St. Susanna
Catholic Church

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Parish Membership
We joyfully welcome new members of our parish community.

Please register by calling the Parish Office, 513-398-3821, or online at www.stsusanna.org.

Bulletin Deadline
The deadline for all articles for the Sunday bulletin is Friday afternoon, (9) days before the article appears in the bulletin. Please send items, along with the dates they should run, to bulletin@stsusanna.org for submission.

Gospel Reflection

November 21, 2021 • The Solemnity of the Christ the King

Thy Kingdom Come

As we conclude our Liturgical Year, we join the rest of the Church to celebrate the solemnity of Our Lord, Christ the King. This feast was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925, a time when strong men were coming up to control the world with an iron hand and were beginning to be taken as gods who had power over the whole world. And so, the Church had to remind people that; there was only one king who is the ruler of the universe and that is; Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of kings. His Kingship is however different from that of earthly kings that we have read and heard about.

Belonging to His Kingdom is intentional. We are never forced to submit to Him, but He simply invites us to follow Him by our own faith. As a king, He does not live in palaces or move around in convoys or private jets, but lives in our hearts. He lives a humble life to the extent that, we sometimes put Him on trial by questioning His capability to help us as we hear the Jews accusing Him in the gospel (Jn 18:33b-37). And Christ is the king who seeks out the lost sheep, those that have strayed away, rather than punishing them as the other earthly kings do to their errant subjects. All these qualify Jesus to be an eternal King, whose Kingdom will have no end, because He is the alpha and Omega; the beginning and the end.

However, He tells us that His Kingdom is not of this world (Jn18:36) and that is why every day we say in the prayer that He taught us; *"Thy Kingdom come."* In these words, we are calling upon God to transform our disordered world into His Kingdom where there will be no hatred but peace, and be in union with Him. In the Kingdom of God, justice and charity must reign, people must be good to each other and be united with their King. Our King gives us some laws for us to follow in order to have a good relationship with Him and one another. He commands us to do certain things that will bring us eternal happiness. We must have peace with one another, work for truth and justice, be faithful to Him and above all, reconcile with God and one another, so that we can live as one body under the headship of Christ our King.

Every Kingdom must be maintained by her citizens. For example, in the Old Testament, people were required to give 10% of their income. Our King asks us also to be charitable to one another especially those who are in need. He asks us to offer part of our time and resources to serve and build our Church so that His mission can continue. And so, as we prepare to start our advent season looking forward to the birth our savior, let us go out of ourselves and think of some ways we can reach out to those members of our community and make an impact on their lives, so that they can realize that they also belong to the Kingdom of love.

Today, there are some powerful people in our world, whose word we think can turn things around in either direction. This feast should remind us that; there is a power that is greater than all these. Prophet Daniel tells us that; He is the one with dominion, glory, kingship and all peoples and nations will serve Him. But to belong to His Kingdom, we have to listen to His voice and be people of the truth. As we prepare for the Thanksgiving, let our focus not be much on foods, drinks, family members and friends, but on the one who gives us life and continues to protect us day and night. That is Christ, the King of this Universe. Wishing you fruitful celebrations.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Fr. Elias

Did you notice the colorful handmade basket being used to bring up your monetary offering at Mass? Do you know where the basket came from or why we are using it? Well…

Fr. Elias was given this beautiful handmade basket as a gift from a parishioner of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (our twinning parish). So, every time you see this basket as it brings your gifts to Our Lord, please pray and think of our friends at OLPH.

