

Dear Padre,

Why does the Church continue to use the image of a king to describe Jesus? He didn't act like a king or expect his followers to treat him like one.

Hereditary kings ruled most nations in the ancient Near East. In Egypt, the king was actually recognized as a god. In Israel, God was considered the one true king, and God's covenant was the treaty that united God and the people.

But the time came when the Israelites thought they needed to strengthen themselves militarily and politically. Then the elders came to Samuel and asked him to appoint a king to govern them like other nations (1 Samuel 8:5). The three great kings of Israel (Saul, David, and Solomon) were considered instruments of God but were also subject to existing legal codes.

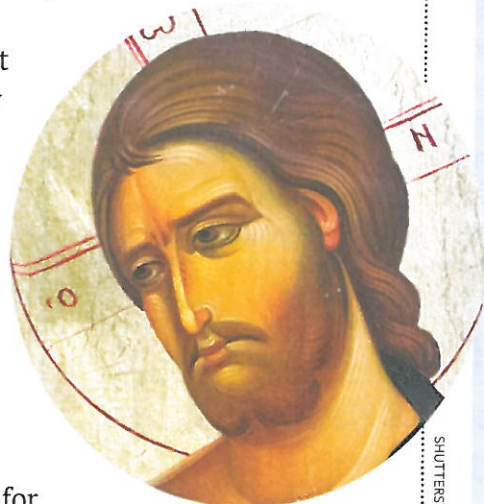
Throughout the New Testament runs the theme that Jesus, a descendant of the royal Davidic line, is a ruler or king. The Magi first proclaimed Jesus king, saying they were looking for the "newborn king of the Jews" (Matthew 2:2).

At the heart of Jesus' message was the good news that all people could enter the kingdom of God if they rejected sin. Jesus used the parable of the mustard seed (Mark 4:30-32) to show that his kingdom will grow until everyone can be embraced within its branches. This kingdom, first manifested in simplicity and love in the Galilean countryside, is to reach its fulfillment in a great love among all people. Jesus as king is an image that should lead us to recognize our commitment to love and service to others in his kingdom.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Jesus asks us to allow him to become our king....But we must not forget that Jesus' kingdom is not of this world. He will give new meaning to our life—at times even put us to difficult tests through our mistakes and our sins—merely on the condition that we not follow the logics of the world and of its "kings."

ANGELUS, NOVEMBER 25, 2018



Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 22
St. Cecilia,
Virgin and Martyr
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 23
Weekday
Dn 2:31-45
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 24
St. Andrew Dũng-Lac,
Priest, and Companions,
Martyrs
Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17,
23-28
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday

NOVEMBER 25
Weekday
Dn 6:12-28
Lk 21:20-28

Friday

NOVEMBER 26
Weekday
Dn 7:2-14
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday

NOVEMBER 27
Weekday
Dn 7:15-27
Lk 21:34-36

Sunday

NOVEMBER 28
First Sunday of Advent
Jer 33:14-16
1 Thes 3:12-4:2
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 21, 2021

*Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe (B)*
Dn 7:13-14 / Rv 1:5-8
Jn 18:33b-37

Your Majesty

This is an interesting form of address. It is not really a title like *Queen* or *Lord*. Nor does it identify a function ascribed to royalty, as does *ruler*. It refers to a status of excellence. It belongs to the position of royalty itself rather than the person in that position. Just what is majesty and why do we attribute it to some people? Originally people believed that royal individuals were descendants of the gods. This probably explains the notion of royal majesty. The readings for today's feast show that Jesus turned the ideas of kingship and royal majesty upside down.

The son of man in Daniel was a heavenly being upon whom "dominion, glory, and kingship" (7:14) were bestowed by God. The kingship of this figure is universal and everlasting. In the Gospels, Jesus frequently identifies with this title. When he does so, he is making a claim about his identity. The passage

