

Fr. Joseph's Corner

"Why Go to Church?"

A church-goer wrote a letter to the editor of the newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "And in that time, I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time. And the Pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. And in that time, my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would be physically dead today. And, likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"



When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible, and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

REMEMBER:

**FAITH MAKES THINGS POSSIBLE—
NOT EASY!**

The best vitamin for making friends? B1.

—Prayerful Wishes, Fr. Joseph

Inspiring Quote

**"As we express our gratitude,
we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words,
but to live by them."
—John F. Kennedy**

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List:

David Leonard 🙏 Steve Forrester 🙏 Carl Johnson 🙏 Arlene Mura
Margaret Halsey 🙏 Lyn Rodgers 🙏 Sue Gerke 🙏 Mike Mulvihill
Dolores Koivisto 🙏 Jerry Pimentel 🙏 Anita Marquez 🙏 Nick Nolte
Georgia Fitzgerald 🙏 Ben & Fulvia Guyger 🙏 Sammi Pedersen

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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November 20, 2022 † Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Sunday

Vigil Mass Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass (English)	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass (Bilingual)	12:00 p.m.
Holy Days	8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Monday • Tuesday • Thursday	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday & Friday	12:00 p.m.

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Confessions

Wednesdays: 11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 3:30–4:30 p.m.

(other times by appointment)

Anointing of the Sick

Contact Fr. Joseph for this Sacrament

- ♦ **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET & CENACLE GROUP:** Every Monday after the 8 a.m. Mass.
- ♦ **1ST FRIDAYS OF THE MONTH:** Mass is at 12 p.m., with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a Holy Hour of Prayer with the Rosary, Litany of St. Joseph, and Benediction after Mass.
- ♦ **REMAINING FRIDAYS:** Mass is at 12 p.m., with the Rosary and Benediction after Mass.



Baptisms

Baptisms will be held on 2nd Saturdays of the month in English and on 4th Saturdays in Spanish. Parents of children to be baptized must be registered members of the parish 6 months prior to baptism.

A Baptismal Preparation Class is mandatory for both parents and godparents.

For more information, call the Parish Office.

Marriages

Couples need to make an appointment with Fr. Joseph 6 months before the proposed date.

A Marriage Preparation Course is mandatory.

MASS INTENTIONS / DAILY READINGS

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition.

👉 Please Call the Parish Office to Have a Mass Intention Reserved 👈

Monday	11/21/2022	8:00 a.m.	Linda Meade (L)	Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5; Luke 21:1-4 [M]
Tuesday	11/22/2022	8:00 a.m.	Ethan Edgerly (L)	Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11 [M]
Wednesday	11/23/2022	12:00 p.m.	Family of Fred Vandehey (L)	Revelation 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19
Thursday	11/24/2022	8:00 a.m.	Jim Callahan (L)	Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Luke 21:20-28 [M]
Friday	11/25/2022	12:00 p.m.	Kitty Jones (D)	Revelation 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Luke 21:29-33
Saturday	11/26/2022	5:00 p.m.	Mary Steverson (L)	Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44
Sunday	11/27/2022	9:00 a.m.	Ryan O'Connell (D)	Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44
Sunday	11/27/2022	12:00 p.m.	Marie Ester & Ambriz Vargas (D)	Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

[F] = Feast Day ♦ [M] = Memorial ♦ [S] = Solemnity ♦ (L) = Living ♦ (D) = Deceased

Today's Homily

THIS SUNDAY, at the end of Church's liturgical year, the readings describe the enthronement of the victorious Christ as King in Heaven in all His glory.

Instituting this Feast of Christ, the King in 1925, Pope Pius XI proclaimed: *Pax Christi in regno Christi* (the peace of Christ in the reign of Christ). This means that we live in the peace of Christ when we surrender our lives to Him every day, accept Him as our God, Savior and King, and allow Him to rule our lives.



OLD TESTAMENT TEXTS:

The title "Christ the King" has its roots both in Scripture and in the whole theology of the *Kingdom of God*. In most of the Messianic prophecies given in the Old Testament books of Samuel, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Daniel, Christ the Messiah is represented as a King.

NEW TESTAMENT TEXTS:

a) In the Annunciation, recorded in Luke 13:2–33, we read: "The Lord God will make him a King, as his ancestor David was, and He will be the King of the descendants of Jacob forever, and His Kingdom will never end." In fact, the *Kingdom of God* is the center of Jesus' teaching, and the phrase "Kingdom of God" occurs in the Gospels 122 times, of which 90 instances are uses by Jesus.

b) The Magi from the Far East came to Jerusalem and asked the question: (Matthew 2:2) "Where is the baby born to be the King of the Jews? We saw his star . . . and we have come to worship him.

c) During the royal reception given to Jesus on Palm Sunday, the Jews shouted: (Luke 19:38) "God bless the King, who comes in the name of the Lord."

d) During the trial of Jesus described in today's Gospel, Pilate asked the question: (John 18:33) "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus replied, "You say that I am a king. I was born and came into this world for this one purpose, to bear witness to the Truth."

e) Today's Gospel tells us that the board hung over Jesus' head on the cross read: *Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews*, (Luke 23:36; see also, Matthew 27:37; Mark 15:26; John 19:19–20), and that, to the repentant thief on the cross who made the request: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom," Jesus promised Paradise with him that very day (Luke 19:39–43).

f) Before His Ascension into Heaven, Jesus declared: (Matthew 28:18) *I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.*

g) Finally, in Matthew 25:31, we read that **Christ the King will come in glory** to judge us on the day of the Last Judgment.

We need to accept Christ the King as our Lord, King and Savior and surrender our lives to Him. We surrender our lives to Jesus every day when we give priority to His teaching in our daily choices, especially in moral decisions. We should not exclude Christ our King from any area of our personal or family lives. In other words, Christ must be in full charge of our lives, and we must give him sovereign power over our bodies, our thoughts, our hearts, and our will.

We need to be serving disciples of a serving King. Jesus declared that He came not to be served but to serve and showed us the spirit of service by washing the feet of His disciples. We become Jesus' followers when we recognize His presence in everyone, especially the poor, the sick, the outcast and the marginalized in the society and render humble and loving service to Jesus in each of them.

We need to accept Jesus Christ as the King of love. Jesus came to proclaim to all of us the Good News of God's love and salvation, gave us His new commandment of love: *Love one another as I have loved you*, and demonstrated that love by dying for us sinners. We accept Jesus as our King of love when we love others as Jesus loved, unconditionally, sacrificially, and with *agape* love.

November—The Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Coffee and Donuts



This Sunday, November 20th, will be the re-opening of our Coffee and Donuts after the 9 a.m. Mass. Please come visit with family and friends in the Parish Hall. And please support the Knights of Columbus and our St. Joseph Parish Ladies who will be hosting this wonderful treat. Reminder to bring your cans and plastic bottles (no glass) to the Parish Hall, Monday through Thursday. There will be containers to place any loose cans or bottles and the balance in bags. Thank you so much for the support of this Ministry.

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Pastoral Meeting

Please note that there is a Pastoral Meeting on **Tuesday, November 22nd, at 5 p.m.**, in the Parish Hall. Please make every effort to attend.

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Thanksgiving Day Mass . . .

is on **Thursday, November 24th, at 8 a.m.**

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Thanksgiving Facts

1. The Song: "Jingle Bells" might be thought of as a Christmas song now-a-days, but it was actually written to be sung on Thanksgiving Day. Created in 1857 by James Pierpont, it was so popular during the Christmas season that the name officially changed from "One Horse Open Sleigh" to "Jingle Bells" in 1859.

2. The Parade and the Zoo: Did you know that the first Macy's Day Parade in 1924 featured animals borrowed from the Central Park Zoo, including elephants, bears, camels, and monkeys? Santa Claus was also in attendance, seated atop a sled driven by reindeer atop an icy mountain.

3. The Missing Cutlery: Wherever the first Thanksgiving took place, it did so without forks. Forks weren't commonly used until about the time of the American Revolution, although it's supposed that both knives and spoons found a place on the Pilgrims' tables. Still, can you imagine trying to scarf down a turkey with no fork?

4. The Tall Tale: According to myth, Benjamin Franklin nicknamed turkeys "Tom" after Thomas Jefferson. Supposedly, ol' Ben wanted the turkey to be our national bird, but Thomas Jefferson thought the nobler eagle should represent the United States. It's said that after Franklin lost out, he dubbed the turkey "Tom" in honor of his nemesis. It's a good story—good enough, in fact, that we kind of wish it were true. Instead, the less interesting reality is that occasionally male animals, including cats, for example, are labeled "Tom."

Advent and Preparation

The beauty of Advent is that it is a season, not a day. Preparing for Advent as a Catholic means that we are able to enjoy the richness of our faith which helps us to prepare our hearts and minds for celebrating the coming of the Christ child on Christmas. Are you ready to dive in?

First of all, it is good to review what Advent is in the Catholic Church. Advent is a four-week spiritual preparation for celebrating Jesus' birth (and His Incarnation). Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas Day. We have four weeks of Mass readings and prayers to help us focus on Jesus and what He has done for us.

I mentioned the Incarnation. It is one of the most amazing truths we know. Incarnation means God made man. God, our mighty Creator, became a human. He did not just arrive on earth fully grown one day. No. He humbled Himself to be born as a baby, to be initially helpless and grow up just like we do. God, in His infinite wisdom, love, and humility, became a man for our sake. He did not have to do this, but He chose to. This is a great act of love. We celebrate His coming on Christmas. We prepare our hearts to celebrate His coming during the season of Advent.

Jesus became a man knowing ahead of time that He would suffer and die for us on the cross. His whole life on earth was dedicated to loving, teaching, and serving us so we can learn more about Him and can choose to be with Him in Heaven. His birth is a great reason to celebrate and a remarkable gift to us. Advent gives us the opportunity to reflect more on the truths about Jesus and our Catholic faith so we can spiritually prepare our hearts for celebrating Jesus' birth on Christmas.

How do we prepare for Advent?

This is a great question! Advent itself is a time of preparation. We do not necessarily need to prepare for Advent itself but to use the time to prepare for Christ's coming on Christmas.

Here are some ideas of things you can do by yourself and/or with your family to help you prepare during Advent for Christmas: *Pray more. Go to Mass more often. Go to Confession. Have an Advent Wreath. Have an Advent Calendar.*

There are many ways during Advent that we can prepare our hearts and minds for celebrating Jesus' birth. You may want to pray more, participate in the Mass during the week, have an Advent wreath, or create family traditions. No matter what you do, remember the reason you are preparing. Ask God to guide you as you anticipate the coming of His birth. He is ready to welcome you.

