

## November 20, 2022: Christ the King

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD!

I love to celebrate the weekly Mass for the students at St Peter's School. I do so once a month. This week (November 16) we had one powerful first reading from the Book of Revelation 4: 1-11, where St John has a VISION OF AN OPEN DOOR TO HEAVEN! I asked the students to raise their hands if they wanted to go to Heaven. All hands went up...Then, I asked: "WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WHEN YOU ARE IN HEAVEN?"

To find the answer, I told the children to ask their parents or their teachers to read with them those first 11 verses of chapter 4 of the last book in their Bible: the challenging Book of Revelation...

St John has a vision of four LIVING CREATURES around the "throne", who DAY AND NIGHT DO NOT STOP EXCLAIMING:

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, who was, and who is, and who is to come."

At every Mass, the Preface (preceding the Eucharistic Prayer and Consecration) ends with our singing with all the Angels and Saints in Heaven. On this Feast Day of St Gertrude the Great (she died on this very day November 16...721 years ago), I prayed the First Preface for Saints, with the following ending:

"And so, WITH the ANGELS and Archangels, and with the GREAT MULTITUDE OF SAINTS, WE SING THE HYMN OF YOUR PRAISE AS WITHOUT END WE ACCLAIM:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD OF HOSTS, HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY.

HOSANNAH IN THE HIGHEST, BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. HOSANNAH IN THE HIGHEST! "

Some of these joyful words of praise to God are also found in PSALM 150, which concludes the entire Book of Psalms (also called Psalter):

"HALLELUJAH!

PRAISE GOD IN HIS HOLY SANCTUARY; GIVE PRAISE IN THE MIGHTY DOME OF HEAVEN. GIVE PRAISE FOR HIS MIGHTY DEEDS, PRAISE HIM FOR HIS GREAT MAJESTY.

Give praise with blasts upon the horn, praise Him with harp and lyre. Give praise with tambourines and dance, praise Him with crashing cymbals. Let everything that has breath GIVE PRAISE TO THE LORD!

HALLELUJAH!"

The Church teaches that "To be in Heaven is to be with God all the time!" We know that the MASS is an anticipation of the Heavenly Banquet: the wedding of Jesus Christ and the CHURCH. St John Paul II says

to each one of us: "MASS IS HEAVEN ON EARTH". At MASS we are with GOD, and we PRAISE HIM with the entire Church, including WITH ALL THE SAINTS IN HEAVEN. When we enter Heaven, we join the multitude of saints. We believe that we will then join all the faithful on earth in singing hymns of praise to God...

So what will we do in Heaven? We will constantly PRAISE AND LOVE GOD! We will also pray for those on earth in need of our intercessory prayer. As Little Flower said: 'When I am in Heaven, I will come down on earth to help those in need!'

Let us remind all those who eagerly desire to go to Heaven, that they should also have the same great desire 'to be with God' while on earth. As SIN is what separates us from GOD, and we are all sinners, WE SHOULD ALL GO TO CONFESSION and obtain FORGIVENESS TODAY! TOMORROW MIGHT BE TOO LATE!

Next time, you hear that someone no longer goes to Mass regularly, ask the question: 'DO YOU WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN?' Then ask the follow-up question: "HOW COME YOU CANNOT FIND ONE HOUR TO BE WITH GOD AT MASS ON SUNDAY IF YOUR GREATEST DESIRE IS TO BE WITH GOD FOR EVER AND EVER?" To miss Sunday Mass when we are not sick is a grave sin. We need to go to Confession as early as possible so that we can receive the Holy Communion in a state of grace.

Let us join the Angels and Saints praising God: "Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee: Holy, Holy Holy! Merciful and mighty. God in three Persons, blessed Trinity."

"Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea: Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be"

May you all have a most blessed Thanksgiving Day with your family and friends! Praise the Lord, and give Him thanks for everything!

One in Christ,

Father Alain



**\*We are asked to pray for:**  
Josephina Knapp  
David Mesler  
Genevieve Van Gordon  
Brandon Mack

Nadashda Mack  
David James Kitley  
Justin Farmer  
Laura Flaim

*Names will be removed after 3 months.*



### Mass Intentions this Week

**Saturday, November 19,**

**9:00 AM:** Milton Galván

**5:00 PM:** Lorrin Green (+)

**Sunday, November 20,**

**8:30 AM:** OLHOC Parishioners

**10:00AM:** Theresa Davis

**11:30 AM:** Jeannette Fotang (+)

**7:00PM:** Rodolfo & Candido Carranza (+)

**Monday, November 21,**

**7:00 AM:** Souls in Purgatory

**9:00AM:** Fr. Raul De los Santos

**Tuesday, November 22,**

**9:00AM:** David DeMarr (+)

**Wednesday, November 23,**

**9:00 AM:** Tomasky family

**7:00PM:** Gilbert Sanchez

**Thursday, November 24,**

**9:00AM:** Jose & AnnaMarie Gonzales & family

**Friday, November 25,**

**7:00 AM:** Denise Rivera (+)

**9:00AM:** Andrews family

*Remember to pray for troubled youths and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory*

### Healing Mass Today!

Today, November 20, there will be a Healing following the 7 pm Mass at OLHOC.

