

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Daniel describes the one who will appear on the clouds of heaven and receive glory. People of every language will serve this one, and his leadership and community will be his forever.



Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8

Jesus is so powerful, he is the ruler of kings. He loved us enough to free us from sin, and so he will be glorified forever. He will appear again and be seen by all the people of the earth. God calls himself the first and last, "the One who is and who was and who is to come," reminding all people that God will remain with us always.

Gospel: John 18:33b-37

Pilate asks Jesus if he is a king. Jesus explains that his kingdom is not of this world. Pilate asks again if Jesus is a king, to which he replies, "I came into the world to testify to the truth. Anyone committed to the truth hears my voice."



For the Week of November 25th through
December 1st

Sunday

Dn 7:13-14; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

Monday

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28

Friday

Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

First Saturday

Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36



The US Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) provides a full listing of the Sunday and Daily Readings, in print and audio format, on its website, <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 24th

4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

Sunday, November 25th

8:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
Living and Deceased

10:00 a.m. Richard Schaubert

Monday, November 26th

8:30 a.m. Philip Broadhurst

Tuesday, November 27th

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday November 28th

8:30 a.m.

Thursday, November 29th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, November 30th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, December 1st

4:00 p.m. Lorraine Stork

Sunday, December 2nd

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Humbert Zappia

REMEMBERING THE SICK OF
THE PARISH: Remember in your
prayers the sick of the parish: *John
Troffo, Valerie Lindyberg, Patricia
Dana, Elizabeth Montague, Angela
Wilmer, Faith King, Rosemary Keating,
Eugenia Brooks, Mary Ann Abeska,
Alicia Bourne*, and all those whose
names appear in the PARISH BOOK
OF INTENTIONS.



NEW TO THE PARISH: Please be sure to register with the Parish Office and introduce yourself to Father Grasing after Mass. Registration forms are available at the doors of the Church, the Parish Office, or online. For additional information, please call 410-778-3160, or go to sacredparish.org.

Liturgy for Immaculate Conception is celebrated at: 5:00 p.m. Friday, December 7th at St. John and 9:00 a.m. Saturday, December 8th at Sacred Heart. *Please note:* The Liturgy at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday December 8th is for the First Sunday of Advent.

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program



Bringing the Gospel Home

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

John 18:33b-37

Reflection for Parents

The Preface for today's Mass describes the kingdom over which Jesus Christ is King. It is:

. . . [A]n eternal and universal kingdom,

a kingdom of truth and life,

a kingdom of holiness and grace,

a kingdom of justice, love, and peace.

Truth, life, holiness, grace, justice, love, and peace—are these the building blocks of your home? What are you doing and saying to help build the kingdom that God has in mind?

Bringing the Good News Into Your Family

Make a simple crown centerpiece for your kitchen or dining room table. When you have finished sharing lunch or dinner, offer simple prayers of praise or thanksgiving to Jesus Christ the King. Invite each family member to offer the following prayer, choosing a word to fill in the blank (such as peace, hope, friendship, life, the world, and so forth). You may wish to have each person hold the crown as he or she offers his or her prayer.

Jesus, King of _____, hear our prayer.

Discussion Starters

1. I can help Jesus build a kingdom of truth by . . .
2. We can make our home a place of holiness by . . .
3. One area in my life where I have a hard time and need to invite Jesus to be King is . . .

PARENTING POINTERS: Where indeed is there forgiveness today? Is there anyone you or your child need to forgive to make peace in the family or with your neighbor (or your enemy) before the season of peace can begin?



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“His dominion is an everlasting dominion.”

Sheepish Question:

Why are my questions important to such a vast God?

DIOCESAN NEWS

CATHOLIC CHARITIES THRIFT CENTER: Are you planning a household remodel or facelift? Don't discard your gently-used household goods - donate them! Catholic Charities Thrift Center in Wilmington is in great need of furniture, mattresses, and working appliances. Demand for these items continues to outpace our supply.

We will accept used bedding as we are licensed by the State of Delaware to sanitize bedding and offer for resale or redistribution. We do ask that the items be gently used, clean and in good working order, and we reserve the right to refuse a donation if it is in poor condition.

To schedule a pick-up of these items, call the Thrift Center at 302-764-2717. The Thrift Center is located at 1320 E 23rd Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

VOCATIONS: Today the Book of Revelation tells us that “Jesus Christ is *the* faithful witness.” By virtue of our baptism, each of us is called to be a faithful witness to the wonderful things our God has done for women and men. Are you being called to give witness as a religious or as a priest? Are you *willing*? Let's talk. Call or write Fr. Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; vocations@cdow.org). Please visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!

