

OUR LADY OF THE DESERT



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Confesión el Sábado:
Con cita previa (Español y Inglés)

Rosario el Sábado: En la iglesia
(privadamente) 3:20pm

Misa el Sábado: (Vigilia) / Inglés 4:00pm
Rosario el Domingo: Con las Letanías de la
Santisima Virgen Maria— 9:40am
Misa el Domingo: Español /10:00am

Liturgia en los Días de la Semana

Cada Día a las Doce: Angelus

Lunes, Martes, Miércoles, Viernes:
Adoración 7:30am y Misa 8:00am

Jueves: Misa 6:00pm Para Vocaciones: Soltero
Vida Consagrada, Matrimonio, Sacerdocio

Viernes: A Las 6:00pm, Rosario Reina de la Paz
con Adoracion

El padre Víctor tiene previsto asistir
a “Nuestra Señora del Desierto” el segundo y
cuarto domingo de cada mes*.

(*Las fechas están sujetas a cambios)

Rev. Victor C. Yakubu, Parochial Administrator

Rev. Julius Kayiwa, Parochial Vicar

Confession on Saturday:
By appointment English/Spanish

Saturday Rosary: At the Church (privately) 3:20pm

Saturday Mass (Vigil): English -4:00pm

Sunday Rosary: With Litanies of the Blessed
Virgin Mary—9:40am

Sunday Mass: Spanish 10:00am

Liturgy of the Weekdays

Every day at Noon: The Angelus

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday:
Adoration 7:30am & Mass 8:00am

Thursday: Mass 6:00pm for Vocations: Single
consecrated Life, Matrimony, Priesthood

Friday: 6:00pm Rosary of Queen of Peace with Adoration

Fr. Victor is scheduled to be at “Our Lady of the Desert”
the 2nd & 4th Sunday of every month*.

(*Dates are subject to change)

SUNDAY, November 24th, 2024



**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

“Everyone who belongs to the truth
listens to my voice.” - Jn 18:37

Reflection for Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: Year B
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – November 24, 2024

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Readings: • Dn 7:13-14 • Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 • Rv 1:5-8 • Jn 18:33b-37

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/112424.cfm>

Everyday Stewardship - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Long Live the King

Did you know that you can become royalty, for the right price? It's true — for the low, low cost of \$50, you, too, can purchase a 12-square-inch souvenir plot of Scottish land and call yourself "Laird So-and-so." Now, this lordship or ladyship doesn't come with the ability to boss anyone around, but maybe your friends will be impressed enough to bend the knee.

My point is, we've all got our own little fiefdoms — folks or communities for which we have a feeling of responsibility. Maybe we're not their "king," but most of us have those we think of as "our people."

Now, in this world, people lay themselves down for their kings. History is riddled with the bodies of men, young and old — and plenty of women and children, too — who were casualties of wars waged by men in power, men who never had to shed their own blood. But in the next world, the King dies for his people. This is leadership par excellence — the leadership of someone whose love is greater than his ambition.

We are all leaders of a sort. On the parish level, you have the obvious roles — serving on pastoral council, spearheading the capital campaign, leading the Altar Guild. But you also have the quiet ones who lead from the wings — the janitor who can always be relied upon to do his job, or the volunteer librarian who puts in extra hours on the weekends.

There is a saying — find your people. I say, find your people, and find a way to lay yourself down for them, in imitation of the greatest King that ever was. *--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* @LPi

La Corresponsabilidad Diaria - RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

¡Viva Cristo Rey!

¿Sabías que puedes convertirte en miembro de la realeza por un justo precio? Es cierto: por el bajo, bajo costo de \$ 50, tu también puedes comprar una parcela de recuerdo de 12 pulgadas cuadradas de tierras escocesas y llamarte a ti mismo "Lord Fulano de tal". Ahora bien, este señorío o señoría no viene con la capacidad de mandar a nadie a tu alrededor, pero tal vez tus amigos estén lo suficientemente impresionados como para doblar la rodilla.

Mi punto es que todos tenemos nuestros propios pequeños feudos: personas o comunidades por las que tenemos un sentimiento de responsabilidad. Tal vez no seamos su "rey" pero la mayoría de nosotros tenemos a quienes consideramos "nuestra gente."

Ahora, en este mundo, la gente se entrega por sus reyes. La historia está plagada de cuerpos de hombres, jóvenes y viejos, y también de muchas mujeres y niños, que fueron víctimas de guerras libradas por hombres en el poder; hombres que nunca tuvieron que derramar su propia sangre. Pero en el próximo mundo, el Rey muere por su pueblo. Este es el liderazgo por excelencia: el liderazgo de alguien cuyo amor es más grande que su ambición.

Todos somos líderes de algún tipo. A nivel parroquial, tienes los roles obvios: servir en el consejo pastoral, encabezar la campaña capital, liderar la Hermandad del Altar. Pero también tienes a los tranquilos que lideran desde las alas: el conserje en el que siempre se puede confiar para hacer su trabajo, o el bibliotecario voluntario que dedica horas extra los fines de semana.

