

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Nov 20, 2022

2 Samuel 5:1-3; Psalm 122; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

Royalty has its privileges. Kings and queens, princes and princesses, are expected to live in castles where their wishes are the will of the court. But what about the court? Heads of state are subject, like anyone else, to the gospel mandate of justice and charity. All are called to serve!

David, king of the southern realm of Judah for over seven years, wished to reign over the northern kingdom of Israel as well. In today's account, the tribes gather in the south to affirm David as Yahweh's choice and to anoint him as king of all the Chosen People. The key phrase in the transaction is "bone and flesh." Bone means power; flesh means weakness. The partners will be loyal to one another through thick (bone) and thin (flesh). The royal David pledges care for the needs of all.

The passage from Colossians describes a dispute raging in the community. Some held that angelic intermediaries were the agents of creation and had control over human destiny. The author of this letter says that creation is ruled by God's power, a power now manifested in Christ. In order to bring unity out of chaos, this same Christ died on the cross. This high price of reconciliation is another example of a servant king.

Luke paints a poignant picture of a powerless king. The Messiah is stripped of his dignity as the soldiers roll dice for his clothes. Taunts are directed at Jesus, daring him to save himself from this agony. Then an ordinary Palestinian criminal recognizes the royal status of this man by requesting a share in the mercy that only a king can provide. For Luke, Jesus' role as Savior means meeting the needs of the penitent. Jesus grants forgiveness, dramatizing his royalty even more than does the sign over his head: "This is the King of the Jews" (Luke 23:38).

Baptism makes us one with Christ and grants us a share in his kingship. How do we exercise this royalty? To be bone and flesh with the Lord is to be servant of all God's people. -- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L. Copyright 1997, Liguori Publications / Liguori, MO 63057-9999

1st Sunday of Advent - Nov 27, 2022

Is 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

VOCATION CORNER

November 20th - 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. Each one of us has been given a unique calling to Holiness. Each one is to serve the Lord in her/his own "called" way. 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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Sundays – 8:00 am

Weekdays – Fri 6:00 pm



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Schedule of Masses

Sun Nov 20 8:00 am Mass Dalton Smith
Wed Nov 23 6:00 pm Thanksgiving Mass
Fri Nov 25 5:30 pm Mass
Sun Nov 27 8:00 am Mass

Birthdays
Nov 24 David Zmuda, JR
Nov 26 Peter Garrett

Liturgical Ministers

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Nov 20	X Gruszczyk	J Hacker	S Widowski <u>Cantor</u> Z Garrett	C Levesque	*M McMahan, B Hooks
Nov 27	S Pobst	B Porter	M Nelson <u>Cantor</u> Z Garrett	M Palmer/E Zmuda	*M Slife, J Bergmann

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING Nov. 13 2022

General (20) \$855.00
Loose \$16.00
Mass \$10.00
Total \$881.00
Bldg & Maint. (11) \$210.00
Total: \$210.00

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

Sun Nov 20 Campaign for Human Development Collection
8:00 am Mass Dalton Smith
9:00 Adult Bible Study
Wed Nov 23 6:00 pm Thanksgiving Mass
Fri Nov 25 5:30 pm Mass
Sun Nov 27 8:00 am Mass

CATHOLIC CAMPAIG FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Please be generous in this week’s special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, more than 11% of the population lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and support those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

VIENNA COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE IS TODAY

It will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 301 N. 1st Street, Vienna at 4 pm. The host pastor is Tim Gossett. The speaker is Pastor Casey Pollard.

WELLNESS COMMITTEE HEALTH CARE FOCUS—NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL CAREGIVING MONTH.

Please remember to recognize and praise your friends and family who devote their love and time to caring for loved ones in need. For assistance with care giving, contact Shawnee Alliance for Seniors. 1-800-642-7773

FAITH ALIVE WORK DAYS WILL BE DECEMBER 8,9,10

A sign up sheet is in foyer. We appreciate volunteers. This is a great place to shop for Christmas!

FOOD DRIVE FOR VIENNA FOOD PANTRY IS WRAPPING UP NEXT WEEK.

Please be generous. We are all suffering inflated prices; especially our poor!

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RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Let us be mindful of married couples considering adoption: May the Holy Spirit guide their discernment, grant them peace, and bring to fruition His holy will.
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “An Adoption Love Story”

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec. 11 Pancake Breakfast and Children’s’ Christmas Pageant
Dec 16 Advent Reconciliation Service 6 pm