

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe Year C  
November 23, 2025**

Reading I: 2 Samuel 5:1-3  
Responsorial Psalm: 122:1 - 5  
Reading II: Colossians 1:12-20  
Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

**Reading I:** The tribes of Israel came to David in Hebron, recognizing his leadership. They made an agreement before the Lord, and David was anointed king of Israel. This reading recounts the Israelites anointing David as king, establishing him as a traditional earthly king in their history. It sets the stage for the feast by introducing the concept of a "king," but this figure is contrasted with the true King, Jesus, whose reign is spiritual.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Jerusalem is viewed as a symbol of the Church, where the faithful gather in unity. The Faithful Soul represents the individual's spiritual journey toward God. The Heavenly City is seen as a foreshadowing of the eternal city in heaven. Jerusalem is described as "a city built as a city, compact together," symbolizing the unity of the faithful. The prayer for peace is a central theme, calling on believers to seek the welfare of the Church.

**Reading II:** Paul's letter emphasizes that Christ is the preeminent King of all creation, who reigns through a "new" kingdom of reconciliation and peace established by his death on the cross. This reading is a powerful reminder that Christ is the King of the universe, not just a king of a nation, and that his power is demonstrated through a sacrificial love that delivers us from darkness.

**Gospel:** The crucifixion scene, where Jesus is mocked as "the King of the Jews," is a powerful representation of his suffering and sacrificial kingship. The moment when one of the criminals recognizes Jesus as King and asks to be remembered is a profound moment of faith in a suffering, non-worldly king. It illustrates that those who are humble and acknowledge Jesus' kingship, even in his suffering, will share in his kingdom and paradise.

Young Catholic



## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, November 23, 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

12:00 p.m. (Noon)      Hannah Koepsell  
Improved Health  
req by Sue and Pat

### Monday, November 24 - Friday, November 28, 2025

MASS AT RESURRECTION PARISH  
St. Joseph Site 8:00 a.m.

### Thursday, November 27, 2025

Thanksgiving

9:00 a.m.                      + Janet Anderson  
req by Ascension Parishioners

### Sunday, November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

12:00 p.m. (Noon)      Living and Deceased Members  
of the Jankowski and Szczesny  
Families

### Votive Candles

### Lit for the Week November 23, 2025

Blessed Mother                      Hannah Koepsell  
Improved Health  
req by Sue and Pat



# ASCENSION

## Roman Catholic Church

Rev. Scottston F. Brentwood, O. de M., *Pastor*  
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Rev. Mr. Walter T. Szczesny, *Permanent Deacon*

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



### Mass Time:

Sunday, November 23, 2025 ~ 12:00 Noon

### Parish Office Hours:

Monday and Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### Confessions:

Saturday at 3:00 p.m. at Resurrection Parish, St. Joseph Site

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**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
November 16, 2025**

Praise be Jesus Christ, King of the Universe! We assemble in church as the royalty of His court, brave knights and noble ladies sent out to do His bidding. What has Christ the King decreed for you? Could it be a life of service in the Church, as an ordained or lay minister? Call Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 to start the conversation or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

**NEW FAMILY BULLETIN**

Sunday, December 6, 2025 is the beginning of our new "Family Bulletin". As with the start of anything new, there may be a few glitches that will need to be resolved. We ask for your patience and understanding. With a new bulletin comes new deadlines. If you would like anything printed in the upcoming issues, please be aware of the following cut off dates:

For the Dec. 13-14 bulletin – items are due no later than Dec. 1

For the Dec. 20-21 bulletin- items are due no later than Dec. 8

For the Dec. 27-28 bulletin - items are due no later than Dec. 15

For the Jan. 3-4 bulletin – items are due no later than Dec. 17

Thank you for your cooperation.

*Please pray for the  
Faithful Departed.*

**November 16, 2025  
Includes online deposits**

Weekly Offering	\$1,901.37
Miscellaneous	<u>80.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,981.37</b>



**Holiday Fun Night at Ascension**

Thursday December 11, 2025

5:30 p.m.

Ascension Parish Hall



Please join us for a light supper, Christmas Caroling in the neighborhood, Tree Decorating, Cocoa and Cookies.

Please bring your family and friends, your holiday spirit, and an ornament for our Church Christmas tree.

All Are Welcome!!

Donations of cookies or desserts are graciously accepted!

Sponsored by "Cooks with Looks" or Soup Supper Ladies



**Prayer to Christ the King**

O Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations.

We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You,

O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice and all good things.

Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth.

Guard us we pray Most Faithful One.

Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgment.

Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against you.

Jesus, You are a King of Mercy.

We have deserved Your Just Judgment.

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

We trust in Your Great Mercy.

O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before You and pray,

May Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognized on earth. Amen.



Please join us for the Rosary  
at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays  
in Ascension Church.

*Pray for Pope Leo XIV.  
May God grant him wisdom!*

**NO GRIEFSHARE NOVEMBER 26, 2025**

The final class will be on December 3, 2025.

*Altar and Rosary Society  
Christmas Dinner  
Tuesday, December 9, 2025  
Cash Bar 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner 6:00 p.m.*

*Buffet Dinner Featuring:*

- Appetizers*
- Carved Top Round with Mushroom Merlot Sauce*
- Mediterranean Chicken*
- Seafood Stuffed Flounder*
- Vegetable*
- Roasted Baby Red Potatoes*
- Eclair Cake*

*\$25.00 Cash  
Reservations due by December 2, 2025*

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