Mass Intentions & Weekend Presiders

Monday, November 22
6:00pm Glen Lievstro

Tuesday, November 23
8:30am* Ray Hanna

Wednesday, November 24
8:15am* Galluppi Family

Thursday, November 25
9:00am Fasano Family, *Special Intention*

Friday, November 26
8:15am Daniel Dunn

Saturday, November 27
8:15am Marianne McGail
5:00pm *(Fr. Barry)* The Edward Meyer Family, *Special Intention*

Sunday, November 28
7:30am *(Fr. Elias)* Marino Mario Fasano
9:30am* *(Fr. Barry)* Pete Ehrlich
11:30am* *(Fr. Elias)* Amy Tanaka
4:00pm* *(Spanish)* Arelys Fernández de Lugo

Welcome New Parishioners!
Borders Family
Nsenga Family
Renz Family

In Loving Memory
Christine Corder
Wife of Nick Corder

Bernice Dunigan Jordan
Grandmother of Sarah Wernke

Schedule Notice for Thanksgiving Day
Mass on the morning of Thursday, November 25th will be held at 9:00am, instead of the usual 8:15am.

In addition, there will be no Holy Hour or Confessions that evening.

The flowers gracing the Altar this weekend are in memory of
Kortney Snyder
From the Snyder Family

Weekend Mass Times
Saturday at 5:00pm
Sunday at 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

Daily Mass Times
Monday at 6:00pm
Tuesday at 8:30am
Wednesday through Saturday at 8:15am

Mass in Spanish
4:00pm* on the 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays

Adoration
The Blessed Sacrament Chapel is open for Adoration whenever Mass isn't in progress. For access after hours, please contact the Parish Office.

Reconciliation
Monday after the 6:00pm Mass
Thursday after the 6:00pm Holy Hour
Saturday after the 8:15am Mass
By appointment - call the Parish Office

Holy Hour w/ Eucharistic Exposition
Thursday at 6:00pm

Children's Adoration
Wednesday at 10:00am

Patriotic Rosary
Monday at 5:30pm

Sacraments require preparation. Please contact the following for more information:

Baptism
Joe Schleicher (ext. 3149)
schleicherj@stsusanna.org

Bautizo
Aracelia A. Ayala (ext. 3107)
ayalaa@stsusanna.org

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion
Chloé Fasano (ext. 3110)
fasanoc@stsusanna.org

Confirmation
Chloé Fasano (ext. 3110)
fasanoc@stsusanna.org

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)
Joe Schleicher (ext. 3149)
schleicherj@stsusanna.org

Marriage
Cathy Meyer (ext. 3113)
meyerc@stsusanna.org

Matrimonio
Aracelia A. Ayala (ext. 3107)
ayalaa@stsusanna.org

Anointing of the Sick
Sharon Osborne (ext. 3100)
osbornes@stsusanna.org

Altar Flower Dedication
Dedicate the placing of flowers at the altar in memory of a loved one or to honor a special occasion. The amount is $50 to defray the cost of the flowers. To reserve, please contact the Parish Office, 398.3821, ext. 3100, or visit www.stsusanna.org/altarflowers.

***Livestreams**
Watch Mass via YouTube
www.youtube.com/c/StSusanna

Sunday at 9:30am & 11:30am
Spanish Mass at 4:00pm
Tuesday at 8:30am
Wednesday at 8:15am

Notice of Filming and Photography
In order to offer Masses online, there is a possibility your image and likeness may appear on camera.

This Week at St. Susanna
If you would like more information about an event listed below, please call the Parish Office at 513-398-3821, ext. 3100.

Monday, November 22
3:00pm School Liturgy Choir Rehearsal (5th & 7th Grades)
3:00pm Prayer at Rose Hill Cemetery
6:45pm CCD Family Event
7:00pm SVdP Commission Mtg.

Tuesday, November 23

Wednesday, November 24
NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Meal Ministry Event
9:15am True Devotion to Mary

Thursday, November 25
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
NO SCHOOL

Friday, November 26
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
NO SCHOOL

Saturday, November 27
7:00am Men's Prayer & Fellowship
6:00pm St. Susanna School Class of 2011 Reunion

Sunday, November 28
10:30am Sunday Café
10:40am CCD: NO CLASSES

Parish Financial Review

Sunday Collection

Nov. 7th Budget:	$45,000
Nov. 7th Actual:	$43,137
Over / (Under):	($1,863)
Nov. 14th Budget:	$35,000
Nov. 14th Actual:	$37,973
Over / (Under):	$2,973
YTD Budget:	$736,000
YTD Actual:	$718,010
Over / (Under):	($17,990)