PARISH NEWS

OFFERTORY TOTALS FOR THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 17/18TH WILL BE PUBLISHED IN NEXT WEEKEND'S BULLETIN.

Rejoicing in the Lord: Illustrated History of the Diocese of Wilmington, a beautiful, hardback book has been published.

Through words and pictures this volume takes us on a walk through the history of our diocese, providing an opportunity to pause, to offer thanks for all those who have come before us. This helps us see ourselves as part of the history of the larger Church and that is vitally important to those of us who bear the Catholic identity. The book is available for purchase; the cost is \$40 (this is the cost to the parish; *this is not a fundraiser* but rather an opportunity to purchase a book to be read, re-read, passed down to the next generation). To secure a copy please call or stop by the parish office.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS NEEDED – In 2017 the Salvation Army distributed over \$20,000 in aid for 286 residents of our community who were in need. We are gearing up now for our Christmas Kettle Campaign, and we really need your help. Along with mail solicitations, this is how we collect money to help people in our community. **Volunteers are needed for 1 hour shifts on weekends outside of Redner's, Acme or Downtown Chestertown, beginning November 24 thru December 23, 2018.** If you can help with a shift on a Saturday or Sunday, please call Bob Barrows at 443-282-0291 or email him at cota22@aol.com or Andy Meehan at 443-480-3798 or email at ameehan@mlg-lawyers.com. Students can earn community service hours and we welcome families. So grab your coat, hat and gloves and join in a very worthy cause! It's a great way to put our faith into action and enjoy the true spirit of Christmas.

GIVING TREE: Sacred Heart Parish will once again support our community this Christmas through donations to the Giving Tree. Please take an ornament, read it for information about the recipient, purchase and wrap the gift and attach the ornament securely to the outside of the gift. Please place the gift under the tree located in Church. **All gifts are needed by Sunday, December 16th.** Your generous giving allows us to bring Christmas joy to many families. For more information, contact Ann Anderson at 410-778-4243 or wmandersonfamily@verizon.net.

HOSPITAL VISITS: We are not able to access patient records from the Chester River Hospital Center. If you or someone in your family is a patient, and you wish to receive Communion, please contact the Parish Office at 410-778-3160, and provide us with the patient's name and room number and we will do our best to accommodate the request.

REMINDER TO ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS AT SACRED HEART: Thank you to the ministers who volunteer to serve weekly at our liturgies. Please remember to "check in" before mass in the foyer of the church. Simply highlight your name on the schedule so that we know in advance if we need to fill positions or make changes. All ministers should check in - Lectors, Greeters, Cantors, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers. Thank you for your attention to this request.

SAINTS OF NOVEMBER



Catherine Laboure November 28

Tradition tells us that at the moment Zoe Laboure was born in France in 1806, church bells rang to remind everyone in the village to stop their work and pray the Angelus. The Angelus is a prayer to our Blessed Mother. The ringing of the Angelus bells was a sign of the special role Mary would play in Zoe's life.

One day, while visiting a Catholic hospital run by the Daughters of Charity, she decided that she, too, wanted to be a Daughter of Charity and to care for the sick. She joined the order and began her training in living as a nun. She was given the name Sister Catherine. One night, she woke up and heard a voice telling her to go to the chapel. To Catherine's surprise, the chapel was filled with light as if all the candles were lit! There, right before her eyes, was a woman. Catherine knew immediately that it was our Blessed Mother, Mary.

Mary spoke to Catherine. She asked her to have a special medal made. She described the medal to the young nun. Our Blessed Mother told Catherine that anyone who wore the medal would receive special graces, or gifts, from God.

Catherine asked Mary what she would need to do to have the medal made. Jesus' mother told her to tell Father Aladel, Catherine's spiritual adviser, about her vision and that he would make sure that her request was granted.

Father Aladel did not believe Catherine at first, but after two years of questioning her and making sure that she had not imagined her visions of Mary, he was convinced. The priest went to the archbishop of Paris and told him what our Blessed Mother had asked of Catherine. The bishop ordered two thousand medals to be made. The medal was first called the "Medal of the Immaculate Conception" but today we call it the "Miraculous Medal" because the people who have worn it say that their lives have been blessed and their prayers answered. People still wear the medal today, nearly two hundred years later!

