

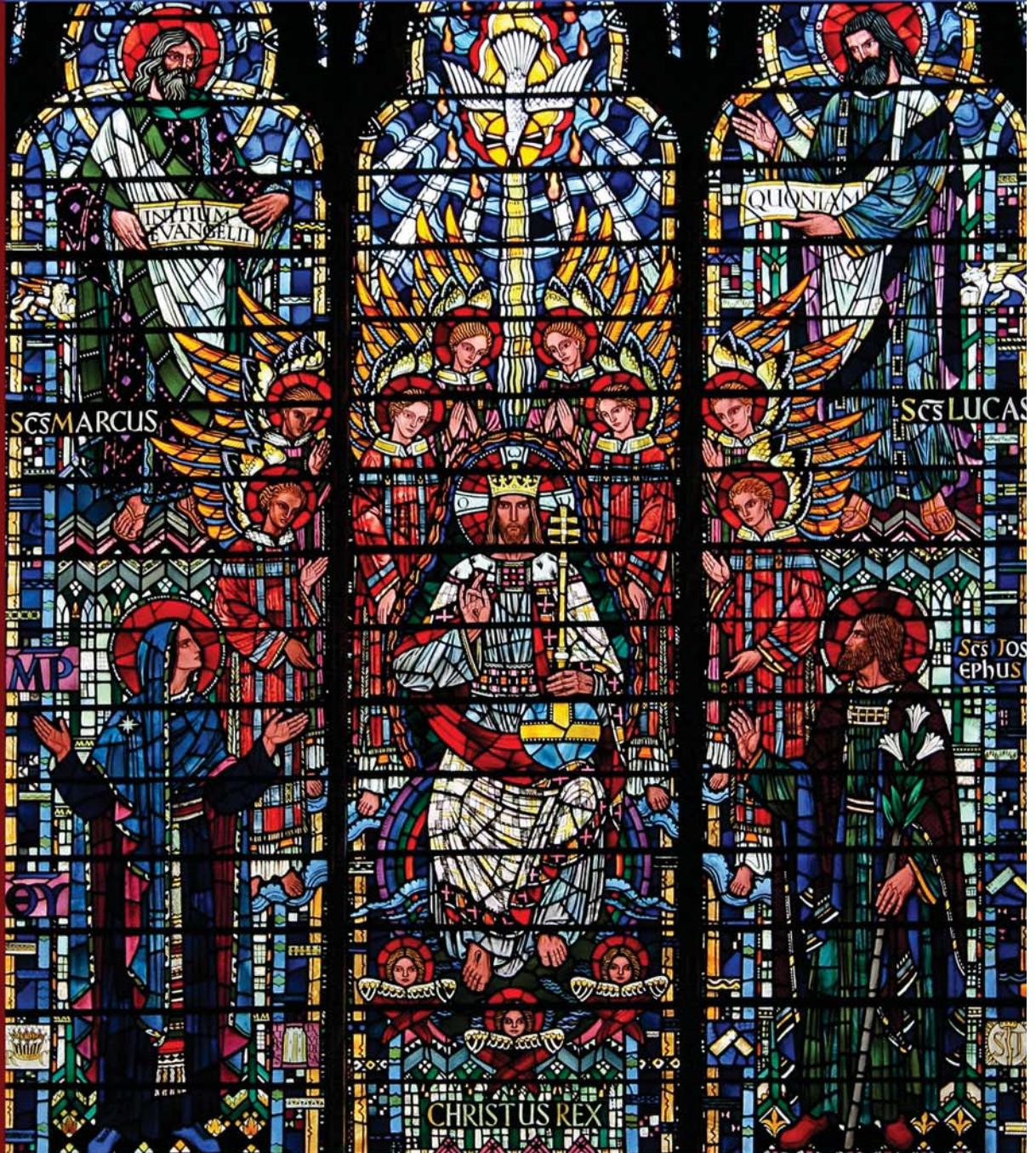
SAINT THERESA OF AVILA PARISH

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
King of the Universe



“Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

John 18:37

SAINT THERESA OF AVILA PARISH

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SAINT THERESA OF AVILA

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm in Main Church
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am in Main Church
Daily: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 am
Holy Days: As announced
Confessions: Thursday 6:30 –7:00 pm in the Chapel.

