

Reflexión Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo

Hoy como Iglesia, concluimos nuestro año litúrgico y celebramos la Fiesta de Cristo Rey. El Evangelio que proclamamos muestra el gran misterio de nuestra fe: en el momento de su crucifixión, Jesús se muestra Rey y Salvador de todos.

El Evangelio de Lucas ha estado cargado de sorpresas: los pobres son ricos, los pecadores encuentran la salvación, el Reino de Dios se encuentra en medio de nosotros. Aquí vemos la mayor sorpresa de todas. Estamos frente a Jesús crucificado, de quien la fe nos dice que es Rey y Salvador de todos. La ironía es que la inscripción colocada en la cruz, quizás como burla, contiene la verdad más profunda. Mientras los líderes se burlan, el ladrón crucificado a su lado reconoce a Jesús como Mesías y Rey, y encuentra la salvación.

Jesús es Rey, pero no el tipo de rey que podríamos haber imaginado o esperado. Su reinado estaba oculto a muchos de sus contemporáneos, pero aquellos que tenían los ojos de la fe podían ver. Como discípulos modernos de Jesús, nosotros también luchamos a veces por reconocer a Jesús como Rey: el hombre humilde que fue sometido a una muerte vergonzosa y violenta. El Evangelio de hoy nos invita a hacer nuestro propio juicio.

Podríamos preguntarnos: ¿Qué significa realmente para nosotros que Nuestro Señor Jesucristo sea Rey del Universo? ¿Qué sugiere esto acerca de los reyes, reinas, presidentes, primeros ministros, primeros ministros, gobernadores y otros jefes de países, estados, en este mundo? ¿Cuántos de ellos crees que consideran a Jesucristo como su Rey del Universo sobre todos ellos?

El miércoles pasado me convertí, oficialmente, en ciudadano de los Estados Unidos de América. Como la mayoría de ustedes, ahora le debo lealtad a este país, a su presidente y a sus leyes. Sin embargo, sé que esto se relaciona con este mundo y tiempo. Mi mayor lealtad siempre será para el Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo.

La solemnidad de hoy se observa cada año para que también nosotros, con los ojos de la fe, elevemos el corazón y la mente en homenaje a Jesús, el Crucificado, que es verdaderamente Rey, “en quien tenemos redención y el perdón de los pecados”. Es a él a quien el Padre ha dado todo poder en el cielo y en la tierra.

Que nuestro Señor, Rey del Universo, bendiga y guíe nuestros corazones y mentes mientras oramos: Dios todopoderoso y siempre vivo, cuya voluntad es restaurar todas las cosas en tu amado Hijo, el Rey del universo, concede, te rogamos, que la totalidad la creación, liberada de la esclavitud, pueda rendir servicio a tu majestad y proclamar sin cesar tu alabanza. Por Cristo, nuestro Señor. Amén.

Sacrificial Giving

Weekly Budget Goal....\$2,808.00
Nov. 11/12—11/13——\$2492.00
Difference————— <-316.00>

Now all the tithe of the land, of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy to the Lord. (Leviticus 27:30)

Followers of Francis

will be holding a Thanksgiving Bake Sale and Raffle on November 19th and 20th after the Masses. The Followers will be raffling off a large food basket for \$5.00 per chance. All proceeds to benefit the Church. Bakers we are in need of donations of baked items. Please bring to Church before the Masses or see Donna Allgauer for more information.

Tamales Sale

Taking orders in the Commons. Pick up will be at 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the social hall on November 20th. Proceeds for the Church.