Viva Cristo Rey! Long live Christ the King! These were the words of the Mexican priest, Padre Miguel Pro, that he shouted out as he stood before his executioners, without a blindfold, with arms outstretched like he was on a cross, holding a crucifix in one hand and a rosary in the other. The initial shots did not kill him, so a soldier fired a pistol to his head as he lay dying on the ground, finishing him off. The then president of Mexico, Plutarco Calles, a vicious persecutor of the Church, had photos of Pro's execution put on the front pages of newspapers throughout the country. Those images of a martyr's death did nothing but spur on the Cristero's fight for religious freedom in Mexico in the 1920's, the opposite of what the president wanted.

Father Pro was executed because he was a Catholic priest doing his job. It's amazing that just one hundred years ago a "modern" nation like Mexico would do something like this – kill a man without a trial for being a Catholic priest. Mexico at that time was nearly all Catholic, except those who rose in power and made it illegal to practice the Catholic Faith. Priests could not work in public, could not wear clerical garb, and could not own property or vote. It was illegal to gather in church for Mass as well; all in the name of the corrupt leaders' plan to make Mexico a modern, socialist state.

Father Pro worked undercover to bring the faithful the Sacraments. He was in hiding, along with other brave priests, going from home to home to give the Eucharist, hear confessions, and anoint the sick. He would dress in regular clothes. The story goes that one night he was being chased by government soldiers. He grabbed a girl walking by and kissed her, seemingly passionately, on the lips to escape the probing authorities chasing him. When they went by, Father Pro smiled at her and told her he was a priest and didn't mean to frighten her. She, with glossy eyes and blushed cheeks, said she understood. She marveled at his bravery and at the kiss he gave her. Father Pro was not afraid of the consequences of his actions on behalf of religious freedom. He knew it would mean certain death. That didn't stop him in the least.

We need brave Catholics today who aren't afraid to stand up before others, even those in authority, and profess the right to religious freedom and proclaim the truth and put their life on the line to do it. We need saints today! Will you be one of these saints? Will you face the executioners (not just physically, but also spiritually and socially, letting your name be put before the firing squad of opinion and offering that in sacrifice to God)? I wonder if we have the strength to do what Father Pro did. If not, what is your faith worth to you? Is Christ really your King?

May Christ the King truly reign over our hearts and minds, over our whole self. *Viva Cristo Rey!*

Fr. Barry

YOU can help St. Susanna WIN BIG!

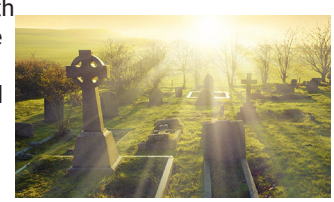
Give NOW though November 30, 2021 (#GivingTuesday), and the Meyer Center renovation project* could win additional funds. Your donation will make an incredible difference. The prize winners will be determined by the total number of donors - no gift is too small, every donation will help! Tell your friends! Help us get the word out! Follow the leaderboard at www.givecatholicaoc.org and help us get to the top!

Give to St. Susanna NOW through November 30th (#GivingTuesday) online at: www.givecatholicaoc.org.

*The Meyer Center renovation will include new multipurpose flooring and theater curtains to benefit the entire parish! This means:
• Nicer space for parish and school events, retreats, receptions, etc.
• New sports center with a basketball and a volleyball court (less need to rent space)
• New theater for a theater program and onsite and concert space

Prayer for the Souls of the Faithful Departed

The month of November is traditionally dedicated in the Catholic Church to honoring the dead and relieving the sufferings of souls in purgatory. The Vatican extended Plenary Indulgences for the deceased through the entire month of November this year. Let's come together before the month ends to pray for the souls of the faithful departed.



Join us at Rose Hill Cemetery, located directly across from the Mason Police Station, on the following dates:

- Monday, November 22nd, at 3:00pm
- Monday, November 29th, at Noon
- Tuesday, November 30th, at 6:30pm

Contact Chloé with any questions at fasanoc@stsuanna.org or 513-398-3821, ext. 3110.

