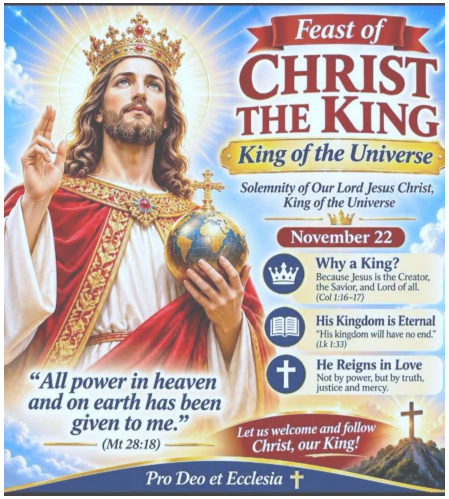

Every nation has its rulers, every kingdom has its throne, and every earthly authority has its limits. But above all earthly powers stands One whose Kingdom has no end: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

WHY IS JESUS CALLED THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE? ✨

Jesus is called the King of the Universe because His authority extends over all creation, not merely over one nation, generation, or religious community. This means that no earthly ruler, government, or power can stand above Him. His kingship is not dependent on whether people recognize or accept Him. He remains King because of who He is: the eternal Son of God.

DID JESUS HIMSELF CLAIM TO BE KING?

Yes! The kingship of Christ is not an invention of the Catholic Church. When Pontius Pilate questioned Jesus about His kingship, Jesus declared: "My kingdom is not of this world." Jn 18:36-37

HISTORY: WHY DID THE CHURCH INSTITUTE THIS FEAST?

The Solemnity of Christ the King was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 through his encyclical Quas Primas. At that time, the world was experiencing political instability, nationalism, secularism, and growing movements that rejected God's authority. Pope Pius XI established this feast to remind the world that no earthly authority is absolute and that Jesus Christ must reign over individuals, families, societies, and nations.

The Church did not invent Christ's kingship in 1925. She instituted a feast to celebrate and proclaim the eternal kingship already revealed in Sacred Scripture.

Originally, the Feast of Christ the King was celebrated on the last Sunday of October. However, following the Second Vatican Council, Pope Paul VI revised the Roman Liturgical Calendar in 1969, and the solemnity was transferred to the final Sunday of the liturgical year.

The placement has a beautiful theological meaning. The liturgical year begins with Advent, as the Church prepares for the coming of Christ, and concludes by proclaiming Him as King of the Universe. This reminds us that the entire liturgical year revolves around Jesus Christ. He is the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega. Celebrating this solemnity means more than simply declaring that Jesus is King. It means allowing Him to rule our lives.

REFLECTION

As we celebrate Christ the King, let us ask ourselves: Who truly sits on the throne of our hearts? Have we allowed money, pride, power, worldly desires, or personal ambitions to take the place that belongs to Christ? It is easy to call Jesus our King when life is peaceful and blessings are abundant. But do we still trust Him when we experience suffering, disappointment, and uncertainty? Remember, His crown was made of thorns, and His throne was the Cross. He showed us that true kingship is not about being served, but about serving and loving sacrificially. Let us not honor Christ only with our lips, but through the way we live.

CONCLUSION: CHRIST REIGNS FOREVER!

The Solemnity of Christ the King is a proclamation of the eternal sovereignty of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Creator and Redeemer of the world.

Earthly kingdoms will pass away, and human rulers will eventually leave their thrones. But the Kingdom of Christ will have no end.



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MASSES SCHEDULE

Weekdays
8:15am – Monday – Friday
Saturday
8:00am – Italian
4:30pm – Spanish (Ant Sunday Mass)
6:00pm – English (Ant Sunday Mass)
Sundays
9:00am – English
10:30am – Italian
3:00pm – Albanian (Every 2nd Sunday)
3:00pm – Filipino)Every 3rd Sunday
6:00pm – English Mass
Baptism – 11:45am Sunday
Confession – 8:30am Saturday
Adoration – 7:00pm Saturday
Weddings & Funeral – by Arrangement

"If in times past nations trembled with fear at the sole mention of the name of the divinity, we have a God who does not want to be feared, but loved"