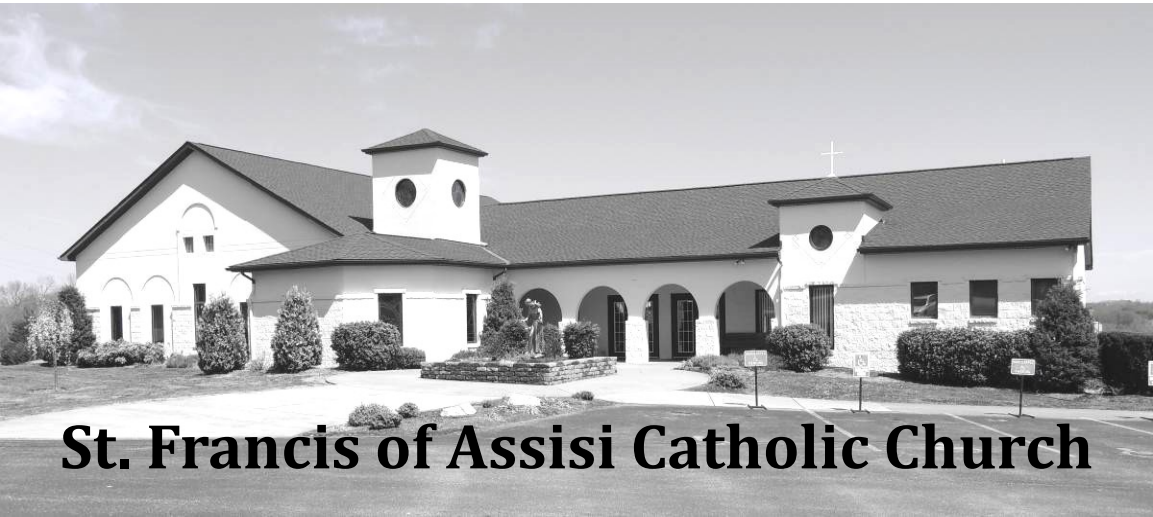
Take the Gratitude Challenge:

Take the Gratitude Challenge! Text "Gratitude2022" to 84576 to or register below to receive daily texts all November to help you cultivate gratitude.

¡Acepta el Desafío de la Gracitud! Envía "Gratitude2022" al 84576 o regístrate a continuación para recibir mensajes de texto diarios durante todo noviembre que te ayuden a cultivar la gratitud.

Thanksgiving Giving Tree

All donations go toward Kroger gift cards for 5 local families Return Envelopes by Sunday November 20th. Thank you for your generosity.



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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November 19th-20th 2022
The Solemnity of Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo

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Baptism Preparation

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Parish Registration—Contact the Parish Office

Pastoral Council: Kevin Bezy, Mary Lou Denis, Martha Graff, Elizabeth Kennedy, Cindy Turpin, Dan Shanahan (chairman), Marie Williams

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Pastoral Care & Homebound Parishioner

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Church Secretary: Position is Open If Interested see Father Carlos

Please contact Father Carlos or Martha Graff if anyone you know is ill and would like communion or an anointing of the sick.

If there is a death in your family or in the parish family, please contact the pastoral emergency contact number (757) 751-8194 as soon as possible. We want to be of service.

Nov 17	Thur	Noon	Mass
Nov 18		10:30-11:30am	Adoration & Benediction
		Noon	Mass
		6:00pm-7:00	Adoration & Benediction
		6:00pm to 7:00	Rosary

Nov 19	Sat	4:00pm	Rosary
		4:30 pm	Mass Christ the King
		7:00pm	Mass Spanish
Nov 20	Sun	8:00am	Mass Christ the King

Nov 24	Thur	Noon	Thanksgiving Mass
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Nov 25	Fri	No	Adoration
		No	Noon Mass
		6-7pm	Adoration

Liturgies and Events

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard in English and Spanish on Thursdays and Fridays from 11:00am-11:30am; Fridays from 6pm-7pm and Saturdays from 3:45pm-4:15pm.

Sacramento de Reconciliación

Se escuchan confesiones en inglés y español los jueves y viernes de las 11:00am-11:30am; viernes de las 6pm-7pm y los sábados de las 3:45-4:15pm.