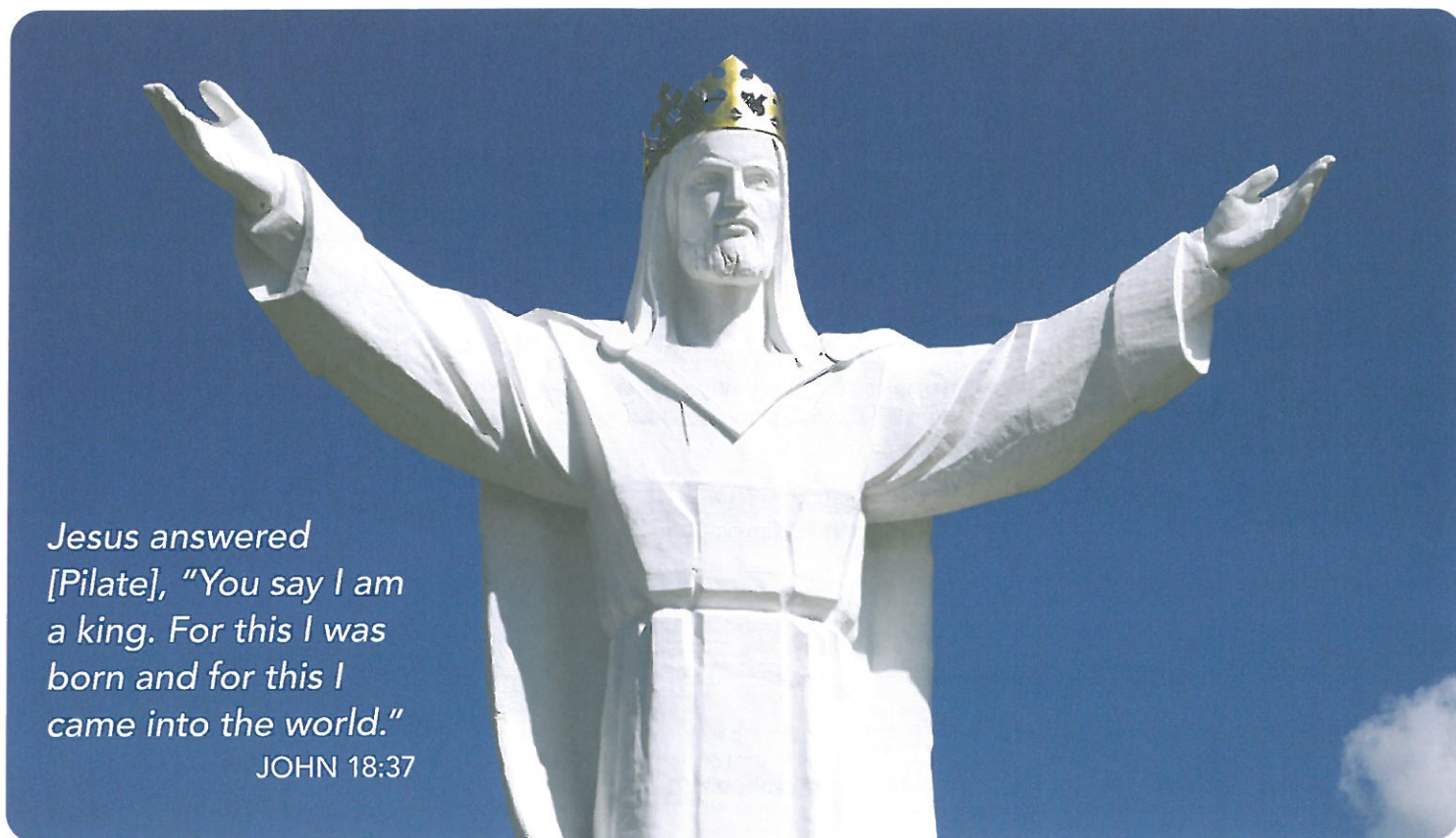
from Revelation depicts Jesus like this son of man, a heavenly being who comes "amid the clouds" (1:7) as "the ruler of the kings of the earth" (1:5).

In the Gospel scene, Jesus is interrogated about his identity. He insists that his kingship springs from love and service, not power and force. It's clear that his royal majesty flows from who he is, not from any political position he might hold. To call him king, as we do with today's responsorial psalm, was a very dangerous political statement for his early followers, for it claimed that Jesus is Lord, not Caesar.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Do you think Jesus was naive about power politics? Why or why not?
- ★ What influence does Jesus exercise over your life as your king?



Jesus answered [Pilate], "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world."

JOHN 18:37



Parish of St. Vincent De Paul

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34th Sunday Ordinary Time	1st Sunday of Advent
Mass Nov. 21, 2021-Children's Mass	Mass Nov. 28, 2021
Lector: Stacy Kniveton	Lector: Brandy Ferguson
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
James Freitag	Marv Grassl
Greeters & Presentation of Gift	Greeters & Presentation of Gift
Larry & Jaeniffer Kaiser	Jeff & Andrea Shawver Family
Altar Servers:	Alter Servers:
Brandy F. & Ruby B.	Mackenzie P. & Giselle S.