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday morning following 8:30 A.M. Mass

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Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am
Daily: Tuesday, Thursday 4:30pm, Saturday 8:30am
Holy Days: As announced
Confessions: Saturday morning 9:15-9:45 A.M.
Exposition of Blessed Sacrament: Saturday morning following 8:30 A.M. Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24 2024

Sunday, November 24

8:00 A.M. Mass for Deceased Parishioners
10:00 A.M. Mass for Deceased Parishioners

Monday, November 25

8:30 A.M. Elizabeth M. Galvin—5th Anniversary Mass

Wednesday, November 27

8:30 A.M. Bridget and Michael O'Connor-Memorial Mass

Thursday, November 28

8:30 A.M. Francis, Michael, and Frances Duggan; David and Alana Phoenix; Red and Margaret Rose; Obie Hall-Memorial Mass

Friday, November 29

8:30 A.M. Timothy and Mary Cronin—Memorial Mass

Saturday, November 30

4:30 P.M. Carmella and Anthony Martignetti Memorial Mass
Maria Goode—Anniversary Mass
Larry Ramsdell and Richard Stevens Memorial Mass

Sunday, December 1

8:00 A.M. No Intention
10:00 A.M. Francis X. and Sean Ahern-Memorial Mass

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Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. 9:30 A.M. —12:00 Noon

MISSION STATEMENT

PRAYER OF SAINT THERESA OF AVILA

*Christ has no body now on earth but yours;
yours are the only hands with which He can do His
work,
yours are the only feet with which He can go about the
world,
Yours are the only eyes through which His compassion
can shine forth.
Christ has no body on earth now but yours.*



*Hark, the Herald
Angels Sing!*

*Save the Date!!
Friday, December 20, 2024
Advent / Christmas Concert
7:00 P.M.
Saint Theresa of Avila Church*

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OBLIGATION TRANSFERRED TO DECEMBER 9**

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Dec. 8) is a holy day in the U.S. because it is under this title that the Mother of the Lord is our patroness -- it is now always a holy day of obligation. This year, December 8 is the Second Sunday of Advent, and so has liturgical preference over the Immaculate Conception. Because of the significance of this Marian feast, its observance is moved this year to Monday, Dec. 9, 2024. And, according to a response from the Holy See to an inquiry from the U.S. bishops, the obligation is also transferred. This is a new interpretation of the church's law. So, Dec. 9, 2024, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is now always a holy day of obligation. The Mass Schedule will be as follows:

Saint John Monday, December 9
4:30 PM
Saint Theresa Monday, December 9
8:30 A.M. 7:00 P.M.

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVE



If you would like your relative or friend who is serving in the military to be remembered in the prayers of our parish, please provide their name, rank, service branch, and location if applicable. You can call the Parish Office (617-323-4410 / 617-325-1300) or email stoffice24@gmail.com

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS



Mass will be celebrated at both Saint John Chrysostom and Saint Theresa of Avila on Thursday, November 28, Thanksgiving Day, at 8:30 A.M. It is a beautiful way to thank God for the many blessings which He has bestowed upon us during the past year and to remember deceased relatives and friends during the month of November.

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November 26 What is the Discernment of Spirits?

At SJC Fr. Barton T. Geger, SJ, Theology / Ignatian Studies Professor, Boston College

This Christian practice is as old and important to the faith as prayer itself. If God really does speak through prophets, mystics, and our own thoughts and dreams, how do we know what is of God, or is our own human way of thinking, or is influenced by the Enemy? In a rapidly changing world, Pope Francis urges discernment, for all to read "the signs of the times."

SJC: St. John Chrysostom Parish Center, 4750 Washington St

CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD PANTRY



FEED THE HUNGRY

The Catholic Charities Food Pantry remains in desperate need of donations, especially now with rising prices. The situation continues to be urgent for many families. You may bring your contributions of food to the rectory garage on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M. Thank you for your ongoing generous sup-

NOVEMBER 9/10 2024



**ENVELOPES: \$11,347
ONLINE: \$ 1,205
TOTAL: \$12,552
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

1. Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!
 2. The Lord, our Sav - ior, reigns, The God of truth and love.
 3. His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n.
 4. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! For Christ the Judge shall come

Re - joice, give thanks, and sing, And tri - umph ev - er - more.
 When he had purged our sins, He took his seat a - bove.
 The keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus giv'n.
 And take his ser - vants up To their e - ter - nal home.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.
 Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH, 6.6.6.6 with refrain; John Darwall, 1731-1789; harm. from *The Hymnal* 1940.