Readings, Nov. Luke 23:35—43

First Reading..... Mal 3:19-20a
Reading..... 2 Thes 3:7-12
Gospel Lk 20:27-38

Lecturas, Nov.12-13
33rd domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Primera Lectura. Mal 3:19-20a
Segunda Lectura 2 Thes 3:7-12
Evangelio Lk 20:27-38

Mass Intentions
November

For the people of St. Francis of Assisi

Please keep the following in your prayers:
In Need of Prayer

Faithful Departed

Sara Beck	Dennis Holden
Lehoa Bui	Melissa Holland
Elaine Dansby	Judy Kloos
John Dombkowski	Norma Kloos
Albert Galvan	Raymond Kloos
John J. Griffio III	Dollie LeMond
Cristian Hernandez	Omar Lozano Torres
Betty Holden	Woodrow Morrison

In Need of Prayer

Bill Adams	David King
Clement Andrews	Lozano-Torres Family
Margie Ball	Ed Manutti
Ashley Bena-Hoffman	Zach Martin
Gail Bennison	Arnold Mejia
Lori Bezy	Jerry Powell
Elaine Briggs Walden Wolf	Betty Seacrist
Jean Capps	Jason Stockton
Kaitlyn Dula	Stockton Family
Carol Galvan	Cindy Turpin
Brian Hart	Ann White
Hernandez-Araiza Family	Fr. Mark White
Lenny Hoffman	Jason Whitlow
Walter & Yvonne Hughes	

Homebound

Ann Syminink	Michael Yutko
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USA Military

Lt. Col. Timothy Carey	Brandon Furrow
Corey Chotkowski	Jesus Gonzalez
Tristan Chotkowski	Joseph Lyons
Noah Davis	Major Raine Maus
Christian Escobar-Garcia	Jason Presley
Enrique Escobar-Garcia	Francheska J. Remmert

Lk 23:35-43

Gospel

The Rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews." _

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however , rebuking him , said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen , I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

Reflection Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Savior of all. Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Savior of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation. Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King: The humble man who was subjected to a shameful and violent death. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. We might ask ourselves: What does it really mean for us that Our Lord Jesus Christ is King of the Universe? What does this suggest about the kings, queens, presidents, premiers, prime ministers, governors and other heads of countries, states, in this world? How many of them **do you think consider** **Reflexión Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesu**

Lc 23, 35-43

Evangelio

Cuando Jesus estaba ya crucificado, Las autoridades le hacian muecas, diciendo: “A otros ha salvado; que se salve a si mismo, si il es el Mesias de Dios, el elegido”.

Tambien los soldados se burlaban de Jesus, y acercandose a el, le ofrecian vinagre y le decian: “Si tu eres el rey de los judios, salvate a ti mismo”. Habia, en efecto, sobre la cruz, un letreo en griego, latin y hebreo, que decia: “ Este es el rey de los judios”.

Uno de los malhechores crucificados insultaba a Jesus, diciendole: “Si tu eres el Mesias, salvate a ti mismo y a nosotros”. Pero el otro le reclamaba, indignado: “ Ni siquiera temes tu a Dios, estando en el mismo suplicio? Nosotros justamente recibimos el pago de lo que hicimos. Pero este ningun mal ha hecho”. Y le decia a Jesus: “Senor, cuando llegues a tu Reino, acuerdate de mi”. Jesus le respondio: “You te aseguro que hoy estaras conmigo en el paraíso”.



Jesus Christ to be their King of the Universe over all of them? This past Wednesday I became, officially, a citizen of the United States of America. Like most of you, now I owe allegiance and loyalty to this country and its president and laws. However, I know that this relates to this world and time. My highest loyalty will always be to the Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Today’s Solemnity is observed each year so that we, too with eyes of faith will lift hearts and minds in homage to Jesus, the Crucified One, who is indeed King, “In whom we have redemption, and the forgiveness of sins.” It is he to whom all power in heaven and on earth has been given by the Father. May our Lord, King of the Universe bless and guide our hearts and minds as we pray: Almighty ever living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.