Pope's Prayer intentions:

People Who Suffer from Depression;
 We pray that people who suffer from depression
 or burn-out will find support and a light that
 opens them up to life.

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. @ St. Paul's in Eltopia
 10:30 a.m. @ St. Vincent's (English)
 12:00 p.m. @ St. Vincent's (Spanish)
Saturday: 7:00 p.m. @ San Juan Diego (Spanish)
Fridays: 8:00 a.m. Adoration @ St. Vincent's
 8:30 a.m. Mass @ St. Vincent's
Confessions: Wednesdays 6:30 pm @ St. Vincent's
 Tuesdays 7:00 pm @ San Juan Diego
Church Secretary: Elida Fernández - secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com
Tues, Weds. Thurs 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm
 Elida can be reached at 509-318-0917 - 12 – 3:30 pm on Tues. Weds. Thurs.

Prayer Chain: Call Carolyn Nordhus @ 509-234-5972

Breezeway Calendar: If you have any parish events or meetings that you would like on the all parish calendar that is posted in the breezeway please contact Julie Hart Call at 234-7232 or gjhart@outlook.com

Weekly Bulletin: Please email Elida Fernández secSt.vincent2015@gmail.com by WEDNESDAY EVENINGS for information to be included in the upcoming Sunday bulletin.
 Elida can be reached at 509-318-0917

Website: To add or send information, pictures or news to the website please email Jaeniffer Kaiser @ jaeniffer2002@hotmail.com

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FR. GUS'S SCHEDULE FOR WEEK: Nov. 21, 2021 - Nov. 28, 2021

Sun. Nov. 21: Mass Schedule
 8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia
 10:30 am Mass @ Connell
 12:00 pm Mass @ Connell

Monday Nov. 22:
 4:30 pm FOCCUS Meeting
 @ Connell

Tues. Nov. 23:
 4:00 pm Confessions @ Eltopia
 5:00 pm Mass @ Eltopia
 No Confessions @ Basin City

Wed. Nov. 24:
 5:00 pm Thanksgiving Mass
 @ Eltopia
 No Confessions @ Connell

Thurs. Nov. 25: Thanksgiving
 Fr. Gus' Day off

Fri. Nov. 26:
 Fr. Gus' Day Off

Sat Nov. 27:
 2:00 pm Baptism @ Eltopia
 7:00 pm Mass @ Basin City

Sun. Nov. 28: 1st Sunday of Advent
 8:00 am Mass @ Eltopia
 10:30 am Mass @ Connell
 12:00 pm Mass @ Connell

**Remember to Keep Fr. Gus in
 Your Prayers**

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM THE PASTORAL PATTERNS BY JS

PAULISH CO:

How is Jesus the King and ruler of my life?
 How can I honor Jesus, my King and God?

STEWARDSHIP

"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'" (John 18:36)

Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building "your" kingdom here on earth? We all know we can't take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal for St. Vincent & San Juan Diego

\$21,678.00

Contributions to date: \$7252.00

Thank you for your generous Weekly contributions

Oct. 24, 2021	Oct. 31, 2021
10:30 am - \$987.00	10:30 am - \$263.00
12:00 pm - \$263.00	12:00 pm \$317.00
Basin City - \$652.25	Basin City - \$739.50

REMINDER

Our website has:
 The times and days of Mass and
 Confession,
 The latest news and events,
 The option for online donations,
 Go to:
www.stvincentconnell.org

GUADALUPANAS MEET

Thursday, 20 of Jan. 2022
 @ 5 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Altar Flowers

Nov. – Guadalupanas
 Dec. – Altar Society; Guild 3

SMALL GROUPS MEET

Do not meet in December.
 See everyone in January of 2022!

Advent Dinner

Saturday, Dec. 5th @ 5 pm
 (21 yrs. and older)
 Sign up at the entrance of church.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SUNDAY Dec. 12th
 Christmas Caroling sponsored by the
 High School Religious Ed. Students
 Check in for more details next week!

THANK YOU!

To Wally & Marla Goade for helping for
 the staining and installation of our
 Welcome Home Cross.
 Thank you, to all parish families that
 contributed to our parish family tile
 cross, that now hangs in the breezeway.

Wednesday Confession Hour

New time
 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Dear Parishioners & Friends,
 Masks are required in our church
 buildings and offices. Thank you for
 your understanding and for taking
 care of each other, Fr. Gus.