Hay un dicho: encuentra a tu gente. Yo digo, encuentra a tu gente y encuentra la manera de entregarte por ellos, a imitación del Rey más grande que jamás haya existido. *--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* @LPi

Readings for the week of November 24, 2024

Sunday:

Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Monday:

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday:

Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday:

Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday:

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28

Friday:

Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday:

Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Next Sunday:

Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a young boy in Burlington, Vermont, my dad had a good friend named Phil who owned a sporting goods store. I loved sports, so meandering the treasure-filled aisles was an unmitigated joy. One afternoon, we were shopping for a baseball glove. Dad said to me, “Hey Johnny, see that man who just walked into the store? That’s Phil.” I remember being fascinated and a little terrified. I recall thinking, “That man right there is in charge of everything in this store!” He reigned over every ball, sneaker, jersey, and sweatsuit. Phil became a family friend. And he was a good owner. The store flourished, and I found myself even more at peace every time I went there. I felt a new hope and even responsibility for the store to flourish.

To say that Christ is the King of the Universe means that Jesus has absolute authority over everything in it. It should fill us with awe and fascination. He is in charge. The world and everything in it are finally his. Knowing that he knows and loves us should make us also feel a deep peace at being a part of his universe. This leads us to want his kingdom to flourish, to play some responsible role in it.

We advance his kingdom by promoting the truth. **“Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice,”** Christ the King proclaims. In Phil’s store, it was about the truth of athletics. In our world, it’s all about the truth of all creation, especially the dignity of the human person, made by and for our loving God. Let’s rejoice that we know the true king and commit to the flourishing of his kingdom.

— *Father John Muir*

Sunday's Readings

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:

Jesus answered, "You say I am a king.
For this I was born and for this I came into the world,
to testify to the truth." (Jn 18:37)

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Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

There is only one king whose subjects can
choose whether or not they will serve him.
We choose Christ when we choose the
truth. When we serve the truth, we serve
Christ the King.

Observances for the week of November 24, 2024

- Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday: Thanksgiving Day
Saturday: St. Andrew, Apostle
Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent



Saint of the week

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901-1925) was an avid outdoorsman and has become a global patron for youth and young adults. He had difficulties with exams and problems with his parents, but he formed his life around Jesus. St. John Paul II declared him a patron for World Youth Days.

Prayer for Christ the King

King Jesus,
Thy Kingdom Come!
May thy Kingdom where
mercy and compassion reign,
come in haste.
Come, Lord Jesus, Be our
Lord and King.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Citizens of Another Country

I read an article, years ago, about an American filmmaker who decided to step away from a wildly successful film franchise that had been requiring him and his family to live abroad.

It stuck in my mind because of the tongue-in-cheek reasoning he gave for the surprising decision, “My kids were starting to speak in British accents.”

Sometimes, we just want to go home, don't we?

Returning from a recent family vacation, I burst into tears at the airport, overcome with relief when I saw my sister's van pulling into the pickup lane. It didn't matter that I had had fun on this trip and that I was even looking forward to taking another one. In that moment, I was so tired, and all I wanted was my own bed. The smell of my own house. The feeling of not being “away.”

If Jesus is our king, and his kingdom is not of this world, then we live our lives as perpetual aliens. This should reassure us in some ways. The world so often feels cold and cruel and strange to us because it is. We were not made for this world. We were made for heaven. We were made to yearn for the face, the presence, the protection of our King.

But this understanding of ourselves as strangers in a foreign land should also be a caution to us.

We can't get too comfortable here. We cannot become too wrapped up in the world and its temptations, its rewards, its comforts. We cannot start speaking in the language, the accent of our adopted homeland. Not if we ever want to return home and belong there.

Our King looks for our return.

— *Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is a sacramental seal and where did it come from?

Answer:

Leaving more than just a memory, there are some events in our life that are truly transforming, making us different people. The same thing can be said of spiritual things, especially sacraments. A sacramental seal or character is a theological concept to describe the life-changing and permanent effect of three sacraments on the person: baptism, confirmation, and holy orders. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that these sacraments confer a seal “by which the Christian shares in Christ's priesthood and is made a member of the Church according to different states and functions. This configuration to Christ and the Church, brought about by the Spirit, is indelible” (#1121).

Once we receive these sacraments, we are forever changed. It's a spiritual “point of no return” whereby we take a step forward in our faith journey. We are marked as people of faith, as those who have received the Spirit and as those called to serve in ordained ministry. That is why these sacraments are received only once. The direction is set, the choice is made, and we are called by God to be his people. Nothing can change that, not even our own sinfulness.

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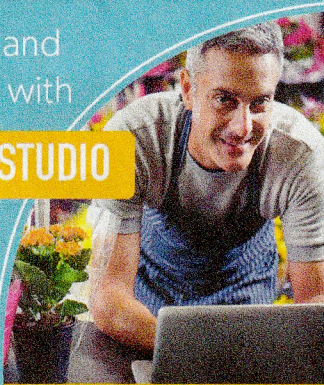
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