Advent Healing Prayer Service

Join us on Saturday, December 11th, from 7:00-9:00pm in the Church for a special Advent Healing Prayer Service. There will be time for Eucharistic Exposition, praise and worship, the Sacrament of Confession, and time with Prayer Teams for healing. Contact the Parish Office, or email calpins@stsusanna.org, for more details.

We Are Called To Be In Community!

The Spirit is vibrant and moving within our parish! The Small Groups ministry has been organized to enable parishioners an easy way to experience a deeper sense of community and to help one another along our spiritual journey. There are many different types of groups that are being started! Have a group in mind but don't see it listed? We will help you get it started.

To learn more, please visit www.stsusanna.org/smallgroups. If you have questions after you have looked at the website, and want to talk to someone, please contact Greg Raiff at graiff@cinci.rr.com.

Rediscover Your Marriage

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10's of 1000's headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on January 7th-9th, call 513-486-6222 or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Ask Father Barry!

Our kids ask a lot of questions, especially about church. In this section of the bulletin Father Barry will try to answer their questions!

Eleven year old homeschooler, Collin, asks Father Barry: "When did you say your first Mass?"

Father Barry's answer:

"Collin, I was made a priest on Saturday, May 23rd, back in 2009. At my ordination Mass in the cathedral in Cincinnati I actually offered my first Mass with Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk, along with the nine men who were ordained with me, and many other priests who were in attendance. It was a magical moment and I hope I said the words of consecration correctly. I was very excited.

The next day, on Sunday, I went back to Guardian Angels parish where I did my internship, and said the first Mass where I was the main priest. My dad was there. He had just gotten out of the nursing home after recovering from serious cancer surgery. He told me afterwards that it was the most beautiful Mass he had ever been to in all his life. I was so thankful that he got to see me as a priest. He died a year later and I celebrated his funeral Mass at St. Augustine, my home parish in Minster, Ohio. That was one of the most beautiful Masses that I had ever been to.

Maybe one day you will be saying your first Mass. Keep praying to know your vocation. Maybe God is calling you to be a priest."

If your child has a question, please email it to Father Barry at stechschulteb@stsusanna.org.

Rorate Mass

A special Mass in honor of the Blessed Mother will take place on Saturday, December 4th at 6:30am. (This will take the place of the usual 8:15am Saturday Mass that week.)

This Mass is done by candlelight in the pre-dawn hour, to symbolize Mary the pre-dawn of the Rising Sun, her Son Jesus Christ, who comes to us as the light of the world at Christmas. Please join us for this beautiful early morning celebration.

Join Us in Adoration to End Abortion

Join us and Catholics across the country in Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday, December 1st, when the Supreme Court hears the landmark pro-life case, *Dobbs vs Jackson Women's Health*.

Nursing Mother's Area
in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Room
A space specifically for moms with nursing infants. A rocking chair and a locking door provide a safe place for nursing mothers to pump milk or breastfeed.

Nursery
Sundays at 9:30am and 11:30am
Email nursery@stsusanna.org or call the Parish Office for details.

Children's Adoration
Wednesdays 10:00-11:00am
in the Adoration Chapel
Bring your little children to church for this prayer time and teach them how to pray in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Sunday School (Ages 3 - Kdg)
Lauren Zinnecker (ext. 3400)
zinneckerl@stsusanna.org

CCD (Grades 1-8)
Jayne LoConti (ext. 3128)
locontij@stsusanna.org

Faith Alive (Grades 6-8)
Shayne Reno (ext. 3146)
renos@stsusanna.org

LIFE (Grades 9-12)
Shayne Reno (ext. 3146)
renos@stsusanna.org

Preschool (Ages 2-5)
Joette Ewing (ext. 3131)
ewingj@stsusanna.org

St. Susanna School (Grades K-8)
School Secretary
(513) 398-3821, ext. 3108

PTO 365-Day Raffle Winners

10/24 ($100)	Chuck Moore
10/25 ($40)	Brent Bizik
10/26 ($40)	Melissa Wiley
10/27 ($40)	Steve & Josie Schlachter
10/28 ($40)	Mary Ann Peppard
10/29 ($40)	Jeanette Arlinghaus
10/30 ($40)	Amy Knudsen

