

## Your Majesty

**T**his 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

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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## Masses: Nov 23—Nov 28

Monday	7:30 am	Prayer/Communion
Tuesday	12:05 pm	†Amanda Rust
Wednesday	7:30 am	†Betty Stone
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 am</b>	†Sally Sweeney
Friday	7:30 am	Communion Service
Saturday	4:00 pm	† Philip Johnston
Sunday	7:00 am	St. Joseph & St. John
Sunday	11:00 am	†Destiny Brown & Family

## Confessions: Saturday at 3:00 pm

Anytime by request

## Pastoral Council

Barbara Allen	Edna Duggins
Jim Cecil	Ann Marshall-Secretary
Jerry Clemons-Chair	Chris Nelson
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Eddie Clemons	

## Stewardship of Finance

November 7	\$8428.67	All Souls	\$90
Outreach	\$60		

## **Thank you for your generosity!**

### July 1. - October 31, 2021

Total Income	\$131,000
Total Expense	<u>\$121,000</u>
Difference	\$ 10,000

## Lector Schedule

Nov 27—4pm	Nov 28—7am	Nov 28—11am
Emily Taylor	Jim Cecil	Brandi Lee
Dec 4—4 pm	Dec 5—7am	Dec 5—11am
Ellen Thomas	Kevin Collard	Roni Mudd
Dec 11—4pm	Dec 12—7am	Dec 12—11am
Erin Cannon	Andrea Kemp	Alfreda Weedman

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## This Week at St. John

Tue 3:30 pm NO MASS

Thu 9:00 am Thanksgiving Day Mass

**Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe:** "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.**

**Jesus Commands Us:** "Love God with all your being, and love others as I have loved you." Christ's love is selfless, compassionate, forgiving, and unconditional. Christ is a King with a saving and liberating mission: freeing us from all types of bondage, enabling us to live peacefully and happily on earth, and promising us an inheritance in the eternal life of heaven.

## **Thanksgivings:**

**Mass this week will be on Thursday.**  
**Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 am.**

"And now, bless the God of all, who has done wondrous things on earth; Who fosters people's growth from their mother's womb, and fashions them according to his will! May he grant you joy of heart and may peace abide among you; May his goodness toward us endure in Israel to deliver us in our days."  
—Sirach 50:22-24

## **Stewardship of Finance**

November 7 \$2078

## **Thank you for your generosity!**

July 1, - October 31, 2021

Total Income \$14,700

Total Expense \$13,200

Difference \$ 1,500

## **Mass Nov 23—Nov 28**

Tuesday NO Mass

**Thursday 9:00 am** †Jeff Duvall

Sunday 9:00 am †Andrew Gray

## **Minister's Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Server</u>	<u>Lector</u>
Nov 28	Brian Davis	Joe Durbin
Dec 5	Colton/Mason	James H.
Dec 12	Joe Durbin	Nancy F.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Linda Junkins	11/24
Glen Logsdon	11/25
Landyn Parker	11/27



## **Thankful + Grateful + Blessed**

**St. John Prayer List:** Liz Bush, Shirley Bush, Joe & Joan Childress, Jack Coop, Judy Dombrowski, Liz Durbin, Martha Durbin, Catherine Duvall, Ken Farris, Donna Guest, Goldie Hardin, Laura Hamilton, Betty Jennings, Joe Lonsbery, Delores Monroe, Laura Osborn, Kathryn Sowders, Jim Vessels, Chris Wolfe.



## This Week at St. Joseph

Mon	7:30 am	Prayer/Communion
Tue	12:05 pm	Mass
Wed	7:30 am	Mass
	5:30 pm	<u>NO</u> Religious Ed
Thu	7:00 am	<u>Thanksgiving Day Mass</u>
Fri	7:30 am	Communion Service
	8:00 am	Adoration
Sat	3:00 pm	Confessions
	4-6 pm	<u>K of C Chili/Auction</u>
Sun	7/11 am	<u>First Sunday of Advent</u>

**Second Collection:** Today we will be taking up a second collection after communion to benefit our **Catholic Outreach** (charity) ministry. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**Praying for the Dead:** We pray for the dead because we believe death's not the end. As Christians, we don't see death as the end of this mutual duty and charity. We understand that in Jesus Christ, death has no power over the unity of all believers and the power we have to pray and intercede for one another.



November Reminds Us of the Communion of Saints.

**Adult Education Opportunity:** We will be showing Episode 3 of the video series PRESENCE: The Mystery of the Eucharist on Thursday, December 2nd at 3:00 pm. If you have not seen the previous episodes you would still benefit from seeing this last one. It is a (35 min) powerful video presentation of the Catholic Mass.

## BIRTHDAYS

Pam Miller	11/21
Jamie Carwile	11/22
Alexis Chino	11/23
Edna Duggins	11/23
Ashley Clemons	11/24
Kenny Dao	11/24
Justin Gray	11/24
Danny Payne	11/24
Jeff Thomas	11/24
Adrienne Logsdon	11/25
Audrey Wortham	11/26
Cathy Young	11/26
Jane Johnston	11/27

**Holy. Holy. Holy:** In the middle of Mass, we sing or say a chant that comes from the Prophet Isaiah and the Book of Revelation. It is called the Santus (Latin for "Holy") because it honors the greatness and holiness of God. At the beginning of the chant, we repeat "Holy" three times in honor of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**The Dismissal:** The last part of the Mass is called the "Dismissal." After we are nourished by the Word of God and the Body and Blood of Christ we are invited to go back to our daily lives and share God's love with those around us.

