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Solemnity of  
Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe  
November 23, 2025

Today is the last Sunday of the liturgical year. On this day, we contemplate the universal kingship of Jesus our Redeemer. Saint John Paul II said that "if it is assessed according to the criteria of this world, Jesus' kingship can appear 'paradoxical'. Indeed, the power He exercises does not fit into earthly logic. On the contrary, His is the power of love and service that requires the gratuitous gift of self and the consistent witness to the truth." This feast celebrates the fact that He is one person in authority who is remarkably different. He came to serve all and his kingdom He



says is not of this world. In several passages of Scripture, His kingdom is tied to His suffering and death. While Christ is coming to judge the nations, His teachings spell out a kingdom of justice and His judgment is balanced with radical love, mercy, peace, and forgiveness. The standard of judgment is simple enough; 'whatever you did for one of these least brethren of mine, you did for me'. What may surprise us is God's identification with the most insignificant of His brethren: 'you did it to me.' What is also remarkable is that the just seem to be unaware that, in their life of service to the unfortunate, it was the Lord Himself whom they were serving. Definitive judgment will be served on all and the Lord will show His eternal love to those who have shown love in this world.

## Schedule of Masses:

**Saturdays** (Vigil Mass) 5:00 PM

**Sundays** Masses: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon and 5:00 PM, 7:30 PM;

**Weekdays:** 8:00 AM (Monday – Saturday)

**Holy Days:** See Mass schedule printed in Bulletin for each upcoming Holy Day of Obligation

**Confessions:** Saturdays: 8:45-9:30 AM and 4:00-4:45 PM  
Wednesdays: 7:00-8:00 PM or by appointment

**Eucharistic Holy Hour:** Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 PM

**Daily Rosary Devotion:** ..... Mornings (Sun-Sat) at 7:30 AM

**Divine Mercy Chaplet:** ..... Weekday mornings after Mass

**Funerals:** Contact the Rectory prior to making arrangements.

**Day of Eucharistic Adoration:** On the 23rd day of each month  
Unless the occurrence is on a Saturday or Sunday

**Baptisms:** By appointment each month following completion of Preparation Class.\*

**Infant Baptism Classes:**\* First Tuesday evening of the Month:  
Contact the Parish Office to register

**Marriage:** Contact the Rectory at least six months in advance of the expected wedding date.

**Marriage Preparation Classes:** Conducted on four consecutive Wednesday evenings during the months of January, March, May, July, and October.

**Please Note:** For Baptisms or Weddings, you must be a Practicing Catholic and a member of the parish. To be a Godparent, you must be a Practicing and Confirmed Catholic and, if married, married in the Church.

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**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK ...**



Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe  
(Last Sunday of the Liturgical Year)  
November 23, 2025

"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink."  
- Matthew 25:35

**SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 23**

- Solemnity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ the King;
- Last Sunday of the Liturgical Year.

**MONDAY – NOVEMBER 24**

# St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions

**TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 25**

# St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

**WEDNESDAY – NOVEMBER 26**

- 7:00-8:00 PM HOLY HOUR: Eucharistic Adoration, and Confessions

**THURSDAY – NOVEMBER 27**

- Thanksgiving Day (U.S.A.),
- 9:00 AM: OLMC Thanksgiving Day Mass

**SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 29**

- CONFESSIONS: FROM 8:45-9:30 AM, and from 4:00 PM-4:45 PM;

**SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 30**

- First Sunday of Advent



**PREPARE FOR MASS!  
READ BEFORE ARRIVING...**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Sunday:** 2 Sm 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43  
**Monday:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4  
**Tuesday:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19  
**Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19  
**Thursday:** Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28  
**Friday:** Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33  
**Saturday:** Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36  
**Sunday:** Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44



**OLMC THANKSGIVING DAY MASS  
THURSDAY MORNING AT 9:00 AM  
LET US GIVE SPECIAL THANKS TO GOD  
FOR OUR MANY BLESSINGS!**

You and all family members are invited to join us this **Thanksgiving Day morning at 9:00 AM** for our **Thanksgiving Day Mass**.

Since the inception of this holiday, the catalyst for the initial Thanksgiving was the pilgrims' belief in God's providence. While secularism rampantly advances, it is reassuring to realize that the core of this holiday continues to remain for most of us the gathering of family and friends for a communal remembrance in thanksgiving for God's goodness and blessings during the past year.



**THANKSGIVING DAY COLLECTION  
TO BENEFIT MERCY HOUSE**

This **Thursday** a *special collection* will be taken up at our **9:00 AM Thanksgiving Morning Mass** with the proceeds going directly to support the needs of Mercy House residents.



**OLMC ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM  
Last weekend was our primary sign-up weekend for this year's **Adopt-A-Family-For-Christmas Program**.**

We still have families that need to be "adopted". If you were unable to sign-up last weekend and would still like to adopt-a-family, please contact **Richele Lowery (OLMC Coordinator)** at **(949) 631-2107 (H)**, or by email at [gandrlowery@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gandrlowery@sbcglobal.net)  
**ALL PARTICIPANTS PLEASE NOTE:**

All parishioners who have "adopted" a-family-for-Christmas are reminded to bring their gifts and gift cards to O'Donnell Hall **no earlier than 9:00 AM Saturday morning, December 6, and no later than 5:00 PM, Sunday, December 7.**



**SPECIAL THANKSGIVING BLESSING  
FOR YOUR DINNER BREAD and WINE  
AT OUR 9:00 AM MORNING MASS**

As **bread** and **wine** are the gifts we use in the celebration of the **Eucharist** (the *True Gift of Thanksgiving*), **Monsignor Doug** will be celebrating our **9:00 AM Thanksgiving morning Mass** and extends a special invitation to bring the **bread** (loaves or rolls) and **wine** (bottles) that you will use at your **Thanksgiving Day meal** for a special blessing to be given at the end of Mass.