Parish Ministries

Women of the Word (WOW) Christmas Dinner Party

Women of St. Susanna are invited to join us for a Christmas Dinner Party and celebrate the holiday season on Monday, December 13th at 6:00pm in the St. Susanna Room. Please come and join us for a fun evening of food, beverages, games and laughter. Add to the fun and bring a wrapped Christmas Ornament or small gift for a gift exchange. Please reserve your spot early with Ruby Lim at 513-236-3934 or snow4rain@gmail.com.

St. Susanna's Gift Card Ministry

Looking for great gift ideas for a special occasion or your holiday shopping? The St. Susanna Gift Card Ministry can help! When you purchase gift cards at our Parish, St. Susanna receives anywhere from 2-20% of the total purchase - at no additional cost to you. We understand there are incentives to get gift cards elsewhere, and ask you to please consider purchasing them through our program.

Gift Card sales can be made at the Information Desk in the Gathering Space after Mass with cash or check. For questions on how to coordinate a gift card purchase outside of Mass, please contact Beth Borgemenke at borgemenke7@gmail.com.

Amazon Smile

AmazonSmile gives 0.5% percent of each eligible order to the charity of your choice at no cost to you or the charity. We now have this for St. Sue! To set this up on a computer:

- Go to Smile.Amazon.com (and always order from this address in the future, with "smile." in front of "amazon.com")
- In the upper left corner, it will say "Supporting" - select this option
- Select the "Change Charity" button on the right hand side
- In "Or pick your own charitable organization" enter "St Susanna Church Mason"

Once this is set up, you can also set up your Amazon mobile app to use smile.amazon as well! To set this up:

- Go to settings
- Select AmazonSmile
- Click "Turn on AmazonSmile"
- You do have to enable notifications (this is the only downside)
- Go back to the Amazon App to click "Turn on AmazonSmile"

St. Susanna Parish School

The month of November has been a busy one here in the preschool program! The little ones have been developing their fine motor skills while creating bracelets with beads and hammering golf tees into pumpkins as well. We will continue focusing on families, friends and being thankful as we learn more about how the 1st Thanksgiving came to be a very long time ago. We enjoyed learning all about the Native Americans with Ms. Jane last week!

Giving Tree Outreach Kicks Off THIS Weekend!

The trees for the annual parish Giving Tree ministry are now displayed in the Gathering Space and by the elevator. This year, three organizations will benefit from the donations:

- Schuh Center (red ornaments)
- St. George Food Pantry in Clifton (green ornaments)
- St. Vincent de Paul St. Joseph Conference in Adams County (yellow ornaments)

Wish lists for the families of SVdP St. Joseph Conference can all be found at www.stsusanna.org/givingtree. The wish lists for both St. George Food Pantry and the Schuh Center can also be found online.

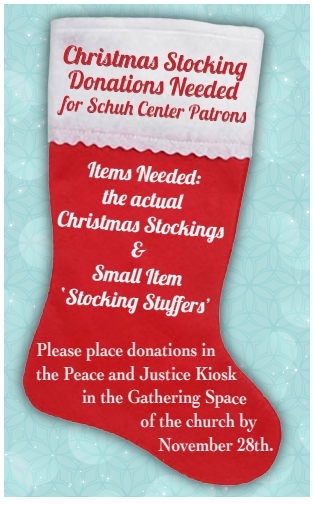
Please stop by the trees next weekend, or visit the website, to take an ornament… or 2 or 3 or 5 or 10! Purchase the item listed on the ornament. Pay close attention to the ornament regarding if the gift needs to be wrapped, or not. For Adams Co. families, please include the Gift ID # on the gift. Attach the ornament securely to the package and return the package to the church during the weekend of December 11th/12th.

