

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

“The rulers sneered ... the soldiers jeered ... one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus.” Is this the King of the Jews, the King of the Universe? If it is so, perhaps his kingdom is not at all what we would expect! In his letter to the laity, St. John Paul II spoke about how Christians share in the kingly mission of Christ. First, “they exercise their kingship as Christians, above all in the spiritual combat in which they seek to overcome in themselves the kingdom of sin.” In other words, before we give any thought to transforming society, we must first allow God to transform us. Through daily prayer, regular self-examination, and frequent confession, we can recognize our faults more readily and choose love instead!

Second, St. John Paul II writes that the laity “make[s] a gift of themselves so as to serve, in justice and in charity, Jesus who is himself present in all his brothers and sisters, above all in the very least.” Christ’s kingship, and our own participation in it, requires us to look beyond the privileged of society. It goes beyond networking and struggles of power. It goes with Jesus to the Cross!

Still, the kingship of Christ ought to effect society. “The lay faithful are called to restore to creation all its original value ... ordering creation to the authentic well-being of humanity.” Jesus does this in a radical way through his death and resurrection. We, too, are invited to bring new life to the world around us. This means holding the world and everything in it as sacred. It means advocating for civil policies that respect life and paying special care to the vulnerable and marginalized in every stage of life. It means being disciples of Jesus, inviting people into authentic love so that one day we will together “be with [him] in Paradise!”

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Advent Day of Reconciliation/St. Francis of Paola—Monday, December 16th, 3pm to 9pm
Monday, December 16th, is the Advent Day of Reconciliation in our diocese. The Church of St. Francis of Paola will be open on Monday, December 16th, from 3 pm to 9 pm and staffed by a priest to hear your Confession. Please invite Jesus in and take advantage of this opportunity to celebrate our Savior’s offer of mercy in this Sacrament. **Fr. Tom**

Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo

Hoy terminamos el Año Litúrgico del ciclo “C”. El próximo domingo será el primer Domingo de Adviento e iniciaremos el ciclo “A”. Durante el año que termina escuchamos el Evangelio de Lucas. Con el ciclo “A” se dará inicio al Evangelio de Mateo. Hoy celebramos la Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo. “Digno es el Cordero degollado de recibir poder y riqueza, sabiduría y fuerza, honor, gloria y alabanza... Al que está sentado en el trono y al Cordero, la alabanza, el honor, la gloria y el poder por los siglos de los siglos.” (Apocalipsis 5:12-13). Por eso necesitamos que Cristo reine en nuestra inteligencia, en nuestra voluntad, en nuestro corazón y en nuestro cuerpo, como dijo el Papa Pío XII.

En la oración colectiva tendremos la oportunidad de meditar Sobre Jesús como Rey: “Dios todopoderoso y eterno, que quisiste fundamentar todas las cosas en tu Hijo muy amado, Rey del universo, concede, benigno, que toda la creación, liberada de la esclavitud del pecado, sirva a tu majestad y te alabe eternamente. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo que vive y reina por los siglos de siglos, Amén.” El Papa Francisco nos dice: “El Mesías de Dios, el Elegido, el Rey” (Lucas 23:35-37) se presenta sin poder y sin gloria; está en la cruz, donde parece más un vencido que un vencedor. Su realeza es paradójica: su trono es la cruz; su corona es de espinas; no tiene cetro, pero le ponen una caña en la mano; no viste suntuosamente, pero es privado de la túnica; no tiene anillos deslumbrantes en los dedos, sino sus manos están traspasadas por los clavos; no posee un tesoro, pero es vendido por treinta monedas.”

Thanksgiving Appeal—Meals for Our Homebound

This coming Thanksgiving Day we will once again be distributing meals to our homebound. If you know of someone who may be alone and would appreciate a meal being delivered to them on Thanksgiving Day—Please call our rectory office and leave a message for Fr. Tom. If you are looking to volunteer on that day—also leave us your name and number and we will be in touch soon.

Mass Book 2020

The Mass Book for 2020, January to June, is open for intentions.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

A Message from Fr. Tom

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Jesus Christ the King of the Universe. It is a celebration that invites us to reflect on the ways in which we respond to Jesus Christ as King and supreme authority to whom we entrust our lives. We may look at the 2,000 year history of the Christian faith and legitimately ask where is the triumph that our faith celebrates this day? We experience a broken world every day—war, terrorism, Christians being persecuted in many places, fears about the current future of our country, incompetence in civic management, children who don't learn enough in school and our children learning too much on the streets after school. What then did Jesus accomplish on the cross? In our Gospel people mock Jesus in his suffering. "He saved others let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ." How are we to respond to this? Perhaps we are holding on to the same questions or reservations about our Lord? All of this helps to put into focus the question: where is the triumph of Jesus to be found? Jesus triumphs not in buildings—however beautiful they may be. His triumph is not to be found in the social standing of the church—which has fallen greatly in our time. *Jesus' triumph is when he first reigns in his people.* When we allow Him to reign in us—in our values—in shaping out conscience—in ways we impart Christian values to our children. Ultimately, it comes down to the values we consider so essential to our well-being and survival that we are willing to sacrifice so as to intentionally pass our faith on to the next generation. When Jesus reigns in us, then Jesus reigns in the world. Then, the world begins to change. The world changes because Jesus rules as King in our hearts.

