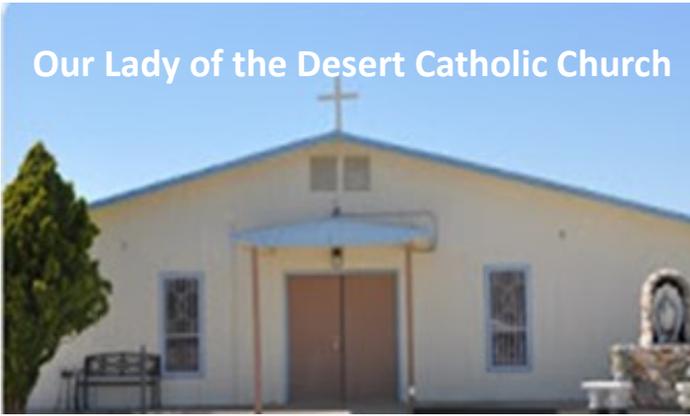


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Confesión el Sábado:

Por cita y será al aire libre (Español y Inglés)

Rosario el Sábado: Y letanías de la Santísima

Virgen Maria—3:45pm

Misa el Sábado: (Vigilia) / Inglés 4:00 p.m.

Rosario el Domingo: Y letanías de la Santísima

Virgen Maria— 9:45pm

Misa el Domingo: Español /10:00 a.m.

Liturgia en los Días de la Semana

Cada Día a las Doce: Angelus/Regina Caeli

Lunes: Adoración: 7:00am y Misa 7:30am

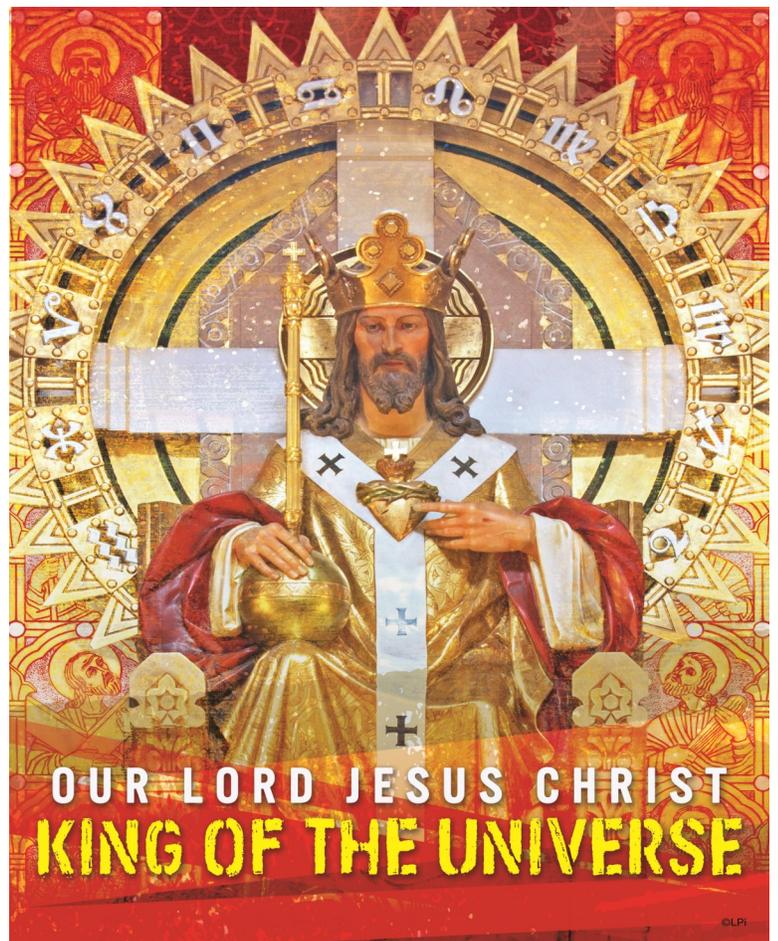
Martes y Miércoles: Adoración 8:30am y Misa 9:00am

Jueves: Adoración: 8:30am y Misa: 9:00 m o la Oración de la Evangelización a las 10:00am

Viernes Durante Quaresma: Camino de la Cruz a las 3:00pm y concluyendo con Misa

Sábado: Adoración: 7:00am y a las 7:30am

Misa en Honor de Virgen María



NOVEMBER 21st 2021

Rev. Victor C. Yakubu, Parochial Administrator

Rev. Julius Kayiwa, Parochial Vicar

Confession on Saturday:

By appointment and it will be outdoors/English/Spanish

Saturday Rosary: And Litanies of the Blessed Virgin Mary 3:45pm

Saturday Mass (Vigil): English -4:00 p.m.

