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OLC BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL



2025



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

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend, the Church invites us to lift our eyes toward one of the most majestic and consoling truths of our faith: Jesus Christ is King of the Universe. It is a title that sounds overwhelming, and yet, when the Church established this feast a century ago, it was not an age of kings. It was an age of confusion, fear, and moral collapse.

Pope Pius XI instituted the Feast of Christ the King in 1925, in the shadow of World War I. Nations were rebuilding from unimaginable violence. Totalitarian regimes were rising. Secularism was accelerating. Many believed humanity could save itself through power, ideology, or progress. The Holy Father saw a world forgetting who truly reigns. And so this feast was born to call the world back to its rightful center, to remind us that when earthly thrones shake, Christ's throne stands firm.

But here is the paradox: when we proclaim Christ as King, we are not pointing to a golden crown or a marble palace. The Gospel for this Sunday places us on Golgotha, in what appears to be total defeat.

And it is there that the true Kingship of Jesus is revealed. As our Lord is in agony, mocked by rulers, jeered at by soldiers, dismissed by one criminal crucified beside Him, He looks nothing like a king. There is no army, no banners, no signs of strength, except the strength that chooses forgiveness in the face of cruelty.

But there is another criminal, traditionally known as the Good Thief, or St. Dismas. He represents what happens when even the smallest spark of faith turns toward Christ. Dismas has nothing to offer, no good works, no repaired past, no ability to make amends. He has only one thing... honesty before God: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom."

It is one of the greatest prayers ever spoken and Jesus answers with the greatest promise ever given: "Today you will be with me in Paradise."

At the very moment when Jesus appears powerless, He exercises His greatest power. In the moment when His own life seems to be slipping away, He opens eternal life to someone else. In the moment when He is mocked as a false king, He proves Himself the King who conquers death, despair, and sin itself. This is why the Church gives us this feast at the end of the liturgical year: not simply to conclude the calendar, but to remind us how the story ends.

No matter what burdens we carry, no matter how complicated our past or present may be, the door to Paradise remains open. The King is still speaking the same words: "Come to me. Do not be afraid. I am with you."

As we celebrate this feast, allow Christ to reign more fully in our lives, our decisions, our families, our priorities, and our hopes. Surrender whatever parts of our hearts resemble the darkness of Calvary so that Christ can transform them into the promise of Paradise.

This feast has the power to renew our faith in the One who reigns not by force, but by love. May the King who saved the Good Thief continue to save, strengthen, and guide us, until we see Him face-to-face.

Fa. Bryan

SAVE THE DATE!
WOMEN'S GROUP
PAINT & SIP
DEC. 2ND | 7-9 PM
HOLY FAMILY HALL | \$20

RSVP to SECURE SEAT

MASS INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER 22 - NOVEMBER 30

- SATURDAY** 5 PM VIOLA DE COUDREAUX
FROM BETH HILLMAN
NOV 22
- SUNDAY** 10:00 AM MARIA CRUZ
FROM ANA CRUZ
NOV 23
12:30 PM. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
- TUESDAY** 12:30 PM SPECIAL INTENTION OF
NOV 25 DR. VIC JOSEPH
FROM ANDREA SELVARAJA
- WEDNESDAY** 12:30 PM GOOD HEALTH FOR
NOV 26 LOURDES GUERRERO
FROM L. NERY
- THURSDAY** 9:30 AM GOOD HEALTH FOR
NOV 27 LOURDES GUERRERO
FROM L. NERY
- FRIDAY** 12:30 PM. GOOD HEALTH FOR
NOV 28 LOURDES GUERRERO
FROM L. NERY
- SATURDAY** 5 PM IN THANKSGIVING
NOV 29 FROM POSTON FAMILY
- SUNDAY** 10 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
NOV 30 12:30 PM LUIS CARO MOTOLINIA
FROM LAUREN CARO MOTOLINIA

Sunday Scripture

November 23

2 Sm 5:1-3

Col 1:12-20

Luke 23:35-43

November 30

Is 2:1-5

Rom 13:11-14

Matthew 24:37-44

OVER THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 15 & 16, 577 PEOPLE ATTENDED MASS WITH AN AVERAGE DONATION OF \$29.07.

