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*The Paulist Fathers Serving the University of Tennessee*

Feast of Christ the King

Nov 23, 2025

*2 Sm 5:1-3;  
Col 1:12-20;  
Lk 23:35-43*

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday-Friday at 5:05 pm

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 9 am, 11:15 am, 5:30 pm, and 9 pm

**NO Saturday MASS on HOME FOOTBALL  
GAMES**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Monday and Thursday - 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm  
or by appointment

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

Congratulations!

Please call the office at least 4 months before  
your planned wedding date.

**WANT TO BE CATHOLIC?**

Please contact Fr. Rich at  
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**Winter Woolies!!**

Winter Clothing Drive

Baskets will be in the Lobby from

**November 23rd. to  
December 7th.**

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Please Donate any Coats, Scarves,  
gloves, socks and other winter  
clothing.



**Food for Finals**

**Dec 3rd - Dec 9th**

Finals are almost here! We like to support our students by having what we call a Groaning Table or Food for Finals. All kinds of food are appreciated: fruits & veggies, chips & dip, sandwich fixings, soups & chili, casseroles, cookies, desserts, chocolate... Please sign up on the poster in the lobby to help make our students' lives a little easier and to show them how much we care for and support them!



**Thanksgiving Schedule**

**Office closed:**

**Wednesday, Nov. 26 -**

**Friday, Nov. 30**

**No Daily Mass.**

**Have a safe and happy holiday!!**

**No Sunday Supper**

**Next week Nov 30th!**

### Reflection:

King Charles III of England is the head of a commonwealth of 56 independent countries and 2.5 billion people. For 14 of these countries, as well as the United Kingdom, he is also he head of state. His role is mostly ceremonial as a symbol and promoter of unity. The most powerful King in the world might be King Salman of Saudi Arabia due to his nation's vast oil supplies enables him to influence the price of gasoline everywhere. Today we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. What might that word possibly mean for Jesus?



Three different groups, not really friendly with each other, decided to test Jesus' power as King. The first was the Jewish rulers. If you are really the messiah – save yourself now. You can't even do that. How can you be the chosen one of God? The soldiers mocked him. How can he be king when he has no power to save himself. One thief, condemned by society, looked down on this beaten religious leader as useless.

Religious leaders, soldiers and even the lowest rank of citizens found his title absurd. King means doing whatever you want. You make all the rules.

Today, we honor Jesus as King, calling us to a life of following his leadership. He dwells among us as one come to serve calling us not his servants but friends. We respect his rule by loving and forgiving one another. He stands strong against the powers of our age wielding the works of mercy and renewing the power of human love made divine after suffering death on a cross. His name is God-with-us, right beside us in life's struggles wiping away tears from our eyes. He banishes death and declares the world of the past gone. Live his way to make creation new.

In this raucous world of ours, can you join his way? Will you let your life be grounded not in politics, tribes, or even power but by the Spirit of this King? Perfection doesn't matter. Mistakes can be forgiven. He will share all he has with you in the nourishing gift of the Eucharist. Charles Mulligan



## Christmas Events and Holiday Mass Schedule

### **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

Monday, December 8th

Mass - 5:05 pm and 7 pm

### **Decorate St. John XXIII for Christmas**

Sunday, December 21

after the 11:15 am Mass (lunch will be provided)

### **Christmas Eve**

Wednesday, December 24th

4:45 pm - Christmas Pageant and

Christmas Eve Mass

9:00 pm - Evening Mass

### **Christmas Day**

Thursday, December 25th

Mass - 10:00 am

### **Church and offices closed**

December 26-Jan 2

No Daily 5:05 pm Mass

### **New Year's Day**

Mass - Monday 10:00 am

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### **Scripture Readings:**

#### **Sunday**

**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**  
2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

#### **Monday**

**Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs**  
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4

#### **Tuesday**

Dn 2: 31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5-11

#### **Wednesday**

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19

#### **Thursday**

**Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74; Lk 21:20-28**

#### **Friday**

**Dn 7:2-14, Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21:29-33**

#### **Saturday**

Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36

## **NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS**

**Nov 24 - Nov 30**

**Monday:** 5:05 pm - Daily Mass  
4:00 pm - Confessions

**Tuesday:** 5:05 pm - Daily Mass

**Wednesday:** **Office Closed**  
**No Daily Mass**

**Thursday:** **Happy Thanksgiving**  
**Office Closed**  
**No Confession**  
**No Daily Mass**

**Friday:** **Office Closed**  
**No Daily Mass**

**Saturday:** **NO MASS Home Football game**

**Sunday:** 9:00 am - Mass  
10:00 am - Resident Community Bible Study  
11:15 am - Mass  
5:30 pm - Mass  
6:30 pm - **NO Sunday Supper**  
9:00 pm - Mass



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# PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us pray for peace and justice throughout the world. Other prayers are needed for Allen McGinley, August Hunter Newell, Bernice Flowers, Bruce Whitcomb, Cheryl & John Newell, Diego Puigserver, Eleanore Hartrick and Family, Ellen Wavrek, Erin Evans, Fiorina Buckner, Fr. John Mulligan, Fred Boucher, Grace and Jack Newell, Gwen Sweden, Jim Romain, John R Sweat, Julia Biagiarelli, Karen Pearson Rich, Kathy Buckingham, Kevin and Melissa Brott, Mary Ann Haggerty, Mary Pat Hable, Michelle & Scott O'Connell, Pamela Roane, Pauline Lemieux, Peg Hart, Pete, Newell, Raegan Burcham-Hall, Shelly McDonald, Sonny, Stephen Tracy, Susan Herndon, Tom Mulligan, Tom O'Brien, Troy Tagget, Vance Hutchings, Vic and Barbara Kaminsky, and those serving in the military, residents of NHC North, and for any too reserved to let us know.

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