PREPARATION HYMN

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence,
 2. King of kings, yet born of Mar - y,
 3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en
 4. At his feet the six - winged ser - aph;

And with fear and trem - bling stand;
 As of old on earth he stood,
 Spreads its van - guard on the way;
 Cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye

Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
 Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
 As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing
 Veil their fac - es to the Pres - ence,

For with bless - ing in his hand
 In the Bod - y and the Blood
 From the realms of end - less day,
 As with cease - less voice they cry:

Christ our God, to earth de - scend -
 He will give to all the faith -
 Comes, the pow'rs of hell to van -
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia"

ing, Comes, our hom - age to de - mand.
 ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
 quish, As the dark - ness clears a - way.
 ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th C.; para. by Gerard Moultrie, 1829-1885, alt.
 Tune: PICARDY, 8.7.8.7.8.7; French carol; harm. by Richard Proulx, 1937-2010.

PSALM 93: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, YEAR B

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in maj - es - ty.

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ANNA'S PALS ANNUAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE Kit Drive

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NOVEMBER 5-DECEMBER 15

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 Holy Name Church 53 Addington RD West Roxbury
 1 Boston City Hall Square Room 806

DIACONATE INQUIRER PROGRAM

The Archdiocese of Boston is beginning its Inquirer Program for men interested in becoming deacons with over a dozen meetings across the Archdiocese. For more information, please go to BostonDiaconate.org and click on the "News" tab.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO STATE MIGRANT CRISIS

We remind you about the Saint Vincent de Paul clothing bin in the parking lot at Saint John Chrysostom Parish for donations of clothing to help the migrants. Your generous response to this emergency request will be greatly appreciated.

PROJECT RACHEL

Are you – or someone you know – seeking peace after an abortion? For more information about retreats or other services, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

COMMUNION HYMN

At the Name of Jesus

1. At the Name of Je - sus Ev - 'ry knee shall
 2. At his voice cre - a - tion Sprang at once to
 3. Hum - bled for a sea - son, To re - ceive a
 4. In your hearts en - throne him; There let him sub -
 5. Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus Shall re - turn a -

bow, Ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry
 sight, All the an - gel fac - es, All the hosts of
 Name From the lips of sin - ners Un - to whom he
 due All that is not ho - ly, All that is not
 gain On the clouds of glo - ry, O'er the earth to

now. It is God's good pleas - ure
 light, Thrones and Dom - i - na - tions,
 came, Faith - ful - ly he bore it
 true. Crown him as your cap - tain
 reign. Love and faith - ful serv - ice

We should call him Lord, Who from the be -
 Stars up - on their way, All the heav'n - ly
 Spot - less to the last; Brought it back vic -
 In temp - ta - tion's hour; Let his will en -
 We his peo - ple vow, And our hearts con -

gin - ning Was the might - y Word.
 or - ders In their great ar - ray.
 to - rious When from death he passed.
 fold you In its light and pow'r.
 fess him King of glo - ry now.

Text: Philippians 2:5-7; Caroline M. Noel, 1817-1877, alt.
 Tune: KING'S WESTON, 6.5.6.5 D; Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958, alt., © 1931, Oxford University Press

