

MASS INTENTIONS FOR November 25—December 3, 2017

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Saturday,	Nov. 25	5:00 pm	For All Deceased parents, relatives of Salesians
Sunday,	Nov. 26	9:30 am	For + Terri Perri by Linda Kohlman
		11:30 am	For All St. John Bosco parishioners
Tuesday,	Nov. 28	9:00 am	In thanksgiving by Tesfu family Mass with Grade 8, 5 and Kindergarten from St. Elizabeth Seton School
Wednesday,	Nov. 29	9:30 am	For + Josefa Lim by Jose & Zenaida Mass with Anne Fitzgerald school
Thursday,	Nov. 30	8:00 am	St. Andrew the Apostle For All St. John Bosco Parishioners
Friday,	Dec. 1	7:00 pm	Mass, Benediction, Confession + Stanislaw Windyga

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Saturday,	Dec. 2	5:00 pm	For + Fr. Romano by Rose Hui
Sunday,	Dec. 3	9:30 am	For + Jaime & + Maria Araujo by Mike & Estrela
		11:30 am	For All St. John Bosco Parishioners



CHRISTMAS CAROL NIGHT Dec. 16th @ 6:30 pm

Everyone is invited to join us for some caroling. You may lead us in song, or you may just come and listen. All our choirs will be joining us and of course we hope many parishioners will come sing for us also. This will be a very informal gathering. We would like to encourage songs from different cultures also. We plan on having a grand finale with everyone singing "Silent Night" with each verse in a different language. So that we can plan accordingly, please sign up on the sheet provided on the back table. Hot chocolate and goodies in hall to follow.

Joy to the World!

Father will be at our schools for confessions as follows:

Tuesday,	Nov. 28	9:45 am	@ St. Bonaventure School
		11:00 am	@ St. Maria Goretti School
Thursday,	Nov. 30	8:45 am	@ St. Elizabeth Seton Jr. High and Elementary
Friday,	Dec. 1	10:45 am	@ Anne Fitzgerald School

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Tuesday,	Nov. 28	7:00 pm	R.C.I.A.
Thursday,	Nov. 30	7:00 pm	Legion of Mary Baptism Prep for parents and godparents



Grace Before Meals: for November 26, Feast of Christ the King



Leader: Lord Jesus, we thank you for your Word.

You urge us to prepare for your coming by feeding, clothing, welcoming, healing and visiting the needy. (*Matt. 25:34-36*)

All: May we hear the Word of God and put it into practice

Together: "Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen."

After the meal: " We give thanks, Almighty God, for all your gifts, who live and reign now and forever Amen."

"HEAR THE WORD OF GOD, AND DO IT" Living in the Word

It is important that spouses find time and ways to pray together and that parents and children together do the same. The heart of that family prayer should be the Word of God, who speaks to us in the varied circumstances of our lives. Perhaps, in addition to a candle, a Bible could be "enthroned" on a stand or table.

A Revolution in Tenderness: If you missed the recent lectures by Father Ron Rolheiser, don't worry -- the videos have now been posted online. In the three lectures, Father Ron spoke about the revolution in pastoral practice that has been sparked by Pope Francis' focus on mercy and tenderness. His visit was the first in the Father Mike McCaffery Chair in Pastoral Theology and Lecture Series. View the videos at <https://newman.edu/About/Events/FrMike>

TOGETHER WE SERVE: ANNUAL APPEAL

A reminder that starting this month we will be having a second collection on the first week-end of each month. The Archdiocese has given us a goal which was determined by the amounts that we typically donated in years past. This years target was \$26,300.00. However we are still falling short.

We ask that you give generously for the needs of our Archdiocese, **Also don't forget...** your donation doesn't always have to be at first of the Month. You are always welcome to donate to the Annual Appeal each week.



Are you new to our parish family? Please let us know your are here by completing a **PARISH REGISTRATION** form which can be found in the front lobby of the church on the table. Also many of our regular parishioners have still not registered with our **NEW** registration forms.

