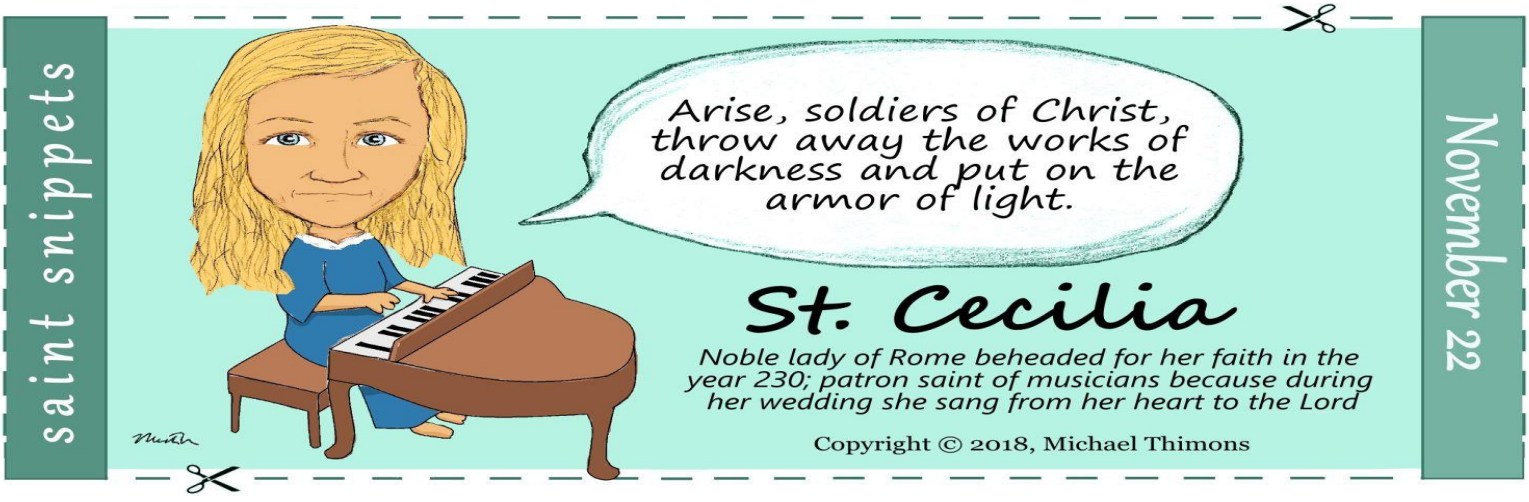

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Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro (1891-1927)
November 23

Graham Greene's classic The Power and the Glory immortalized Mexico's persecuted Church of the 1920s. But photographs of Father Pro—arms outstretched to image Christ Crucified, kneeling in prayer before the firing squad, crumpled dead on the ground—vividly, visually remind us that not long ago, not far away, the faith we take for granted cost everything! Born to a mining family, Miguel became a Jesuit and was sent to study Catholic labor movements in Belgium in preparation for evangelizing Mexico's workers. But he returned to find a Mexico determined to annihilate Catholicism, and, like priests before him during Roman persecutions, England's Reformation, and in China today, ministered secretly to an "underground Church" until apprehended and sentenced to the firing squad. In his final moments, Father Pro blessed his executioners, forgave his enemies, and shouted: "Viva el Cristo Rey!—Long Live Christ the King!" his defiant, dying proclamation of ultimate, transcendent loyalty. Father Pro's martyrdom reinvigorated that beleaguered Church, whose countless faithful, never again afraid, would throng John Paul II when he visited Pro's beloved Mexico fifty-two years later.
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