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his
 2. Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the
 3. Crown him the Lord of love— Be - hold his hands and
 4. Crown him the Lord of peace, Whose pow'r a scep - ter
 5. Crown him the Lord of years, The mas - ter of all

throne. Hark! How the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All
 grave, And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For
 side, Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In
 sways From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Ab -
 time, Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, And

mu - sic but its own. A - wake, my soul, and sing Of
 those he came to save. His glo - ries now we sing, Who
 beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No an - gel in the sky Can
 sorbed by prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end, And
 ris - en Lord sub - lime. All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For

him who set us free, And hail him as your
 died and rose on high, Who died, e - ter - nal
 ful - ly bear that sight, But down - ward bends his
 round his pier - ced feet, Fair flow'rs of par - a -
 you have died for me; Your praise and glo - ry

heav'n - ly King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 life to bring, And lives that death may die.
 burn - ing eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 dise - ex - tend Their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 shall not fail Through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Revelation 19:12; st. 1, 3-5, Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894; st. 2, Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903
 Tune: DIADEMATA, SMD; George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

READINGS & OBSERVANCES 2024 YEAR B

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY Nov 24	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i> Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
MONDAY Nov 25	<i>Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr</i> Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4
TUESDAY Nov 26	Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11
WEDNESDAY Nov 27	Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19
THURSDAY Nov 28	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i> Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1B-2, 3, 4, 5/ Lk 21:20-28
FRIDAY Nov 29	Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a+8a/Lk 21:29-33
SATURDAY Nov 30	<i>Saint Andrew, Apostle</i> Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Dec 1	Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14/ 1 Thes 3:12—4:2/ Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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2024 GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

The 2024 Grand Annual Collection will kick off next weekend, November 30/ December 1 and run through the first weekend in February, February 1st / 2nd. You will receive a mailing with a return envelope this week. We ask that you be as generous as your means allow to this vital parish collection and we thank you for your support.

EVANGELIZATION

November 24

Solemnity of Christ the King, King of the Universe

In our gospel today Pilate is questioning Jesus about his kingship. Jesus chooses instead to tell Pilate and us why he came into the world. He came to tell us the truth about God, to witness to the truth - the truth about ourselves, and the truth about life. This last Sunday of the liturgical year calls us to take a truthful inventory on our life of faith. We might start by asking ourselves - if Jesus is the center of our life, how frequently do we pray, or receive Holy Communion, or go to Confession? Do we listen attentively to what we hear in scriptures each week for what God is saying? Are charitable actions an expression of our love of God? It's the end of the year, what will our faith life inventory reveal that needs to be strengthened or changed??

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- The Sacrament of Matrimony: You, Me, and Jesus
- The Rite of Marriage: The Consent We Give and Live
- Finances: Let's Talk Money
- Five Spiritual Practices for Marriage and Family Life: Keeping Christ at the Center of our Marriage
- The Mass: The Presence of Christ
- Marital Sexuality: Love's Perfect Design

To sign up for this Marriage Preparation Program, offered virtually by the Archdiocese of Boston, please visit www.bostoncatholic.org/familylife/transformedinlove



Thanksgiving Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation. We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities. We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes. We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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CURSILLO

Cursillo is a short course in Christianity. It is an encounter with Christ in a small community of the Church, in order to deepen your own faith and strengthen your ability to be witnesses of Christ in the world.

The dates for the weekends are:
Men's Weekend: December 5 - 8 , 2024
Women's Weekend: February 27 - March 2, 2025
Men's Weekend: April 3 - 6 , 2025

The weekends run from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon and are held at the Notre Dame Spirituality Center in Ipswich, MA.

For information and registration, please check the Boston Cursillo website: www.bostoncursillo.org or email uncusillo@gmail.com .