(The **bread and/or wine** should be in **bags or baskets** which can be held and raised up for this blessing.)



**QUOTES ON THE EUCHARIST**

What does Eucharist mean? The Greek word "eucharisteeo" means "to give thanks." The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that the Eucharist "is an act of thanksgiving to God" (No. 1329). The entire Mass is a prayer of thanksgiving, which is stated explicitly in some of the prayers and implied throughout.



**PREPARATION CLASSES FOR  
ADULT CONFIRMATION 2026**

Are you an Adult Catholic (over 18+) who, for any reason, never received the **Sacrament of Confirmation**, or would like a **Refresher Course** in the teachings of the **Catholic Church**? Our next 14-week series of **Adult Preparation Classes** for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** will begin on **Tuesday evening, February 10, 2026**, in O'Donnell Hall, with the **Sacrament of Confirmation** being administered at the **Vigil of Pentecost Mass 2026**. For information, contact OLMC Director of Adult Education and Faith Formation, **Greg Kelley**, at **(949) 645-4540** or [nbolmc@aol.com](mailto:nbolmc@aol.com)



**OLMC CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**  
**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Our **Annual Christmas Luncheon** is a Christmas Tradition for **OLMC**.

This year's Luncheon is taking place

**Thursday, December 4** at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club (1601 Bayside Drive, Corona del Mar) beginning at **11:00 AM**.

The Luncheon is hosted by the **OLMC Women's SOUL GROUP**. **Information Flyers with Invitations** may be found on the tables near the exit doors of the church.

Please respond by **this Tuesday, November 25, and indicate your guest preferences for table seating, if desired.** Cost \$75 per person. Raffle Tickets will also be available. For more information contact **Beth Fleming** at **(714) 745-6514**.



**ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS**  
**SAVE THE DATE**

The **OLMC Music Ministry** invites you to its beautiful **Annual Advent Lessons & Carols Service** on **Saturday**, evening

**December 13th** at **7:00 PM** in the church.

There is no admission charge for this event which features the **OLMC Adult and Children's Choirs, OLMC Lectors, and guest musicians!** All family members and friends are welcome.



**KofC CHRISTMAS TAMALES SALE**

The Knights of Columbus will be selling pre-ordered tamales for pick up on Sunday December 14th after the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses. All proceeds will be donated to St Joachim School for tuition assistance and/or endowment.

Tamales are \$30 /dozen. Minimum order is half a dozen. You can order chicken (green sauce); pork (red sauce); or chili cheese tamales. **Only pre-ordered tamales will be available.** Contact **Chuck Baur** by texting your order to **(714) 244 8468** or email **chuckjr56@icloud.com**  
 There may be extra tamales on the day of delivery, but no guarantees.



**SOUL – OLMC WOMEN'S GROUP**

There is no SOUL Group Meeting this Thursday as you asked to enjoy a blessed Thanksgiving Day. Our next meeting and event is the Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 4. For information, contact **Beth Fleming** at **(714) 745-6514**.



**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION FOR GRADES 1-12**

•**Grades 9-10**, "Confirmation Preparation": no meetings Sunday, Nov. 23 & 30th!

**Grades 11-12 "Leadership and Theology,"** our next meeting is after Christmas!

Contact John to sign up for our weekly scriptural readings and reflections at **(949) 673-2719**, or **jbruscia@olmc.net**.

**GRADES 1-5 AND 6-8 ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES!**

**Grades 1-5:** on Monday, Dec. 1, during our regular meeting time. Parents are invited to participate.

**Grades 6-8:** on Tuesday, Dec. 2, starting at 6:30 PM. Students arrive at their regular times. Parents are invited to join their children in receiving the Sacrament during the "Season of Advent!"



**PLAN AHEAD**

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION – DEC 8**

This year, on Monday, **December 8**, the Church observes the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, a Marian Dogma and a day in which Mary, under this title, is especially honored in the U.S. as **our country's patroness: the Immaculate Conception.**

It is a day joyfully celebrated as a **Holyday of obligation, which means all Catholics have the same opportunity and serious responsibility to participate at Mass on this day as they do on any Sunday of the year.**

**Holyday Masses** will be celebrated at OLMC on:

- **MONDAY, DECEMBER 8:**
- **8:00 AM**
- **5:30 PM**
- **7:00 PM.**



**OLMC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

Sign up for our young adult ministry and to receive updates on future events!

Scan this QR code to download **GroupMe** on iPhone or Android and join our group.

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 The Young Adult Ministry is hosting its annual Friendsgiving event in O'Donnell Hall **this Tuesday evening, November 25th**, beginning at 6:30 PM. This will be in potluck style and all signed-up young adults are welcome! For more information and to sign up, join by scanning the GroupMe Messaging App above and complete the required group chat information, and RSVP in the downloaded calendar.



**LISTING OF MASS TIMES AND CATHOLIC CHURCHES ANYWHERE**

**IN THE U.S. OR THE WORLD**

**TRAVELING OR VISITING THIS DECEMBER 8?**  
**As it is a serious responsibility for all Catholics to participate at Mass on December 8**, to help you include Mass in your travel or business plans, please check the Internet at **www.Masstimes.org** for times of Masses and locations of Catholic Churches anywhere in the U.S. or around the world.