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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 20, 2022

This Sunday, we celebrate the end of the liturgical year with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (or as it used to be called “Christ the King”). But what is this solemnity commemorating Christ the King all about? I think at times of my life, this day seemed like a day that just called to mind one of Jesus’ many titles, if I even recognized it was happening at all. If it was called “Lamb of God Sunday” or “Good Shepherd Sunday”, I would have hardly noticed the difference. These ideas are important, for sure, but didn’t always lead to further reflection.

But in a way, much of the year has been building up to this moment. We’ve experienced many images of Jesus throughout the year. He’s been a healer and a preacher, he’s called disciples and dined with sinners. It’s all very much tied to a specific time and place: 2,000 years ago in the land of Palestine. We talk about things back *then* and try to apply them to things *now*, but the future has been a bit absent from the equation. Remember these last few weeks’ worth of readings? We’ve talked about the end, the consummation of history, the resurrection of the dead and the signs that mark the coming of the end. Our readings have been forcing us to look forward. We don’t always like this. We don’t want to think about upcoming doctor’s appointments or paying bills or putting money towards our retirement. The Church reminds us that we must look forward, and to do so with hope. There’s not doom and gloom at the end of everything, but God’s presence.

The Gospels constantly allude to Jesus as being some sort of king. The 1st century was filled with kings. Tiberius Caesar was king over the entire Roman Empire. His predecessor Augustus was even worshipped as a god, celebrated in temples and among the people. Rome would use client rulers who might, like Herod the Great, retain the title of king. They demanded honor from their subjects in a system that could not be contradicted for fear of punishment. They set laws, collected taxes, and exercised power over life and death of their subjects. There was no claim to moral goodness and people were under their mercy and whim. It would be rare to find someone who loved (or even particularly liked) them and any devotion to them would have to be demanded.

From the very beginning, Christians hailed Jesus as their king. The Greek title *christos* translated the Hebrew *mashiach* / “messiah” which meant “anointed one”. This anointed one was the long hoped for returning king of Israel coming after the institution of the Davidic monarchy had been abolished almost 600 years before the birth of Jesus. He would reunite God’s people who had been scattered throughout the world and usher in a time of peace and favor. By the 1st century, this Messiah could even be seen as a cosmic figure who would usher in a new age with his rule. Here we may quickly jump to our confession that this king is Jesus, but try to take a moment and think about what

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kind of expectations a 1st century Jewish person had for this Messiah. Imagine how this king would have to outshine the glory of ancient Rome whose monuments, buildings, aqueducts, and roads still speak of their former majesty and might.

Now picture Jesus, a peasant laborer living in a backwater town. He spends his first 30 years in complete obscurity. He doesn’t marry, he has done nothing of note until his brief ministry.

The more I think of Jesus’ poverty and obscurity, who had far more in common with the maintenance guy at your apartment building than a king or an emperor, the more it blows my mind that we call this person the king of the entire universe. If you think about it long enough you can go crazy; it goes against every understanding we have of the kind of person who tends to rule over people. In this country, people running for high ranking public office have to raise more money than most of us will see in a lifetime just to get on the ballot. Tech giants and billionaires can make decisions that radically alter our lives. They all seem so powerful. An errant word from them can tank the stock market or cause thousands of people to lose their jobs. As spectators we can only stand in powerless awe of their power. With the contemporary cult of personality, we might even grant them a quasi-divine status as was claimed for August Caesar in the first century.

And it’s Nazareth’s own maintenance man who is the actual king of the universe. It’s the peasant worker who will judge both the living and the dead. It is a carpenter who is Lord and master of the entire cosmos; it is through him and for him that everything exists. Our Gospel reading sees the people mocking Jesus for the title king of the Jews, forgetting that he never really claimed the title but was thus so acclaimed by others as they witnessed what they saw as greatness. And what was that greatness? It wasn’t in power or riches or armies. Instead, it was in doing things that other people would consider shameful: in touching lepers, in being overwhelmed by the sick, by dining with tax collectors and prostitutes, and, ultimately, by dying on a cross, (the most shameful way a person could die in the ancient world). In his last moments, he welcomes the criminal executed with him into Paradise. The king of everything is revealed as the servant of all.

