

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, November 22

### **The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Campaign Human Development**

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/4:00/6:00p

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, November 23

**Monday of the 34<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

**Mass at 6:30 a.m. only**

Tuesday, November 24

**Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and  
Companions, Martyrs**

**Cathedral closed for fumigation**

Wednesday, November 25

**Wednesday of the 34<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Sacrament of Reconciliation by Appointment

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 26

### **Thanksgiving Day**

Masses at 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

**All Offices closed**

Friday, November 27

**Friday of the 34<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

**All Offices closed**

Saturday, November 28

**Saturday of the 34<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

Mass at 7:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by Appointment

Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 29

### **First Sunday of Advent**

Masses at 6:00/8:00/10:00a/12:00/4:00/6:00p

Live-Streamed Mass at 10:00 a.m.

## **Parish App Feature-of-the-Week**



News

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## Stewardship of Treasure

### **Offertory Collection**

**11/09 – 11/15**

Sunday Offering	\$ 7,403.60
Weekday	\$ 631.45
Online Giving	\$ 1,249.29
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 9,284.34</b>

### **Other Collection**

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 188.00
Holy Day (All Souls)	\$ 417.00
Diocesan Religious Retirement	\$ 240.00
Devotional Candles	\$ 178.00
Others (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 55.00

**Total** **\$ 10,362.34**

## Living the Liturgy

- Many find guiding principles for life in this passage from Matthew's account of the Gospel. Look out for the citation of this Sunday's Gospel on license plates and t-shirts. Think about why this particular passage might speak to people.
- Make a crown for the center of your table. Decorate it with symbols or words that tell about the qualities of Christ the King. Leave the crown in place until next Sunday, when Advent begins.
- Look at a hidden picture book or puzzle. After finding some of the missing objects, decide what makes the things you are looking for so hard to find. Discuss strategies for the rest of your search. Talk about how we miss seeing the presence of Christ the King in our families, neighborhood, and world.

## Sharing the Faith

- What traits do you associate with the title of "shepherd"? Where do these ideas about shepherds come from? What images from today's world might be used to describe Jesus' unique style of leadership?
- What skills and personal qualities did shepherds have in Jesus' time? Why do you think Jesus chose to identify himself with a shepherd?
- What prevents you from seeing God in all people?

## Saints of the Week

Our true worth does not consist in what human beings think of us. What we really are consists in what God knows us to be. - St. John Berchmans (1599-1621), Patron of Altar Servers, Feast Day November 26

# The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 | Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 | 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 | Matthew 25:31-46*

Most of us might not realize the responsibilities that came with the job of a shepherd, but this once-important position is key to understanding many Biblical passages and Jesus' identity as Shepherd-King. In Jesus' day, the shepherd had the awesome responsibility of protecting a highly valued animal. No fences or convenient ways existed to bring massive amounts of food to a large herd. Without the shepherd, the animals were easy prey to wild beasts and were often lost to the expanse of the land. Shepherds were not casual overseers but were constantly on guard over their flocks.

The passages this week rely on an understanding of the shepherd's duties. In Ezekiel we find a shepherd who has not done his job, thereby putting the flock in danger. A new shepherd — the Lord — comes to save the abandoned herd. In light of the New Testament and their faith, Christians understand this shepherd as the Lord Jesus. Parallel to Ezekiel's scenario, Matthew tells about a shepherd who comes to sort the good from the bad while rescuing the weakest members of the flock. Because the weak animals of the flock are overlooked to protect the majority, Jesus surprises his audience by delegating responsibility for them and clearly defining their tasks for them. His words are the basis for what Catholics have traditionally called the corporal works of mercy.

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### **Next Sunday's Readings: "First Sunday of Advent"**

*Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 | Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 | 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 | Mark 13:33-37*

## From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

***"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt. 25: 40)***

The Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ the King calls us to reflect the kind of kingship Jesus manifested and how he acted as a King who truly saves. We hear or read in the Gospel on this occasion about the Judgment of Nations. As Jesus sits on His glorious throne, He would separate the nations accordingly like a shepherd separates his sheep from the goats. His judgment is based on the good deeds or bad deeds a person would do or not do for his fellow human being.

Jesus manifested His kingship with service. He led His disciples, taught them, and showed them how one would truly follow Him. Unlike a worldly king who would sit on a throne and commands, Jesus ruled with a true spirit of leadership and service. His greatest act of service was His offering of Himself on the cross for everyone's salvation.

Our King invites us to look further into ourselves God's goodness to us and how we can share this goodness with other people. Knowing Him as our ruler, let us be guided through His words and His ways. He never hesitated to tend to anyone in need, and even it fell on a Sabbath. He never surrendered, even to the point of risking His life. All these He did for us because He loves us and cares for us. What matters to our Lord would be His words, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." On our part, did we do what He commanded us to do?

On another note, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you, known and unknown dedicated parishioners, donors, and visitors of the Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace. Thanksgiving Day is upon us. Amid the struggles we all are experiencing brought about by the pandemic, there are still many reasons we can be thankful for, especially to our Lord and to the people who continue to support our endeavors and mission as a Church. A day such as this cannot be dismissed without saying THANK YOU and at the same time to THANK GOD for all His goodness to us.

We will have two Masses to be offered on Thanksgiving Day, 9 AM with Bishop Larry presiding, live-streamed, and I will be celebrating the noon Mass. As you participate at Mass, either physically or spiritually, at home, this will be an opportunity for you to offer your gratitude to Him. Though we may have some or a lot of difficulties of times past, we can still say Thank You for His blessings of life, family, faith, and hope.

Later in the day, before you partake of the meal prepared to celebrate Thanksgiving Day, say this prayer with your family.

***Almighty Father, you are lavish in bestowing all your gifts, and we give you thanks for the favors you have given to us. In your goodness, you have favored us and kept us safe in the past. We ask that you continue to protect us and to shelter us in the shadow of your wings. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.***

A Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving to one and all!

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual