

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 20, 2016 (C) ♦ 2 Sm 5:1-3 ♦ Col 1:12-20 ♦ Lk 23:35-43

The readings for the solemnity of Christ the king in each of the three Sunday cycles help us to see how different Jesus' kingship is from that of earthly rulers. The reign of Jesus is not tied to judgment or authority, for he subjects himself to the judgment and authority of others. His reign is not tied to an ability to make and defend laws, for he submits to the existing law which condemns him to death on a cross. His reign is not tied to the power to conquer nations or to lead great armies against oppressors. Christ the king comes to save, to conquer "death and the devil" (*Catechism* 636, 1019).

Rather, the kingdom of God is about comfort, peace, redemption, truth, real justice, and mercy.

Even from the cross, Jesus forgave his enemies and held on to no anger or hate. He welcomed repentant sinners into the kingdom. He resisted the temptation to impress others with the power that came from who he was and who he knew. In the great contradiction of our faith, the power of Christ the King is manifest in his willingness to become powerless for love of us.

What does that mean for us, his disciples? We, too, must let go of power, reject destruction, and turn toward God. As we make our way,

we are called to practice forgiveness, hospitality, and humility in loving all of God's children. As we close this Year of Mercy and enter another Advent, this may be the best gift we can give to Christ our king.

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Liguori Publications is deeply grateful to Mary Katharine Deeley for her articulate stories and amazing insight into the Sunday readings for the last three years. Starting next week, we will feature reflections from Fr. Mark Haydu, LC, and artwork from the Vatican Museums.



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CHRIST THE KING - NOVEMBER 20, 2016

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Josie & Gus Fredriksen

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	LOUISE SICA – 25 TH ANNIVERSARY	WED	7:30 AM	ROBERT MULDOWNNEY
SUN	7:30 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	THU	9:00 AM	ANTONIO BARLETTA
	9:00 AM	PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY	FRI		No MASS
	11:00 AM	PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY	SAT	5:15 PM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
MON	7:30 AM	ELIZABETH BARTH	SUN	7:30 AM	PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY
TUE	9:00 AM	ICA MASS – BLANCHE WALSH		9:00 AM	PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY
	7:00 PM	JOSEPHINE IWANOSKI		11:00 AM	PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Gulla **5:15pm** McNamara **7:30am** Collura **9:00am** McCauley **11:00am** DeFalco

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Kevin Creamer	Barbara Giordano	Rachel Barnes, Vinny Ferrara, Tim Stewart
SUN	7:30am	Sherry McCollum	Dan Sweeney	Carina Cress, Adam and Carlina Davis
	9:00am	Stephanie Myers	Josephine Hohl	Logan and Joey Conlon, Austin Lobaugh
	11:00am	Susan DiGuglielmo	John Peterson	Ethan and Lenny Cline, Michael Beitz

Second collection next week is the Fuel Collection

An Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service sponsored by the churches of the Birdsboro area will be offered at St Mark's Lutheran Church, 5 Brooke Manor, Birdsboro, beginning at 7pm on Wednesday, November 23, 2016. Msgr. McCann will preach the sermon.

Refreshments and fellowship will follow the worship. All of our parishioners are welcome to attend and bring a friend.

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Marco Fiato, Bryan Fiato, John & Margaret Kakas, Maryanne Prentice, Tracy Seasholtz, Delores Woy, Alice Arantowicz, Yolanda Marino, Ann Schlott, Kathy Patrick, Joseph & Susan McCorristin, Mary & Phil Morici, Margaret Maccarone, Father Joseph Champion, Dan Casciano, Paisley Stout, Jake Maccarone, William Janda, Madge Butto, Roseann Malcom, Doris Slater, Joan Cronin, Rita Conrad, Rose Osorio, Tony Guilliams, Dolores McCullough, Steve Mammarella, Gloria Richards, Jennifer Pinti, Jane Falcone, Fannie Hunter, Mavrick Laxton, Anthony Pucci, Andrew Martin, The Ravert Family, Harry Wood, Mary Okuniewski, Paul Bringenberg, Joseph Kolenda, Kenneth Barth, Dominic Strock, Frank Bentz, Bob Hocker, Mike DiScala, Keith Kienle, Elizabeth Haynes, Tom Kirchner, Helen McDonald, Norma Nanni, Ralph Gullo, Lorrie Rader and Ronald Kryman

Welcome our new parishioners: Mr. & Mrs. Raymond McCann and Ms. Frances E. DiFronzo

Congratulate the newly wed: Angela & Jason Michael

Pray for the recently deceased: Rev. James J. Morgan, John A. Ritz, Mary Anne Farrow and Geraldine Radwanski

THIS WEEK AT ICC:

Sun	11/20	Santa Breakfast Ticket Sales Women's Society Bake Sale Thanksgiving Basket Drop-off
Mon	11/21	7:30pm RCIA
Tues	11/22	7pm Grief Sharing Meeting 7:30pm Bell Choir
Sat	11/26	4-5pm Confession

WHAT'S HAPPENING

On Thanksgiving Day, November 24th, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at 9am. You are cordially invited to attend with your family so as to begin Thanksgiving Day with the greatest act of Thanksgiving to God.

*Please note there will be **NO MASS** on Friday, November 25th.*



Our parish office will be closed on November 24th and November 25th in observance of the holiday.

Please note the parish office will also be closed on November 28th due to a scheduled power outage effecting our campus due to work planned in the area by Met-Ed.

Thank you for your kind understanding in this regard.



On Tuesday, November 22nd the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at 9:00am with the children of Immaculate Conception Academy.

Women's Society Bake Sale - November 19/20. Stop by the table and pick up a few goodies for your Thanksgiving Table! We will be accepting donations of baked goods before all Masses. Even if you are not a member, if you love to bake and would like to make one of your family favorites, we will be most grateful for your donation.

Parish Grief Sharing Bereavement Group will meet on November 22nd, 7-8pm Parish Office Building, lower level. Please enter from the back across from the playground. The group offers an opportunity to come together to work through the grieving process with the help and support of others who have experienced this difficult journey. We will discuss ways to get through the holidays when you've lost a loved one. Call Pat at 610-775-1892 or Toni at 610-404-1389.

*All women of the parish are invited to join the members of the Women's Society for our Annual Christmas Luncheon on December 4th, 1pm at Stopper's. Entree choices are chicken parmesan (\$17), broiled center-cut pork chops (\$17), crab cakes (\$23) or Delmonico steak (\$23). Entrees include garden salad, baked potato, vegetable, bread, non-alcoholic beverage, and dessert. Please place your entrée choice along with payment (checks payable to Women's Society) in the collection basket in envelope marked Women's Society by **November 28th**. Questions, call Ann Marie (610.689.9124) or Lynda (610.689.4076). We hope to see you there!*

Resorts AC Trip – November 21st – Leave church promptly at 9:30am – Package deal: Pay \$32, Get \$25 back – Call Carol J if interested at 610-775-4447

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA - ICA 8th grade is sponsoring our annual **Breakfast with Santa** on December 3rd! Seatings are 8am and 10am. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, juice, coffee/milk will be served. We will have face painting, cookie and ornament decorating, crafts and pictures with Santa! Tickets are \$8; age 2 and under free. Tickets sell out quickly so get yours today! Call 610-404-8645 for info.

Women's Society Annual Christmas Cookie Sale is before and after all Masses December 10th/11th. If you enjoy baking cookies, we would love to include your favorites in our beautiful arrangements. We also accept cookies marked, packed and sold by the dozen. Please consider baking an extra batch or two to share with us. Cookies for assortments must be dropped in the social hall 9-11am on December 10th. We also accept donations before and after all Masses.

Mark your calendars now! ICC will sponsor a bus to the March for Life scheduled for Friday, January 27, 2017. Watch the bulletin for upcoming details. Plan to attend and witness to the sanctity of all human life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.

Chosen, Blessed, Shared – Thank you to those who gave so generously to the “Chosen, Blessed, Shared” annual fund. Everyone can support the retired priests of our Diocese by making a gift to the Endowment Fund for the Care of Retired Priests. This special fund is used to directly support retired priests in good standing including the future costs of their healthcare, insurance and housing. Please return your gift using the envelope you received in the mail or from the brochures in the narthex. These envelopes may be returned in the mail or in the collection basket at Mass. Your generosity supports retired priests from all five counties of our Diocese!

Theology on Tap, a young adult speaker series sponsored by the Office of Youth, Young Adult, and Family Ministry, invites you to its next event, **“The Problem of Evil: Finding God in Violence”** at Viva, 901 Hill Ave, Reading on **November 21, 7-9pm**. Fr. David Kozak, Assistant Pastor at St. Peter the Apostle Parish, Reading, will present the topic followed by QandA. Event is free of charge. Food and beverage can be ordered from the menu. For information, email Alexa Doncsecz, adoncsecz@allentowndiocese.org.

The **Counseling Department** of Catholic Charities continues to provide individual, marriage and family counseling in our Reading Office. We are located 234 Grace Street, near Alvernia College. We have a sliding scale fee system, which is based on household income. For more information, please call 610-376-7144.