How strange is God’s logic! How mysterious! How he confounds the natural order of things, and subverts what we call greatness! We call Jesus from Nazareth both Lord and king of the universe. We dare to look like fools in a world that cannot comprehend the mystery of God’s designs. We can attain greatness too, if only we would humble ourselves like he did. He makes pride the only barrier to greatness.

Long live Christ the King!

-Tom Acemoglu

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WE INVITE YOU TO CUT OUT THIS PRAYER & PUT IN A PLACE OF PROMINENCE SO YOU CAN PRAY IT DAILY

Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory

Oh gentle heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor, captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on them. Be not severe in Your judgments, but let some drops of your Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames. And, Merciful Savior, send Your angels to conduct them to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen.



Saturday, 12/10/22

Check-in and Continental Breakfast at 8:30 AM; Event runs from 9 AM to 4 PM

**St. Pius X Church,
23 Crumitie Rd., Loudonville,
NY**

Keynote Speakers: Sisters of Life

There will be Presentations, Reconciliation, Adoration, Rosary, Mass with Bishop Scharfenberger, box lunch, and beverages.

Register Here:

<https://www.rcda.org/UnleashingLove>

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St. Ambrose, Latham, New York

Endings & Beginnings: Understanding Catholic Teaching on Death, Judgement, the Afterlife, and the End of Time.

Sundays from 9:50a - 10:50a
in the Chapel
(11/20, 12/4 - 12/18)

WANT TO STAY UP TO DATE ON ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES? Contact Tom at thomas.acemoglu@rcda.org or join at <https://stambroselatham.flocknote.com/AdultFaithFormat/>

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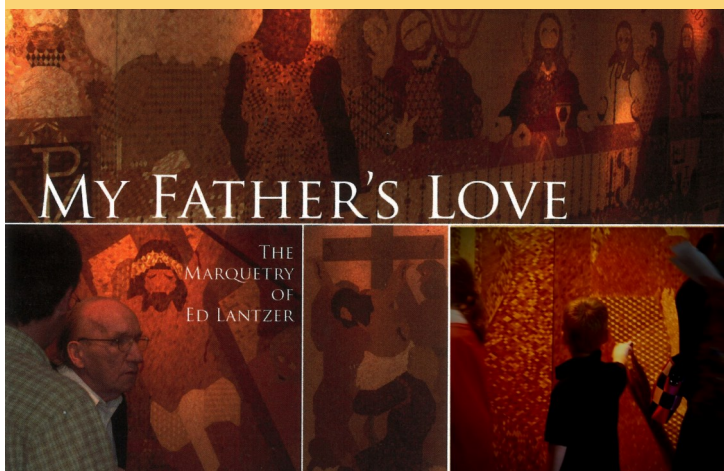
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ART EXHIBIT AT ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR



St Edward the Confessor in Clifton Park is now offering tours of the **My Father's Love** exhibit every Thursday! The exhibit consists of thirty, 4' x 8' wooden mosaic panels. Tours are held at 11:30 AM, 1:00, 2:30, 4:00, & 6:30 PM. Tours can also be scheduled at separate times for large groups or organizations by contacting Andrew Sutton at 518-371-7372 x229.

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St. Ambrose Bible Study

Thursdays @ 7pm
via ZOOM

We cover all parts of the Bible in an approachable way even for first time attendees. E-mail your contact information to thomas.acemoglu@rcda.org to join!



Eucharistic Adoration

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ADVENT BRUNCH & BASKET RAFFLE

Join Holy Trinity on Sunday, December 4 for an Advent Communion Brunch, with a guest speaker, immediately after the 10:30 mass, in their parish center. Brunch will include scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, bagels, pastries, breads, coffee and juices. Following the speaker, they'll have a holiday basket raffle. The baskets will be on display and tickets available for purchase that morning as well as on Saturday, December 3, both before and after the 4 pm Mass. Sign up sheets for attendance at the brunch will be at both church entrances; you may also call their office at 518-237-2373. They need attendance numbers for food control.

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Go to our
website to
stay up to date
with the issues
our diocese is
currently
facing.



"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28



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10am in the Chapel on 12/3/22
Please bring your rosary.

Mom's Group



Join us the first Sunday of each
month from 9:50AM -10:50AM

Contact Darlene at 518-496-1886
for more information.

