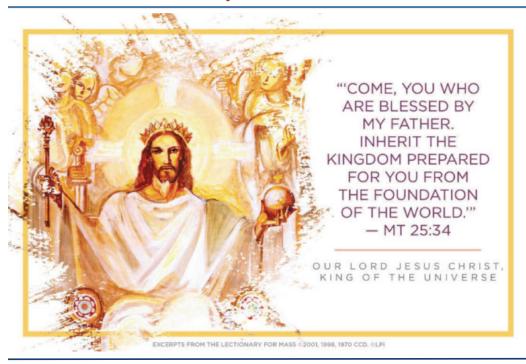


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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



DELIVERY TO FARM WORKERS -DAY OF SERVICE

DECEMBER 9

"God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing, in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work." 11 Corinthians 9:7

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Y DECEMBER 9
From your home, depart for St. John the Baptist,

King City, CA 504 N. 3rd St, King City, CA 93930

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Parish hall is reserved for us and there is plenty of parking. We unload the Uhaul and organize the space to look respectable, like a humble market.

11:00 AM - 1:00 pm

The farmworkers and their families enter in groups at a time. We continue to help keep the tables tidy for the next group, while they look for what they need.

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM We put away tables, clean-up space which is usually very very quick as they take most of the items.

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Ezekiel offers a beautiful vision to the Israelites held captive in Babylon of God as a shepherd tending carefully to the sheep in his flock who are lost, injured, or sick. Who do you know needs to hear this message of hope?

Second Reading:

Paul teaches the Corinthians how believers are destined to share in resurrected life with our Lord

Jesus Christ. What do you imagine resurrected life with Christ will look like?

Gospel

The final Gospel reading of the Liturgical Year focuses on Judgement Day. All will be measured by how we treated those on the margins of society. What could you do this week to help the poor or the stranger or those in prison?

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TODAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17;

Psalm 23;

1 Corinthians 15:20-26;

Matthew 25:31-46

REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

Today we come to the end of the liturgical year, celebrating the magnificent feast of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Our readings provide contrasting images of this King of ours — He has authority over all, and yet, He is humble and tender in His care for us, especially the most vulnerable. How can we properly honor and love such a King? By offering Him our very lives through the stewardship way of life.

Our First Reading, from Ezekiel, describes our Lord as a tender shepherd who knows his flock intimately and actively seeks to heal and save us. "Thus says the Lord God: I myself will look after and tend my sheep... I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest... The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal." Such love is impossible to fully comprehend. All we can do is marvel at the greatness of our God and resolve to thank Him by giving Him the very best of ourselves — our time, our talents, our treasure — and by imitating His love as best we can.

The Second Reading demonstrates that humble as He is, Jesus Christ is indeed King of all, having authority over all, both individuals and nations, both the material world and the spiritual world. He will restore all things and all people to proper order "when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death." As intimately as we are called to love our King, so too, must we revere and respect His authority over us. We must be ever mindful that everything we have, every breath we take, is a gift from this all-powerful King. In justice, then, we must give Him His due.

What is it that He expects from us? The Gospel passage from Matthew shows us. The passage begins with Christ's own description of His Second Coming, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him." Then the moment of judgment will come. Some will be invited into the Kingdom of Heaven — the others to eternal punishment.

This judgment will be based not on how influential we became in society, how high we climbed the corporate ladder, or any "worldly" achievements. Rather our judgment will be based on how we treated the last of those around us, whom Jesus calls His brothers. "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." To make His point very clear, Jesus gives specifics — feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, showing hospitality to the stranger, and caring for the ill and imprisoned. These are the priorities of our King. And these must be our priorities, too.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun 11/26 **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Mon 11/27 Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; (Ps) Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4

Tue 11/28 Dn 2:31-45; (Ps) Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

Wed 11/29 Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; (Ps) Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19

Thu 11/30 ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE

Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Fri 12/1 Dn 7:2-14; (Ps) Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

Sat 12/2 Dn 7:15-27; (Ps) Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sun 12/3 Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9;

Mk 13:33-37

Mass Intentions						
Mon	11/27	8:30 am	Reynaldo Arteaga, Jr. †			
Tue	11/28	8:30 am	Jason Foley †			
Wed	11/29	8:30 am	Andrew Evans †			
Thu	11/30	8:30 am	Andrew Palmisano †			
Fri	12/1	8:30 am	Ethel and Nicholas Baxter †			
Sat	12/2	8:30 am	Barbara Baxter †			
sat		5:00 pm	Anne Sheridan †			
	12/3	9:00 am	Marianna Oehm Broeker †			
Sun		11:00 am	Mark Frezzo †			
		5:00 pm	Rosemary McCaw †			

