

# Dear Padre,

**Today we celebrate Christ the King.  
Why isn't this changed to "Christ the Lord"?  
The notion of "king" seems outdated.**

**C**hrist the King is not the easiest concept to get close to and celebrate. Kings, queens, and monarchies aren't part of our cultural heritage. With the current penchant for cutting celebrities and politicians down to size, a king or queen wouldn't fare well. With the turmoil of England's royal family, we frequently witness the demythologizing of the world's monarchies.

Christ's kingship obviously cannot fall into any of these woeful categories. Christ came to establish a different kind of kingdom, the kingdom of God, and that in itself puts Jesus on a different plane than all other concepts of earthly monarchies. Jesus came to proclaim God's reign, God's rule, in the manner in which God the Creator and Maker of all wants things to be.

We, however, are fiercely independent and freedom-conscious people. We don't want anyone telling us what to do. We want to participate in all decisions. We resent being pushed around by anyone. And that's fine. But in

this case of God's kingdom, we have nothing to fear. God's power is to serve and give life, not to exploit or corrupt.

God's kingdom is the redemptive presence of God. Whenever people love one another, forgive one another, bear one another's burdens, and work to build a just and peaceful community, God's redemptive and liberating presence is being manifested. That is the kingdom and kinship we celebrate.

—Fr. Joseph Morin, CSsR  
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## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*The kingdoms of this world at times are sustained by arrogance, rivalries, and oppression; the reign of Christ is a "kingdom of justice, love and peace." For a Christian, speaking of power and strength means referring to the power of the cross, and the strength of Jesus' love: a love which remains steadfast and complete.*

—ANGELUS, SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING,  
NOVEMBER 22, 2015



## Calendar

**Monday**  
NOVEMBER 23  
Weekday  
Rv 14:1–3, 4b–5  
Lk 21:1–4

**Tuesday**  
NOVEMBER 24  
St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc,  
Priest, and Companion,  
Martyrs

Rv 14:14–19  
Lk 21:5–11

**Wednesday**  
NOVEMBER 25  
Weekday  
Rv 15:1–4  
Lk 21:12–19

**Thursday**  
NOVEMBER 26  
Weekday  
Rv 18:1–2, 21–23;  
19:1–3, 9a  
Lk 21:20–28

**Friday**  
NOVEMBER 27  
Weekday  
Rv 20:1–4, 11–21:2  
Lk 21:29–33

**Saturday**  
NOVEMBER 28  
Weekday  
Rv 22:1–7  
Lk 21:34–36

**Sunday**  
NOVEMBER 29  
First Sunday  
of Advent  
Is 63:16b–17, 19b;  
64:2–7  
1 Cor 1:3–9  
Mk 13:33–37

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 22, 2020

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A)  
Ez 34:11–12, 15–17  
1 Cor 15:20–26, 28  
Mt 25:31–46

## The Lord Is My Shepherd

**T**he prominent image for God in today's readings is the shepherd. This might be an unfamiliar image for city dwellers, but it is a very rich religious image. The Bible tells us that early Israelites were herders, so they know a lot about shepherds. They knew that shepherds follow the wandering of their sheep and attended to their needs—not the other way around. They knew that shepherds lived with their sheep in the hills for long periods, away from family, friends, and the comforts of life. They knew that shepherds helped birthing and dying. They knew that all of this is a messy, smelly business, and no job for the fastidious.

Many nations of the ancient world, Israel included, thought of their kings as shepherds of the people—leaders who should be willing to do for their people what the shepherd does for the sheep. This explains why, on the feast of Christ the King, we represent our king as a shepherd rather than a victorious military commander, as many kings are. But more than this, throughout his life—at his passion and death, and now in his risen glory—Christ cares for us and leads us as a shepherd does. He embraces the messy, smelly reality of life. He is a shepherd-king, intent on our needs, searching for us when we seem to be lost. How comforting it is to know he carries us on his shoulders.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## FOR Reflection

- ★ Recite today's responsorial psalm slowly and thoughtfully.
- ★ Which images of Psalm 23 touch you the most? Why?