**St. Joseph Prayer List:** Matt Alvey, Nellie Alvey, Jill Bradley, **Mary Agnes Brown**, **George Cannon**, Melissa Willis Cilwok, Anna Critchelow, Norman Cubbage, Lukas-Jackson Darnall, (Deacon Bob's grandson), Delbert Durham, Cheryle Dye, Beverly Eck, **Sylvia Etnyre**, Anita Ferguson, Steve Fey, Dixie Franklin, Gary French, Carol Gatto, **Sherrie Geary**, **Paul Ray Gray Jr.**, Carol Grider, Joyce Green, Ryan Harris, Linda Handzus, Felicity Harper, Debbie Haycraft, Deacon Bob Higbee, **Odelean Hill**, **Martha (Mott) Hughes**, Jane Johnston, Patricia Lindsey, Joseph Lyons, GERALD Dean Mattingly, Sue Milliner, Mandy Egan Pierce, Brad Pogue, Winnett Powell, Harry Rhodes, Susan Rhodes, Wanda Rickling, Steve Robertson, Veronica Robertson, Lee Rutter, Brenden Sanders, Aaron Shull, John Shull, **Chris Sneed**, **Andy Wilkins**, Larry Woosley, Audrey Wortham, Wanda York

### Server's Schedule

Nov 28—7am	Forest & Kale Collard
Nov 28—11am	Jim & Jude Winn
Dec 5—7am	Eva & Ann Marie Kemp
Dec 5—11am	Eliana & Anais/Gia
Dec 12—7am	Cordale & Maggie Milliner
Dec 12—11am	Jackson & Lilly Kane

**Catholic Outreach Ministry:** If you would like to help answering the Catholic Outreach phone and helping those who call for assistance please contact, Linda Clark, Jackie Marshall, or Michelle Vincent. This is a wonderful ministry of listening to people who are struggling (usually financially) and looking for solutions to their problems.



Happy Thanksgiving! We're thankful for all of our wonderful parishioners and hope you all enjoy time with family and friends today.

### Thanksgiving Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation. We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities. We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes. We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Altar Society Christmas Quilt Raffle

Joanne Johnson has donated a beautiful Christmas quilt which we are raffling off as a fundraiser for St. Joseph Altar Society. The picture above is just clipart and not of the actual quilt which you can see in the back of church. The tickets are \$5 each and the drawing will be at the end of the 11 am Mass on December 19.

### RELIGIOUS ED. Wednesday at 5:30 pm

For Children & Youth: Kindergarten - High School Seniors. For more information call or text Kim Smith at 270-589-1789.

### ADULT ED. Wednesday at 5:30 pm

Nov 24 NO CLASS  
For more information contact Deacon T. J.



**Knights Chili Supper/Auction:** The Knights of Columbus, Father Carroll White Council 6743, will be having their Annual Christmas Chili Supper & Auction this coming **Saturday, November 27th**. The Chili Dinner begins at 4 pm and the Auction begins at 6 pm. Also a Case Knife, will be raffle off. Every penny raised will go to the children of Robbie's Shop - With - A - Knight Program, Aaron Haycraft - Auctioneer, Kevin Mudd - Grand Knight. The Knights hall is located at 1219 St Anthony Church Rd, Clarkson, KY 42726. You can also sponsor a child for \$130 by sending a check to Knights of Columbus #6743, P. O. Box, Clarkson, KY 42726.

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**The Supreme Court:** The Supreme Court has announced that it will hear arguments in a critical abortion case on Dec. 1. In the case of Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, a challenge to Mississippi's law restricting most abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy, the court will decide the question of whether all state abortion bans pre-viability are unconstitutional. "Viability" is the court's legal standard from 1973, regarded as the point at which an unborn child can survive outside the womb.

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**24 Hour Prayer Vigil:** The Knights of Columbus Father Carroll White Council #6743 is sponsoring a 24 hour Vigil to End Abortion. Eucharistic Adoration will begin at **7:00 am** on Tuesday, **November 30th** and conclude on Wednesday, December 1st at 7:00 am at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Clarkson. You can sign up for a time slot by going to the following link: [www.jkmprod.com/kofccouncil6743](http://www.jkmprod.com/kofccouncil6743)

**All you holy men & women of God. Pray for Us!**



## Sunday, Nov 21, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

### A game of 20 questions

Actually, only 11 questions are exchanged in the fateful interview between Pilate and Jesus. Pilate asks 10, the most famous being, "What is truth?" Equally significant, however, is Pilate's other inquiry, "Are you the King of the Jews?" To which Jesus replies with his own bold interrogation: "Are you saying this on your own or have others told you about me?" It remains a significant inquiry. On this day when the church honors Jesus as King of the Universe, we might ponder the question ourselves: Does Jesus rule our hearts? Or is his authority just something we hear tell about?