Mass for Deceased Parishioners—November 24, 2024

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. AMEN

John Ferguson	Mary Peterson	Margaret Donaruma
Richard W. Marsh	Arthur Pittore	Thomas P. Lohan
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Phyllis Cavanaugh	Francis M. Myers	Janice E. Kiggen
Barbara Staszsky	David Brauer	Grace Murray
Mary Claire Sullivan	Patricia Lovell	Kathleen "Kay" Germano
Bridget Mulkerrin	John Finnerty	Paul Connerty
James Moynihan	John Vozzella	Elizabeth A. Diaz
Irene Forbes	Stephen Farren	Dennis McMorro
Cynthia Sparrow	Edward Cronin	Marie Welch
Matthew Mulvey	Mary Ann Casey	Jane LeVie
Ana Morel	Denis Tobin	Marie Bourett
Conor McLaughlin	Thomas Grattan	Claire McNair
Irene Heffernan	Oscar Juarez Perez	Patrick Folan
Denise Waters	Margaret Atchison	Ignazia Moscaritolo
Frank Larrobino	Marie A. Adolphe	Margaret Callahan
Peter Sullivan	Michelle Dunn-McCourt	Robert Nelligan
Lois Driscoll	Marguerite Malone	Ann Morrissey
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Lorraine Waters	Jane E. East	Bridget Lydon
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Catherine DeSimone	John Scully	Kevin C. Shea
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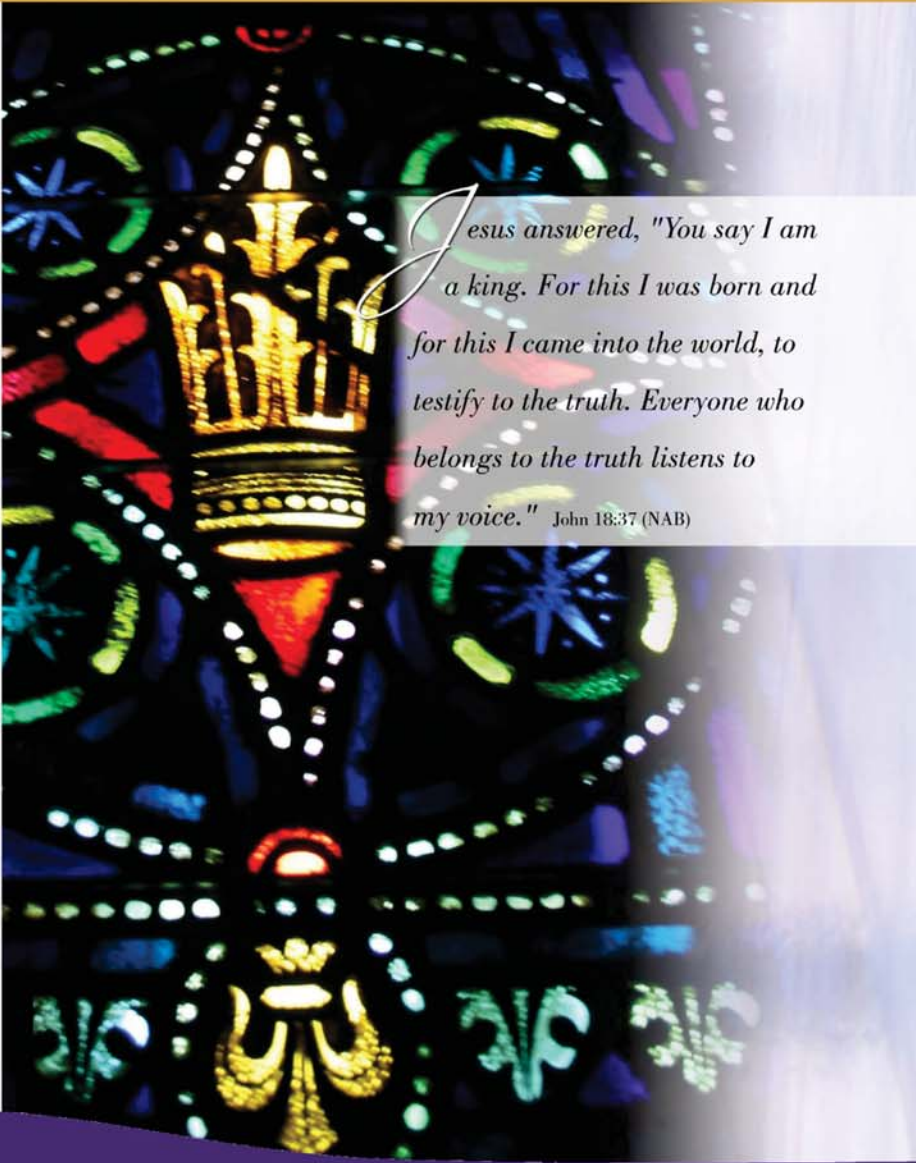
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

In Word & Deed

Members of the social outreach committee debated endlessly, asking if various programs were 'in keeping with our mission.' In the meantime, two former members of the committee were driving around the city, handing out hot soup, sandwiches and water to the homeless. These guys left the debating up to others. In their minds, the mission was to feed the hungry, just as Jesus said. Clear and simple.