Parish Town Hall Meeting/Sunday, November 24th, at 1:30 pm In St. Francis Auditorium

Please mark in your calendar this important meeting regarding the parish. It is essential that we receive your feedback. We hope to publish that weekend the summary of the parish finances as well.

The Latin Language and the Traditional Mass

You would be correct to say that Latin is a dead language. It would also be entirely understandable if it struck you odd that the Church held on to it for so long until allowing mass to be offered in the common tongue

(vernacular) fifty years ago. But like anything else, this part of our liturgical tradition has reasons with deep roots and significance which are important to understand.

Most of the major religions of the world employ a sacred tongue when engaged in official worship. For example, the Hebrew of the Torah is not the same Hebrew spoken by Israelis. Muslims are forbidden to translate the Quran into any other language except the classical Arabic as it was spoken and written by Muhammed back in the seventh century. Among Hindus, one of their chief sacred texts, the Bhagavad Gita, is written in Sanskrit and not in modern Hindi. Moreover, most Orthodox Christians and Eastern Rite Catholics have retained their ancient tongues when it comes to worship. Like Latin, these languages do not undergo any change. Unlike the vernacular, Latin remains fixed and unchangeable. Because the Catholic faith does not change with the whims of the times, Latin became a fitting vehicle for the celebration of the sacraments, which was the major way by which the beliefs of the faith were passed on. Also, like the adherents to the religions mentioned above, the use of Latin also has a notable effect on the human mind. It communicates that something is happening upon the altar which is beyond comprehension; that a mystery bigger than me (of God) is taking place. A common sacral tongue also unites the members of the Catholic Church, strengthening not only their spiritual identity as members of the body of Christ, but also enabling them to go anywhere in the world and feel right at home with their brothers and sisters in the Lord.

But a chief point on Latin remains: most people cannot understand it! Indeed, even if we were to go back in time, neither would the majority of the faithful have understood it in the past. This leads us back to a basic premise about the nature of the mass as being first and foremost a sacrifice. We may come to learn things through our participation at mass (as generations past have), but neither the altar nor the Mass itself are primarily about providing opportunities for the instruction of the people. It is about glorifying God and allowing Him to take us up (mind, body and heart) beyond ourselves to Himself. While the Church always encourages us to have a comprehension of the words that comprise the mass (whether in Latin or in the vernacular), this will only take us so far in our desire for authentic engagement in the worship of God. When taken together with the other parts of the Traditional Mass, Latin reminds us that to be united to the sacrifice of Calvary, we must be united to the priest not only with our lips but also with our hearts.

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**Gifts of Love—Emergency Food Pantry
At Divine Mercy Parish**

“For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome...” (Matt 25:35-36)

This week our pantry volunteers will distribute the groceries that our parishioners have so generously shared so that many in our community will be able to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you for your involvement in our ministry and for your continued generosity.

Specific items needed this week **canned fruit; coffee & tea**

Food Pantry Coordinator and Volunteers

**St. Francis of Paola Church
Memorial Gifts – November 24, 2019**

BREAD & WINE

Jo-Ann Dinardo by Annette & Angela

ST. JOSEPH CANDLES

Saints, Angels, Sacred Heart, Virgen Maria De Carmen by Gertrudis Vidot Ginares

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ALTAR CANDLES

Florence & Anthony Giglio by daughter Carlotta

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BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

Anastasio Vavladelis by Melissa Veronica

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Concert Series

“Low Art—Borderlines”

The Divine Mercy Parish Concert Series invites you to our second show “Low Art—Borderlines,” to be held in the Green Door Gallery (the corner of Humboldt and Skillman) on Sunday, November 24th, at 2:00 pm.

Justin Fields (piano) and Cody Hosza (saxophone) will present a Concert exploring the space between the finished musical product and its inception.

Featuring a program of all new music, it is not a Concert you want to miss. Admission is free and there will be a reception to follow. For more information visit lowart.eventbrite.com or take a flyer located at the entrances of the church.

**Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Francis of Paola Church**

Saturday, November 23, 2019

5:00pm For The People of Divine Mercy Parish

Sunday, November 24, 2019

8:00am Sarah Porcelli by Anthony Porcelli & Family

11:30am Rae & Luigi Strazzulli by Family
Joseph Rinaldi by Luigia Rozza & Family

Alan Bergamo by Mom & Family

Monday, November 25, 2019

7:45am Open Intention

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

7:45am Charles Malcolm Reilly by Phyllis Ann Salvato

Wednesday, November 27, 2019

7:45am Deacon John P. Orlandello (2nd Anniv.)

Thursday, November 28, 2019

Thanksgiving Day

7:45am Pacifico Family by Children

Friday, November 29, 2019

7:45am Cono Babino by wife Nicolina Babino

Saturday, November 30, 2019

7:45am For All Souls by Giuseppe Vertuccio

5:00pm Margie Sullivan by St. Theresa Guild

Sunday, December 1, 2019

8:00am For The People of Divine Mercy Parish

11:30am Angelo Tellone by daughter Grace

Parish Mass Schedule - Thanksgiving

Vigil Mass for Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 27, 2019

Blessing of Food & Distribution of Bread

7:00 p.m. St. Nicholas Church

Thursday, November 28, 2019

Thanksgiving Day

7:45 am – St. Francis of Paola Church

8:30 am St. Cecilia Church

NOVEMBER 24, 2019

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, November 24, 2019

10:30am Open Intention

Wednesday, November 27, 2019

7:00pm Vigil of Thanksgiving

Sunday, December 1, 2019

10:30am Open Intention

Pray For the Sick: Dorothy Madigan, Joseph A. Leist

Pray For the Recently Deceased:

Salvatore Spinosa, Marie Custodio, Fay Carbone

Traditional Latin Mass

Beginning on Sun., Dec. 1st (the first Sun. of Advent), the 7:00 pm Mass at St. Cecilia will be offered in the Extraordinary Form (more commonly known as the Traditional Latin Mass). In order to help parishioners with this transition, Fr. Rafael will be preaching at the 7:00 pm Mass during all Sundays in Nov. to explain what makes this Mass unique and how one can fruitfully participate in praying it.

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Seminarian Christmas Gift Card Program

Beginning Sun, Dec. 1st the first week of Advent, we ask for your participation in a new archdiocesan program to make this Christmas brighter for all our Seminarians, it is called "Seminarian Christmas Gift Program 2019." All you have to do is select an envelope from the table in the back of Church.

Your generosity in helping the Seminarians to meet their everyday expenses that occur is a great sign of support for their generous response to God's call. Returned envelopes are to be deposited in the weekly Sunday collection basket by December 15, 2019. *All instructions for the givers are included in the envelope that you select.*

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Cecilia Church

Sunday, November 24, 2019

9:30am Benefactors & Volunteers of the Food Pantry: Living Intention

Michael & Lena Tortora

7:00pm Open Intention

Monday, November 25, 2019

8:30am Joe Brogan

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

8:30am Kenneth McEvoy

Wednesday, November 27, 2019

8:30am Deceased Members of the DeGruccio Family

Thursday, November 28, 2019

Thanksgiving Day

8:30am McCauley Family

Friday, November 29, 2019

8:30am Thomas Chieco

Saturday, November 30, 2019

8:30am Raymond J. Mc Cleary, Jr.

Sunday, December 1, 2019

9:30am Anthony Diaz (5th Birthday in Heaven)
Rosary Society

7:00pm Antonio, Pasqualina & Tino
Lombardi by Family

Transfiguration Men's Shelter

We have been assigned our 2019 Fall week for the Transfiguration Men's Shelter. The dates we will be needing assistance are:

Sunday, December 1, 2019

through Saturday, December 7, 2019

If you can help us by providing a complete hot meal for 35 men consisting of salad, entrée, dessert and beverage, or if you are unable to provide the food but would like to help by serving, we can always use a helping hand.

Please contact Angela Scotti @ 718-782-3881 or the Parish office @ 718-387-0256.

Please be assured whether you do this personally, with your family, group or organization your kindness and generosity is always greatly appreciated.

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RECENT PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

Divine Mercy Parish is deeply grateful to Captain Williams Glynn and representatives of the 94th Precinct who took the time to speak at a few concerning public safety issues. The old adage applies—If you see something, say something. Following is some information about reporting criminal or suspicious activity.

Call 911—Emergencies

Call 311—Quality of Life Issues

P.O. Andrea Haro

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Also note that a local community meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month with local police to receive your input at 155 Milton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222 at 7pm

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