Come, receive the healing power of the Holy Spirit on the 3rd Sunday each month

### Parish Penance Service

**Monday, December 5th beginning at 7 pm is our Parish's Advent Penance Service. 12 Priests will be available to hear Confessions.**

**Please take this opportunity to prepare your soul for the coming of the Christ Child.**

**Tuesday Scripture Study** - Join us on Tuesday mornings after the 9 am Mass to study the readings for the next Sunday.

**Friday Scripture Study** - The Friday night scripture study is now online. Please call the office for information on how to join us.

**First Friday** - The first Friday of each month the evening Mass in Latin is dedicated to promoting the Priesthood. Following evening Mass, devotion to the Alliance of the two Hearts.

**First Saturday** - Join members of the Marian Group on the first Saturday of the month after the 9 am Mass. Learn more about consecrating your life to Jesus through Mary.

**Divine Mercy** - Join us on the first Saturday of each month as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a community at 3 PM.

**OLHOC Prayer Chain**

If you have a prayer request, please call the parish office or send email [office@alhoc.org](mailto:office@alhoc.org).

### Mass Readings for November 27, 2022

#### 1st Sunday of Advent

**\*First Reading**  
Isaiah 2:1-5

**\*Second Reading**  
Romans 13:11-14

**\*Gospel**  
Matthew 24:37-44

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## Cookbook

Our Lady Help of Christians is planning to publish an international cookbook. The cookbook will celebrate the parish's diversity and rich cultural heritage. Please submit recipes, and invite your families and friends to submit them also. You can include comments about each recipe: for example, perhaps it is a family favorite, or maybe it was handed down by parents or grandparents. Recipes can be as easy as a quick snack or as complex as a main course.

**Please submit one to five recipes by December 31:**

Email them to Pat Viets at:  
[patricia1202@comcast.net](mailto:patricia1202@comcast.net)

Text them to 301-848-5902

Submit them online at:  
[www.olhoc.org/cookbook](http://www.olhoc.org/cookbook)

Or drop them off at the OLHOC Office.  
 (Please include your name.)

Thank you, and bon appétit!

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## CCD

The 1st Communion workshop is today Sunday November 20th at 10 am for students and parents.

The workshop for Confirmation will be at 2:30 pm today also. Attendance is mandatory for students and parents. A Youth Mass will begin at 4 pm in the Father Martin Hall, after the workshop.

*No CCD classes November 27 and 28th.*



## Giving Tuesday

On Giving Tuesday, November 29th, if you would like to support Our Lady Help of Christians, particularly our youth, please go to:

<https://washington.igivecatholic.org/organizations/our-lady-help-of-christians-catholic-church-waldorf>



## Breakfast with St. Nick

Saturday, December 3rd from 9-11 am, St. Nick will be here to join us for breakfast. Come, enjoy tasty pancakes, bacon or sausage with a warm beverage or orange juice.

Tickets are \$10 each, on sale this weekend, online and at the event.

See you there!

# *Forgiven*

***Classes continue on Thursdays (6:45-8:00 PM), and Saturdays (9:45-11:00 AM). It is not too late to attend.***

***Babysitting is available on Thursdays. For more information—  
[www.olhoc.org/forgiven](http://www.olhoc.org/forgiven)***

## **Outreach**

This weekend, we are packing and delivering 50 Thanksgiving baskets. Volunteers are needed for delivering after the 8:30 Mass.

We are still in need of the following: canned corn, green beans, cranberry sauce, gravy (canned or jar), stuffing, sweet potatoes/yams, fruit cocktail, mashed potatoes. Thank you all in advance!

The next outreach meeting is Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. in Fr. Martin Hall. The next Shepherd's Table is Dec. 15th at Good Shepherd Church.

## **Thanksgiving November 24**



Mass of Thanksgiving will be Wednesday, November 23 at 7 PM, and Thursday morning at 9 AM. If you would like to have your food blessed, please bring it to the church for the Wednesday evening Mass. The food will be blessed in the Narthex.

## **Christmas Cards**

*Please support the Knights of Columbus by purchasing your Christmas cards from them. They will be in the Narthex this weekend and next. Shop early for the best selections!*



### **Singers Needed!**

OLHOC is looking for girls to join the Girls' Choir to sing on Christmas Eve at the 5 pm Mass.

Rehearsals are on Thursdays, from 5:30-7 pm (except Thanksgiving).

We look forward to hearing you soon!