There is also the option of making a financial donation, and the Giving Tree Committee will purchase gifts for you. You can make your donation through the Online Giving portal: www.osvhub.com/stsusanna/funds. If you have an account set up, log in or create an account. Click on Funds and then choose Giving Tree.

Volunteers are still needed:

- December 11th/12th to collect the gifts
- December 13th to deliver the gifts to St. George Food Pantry and SVdP St. Joseph Conference in Adams Co.

To sign up to volunteer, visit www.stsusanna.org/givingtree. Contact Mary Jo Burns at burnsmj@stsusanna.org, or 398-3821, ext. 3120 with questions.



Each year, the Schuh Center hands out Christmas Stockings to its patrons during the month of December. Donations that are needed include the actual Christmas stockings and small item stocking stuffers. Please place donations in the Peace and Justice Kiosk in the Gathering Space of the church by November 28th.

Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, December 1st, from 9:00-11:00am at the Schuh Center to put together the Christmas stockings. To volunteer, please visit www.stsusanna.org/schuhcenter.

Thanksgiving Meal Ministry Still Needs Support!

If you forgot to bring your items for the turkey dinner preparation, please feel free to deliver them to the tables in the Gathering Space on Monday or Tuesday, November 22nd/23rd.

If you would like to participate in the actual preparation of the meals or to acquire more information, please contact Karen and Ricky Mathews, rkanj2005@yahoo.com or 513-755-7645.

If you would like to financially donate, you can do so via:

- Check: made out to St. Susanna Church with "Thanksgiving Meals" on the memo line. Place the check in an envelope marked Thanksgiving Meals, and:
  - Drop the check off to the Parish Office
  - Place in giving baskets at the Sunday Mass
  - Mail to: St. Susanna Church, Attn: Jodi Tucker, 616 Reading Road, Mason, Ohio 45040.
- Online Giving: www.osvhub.com/stsusanna/funds. If you have an account set up, log in or create an account. Click on Funds and scroll down to Thanksgiving Dinners.

Your financial gifts will be used for purchasing items for the Thanksgiving Meals. If we have any money in excess of what is needed for these meals, those funds will be used to meet the needs of the poor and vulnerable in our area and the surrounding area during other Holiday Seasons (Christmas and Easter). Thank you in advance for your support.

If you forgot your supplies this weekend, please bring them to the church by November 23rd!

Many patrons of the Schuh Center cannot afford to keep their homes "toasty warm" due to the higher cost of utilities. Donations of new/gently-used blankets, as well as "no-sew" blankets, are being accepted to help keep these families warm during the cold months ahead.

Blankets can be dropped off at the Peace and Justice Kiosk in the Gathering Space of church or at the Schuh Center during operation hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9:00-11:00am.

This Week, from the St. Susanna Vincentians…

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, may we open the door of our heart so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build His kingdom here on earth. In the past quarter, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 45 local families with expenses of $17,082 by providing food, help with utility, rent, and other necessities. Thank You!

Servicios en Español

Misa: 2do., 4to. y 5to. Domingo del Mes: 4:00pm

Confesiones en Español durante el mes de Noviembre
Domingo 14 de Noviembre: 3:00 pm
(Antes de la Santa Misa)
Domingo 28 de Noviembre: 3:00 pm
(Antes de la Santa Misa)

Clases Pre-Bautismales:
1er. Sábado del Mes; 10:00am

Rezo del Santo Rosario:
Todos los Martes en el Salon St. Jerome: 7:30pm
Y también a través de Zoom
Zoom ID 591 598 021 Password: 45040

Horario de la Oficina (Español)
Lunes, Miércoles, y Jueves: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Para Asistencia en Español
Contacte a la Directora del Miniserio Hispano Aracelia Ayala
(513) 398-3821 ext. 3107 ayalaa@stsusanna.org

Es indispensable **registrarse en la Parroquia para todos los sacramentos** o cualquier trámite que desee realizar.