When interrogated by Pilate, Jesus leaves no doubt about His mission. He has come to testify, to give witness to the truth. What is that truth? The truth is that God loves us so much that He became one of us, dying on the cross to free us from sin. He is the King of all creation and His

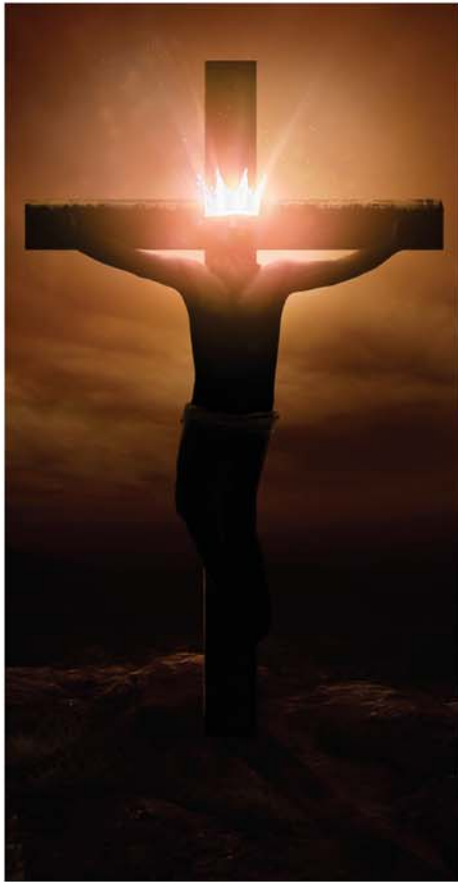
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Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." John 18:37 (NAB)

"My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here."

John 18:36



NO MAN CAN ATTAIN TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD BUT BY HUMILITY. THE WAY TO MOUNT HIGH IS TO DESCEND.
~Bl. Giles of Assisi

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FAMILY LIFE:

TO WALK AS ONE

In grade school, one of the nuns told our class that we should always remember that Jesus is the unseen visitor in every home, a guest at every meal and a friend in every moment. If we thought about it, she said, we would avoid sin and please God in all that we said or did. In our young minds, it explained precisely the spiritual relationship we had with the Lord.

Today, the end of the Church year celebrates the Kingship of Christ and we are presented with an image that seems anything but royal. The throne of Jesus is the cross and His dominion extends to all creation and all things, good and evil. In destroying sin, He wins for us everlasting life. No king has ever fought a battle with such

enormous consequences, so great that we measure history as before and after Christ.



If someone enters your home, would they know about your faith? Do you have those reminders of God's presence among us: a crucifix, a small statue, or a religious painting? Is a Bible enthroned in your home? If indeed we call Jesus the King of the World, and the Ruler of our Hearts, where does He fit in? Give the Lord some recognition and some space in your home. He'll be sure to make space for you in His.

~James Gaffney

In our parishes, the Eucharist represents a central setting for discovering and expressing our commitment to our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Gathered around the altar, we are reminded of our connection to all of God's people through the mystical body of Christ.
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In Word & Deed

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throne is a tree. In his death, He destroys sin and in His resurrection, He restores us to life. His mission of service saves us and brings us eternal life.

What is your mission? How is it that your life will give witness to the truth of the Gospel? Each of us may do it

differently, but we all are called to teach, preach, heal and forgive, just as Jesus did. No need for debate or struggle with complicated ideas or highly structured programs. Just live the Gospel. Be Christ to others. Clear and simple.

~James Gaffney

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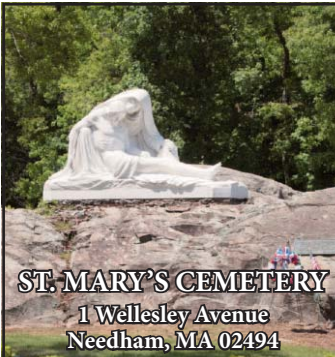
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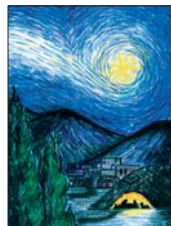
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