If you have not done so in the last year, PLEASE, TAKE A FORM AND COMPLETE IT AND DROP IN THE COLLECTION BASKET. We want to send Christmas letters and will be using the new list for our mailing list. Many people think they are on our registration list, but are not. Using donation envelopes does not put you on our registration list

SOME LESSONS ON OUR FAITH

Spiritual Seasons of the Year

The *liturgical year* (Church calendar) is as different from the calendar year as the fiscal year is for most people. The Church calendar begins on a different day than the civil year, but it still contains the same 12 months and 365 days.

The liturgical year begins on the **First Sunday of Advent**, which is four Sundays before Christmas. The last Sunday of the year, the **Feast of Christ the King**, is the Sunday before the First Sunday in Advent.

To help us with our public worship, **the Church uses a seasonal year** and calendar that go back two millennia-back to a time when most of the world was agrarian (farming). Farmers were very dependent on the seasons of the year to plant and harvest. Pagans as well as Jewish, Christian and Muslim religions recognize the impact of the seasons of the year on people; they tied feasts and celebrations to the growing and cultivating of crops and livestock.

The Catholic liturgical year revolves around two feasts: Christmas and Easter. They're **high holy days** because they commemorate the **birth and Resurrection of Jesus Christ**. The first half of the liturgical year focuses on the theme *Christ Our Light*, and it's epitomized by Christmas. The second half focuses on the theme *Christ our Life*, epitomized by Easter.

Christ Our Light: The first half of the liturgical year

According to the Catholic Church calendar, Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, and the Baptism of the Lord all form the *Christ Our Light* theme. **Advent**, the season before Christmas, and Christmas itself occur in the winter when, in the Northern Hemisphere, the days are short and light is often longed for. Candles decorate the Advent wreath—a wreath of evergreen with four candles, three purple or violet and one rose or pink. Each week of Advent, a candle is lit until the fourth week when all four are ablaze. The colors respond to the vestments the priest and deacon wear on the Sundays of Advent. Advent wreaths are used in Churches and private homes just to remind people to spiritually prepare for Christmas, to give light during these days of less daylight, and to **remind the faithful that Jesus is the Light of the World**.

Advent is a time for us to prepare for Christmas spiritually, in the midst of all the shopping, decorating, baking, and parties. Advent tones down the festivity for Catholics so the real celebration can take place on the birthday of Jesus, Christmas Day.

During Advent :

- * *We should go to confession* to prepare for Christmas (Our Advent confession will be on **December 17 @ 7 pm**)
- * Some *try harder to attend weekday masses*
- * *We try to pray more and practice patience and tolerance*, while the rest of the world often goes crazy having Christmas sales in October and bringing out Santa before Halloween.

Continued next week



Christ the King Nov. 25/26, 2017

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Last Sunday's Collection

\$ 3,474.50

Together we Serve: 371.50

Children's collection: \$ 66.50

Thank you for your donations!!

PRAYER CORNER:

Zenaida Jimenez

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GOSPEL REFLECTIONS FOR FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING



Among fairy tales some of my favorite stories are about kings who disguise themselves and go among their people to learn of their true needs. In those stories, **the wise king knows his people and is able to care for them because he's shared their struggles**. What a far cry from so many of the secular rulers—kings or presidents—throughout human history.

Today's liturgy highlights the kingship of Christ with two readings which use images of sheep and shepherding. Ezekiel has God taking on the role of shepherd—caring, rescuing, healing—and judging us, who are God's flock. The image shifts a bit in the *Gospel*, where Jesus is still our shepherd, but the role of judge gets more of the emphasis.

There—like the understanding king in some of those fairy tales—Christ our King has identified completely with those who are hungry, thirsty, homeless, without clothing, in need of healing or imprisoned. This familiar scene of the last judgment sets the criteria for entrance into the kingdom of Christ: ***How have we recognized our King in those who come to us in need?***

We may have little control over the conduct of secular presidents or kings. But our relationship with our heavenly King is clear: **We are to embrace him in our loving service to one another.**

Quote for the day: "Love is not patronizing and charity isn't about pity, it is about love. Charity and love are the same -- with charity you give love, so don't just give money but reach out your hand instead."

– Mother Teresa