Área Privada de Lactancia Materna está ubicada en el Salón de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

Para la clase los sábados, por favor inscríbase contactando a Aracelia Ayala (513) 398-3821, ext. 3107 o ayalaa@stsusanna.org
No es necesario inscribirse para las otras clases.

VENGA TU REINO

Al concluir nuestro Año Litúrgico, nos unimos al resto de la Iglesia para celebrar la solemnidad de Nuestro Señor, Cristo Rey. Esta fiesta fue establecida por el Papa Pío XI en 1925, un momento en que los hombres fuertes se alzaban para controlar el mundo con mano de hierro y comenzaban a ser tomados como dioses que tenían poder sobre el mundo entero. Y así, la Iglesia tuvo que recordarle a la gente que sólo había un rey que es el gobernante del universo y que ese es Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, el Rey de reyes. Sin embargo, su realeza es diferente de la de los reyes terrenales que hemos leído y escuchado.

Pertenecer a Su Reino es intencional. Nunca estamos obligados a someternos a Él, sino que Él simplemente nos invita a seguirlo por nuestra propia fe. Como rey, Él no vive en palacios ni se mueve en convoyes o jets privados, sino que vive en nuestros corazones. Él vive una vida humilde en la medida en que, a veces lo ponemos en juicio al cuestionar Su capacidad para ayudarnos, así como escuchamos a los judíos acusándolo en el evangelio (Jn 18: 33b-37). Cristo es el rey que busca a las ovejas perdidas, las que se han desviado, en lugar de castigarlas como lo hacen los otros reyes terrenales con sus súbditos errantes. Todo esto califica a Jesús para ser un Rey eterno, cuyo Reino no tendrá fin, porque Él es el alfa y la omega; el principio y el fin.

Sin embargo, Él nos dice que Su Reino no es de este mundo (Jn 18:36) y es por eso por lo que todos los días decimos en la oración que Él nos enseñó; *"Venga tu Reino."* En estas palabras, estamos llamando a Dios para transformar nuestro mundo desordenado en Su Reino donde no habrá odio sino paz, y estaremos en unión con Él. En el Reino de Dios, la justicia y la caridad deben reinar, las personas deben ser buenas entre sí y estar unidas con su Rey. Nuestro Rey nos da algunas leyes para que las sigamos a fin de tener una buena relación con Él y con los demás. Él nos ordena hacer ciertas cosas que nos traerán felicidad eterna. Debemos tener paz unos con otros, trabajar por la verdad y la justicia, ser fieles a Él y, sobretodo, reconciliarnos con Dios y con los demás, para que podamos vivir como un solo cuerpo bajo la dirección de Cristo nuestro Rey.

Cada Reino debe ser mantenido por sus ciudadanos. Por ejemplo, en el Antiguo Testamento, las personas estaban obligadas a dar el 10% de sus ingresos. Nuestro Rey nos pide también que seamos caritativos unos con otros, especialmente con aquellos que están en necesidad. Él nos pide que ofrezcamos parte de nuestro tiempo y recursos para servir y edificar nuestra Iglesia para que Su misión pueda continuar. Y así, mientras nos preparamos para comenzar nuestra temporada de adviento esperando el nacimiento de nuestro salvador, salgamos de nosotros mismos y pensemos en algunas maneras en que podemos llegar a esos miembros de nuestra comunidad y hacer un impacto en sus vidas, para que puedan darse cuenta de que ellos también pertenecen al Reino del amor.

Hoy en día, hay algunas personas poderosas en nuestro mundo, cuya palabra creemos que puede cambiar las cosas en cualquier dirección. Pero esta fiesta debe recordarnos que hay un poder que es mayor que todos ellos. El profeta Daniel nos dice que Él es el que tiene dominio, gloria, realeza y que todos los pueblos y naciones Le servirán. Pero para pertenecer a Su Reino, tenemos que escuchar Su voz y ser personas de la verdad. Mientras nos preparamos para el Día de Acción de Gracias, no nos centremos mucho en los alimentos, las bebidas, los familiares y los amigos, sino en aquel que nos da la vida y continúa protegiéndonos día y noche. Ese es Cristo, el Rey de este Universo. Deseándoles celebraciones fructíferas.

