

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe –21 November 2021

Birthdays
Nov 24 David Zmuda, Jr.
Nov 26 Peter Garrett

Schedule of Masses

Sun Nov 21 8:00 am Mass John Koval
Thu Nov 25 11:00 am Thanksgiving Mass
Fri Nov 26 6:00 pm Mass
Sun Nov 28 8:00 am Mass David Dickey

Liturgical Ministers

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Nov 21 8 am	J Nelson	B Bowers	P Widowski	M&C Bergmann	M Slife, J Slife

Cantor J Starratt

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Nov 28 8 am	J Galey	B Porter	B Palmer	Vol.	S & P Widowski

Cantor J Starratt

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING Nov 14, 2021

Envelope 850.00(16), Loose \$99.00 **Total \$959.00**
Bld. & Main. \$190.00(11) **Total \$190.00**

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun Nov 21 Mass	8:00 am
Campaign for Human Development	
PSR classes.....	9:00 am
Thu Nov 25 Mass.....	11:00 am
Fri Nov 26 Mass.....	6:00 pm
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PART-TIME POSITION AVAILABLE. If you or a family member is interested in a part-time position as office manager for our parish, please contact Matt Slife at 618-534-6978

THANK YOU TO OUR FAITH ALIVE WORKERS who volunteered this past week.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT APPEAL IS TODAY. Please be generous. As we learned from our speaker presentation on Nov. 7: a significant part of this collection goes towards local initiatives and outreach within our diocese.

CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING WITH YOUR FAMILY AT ST. PAUL, NOV. 25 AT 11:00 am MASS. Fr. Christian is also offering a Mass on Wednesday evening at 5:00pm at St. Mary's in Eldorado and another Mass on Thursday at St. Mary's in Harrisburg at 8:00 am.

CPR CLASS TO BE OFFERED BY WELLNESS COMMITTEE. A sign-up sheet is available in the lobby. Date is pending. Peggy Widowski at 618 771-2077 is available to answer any questions you might have about the course.

OUR FOOD PANTRY DRIVE FOR VIENNA ENDS 11/28. If you prefer to write a check make it in care of First Baptist Church, Vienna IL and indicates on your check that it is for the food drive.

MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE THANKSGIVING SERVICE ON NOVEMBER 25 AT 7 PM. Everyone is welcome. Location is the Pleasant Ridge church 495 Pleasant Ridge Rd. Vienna, IL

THE ADVENT ANGEL TREE will be ready soon. Each parishioner is asked to pick an angel from the tree and provide the item that the child requests. Our local school counselors submit these requests for children whose needs they are most aware of and not likely to be duplicated by other agencies.

VOCATION CORNER November 21st – The tasks we are called to by Jesus the King are the corporal works of mercy. What makes these essential to the Christian life is that everyone is capable of doing them, regardless of our own ability. God then isn't asking that we do great, momentous works to become saints, but that we serve even in small capacities with the love of Christ poured into our hearts. This coming week we celebrate a National day of Thanksgiving. We, Catholics, give even greater thanks for all the gifts God has bestowed on us and for us to share. A vocational calling is asking us to surrender our talents to God so that they may be sanctified and produce fruit for the Kingdom.

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Daniel 7:13-14. Psalm 93:1, 1-2, 5. Revelation 1:5-8. John 18:33b-37.

Historically, kings and queens have been known to sacrifice responsibility for their people to ensure personal wealth and luxury. Contemporary leaders are just as prone to banquets in the palace even if it means hunger in the streets, but this Sunday's readings show that royalty and service go hand in hand.

The author of Daniel encourages the people to remain faithful to their religious convictions. This is not easy in the face of constant persecution from Antiochus IV Epiphanes (about 165 B.C.). They are promised that "one like a human being" will come from heaven to help them. Faithful Jewish royalty are called to serve!

The audience addressed in the second reading is also suffering persecution. They are tempted to say "Caesar is Lord," rather than "Jesus is Lord." The author contrasts the pagan king and Christ as king. Jesus is ruler of the kings of earth and the price he pays is his own blood. The result is "a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father" (Revelation 1:6). Kingship and involvement go together in John. Since Pilate does not wish to get involved in God's Word, he shuns Jesus' question about the title "King of the Jews." Jesus explains that his kingdom is one of truth, not of politics. In the fourth gospel, Jesus goes to his death as a king. The crucifixion is Jesus' enthronement, the ultimate expression of royal service. All three readings tell us that only those who serve are worthy of the crown. Baptism brings royalty to believers, a royalty that means everyday service to all who cross our paths, especially the poor.

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Alpha and Omega. Go look at the parish Easter Candle near the baptismal font. You see an Alpha (A) and an Omega (Ω), the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. They remind us that Christ, yesterday and today, is the Beginning and the End. To him belongs all time, all the ages, and glory and power for ever. Amen. Since he is more powerful than me:

- ◆ What will I believe about God's Kingdom?
- ◆ What truth do I need to hear Jesus speak?
- ◆ What action will I do because it is right and true?

1st Sunday of Advent- 28 November 2021

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25; 1 Thessalonians 3:12--4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



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Sundays – 8:00 am

Weekdays – Fri 6:00 pm

The Kingdom of God is ...

The Kingdom of God is a space. It exists in every home where parents and children love each other. It exists in every region and country that cares for its weak and vulnerable. It exists in every parish that reaches out to the needy.

The Kingdom of God is a time. It happens whenever someone feeds a hungry person, or shelters a homeless person, or shows care to a neglected person. It happens whenever we overturn an unjust law, or correct an injustice, or avert a war. It happens whenever people join in the struggle to overcome poverty, to erase ignorance, to pass on the faith.

The Kingdom of God is in the past (in the life and work of Jesus of Nazareth); it is in the present (in the work of the Church and in the efforts of many others to create a world of goodness and justice); it is in the future (reaching its completion in the age to come). The Kingdom of God is a condition. Its symptoms are love, justice, and peace.

Jesus Christ is king! We pray today that God may "free all the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, to live in his love."

Jesus enters human history as God's anointed son who announces the nearness of the reign of God (Mk 1:9-14). This proclamation summons us to acknowledge God as creator and covenant partner and challenges us to seek ways in which God's revelation of the dignity and destiny of all creation might become incarnate in history. It is not simply the promise of the future victory of God over sin and evil, but that this victory has already begun—in the life and teaching of Jesus.

U.S. Bishops, *Economic Justice for All*, 1986: 41

--Gerald Darring from SLU Sunday Site