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NOVEMBER 23, 2025



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Amen, I say to you,  
today you will be with me in Paradise.” - Lk 23:43

## THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

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*2 Samuel 5:1-3/ Colossians 1:12-20/ Luke 23:35-43*

Nearly everyone Jesus encounters in his final hours misunderstands him. The rulers, the soldiers, even one of the criminals crucified alongside him cannot understand why he saved others but has not chosen to save himself. They cannot imagine why someone sent by God as Messiah and King would allow himself to die on a cross. They do not realize that he came to save others, not save himself. They do not realize that he came to bring forgiveness and mercy to enable us to cope with human suffering, not to rid the world of the suffering that is part of being human. They do not realize that he did not come to save us from death in the way that he saved Lazarus—who would go on to die once more—but to lead us past death to new life in the kingdom of God. Surrounding Jesus on the cross, only one man understands.

**Question of the Week:** As Christ is king of both this world and the next, how do I allow him to rule my life right now? What can I do to model the self-sacrificing love he proved on the cross?

### Gospel Meditation

Not long ago, I was called to a hospital to anoint a woman in her early 80s. She was dying, and visibly in pain. But what struck me most wasn't her suffering – it was the atmosphere in the room. She had eight children and 30 foster kids, and many of them were gathered around her. You'd expect sorrow, fear, maybe even despair. But the room was filled with something else entirely – a quiet strength, a kind of sweetness. It was as if she was suffering not just with them, but for them. And they, in love, were suffering for her. The pain was real. But so was the peace. I didn't want to run. I felt as if I was in a little paradise, beeping machines and all.

I think of that moment when I hear today's Gospel. Jesus, hanging on the cross, doesn't look like a king. But one of the crucified, dying men beside him sees through the suffering and says, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23:42). That word – remember – literally means to make someone a member again. He's asking to be joined to Christ, to become part of his Body. And Jesus says, "Today you will be with me in paradise."

He doesn't say, "I'll take your suffering away." He says, "You will be with me."

That's the strange power of Christ the King. He doesn't rule by avoiding suffering. He reigns by entering into it, and transforming it with love.

What are you suffering right now in your life? Likely you want it to stop. But if we are willing to suffer with him – paradise begins even today.

– *Father John Muir*  
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**CROWN HIM  
WITH MANY  
CROWNS.**

### Jesus is King

Dear Jesus,  
I see the kingdom you love, the one full of the broken and forgotten.  
I see the crown you wear – thorns out of love for me. I pick you as my King.  
Mold my heart to be a worthy member of your kingdom.  
Amen.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

NOV 22	4:00 PM	DON FEATHERSTONE
NOV 22	4:00 PM	LOUIS & ANGELNA ARRUDA
NOV 23	10:00 AM	ANNE RIVARD
DEC 20	4:00 PM	WAYNE DUFOUR
DEC 20	4:00 PM	ANGELINA ARRUDA
DEC 27	4:00 PM	DON FEATHERSTONE
DEC 28	8:00 AM	PETER JANCAITIS
JAN 11	8:00 AM	THOMAS COTTER
JAN 25	8:00 AM	WESLEY LAFORD
APR 26	8:00 AM	HOWARD & ELLA MAY CRANE

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### **Prayer of the Rosary**

Every Saturday at 3:30 pm in the church, led by members of the Saint Boniface Knights of Columbus.

**Food Donations** for the months of November and December will go to Catholic Charities. Food pantries are having a difficult time due to the high cost of groceries and low donations. If everyone in our parish could help by bringing 2-3 items each month during the Holiday season it will help a lot of people to have food on their tables for the Holidays. Donations can be placed in the rear of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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### **Grief Share Ministry**

The new Grief Share Ministry here at St. Boniface, now has an e-mail. Any interested participants should submit their contact information. The team will reach out with information about the upcoming classes in January. [stbonifacegriefgroup@gmail.com](mailto:stbonifacegriefgroup@gmail.com)

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### **Musical Instruments**

We are still in need of any musical instruments for the children music program you can donate. They would be greatly appreciated and can be placed in the back of the church. Thanks so much!

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### **Free Catered Turkey Dinner**

Happy November! We are hosting a FREE CATERED TURKEY DINNER Wednesday November 26th after the 6:30 Thanksgiving Mass in the hall downstairs for fellowship and appreciation to all our parish members. If you can attend please let us know by emailing the parish at [stbonifaceparish@verizon.net](mailto:stbonifaceparish@verizon.net) no later than November 22nd so we can have a head count. Thank you so much and look forward to seeing you there!