ONE TIME GIFTS AND VISITORS

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT

CONSISTENT SUPPORT AND PARISHONERS

To Do: Support Mercy House!

Today!!!

Donate	Food: pasta, sauce, canned fish/meats, cereal, rice, pancake mix, mac & cheese, milk, juice, snack bars, corn
Donate	Baby items: diapers, wipes, gently used clothes & equipment, toiletries
Donate	Household items: kitchenware, bedding/linens, seasonal decor
Donate	Personal items: adult & teen clothes, toiletries, fem. hygiene

Food is urgently needed!

Bring to Mass

Today!!!

In Loving Memory of

Bella Loveless
Deceased Family & Friends.
of the Duemig, Wondolowski,
& Mongelli Families
Alazandro
Apolonia & Mauro
Carmen
Francisco
Gennaro
Georgiana

Gloria
Juan
Luz
Mariana
Pablo
Paz
Sofia
Victoria
William



*Eternal rest grant
unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual
light shine upon
them.
May their souls,
and the souls of all
the faithful
departed, rest in
peace.*

All Souls' Day 2025

Mass on Thanksgiving Day is
Happy 9:30 AM
Thanksgiving





OLC Kids' Bulletin!

November is the Month of Remembrance

Our new church calendar year begins on November 30 – the first Sunday of Advent, when we start to prepare for Christmas.



Clementine Asks: What does an angel look like?

Angels look like nothing we can imagine, but storytellers have tried to help us understand by describing them in a lot of different ways. Angels appear many times in the Bible, both in the old Hebrew Bible and the New Testament with the life of Jesus. The angel Gabriel appears to Mary, but we do not know how he looked when he appeared to her. In art, angels are sometimes shown as light or glowing.

There are even different kinds of angels: seraphim, cherubim, archangels, guardian angels. The seraphim appear in the book of Isaiah and are described as having six wings. "Seraphim: were stationed above; each of them had six wings: with two they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they hovered." Isaiah 6:2. In Ezekiel, not only are there descriptions of what cherubim look like, but what they sound like: "The sound of the wings of the cherubim could be heard as far as the outer court; it was like the voice of God Almighty speaking."

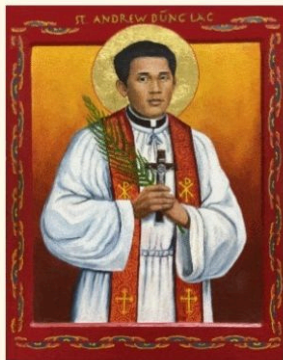
Ezekiel 10:5. "Now I knew they were cherubim."

21Each of them had four faces and four wings, and something like human hands under their wings." Ezekiel 10:20-21

Each of us has a personal, or guardian, angel here to help guide us on God's path. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, a book that has all the teachings of the Church written out to help us understand what we believe and how we can live it, says "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life." Jesus, our Good Shepherd, has angels help Him shepherd us.



St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc



Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc was a Vietnamese priest martyred for his faith in the 1800s. He represents over 100 Vietnamese martyrs, all different people who lived for Jesus and were put to death for their faith: priests, laypeople, men, women, and children. Their courage reminds us of how strong faith is, and their memory and presence in Heaven help bless us here on Earth. The feast honors religious freedom and the universal call to holiness. We are all meant to be saints!

Have more questions?

You can write your questions on a gift envelope and leave it in the basket during Mass!

St. Catherine of Alexandria



Catherine, a young woman who lived among some of the first Christians, helped others believe thanks to her gifts of communication. She influenced thinkers for many hundreds of years after she lived. Though some parts of her story are tall tales, she has always been remembered for her faith, her intellect, and courage. She is a patron saint of students, philosophers, and young women.

Children's Liturgy is back!

December 7th
10 AM Mass