2023 Christmas Giving Tree

St. Mary Parish will be collecting \$25 gift cards on behalf of the following organizations

Amigos de Guadalupe Center for Justice & Empowerment: Provides educational programs, college scholarships, immigration legal services, housing and rental assistance for families and individuals in San Jose. \$25 gift cards from Target

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St. Julie Billiart Parish's Emergency Food Pantry; Provides food and basic necessities to over 1,400 clients monthly in San Jose.

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The Christmas Giving Tree collection will begin next weekend until Dec. 11.

Gift cards can be placed in the Giving Tree Donation drop boxes in the vestibule, the collection baskets or brought to the parish office.

If you would like to make a monetary gift, please scan this barcode





ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe you are really here in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you more than anything in the world, and I hunger to receive you.
But since I cannot receive Communion at this time, Feed my soul spiritually. I unite myself to you now, as I do when I actually receive You in Holy Communion. Amen.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God is always closer to us than we suspect. He is in every need we encounter and every person we meet. Never stop seeking His face.

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POPE FRANCIS' UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: NOVEMBER

We pray for the **HOLY FATHER**; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST THE KING

Dear Lord,
May your name be praised and
blessed forever,
you who are our shield and comfort!
May your kingdom come!
Amen.



FAITH IN ACTION



Please pray with us for our parishioners, family and friends.

For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers: Bill Flora; Bruce Welch; George Bommarito; Janie Meacham; Vic LoBue, Jr.; Valerie Bruno; Julio Emberto; Carol Rakich; Frances Corpuz; Sharon Lyndon

For those who have recently died:

George Reves; Ernesto Fernandez; William & Hollis Buchanan; Maria de Jesus Cantú; Marie Antonowicz

Members of our parish family who are in the military, hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins and all who have no one to pray for them.

MASS INTENTIONS: A BEAUTIFUL WAY TO REMEMBER SOMEONE

You can offer a Mass for a special intention or for the repose of the soul of a deceased person. Remember that there is no better gift than the gift of God's love and compassion as celebrated in the Sacrifice of the Mass.

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Thank you for remembering St. Mary School for the monthly Sunday Second Collection. These funds have a direct impact on our school's operating budget and helps support students and families in need of financial assistance.

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CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

Contributions toward the purchase of flowers for the celebration of our Lord's birth are greatly appreciated. If you would like to make a donation in memory of or in honor of a loved one, Christmas Flower Offering envelopes are available at the doors of the church and can be placed in the offertory baskets at Mass or dropped off at the Parish



Contributions can also be made online at our website https://bit.ly/3MLP0o2.

The names of all those to be remembered will be published in the Christmas bulletin. Please return the envelopes by **December 11.** Thank you for your help in making our sanctuary even more beautiful this Christmas.

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

MEETING CHRIST: EXPLORING THE LITURGY SERIES THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The altar is prepared; the bread and wine are placed upon it; now we enter into the Eucharistic Prayer.

The first part of the prayer is called the Preface. This is not a preface in the sense of foreword or introduction. (We usually skip those!) The preface is a prayer, addressed (like the entire Eucharistic Prayer) to God the Father. The Missal contains more than fifty different prefaces, each of which praises God for a different aspect of the mystery of salvation: for the coming of Christ in human flesh at Christmas, for his glorious Resurrection at Easter, for God's provident care for humanity, for the saints, for the gift of the liturgy itself, with its times for penance and rejoicing. Every preface concludes with an invitation to join in the hymn of the angels, the Sanctus, the Holy, Holy, Holy.

The Sanctus is a song of praise, recognizing the power of God, whose glory fills heaven and earth. The text is drawn from two passages of Scripture. The first part is from Isaiah's vision of seraphim worshiping before the throne of God: ""Holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" (6:2-3). The second part, beginning "Blessed is he," has deep Scriptural roots as well. Most directly, it recalls the words of those who welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem a few days before his Passion: ""Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest" (Matthew 21:9). As we pray the Sanctus together, we lift up our hearts and unite our voices and prayer with the unending prayer of heaven. At the altar, the distance between earth and heaven narrows to a vanishing point.

Following the Sanctus, we kneel as the priest prays the words of the Eucharistic Prayer. This prayer is the heart of the Mass. Addressing God the Father, the priest prays on behalf of the community. The Missal includes ten different Eucharistic Prayers, all of which following the same pattern:

We give praise and thanks to God. The priest calls down the Holy Spirit on the gifts of bread and wine, extending hands over them in what is called the epiclesis. Then comes the institution narrative—the story of what happened on the night of the Last Supper is told, as the priest takes first the bread, and then the cup. While the entire Eucharistic Prayer is consecratory, the words of Jesus in the institution narrative are especially important.

After the consecration, we sing an acclamation of remembrance and praise. Christ, crucified for our salvation, is present upon the

In the second part of the Eucharistic Prayer, the Church offers the Body and Blood of Christ to the Father in the Holy Spirit, and we ask that we may offer ourselves in the same way, so that all may be one in God. The priest then offers a series of intercessions—prayers for the members of the Church, both living and dead. The Pope and the bishop of the diocese are mentioned by name. The Eucharistic Prayer ends with a doxology of praise—"Through him, with him, in him"—and we join in and assent to all of this with our sung "Amen."

- Corinna Laughlin, Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy - St. James Cathedral, Seattle. Used with permission.

Next week: Sacrament and Sacrifice & The Communion Rite

SERVANT OF GOD DOROTHY DAY: DOROTHY DAY AND THE EUCHARIST



Dorothy Day (1897-1980) was the founder of the Catholic Worker Movement. In 2000 she was declared a Servant of God—the first step in the process of canonization. These are excerpts from an article by Thomas Michael Loome that appeared on the website of the Houston Catholic Worker, August 23, 2013. Used by permission. Numbers refer to sections of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

[F]or Dorothy Day two modes of God's presence were paramount and each enriched and sustained the other: the real and substantial presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and His real presence in others – both presences veiled (1404), both experienced only in faith, the latter through the living of the Sermon on the Mount and in particular of the Beatitudes. Dorothy understood well the Catechism's poignant claim that "the Beatitude depict the countenance of Jesus Christ and portray his charity" (1717).

To "see" in faith "the countenance of Jesus Christ" in others, to experience His presence in all whom she met, is perhaps the great lesson to us of Dorothy's life and work. "The mystery of the poor is this," she wrote: "that they are Jesus, and what you do for them you do for him." And she delighted in repeating the words of Peter Claver to someone who was fleeing the presence of a leper: "You mustn't go. You mustn't leave him. It is Christ."

Dorothy Day's life was thus transformed by love in practice, "a harsh and dreadful thing," often disheartening, often seemingly unrewarding: serving the poor, serving in them "the countenance of Jesus Christ." How, then, was such a life sustained? Through the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. There too He was really present. There also, however veiled, was He to be "seen." And this is why Dorothy Day was a daily communicant, experiencing in the celebration of the Mass the manifold presences of Christ of which the Catechism speaks (1373): "Christ Jesus"...is present in many ways to his Church: in his word, in his Church's prayer...in the poor, the sick, and the imprisoned, in the sacraments...in the sacrifice of the Mass, and in the person of the minister. But 'He is present most especially in the Eucharistic species."

These, then, are "the Real Presence(s) of Christ in the life and thought of Dorothy Day." She is a guide and exemplar, an inspiration and a teacher: in her passionate love of Christ, present always, but especially in the Eucharist and, fed by that Bread of Life, recognized in the face of humanity.



COUNTRY FAIR

Thank you for raising nearly \$250,000 for St Mary Parish and Parish School! It's fair to say this fan-favorite fundraiser exceeded all expectations! **Shout out to our fearless leaders, Nicole Posner and Elyse Sammut for driving the success of the Fair!**



FAITH FAMILY GROUP ASSEMBLY

2nd grade did a fabulous job leading Faith Family Group assembly!

Students heard the story of the Good Samaritan and reviewed with a fun dice game. For their service outreach project, students decorated hand turkeys and placemats for a local senior center.

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Every first Sunday of December there is an Annual Layette Celebration where volunteers bring together purchased and/or hand-crafted items into a Layette storage area at Isolation Products, 157 San Lazaro Avenue, Sunnyvale 94086.





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