## STEWARDSHIP

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# SAINT BONIFACE CHURCH

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## Parish Office Hours

Monday / Wednesday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am | Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm  
Memorial Day through Labor Day — Sunday: 9:00 am | Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm  
Holy Hour of Adoration: last Wednesday of the month 5:30-6:30 pm  
Weekday Masses: 6:30 pm Wednesday | 8:00 am Thursday & Friday

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** (Confession) Saturday 5:00-5:30 p.m. or by appointment.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** Adults are baptized at the Easter Vigil as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Infant and child Baptisms are by arrangement.

**FIRST EUCHARIST** Preparation begins in grade one and includes classes, retreats, and home instruction. Children receive First Eucharist in grade two.

**CONFIRMATION** Our Confirmation program begins in the 9th grade; students are confirmed in the spring of the 10th grade. For young adults who have been baptized but not yet confirmed, contact the parish office.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY** It is the policy of the Diocese of Worcester that a couple should contact the parish at least one year prior to the anticipated date of their wedding to allow sufficient time to carry out the various steps of the marriage preparation process. It is important that arrangements be made with the church before plans are made with reception halls, caterers, etc.

**ANNOINTING OF THE SICK** Please call the parish office 978-582-4008, or email Fr. Omolo at [stbonifaceparish@verizon.net](mailto:stbonifaceparish@verizon.net) or Louise Nadeau at [dinalou1@comcast.net](mailto:dinalou1@comcast.net) to arrange these visits.

**PRAYER LINE MINISTRY** If you or someone you know needs prayers or if you would like to be a part of this ministry of those who pray for the needs of neighbors, please contact the parish office at 978-582-4008, email [stbonifaceparish@verizon.net](mailto:stbonifaceparish@verizon.net) or contact Louise Nadeau at [dinalou1@comcast.net](mailto:dinalou1@comcast.net).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #16480** In Service to One. In Service to all. Members meet in the Parish Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. Any Catholic men over 18 who are interested in joining the Knights should contact Deputy Grand Knight, Thomas Bodkin at [tbodkin@bodkinmason.com](mailto:tbodkin@bodkinmason.com) or (508-363-3422), or email [kofc16480@gmail.com](mailto:kofc16480@gmail.com).

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**Newcomers to St. Boniface** are invited and encouraged to formally register as members of the parish so that we may stay in touch with you with faith formation news, notices of special events, volunteer opportunities, and more.

Registration forms are available at the doors of the church, the parish office, or on our website.

*Please note that you must be registered for at least six months before we can issue any verification of your status as a parishioner for godparent or sponsor letters.*

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## Who was the first American born citizen to become a Saint?

Few saints embodied courage and compassion like St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, the first American citizen to be canonized a saint—and the beloved patron of immigrants.

Born in Italy in 1850, Frances Cabrini was the youngest of thirteen children. From an early age, she longed to serve God as a missionary. Though she was rejected by one religious order for her frail health, she refused to give up. Instead, she founded her own community—the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus—and dedicated her life to helping the poor, the orphaned, and the forgotten.

Her dream was to bring the love of Christ to China, but God had other plans. When she met with Pope Leo XIII, he told her to go “not to the East, but to the West.” The Holy Father sent her to America, where millions of Italian immigrants were struggling to survive and to keep their faith alive.

Mother Cabrini arrived in New York City in 1889 to find poverty, sickness, and prejudice awaiting her. She spoke no English, had few resources, and faced rejection even from Church leaders who doubted her mission. But she pressed on.

With the zeal of a true missionary, she and her sisters begged for supplies, taught immigrant children, opened schools, hospitals, and orphanages, and brought dignity to those who had been forgotten. By the time of her death in 1917, Mother Cabrini had founded 67 institutions across the Americas—one for every year of her life.

She traveled over thirty times across the Atlantic, even though she was terrified of water, and trusted completely in the Sacred Heart of Jesus to guide and protect her.

Her life was marked by deep prayer, hard work, and miracles—both during her lifetime and after. Her faith moved mountains, and her love built bridges across continents.

Today, her legacy continues wherever faith, courage, and compassion are needed most.

“I will go anywhere and do anything in order to communicate the love of Jesus.” — St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

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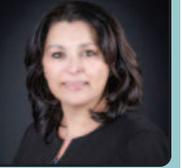
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