Sunday Rosary: And Litanies of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9:45pm

Sunday Mass: Spanish 10:00am

Liturgy of the Weekdays

Every day at Noon: Angelus/Regina Caeli

Monday: 7:00am Adoration & Mass 7:30am

Tuesday & Wednesday: Adoration 8:30am & Mass 9:00am

Thursday: Adoration: 8:30am & Mass: 9:00am or Prayer of the Evangelization at 10:00am

Friday During Letn: Way of the Cross 3:00pm concluding with Mass

Saturday: Adoration: 7:00 a.m. & 7:30 a.m.

Mass in Honor of the Virgen Mary

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Commentary:

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King as the culmination of the Church's liturgical year before we begin a new liturgical year with Advent. There are two themes resonating through the readings for this great feast: 1.) the end of time and the final judgment; and 2.) the reign of Jesus Christ as king of the universe. In the first reading, we see God portrayed as a shepherd with the people who faithfully follow Him being His sheep. God gathers together His scattered "sheep" and tends to His people. As His sheep, we are called to follow Him, listening to His voice and doing what He tells us. Like a good shepherd, God will protect us and care for our every need. With Him, we have security. Still, we can stray from the fold. If we do, God will judge us accordingly. God will separate the "sheep" from the "goats" (that is, those who listen to him and follow him and those who don't). And there are consequences for not following God as our shepherd, as we will see in the Gospel reading.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Commentary:

In this passage, the Apostle Paul speaks of the centrality of the resurrection of Jesus to our faith and reminds us of our future resurrection at the end of time. Jesus Christ is the "firstfruits" of those who have died being raised from the dead, meaning that he paves the way for the resurrection of His followers. With His resurrection He conquered death and made possible for all of us who are dead in sin to be brought to new life. Jesus' resurrection comes with a promise: those who belong to Him will experience resurrection too. That is, Christians who faithfully follow Jesus have the hope of the final resurrection of our bodies when we will be united with God in heaven for all of eternity. In fact, we proclaim our belief in this every time we recite the creed ("I look forward to the resurrection of the dead"). This resurrection will come at the end of time when Jesus will come again. Then, His reign as king will be brought to perfection, when death and the evil one are defeated and "everything is subjected to him."



Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

Commentary:

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the end of time and the final judgment. He refers to Himself as the Son of Man and speaks of His kingship. The judgment is illustrated by the separation of sheep and goats (piggybacking on the first reading's shepherding example). The sheep represent the righteous who love and serve the king, Jesus. They do this by loving and serving those in need. Here, then, Jesus shows how love of God is inseparable from love of neighbor, for He explains, "whatever you did for one of the least brother of mine, you did for me." Thus, we love and serve Jesus through loving and serving the needy. On the other hand, the goats represent those who ignore Jesus, turning a blind eye to those in need and, therefore, not loving and serving Jesus, the king. At the final judgment, the sheep will be separated from the goats. The former will be rewarded with eternal life and the latter will be punished with eternal damnation. The way we choose to live determines which group we will be in.

Taking it Home:

Take time to reflect this week on how you can better live in a way that honors Jesus as the king of your life. Think about this question, in particular: Am I living more like a sheep or a goat (according to the Gospel)? And, how will my actions affect my eternal destiny?

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21, 2021

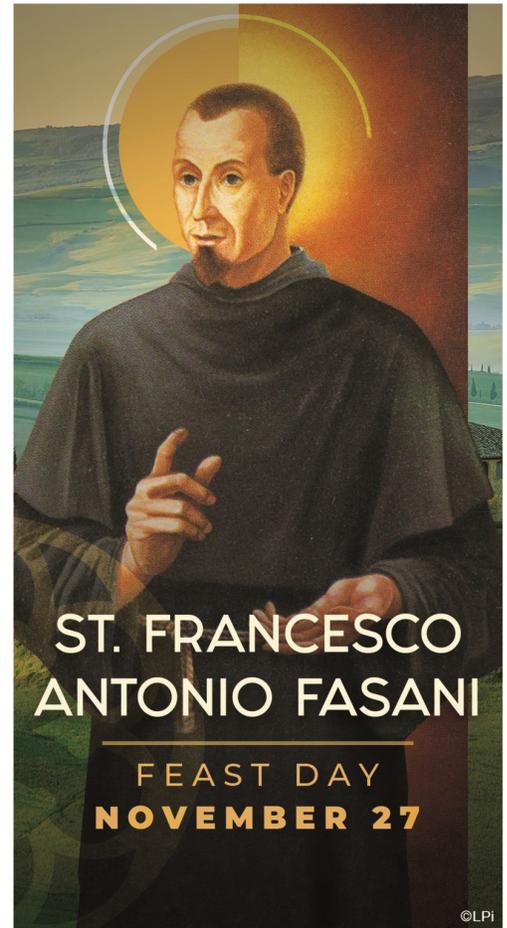
- Sunday** Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
- Monday** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday** Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday** Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/Lk 21:20-28
- Friday** Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday** Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36
- Next Sunday** Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21, 2021

- Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- Monday:** St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
- Tuesday:** St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr
- Wednesday:** St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
- Thursday:** St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr; Thanksgiving Day
- Saturday:** BVM
- Next Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Advent

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

God is wonderfully and surprisingly creative! He turns the tables on our understanding of what it means to be a king by sending us a king who embraces poverty, insults, suffering, ridicule, rejection, and even death. This is our king. Jesus is not the king of prestige or grandeur but the king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. God dances on, around, in and through all of the silliness and ugliness of the world bringing all of creation to the eternal dance of new life and hope. Whether we accept it now or hope that we one day do, Christ is king of the universe. Christ is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end. Every human being, even those who scorned and rejected him and failed to see him in the least of our brothers and sisters will look upon him. Only those who understand truth will understand that we are on this awesome universal journey to Christ. It is a journey of surprises but also a journey of enlightenment when we will one day see and experience with the deepest joy our being in Christ. We will be restless until we are all one day together united in Christ our King.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Francesco Antonio Fasani (1681 – 1742) lived his whole life as a loving, devout, and atoning man. He entered the Conventual Franciscans in 1695, and 10 years later taught philosophy to younger friars, served as guardian of his friary, and eventually became provincial minister. When his term of office ended, St. Francesco became master of novices and finally pastor in his hometown of Lucera.

Known throughout his various ministries as being loving, devout, and penitential, he was also a well-known confessor and preacher. St. Francesco was a loyal friend of the poor and worked tirelessly to find ways to support them. He was a mystic with such a profound prayer life and supernatural gifts that he was known to levitate during prayer. He was canonized in 1986 by Pope John Paul II.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not be taken away,
his kingship shall not be destroyed. (Dn 7:14)



PSALM

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty. (Ps 93)



SECOND READING

To him who loves us and has freed us
from our sins by his blood,
who has made us into a kingdom, priests
for his God and Father,
to him be glory and power forever and ever.
(Rv 1:5-6)



GOSPEL

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?"
Jesus answered, "You say I am a king." (Jn 18:37)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We often come to life expecting all of the pieces of the puzzle to nicely fit together. We want and expect harmony, order, and fairness, the achievement of rewards for good behavior, good health, and happiness. We can more easily accept death when it comes naturally after a good long life, but have a real difficulty comprehending the meaning of it all when it is cut short. Willing to put in a good measure of effort, we desire positive results. When things go wrong and life gets hurtful, unjust, and downright ugly, we become unsettled and can quickly fall into despair. This is especially true if we are people of faith who believe in a God who sees things on our terms and works in favor of our life agenda. What happens to our faith when we find ourselves sitting in a mess?

Does it help to know that God understands and that hardship, failure, disappointment, injustice, confusion, and all of life's ugliness do not make faith irrelevant or irrational? God is wonderfully and surprising creative! He turns the tables on not only our understanding of life, but of what it means to be a king. God sends us a king who is not exempt from life's ills but embraces them. The king that God gives to us knows what it means to be poor, suffer insults, be ridiculed, face rejection, endure suffering, be betrayed, and face a most unjust and horrific death. This is our king. Jesus is not a king of prestige or grandeur but a king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. Christ dances before us pleading with us to hold on, cling to love, avoid being negative, stop feeling cheated, and be strong in faith! There may be hardship and disappointment now but there are more surprises to come.

Once we understand this truth, we will also understand that we are on a most incredible and awesome universal journey to Christ and becoming one in Christ. We all carry within us the image of God, the image of our suffering king. The One who lives in us also lives in all of our brothers and sisters. Failing to see this universal Divine Presence in all is one of the greatest mistakes we can make, for we also fail to see God, our king, as well. There are many things that can bring hardship to life. If we keep our head about us and do not lose hope, we can persevere and strive for the greatest degree of justice possible. Even though there are ample things that can challenge our faith, we also know that our deepest joy comes from union with God and our brothers and sisters. One day, the fullness of that joy will be ours to have when we are all eternally one with Christ our King forever.