*The lost I will search out,  
the strays I will bring back,  
the injured I will bind up,  
and the sick I will heal.*  
EZEKIEL 34:16



# Our Lady of Peace Parish

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## Catholicism and Purgatory

Catholics believe in Heaven, Hell and something called Purgatory that has two purposes: a temporal punishment for sin, and the cleansing from the attachment to sin. Purgatory purifies the soul before the soul's grand entrance into heaven.

Purgatory is an often-misunderstood Catholic doctrine. It isn't considered a spiritual jail or hell with parole. And Catholicism doesn't teach that everyone goes to purgatory. On the contrary, the Church believes that many people are purified or purged, hence the term purgatory, in this life.

For example, the Church believes that many innocent persons who suffer from disease, poverty, or persecution are living their purgatory now, and when they die, they probably go straight to heaven.

People who live an exceptionally good and holy life bypass purgatory and make a beeline for heaven. The Church believes that almost everyone else, not bad enough to go to hell, aren't good enough to skate into heaven with no need for some introspection and purification.

The real doctrine consists of the conviction that God's mercy and justice must be kept intact and upheld. God's divine mercy refers to the fact that he forgives any sin as long as the sinner is truly repentant and sorry. God's justice, however, is that good is rewarded and evil punished. Catholics believe that purgatory evens the score and fulfills justice while accommodating mercy. They believe that purgatory isn't a place but a spiritual state of the soul in which it's purified before entering heaven. Known as the Church Suffering, the souls in purgatory are definitely and absolutely going to heaven, just not yet.

<http://www.dummies.com/religion/christianity/catholicism/catholicism-and-purgatory/>

Mary Candle Nov 15-Dec 5 Special Intention

Funeral service for Dorothy Hoel will be held on  
Tues. November 24 at 11 am

Thanksgiving Day Mass—Thur. Nov. 26

9:00 am OLP

OLP Stewardship 11/15/2020	
Adult Envelopes	\$695.00
Plate	\$50.00
Votive Candles	\$229.91
Black & Indian Mission	\$25.00
TOTAL \$ 999.10	

**Contacts for OLP Prayer Chain:** Julie Lipsiea 786-2138 or julie.lipsiea@may-portcg.com; Marge Spies 788-8775 or e mail-maggiej@yahoo.com; or Dee Von Ruden 788-3334

MON 11/23	OLP	No MASS	
TUES. 11/24	OLP	9:00 AM	+GLENN & MONA CALLAHAN
WED. 11/25	OLP	9:00 AM	+DIANE BROWN
THURS. 11/26	OLP	9:00 AM	+JODIE LEISS
FRI. 11/27	OLP	9:00 AM	+JESSE SCALLON
SAT. 11/28	OLP	5:00 PM	KEVIN & SAMANTHA RONNING
SUN. 11/29	ST. AGNES OLP	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	FOR THE PEOPLE SAMANTHA RONNING

The happiest people don't have everything, they just make the best of everything!

# St. Agnes Parish



St. Agnes Parish  
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"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me" – MATTHEW 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.

**God's Gift Appeal :** If you have not yet contributed to support the work of our Diocese please prayfully consider a donation before year's end. Here are the statistics for our parishes.

St. Agnes, 30 households, 11 participating, goal \$5559.00, actual \$3177.00 (-\$2285.00) 59% of goal reached.

OLP 117 households, 52 participating, goal \$20,681, actual 18,465 (-\$1965.00) 90% of goal reached.

## St. Agnes Stewardship 11/15/2020

Adult Envelopes	\$100.00
Plate	\$600.00
Total \$700.00	

If anyone has something to share that should be included in the bulletin, please contact Lois, 874-2144, 701-238-4380, lois\_ewertzl@hotmail.com

Please let Lois know who you would like to include on our prayer list.



Luther Memorial Home is once again having the tree of lights dedication ornaments for their tree. More information and forms are available in the entry of the church.

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**Holy Hour Sundays: 4:00 PM- 5:00 PM**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**