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37 (161). *"Pilate said to Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?'"*

## Monday, Nov 22, 2021

MEMORIAL OF CECILIA, MARTYR

### Sing out your life

Saint Cecilia is the patron of music and musicians—because as she was wed against her wishes to a nobleman of no particular faith, she sang in her heart to God. (Her husband ended up becoming Christian and both were martyred by the Romans.) Her patronage of music has created an immense legacy as musical institutions all over the world are named after her, and concerts and festivals are held today on her feast day—all because of a sweet, simple, silent song of fidelity to the Lord. You may not be blessed with musical talent, but God loves to hear your heart-song nonetheless.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4 (503). *"I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest."*

## Tuesday, Nov 23, 2021

MEMORIAL OF COLUMBAN, ABBOT

### Take the gospel everywhere

After years of studying scripture in an Irish monastery, Saint Columban sought permission at age 40 to depart for Europe with a boatload of companions. Their mission: to preach the gospel everywhere they went, proclaiming Christ after barbarian invasions collapsed the Western Roman Empire. Pray some of Columban's eloquent words to begin your day: "Lord, may everything we do this day begin with your blessing and continue with your help. May everything we say this day begin with your love and continue with your grace. May everything we plan this day begin with your inspiration and continue with your peace."

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11 (504). *"The God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed."*

## Wednesday, Nov 24, 2021

MEMORIAL OF ANDREW DUNG-LAC, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

### Make me an instrument of your peace

The Catholic church has a long and complex history in Vietnam, going back to the first European missionaries in the 15th century. Over the centuries, church-state intrigue and foreign colonial interests competed with genuine pastoral work, and Catholic missionaries often were caught in the crossfire. The martyrs remembered today suffered during a particularly difficult period when Catholic families were broken apart and some were branded on the forehead with the Vietnamese words for "false religion." Church-state relations have gradually improved in recent decades

as wounds from the past heal. May we all learn the lessons history offers, so that our witness may be a reconciling one.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Luke 21:12-19 (505). *"I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute."*

## Thursday, Nov 25, 2021

MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, MARTYR; THANKSGIVING DAY

### Attitude of gratitude

Truth will out. As we give thanks this day for blessings in our lives, let's treasure the gift of faith, of truth. Little is known of the life of Catherine of Alexandria, whose memorial is today—perhaps not surprising given she was born quite early in Christian history, around 287. Nonetheless, the legends surrounding this early saint demonstrate her persistence in sharing the truth of her faith in Christ. Roman authorities expended great energy in killing those she converted and finally in killing her, but her truth, the Christian gospel still shines brightly. Let's give thanks for it.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 6:12-28; Luke 21:20-28 (506). *"When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads, because your redemption is at hand."*

## Friday, Nov 26, 2021

NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK

### The source of our "inspo"

The Bible has been and continues to be a treasure of inspiration (or "inspo" to the younger set), guiding us through the difficult, ordinary, and joyful moments of everyday life. Instead of tweets, there are verses; instead of hashtags there are the great biblical themes of creation, love, mercy, and faithfulness. #awesome Even better than tweets and hashtags, however, is the fact that inspo for Christians is not just a feel-good motivation, it is also a real-time experience of God. God *inspires*—"in-spirits"—us. God breathes God's very spirit with us. What does or could this inspo mean for you today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33 (507). *"Know that the Kingdom of God is near."*

## Saturday, Nov 27, 2021

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### Every day a new challenge

Seems lately that every day is D-Day: division, disease, disaster. The news can be overwhelming, and the temptation, which Jesus warned against, is to pull the covers over our heads and sleepwalk through life. Call on the courageous example of Mary, who faced challenges few of us can imagine as she carried out her mission and trusted the Word living within her. We share in that mission to bring God into the world. Trust and stay strong in the storm!

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36 (508). *"Jesus said to his disciples: 'Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy . . . Be vigilant at all times.'"*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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# 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.**

**H**ereditary 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.

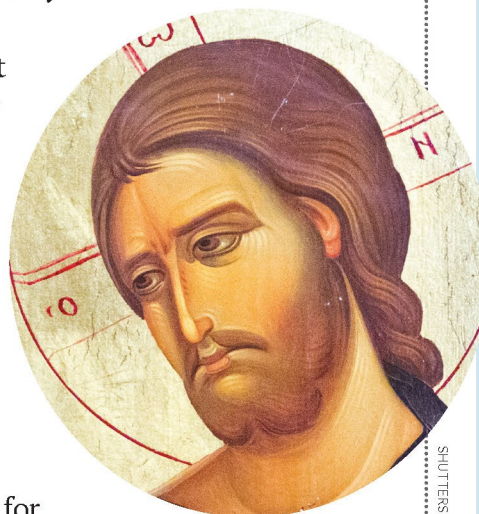
Throughout the New Testament runs the theme that Jesus, a descendant of the royal Davidic line, is a ruler or king. The Magi first proclaimed Jesus king, saying they were looking for the "newborn king of the Jews" (Matthew 2:2).

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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