Feliz Día de Acción de Gracias.
Padre Elías

\¡*Viva Cristo Rey!* ¡Viva Cristo Rey! Estas fueron las palabras del sacerdote mexicano, Padre Miguel Pro, que gritó mientras estaba de pie frente a sus verdugos, sin venda en los ojos, con los brazos extendidos como si estuviera en una cruz, sosteniendo un crucifijo en una mano y un rosario en la otra. Los disparos iniciales no lo mataron, por lo que un soldado le disparó con la pistola en la cabeza mientras estaba en el suelo muriéndose, terminando de matarlo. El entonces presidente de México, Plutarco Calles, un feroz perseguidor de la Iglesia, hizo que las fotos de la ejecución del Padre Pro se pusieran en las portadas de los periódicos de todo el país. Esas imágenes de la muerte de un mártir no hicieron más que estimular la lucha de los Cristeros por la libertad religiosa en México en la década de 1920, lo contrario de lo que el presidente quería.

El padre Pro fue ejecutado porque era un sacerdote católico que hacía su trabajo. Es increíble que hace apenas cien años una nación "moderna" como México hiciera algo como esto: matar a un hombre sin un juicio por ser un sacerdote católico. En ese momento México era casi todo católico, excepto aquellos que subieron al poder e hicieron ilegal practicar la fe católica. Los sacerdotes no podían trabajar en público, no podían usar vestimenta clerical y no podían poseer propiedades ni votar. También era ilegal reunirse en la iglesia para la misa; todo en nombre del plan de los líderes corruptos para hacer de México un estado moderno y socialista.

El Padre Pro trabajó encubierto para llevar a los fieles los Sacramentos. Estaba escondido, junto con otros sacerdotes valientes, yendo de casa en casa para distribuir la Eucaristía, escuchar confesiones y ungir a los enfermos. Se vestía con ropa normal. La historia cuenta que una noche estaba siendo perseguido por soldados del gobierno. Agarró a una chica que pasaba y la besó, aparentemente apasionadamente, en los labios para escapar de las autoridades que lo perseguían. Cuando pasaron, el padre Pro le sonrió a la chica y le dijo que era sacerdote que no quería asustarla. Ella, con ojos brillantes y mejillas sonrojadas, dijo que entendía. Ella se maravilló de su valentía y del beso que le dio. El Padre Pro no temía las consecuencias de sus acciones en nombre de la libertad religiosa. Sabía que significaría una muerte segura. Eso no lo detuvo en lo más mínimo.

Necesitamos católicos valientes hoy que no tengan miedo de enfrentar a los demás, incluso aquellos en autoridad, y profesar el derecho a la libertad religiosa y proclamar la verdad y arriesgar su vida para hacerlo. ¡Necesitamos santos hoy! ¿Será usted uno de estos santos? ¿Les enfrentará a los verdugos (no solo físicamente, sino también espiritual y socialmente, dejando que su nombre sea puesto ante el pelotón de fusilamiento de opinión y ofreciendo eso en sacrificio a Dios)? Me pregunto si tenemos la fuerza para hacer lo que hizo el Padre Pro. Si no es así, ¿cuál es el valor de su fe? ¿Es Cristo realmente su Rey?

Que Cristo Rey realmente reine sobre nuestros corazones y mentes, sobre todo nuestro ser. *¡Viva Cristo Rey!*

Fr. Barry

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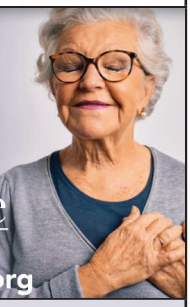
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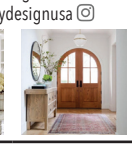

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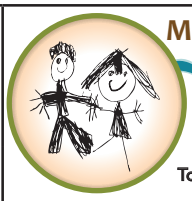

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