2016 Dance-A-Thon Donations

Please place in an envelope marked **“ICA Dance-A-Thon”** and drop in any Sunday collection basket or mail to Immaculate Conception Academy, 903 Chestnut Street, Douglassville, 19518.

All donations greatly appreciated!

Thank you to all who supported Immaculate Conception Academy's Graduating Class of 2017 and purchased their yummy baked goods at the HSO Christmas Bazaar.

Simbang Gabi – Christmas Novena Masses at Holy Rosary Church, 3rd & Franklin Sts. Reading - December 7-15, 7pm Bring your favorite dish to share – at our party on the last night! All are welcome!



2016 CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD EVENT

NOVEMBER 20, 2016 TO DECEMBER 11, 2016



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Restaurants		Quantity	Total \$\$	Retail & Online Stores		Quantity	Total \$\$
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Chuck E. Cheese	\$10			Home Goods	\$25		
Domino's Pizza	\$10			ITunes	\$15		
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Outback	\$25			JJ Photography	\$25		
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PF Chang's	\$25			Lord & Taylor	\$25		
Pizza Hut	\$10			Lowe's	\$25		
Red Robin	\$25			Macy's	\$25		
Ruby Tuesday	\$25			Macy's	\$100		
Ruth's Chris Steak House	\$50			Marshall's/TJ Maxx	\$25		
Starbucks	\$10			Men's Wearhouse	\$25		
Taco Bell	\$10			Neiman Marcus	\$50		
Texas Roadhouse	\$25			Nike	\$25		
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Cabela's	\$100			Walmart	\$25		
Children's Place	\$25						

Total Number of Gift Cards _____ Total Amount (Must be prepaid) \$ _____



Breakfast with Santa

Come and join Us!

Saturday December 3, 2016
8:00am and 10:00am seatings
Immaculate Conception Church
Social Hall

Breakfast Features:
Jack Frost's Pancakes
Mrs. Claus's Sausage Links
Scrooge's Scrambled Eggs
Rudolph's Fresh Fruit
Coffee, Juice, Milk

**Face Painting, Cookie Decorating,
Make A Craft, and Pictures with
Santa or bring your own camera**

Proceeds benefit ICA 8th Grade Class Trip



 **Clip & Return**

Santa Breakfast Ticket Order Form

Please print name clearly on form. Form may be returned to ICA, 903 Chestnut Street, Douglassville, PA 19518, Attention: Santa Breakfast or put in the ICC Collection Basket. Make checks payable to ICA.

Indicate if you would like 8:00 AM seating or 10:00 AM seating please:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Check One: Tickets will be picked up AT Door

Tickets should be sent home with ICA Student: _____ Class: _____

Tickets should be mailed to the above address

Tickets (adults & those ages 3 and over) _____ X \$8 = \$ _____ Total

Children attending who are 2 and under (Free) _____

8:00 AM seating

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November 20, 2016

dear Padre



My youth group sometimes raises funds for activities. Once, an angry parishioner told me that the Church was only concerned with money. Is raising money within or for the Church OK?

Schools and religious groups commonly raise money for their activities and projects. It's also normal for parish organizations to get their funds from membership dues or event tickets. The parish is often the first place people go, but if your group already receives a lot of support from its members, consider looking to other sources, such as local businesses that are interested in supporting youth in your area.

The fundraising you plan often dictates your methods. If you're promoting an event, such as a dance, ticket sales are an appropriate model. If you choose a third-party or commercial fundraiser, make sure its business practices are morally acceptable within a Catholic context. If you desire a

special mention, collection, or to solicit after Mass or during a parish function, obtain approval from the pastor or designated staff beforehand.

Some people are very sensitive to financial appeals. Maybe that person had just received multiple requests. Fundraising efforts should be coordinated within the parish. If groups are competing or events fall too closely together, problems can arise.

Money is necessary for many things. Fundraising for a good purpose, especially to help others, has existed in the Church since St. Paul himself.

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A Word From Pope Francis

"Why do I follow Jesus? ... Is the desire for power present? ... Or do I follow him for his sake alone? This is the journey of holiness."

—Morning Meditation, May 5, 2014

Monday

NOVEMBER 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5

Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 22

St. Cecilia,

Virgin and Martyr

Rv 14:14-19

Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 23

Weekday

Rv 15:1-4

Lk 21:12-19

Thursday

NOVEMBER 24

St. Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23;

19:1-3, 9a

Lk 21:20-28

Friday

NOVEMBER 25

Weekday

Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2

Lk 21:29-33

Saturday

NOVEMBER 26

Weekday

Rv 22:1-7

Lk 21:34-36

Sunday

NOVEMBER 27

First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5

Rom 13:11-14

Mt 24:37-44

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