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St. Ambrose, Latham, New York

November is the month to pray for souls in Purgatory. Join Mary's Circle of Love in praying for these souls, Thursdays at 11:30AM in the Chapel, along with the Angelus Prayer at Noon

Mary's Circle of Love invites you to continue praying the rosary with them, Mondays in the chapel after the 12:10 Mass.

KIERAN'S LIGHT

CATHOLIC LGBTQIA+ MINISTRY

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Kieran's Light is a ministry rooted in love, welcome, and respect for the LGBTQIA+ community, their family, friends, and loved ones. Jesus calls us to love our neighbor as ourselves and it is in that spirit that this ministry is founded.

Meetings every other Sunday @ Noon



MUSIC IN THE CHURCH BY BILL HAYES

Psalm 122: Let Us Go Rejoicing (i)

Modrato (♩ = 60)
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1. TO REFRAIN 2. TO VERSES

Let us go re-joic-ing to the house of the Lord. Lord. 1. I re- 2. Je- 3. De-

Verse 1
1. joined 'cause they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the Lord." And now we have D.C.

set foot with-in your gates, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Verse 2
2. ru - sa - lem built as a ci - ty with com - pact u - ni - ty. D.C.

To it the tribes go up, the tribes, the tribes of the Lord.

Verse 3
3. crees of Is - ra - el to give thanks to the name of the Lord. In it are D.C.

set up judge - ment seats, seats, for the house of Da - vid

Psalm 122

This weekend's designated psalm for the Solemnity of Christ The King (final Sunday in liturgical Year C) is Psalm 122 (verses 1-2, 3-4, 4-5), which is a psalm of "ascents" or a pilgrimage to the Lord's temple on a special feast day. Everyone goes to God's house to rejoice (122: 1) as was decreed (122: 4) for those special times of the year. This psalm will also be used for next weekend's responsorial psalm on the 1st Sunday of Advent (new liturgical Year A). I have set this psalm to music. The free piano sheet music and mp3 recording may be downloaded from www.HayesMusicPublishing.com until 11/26.

Giving Tree 2022

This year, Holy Trinity, St. Ambrose, and St. Michael's are working together to better serve our community for Christmas. Starting November 26, there will be tags on the tree for people in need, with new tags added each week until December 10. Please take a tag or two! Gifts should be wrapped and returned with the tag attached no later than December 14.

We are looking for volunteers to help with intake calls, tag making, sorting, and transporting gifts from each parish to Holy Trinity, where they will be for families to pick up. If you'd like to volunteer to help with any part of the process, contact Robyn at 518-785-1351 or robyn.spateholts@rcda.org.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 19th — 4pm
Fr. Bradley

Ernest Lavigne
Chester Morris
Joseph L. Coleman
Marylou D'Alessandro
Rosario & Sara Oliveti
James, Therese & Thomas Normile

Sunday, November 20th — 9am
Fr. Bradley

Edwin Guerin, Sr.
Julie Amedio
Richard Liburdi
Frank Liburdi

Sunday, November 20th — 11am
Fr. Bradley

Virginia & Philip Mahar
Dominic Crupi, Jr.

Monday, November 21st — 12:10pm
Fr. Kelly

Mary K. Zangrando Family

Tuesday, November 22nd — 12:10pm
Fr. Kelly

Avery Jackson-Dunphy
Mary Lee Karl-Brown

Wednesday, November 23rd — 12:10pm
Fr. Kelly

Bob and Sue Eckert
Frederick J. Shellard

Thursday, November 24th — 12:10pm
Fr. Kelly

Bonnie Fabio
Teresa Myrick
James J. Pender

WHO'S PRESIDING NEXT WEEKEND?

Saturday, November 26th — 4pm
Fr. Kelly

Sunday, November 27th — 9am
Fr. Kelly

Sunday, November 27th — 11am
Fr. Deimeke

FR. BRIAN KELLY, PASTOR

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Current Year

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\$19,127.25

Previous Year

11/7/2021:

\$20,953.11



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HAILEY'S CORNER



"Persistent
prayer prevents
pervasive
pessimism."

Try to say that
10 times fast.

I'm teasing, just
keep praying.
It's good for
you!