St. John Baptist Scalabrini
Pastoral Letter
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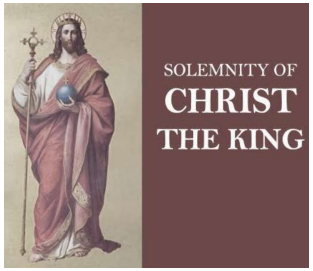
CHRIST, THE KING OF LOVE



We are created by God, and all that we do, if it is to be considered good, must be for his glory. When we do things in accord with his will, our works are meritorious. Even if they seem small, they are worthy of our King's divine and royal dignity. Otherwise, they hold nothing of real value in his eyes. Jesus says to St. Faustina, "The greatest works are worthless in My eyes if they are done out of self-will, and often they are not in accord with My will, and merit punishment rather than reward" (Divine Mercy, #639).

Much worse is when we neglect the poor or take advantage of them by exploiting their situation. This behaviour among the shepherds of Israel was condemned by God through the prophet Ezekiel in our first reading. These shepherds failed to provide food and protection for their flock, allowing them to be scattered, or even driven from their homeland into exile. Who are the shepherds in our time? We are. In today's gospel Jesus teaches us that we shall be called to account at the end of time. He will deal with us according to our deeds.

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, places a decision before us. He will come as King; will we welcome his reign? We can disregard his voice and be counted among the goats, only to hear: "Out of my sight, you condemned, into that everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels!" Or we can freely and joyfully follow the Shepherd's call and be counted among his sheep.

1st Reading – Ezek 34: 11-12,15-17

From the book of the Prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. (R.)
2. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

2nd Reading – 1 Cor 15:20-26,28

From the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Blessing on him who comes in the name of the Lord! **Alleluia**

Gospel – Mt 25: 31-46

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. 'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." 'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." 'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord

NEXT SUNDAY IS . . . . . .



PARISH CALENDAR

Sat 21/11	4:30pm	Mass in Spanish
	6:00pm	+Mariette Abraham
Sun 22/11	9:00am	English Mass
	10:30am	Maria SS Di Tutte Le Grazie (Feast Day)
	6:00pm	English Mass
Mon 23/11	8:15am	English Mass
	7:00pm	Mass in Spanish
Tue 24/11	8:15pm	Italian Mass
Wed 25/11	8:15am	English Mass
	7:00pm	+Maria Andriani (Memorial Mass)
Thu 26/11	8:15am	English Mass
	7:00pm	+Melchor Pugaha (Memorial Mass)
Fri 27/11	8:15am	English Mass
Sat 28/11	8:00am	Italian Mass

MINISTRY ROSTERS

DATE & TIME	LECTORS	EOCM
Sat 21/11 6:00pm	M Scarsella L Veras	T Jimenea J DeGennaro
Sun 22/11 9:00am	C Icamen L Cabangal	F Ienari C Zammit
Sun 22/11 10:30am	Feast Readers	C Mazzone G & L Farinola
Sun 22/11 6:00pm	D Guglielmin R Corkin	R Velardo L Tan

COLLECTION Nov 15, 2026

1st Collection - $1,962.00
2nd Collection - $2,193.00

ARCHDIOCESAN NOTICE

Living the Joy of the Gospel: Facilitator Formation Workshop 7 December. It's not too late to register for the facilitator formation workshop for 2026. Offered in person (location TBA) and online. Bookings are essential to secure your place. Please note that in person and online times differ.
https://livingthejoyofthegospel.au.

PARISH NOTICE

ADVENT ARTWORK CONTEST
Children 3-5 years old –Art Colouring
Children 6-8 years old – Nativity Painting
Children 9-12 – Christmas Theme Drawing
Teens 13-16 – half page "Essay"



All works to be presented before the 6pm Mass on the 13th Dec. For more details, please contact Ms. Lucy of the Sunday 6pm mass (Lectors Group).



The Filipino Couples for Christ sang during the 10th Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Travelling Novena last Oct 31, 2026 at Mater Christi Church.

CHRISTMAS MASSES SCHEDULE



Dec 24 (Christmas Eve)
6:00pm – Spanish Mass
8:00pm – English Mass
10:00pm – Carols (Italian)
10:30pm – Italian Mass
Dec 25 (Christmas Day)
9:00am – English Mass
10:30am – Italian Mass