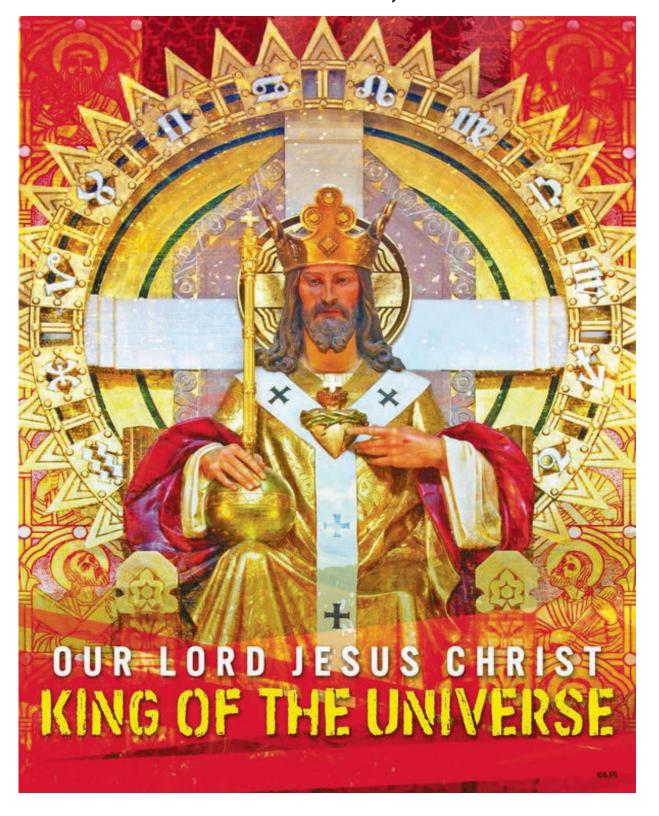




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Christ the King

What does the end of something have to do with Kingship? We may formulate this question upon reading or listening to this Sunday's Gospel. Why do we pair this passage with the solemnity of our Glorious King? You see, sometimes, in order to understand the reason for something, we have to see where we are headed. God sent us His only Son to rescue us from the powers of darkness, the shackles of sin and death, so that we may not only return to His embrace but that we may simultaneously grasp why He created us in the first place. He sent Christ, our King, on a mission to the earth to bring back our attention to the ultimate end of our existence: "To dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives" (Cf. Ps 27:4). The King of Glory became a subject just like us in all things but sin (Cf. Heb 4:15) to enlighten our understanding about the true glory of our being, namely, to be invited, privileged guests of the eternal royal banquet at the heavenly table.

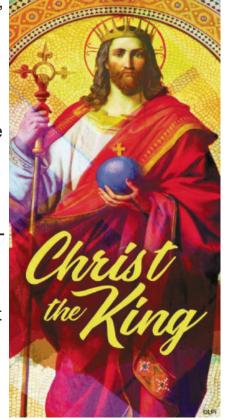
Rightly so, then, we are headed towards God's eternal embrace to experience the glory of the redeemed. To this end, the Gospel reveals that right before this comes to pass, the world gets to witness the grandeur of Christ's Kingdom. This full honor and glory of Jesus' Kingship, however, involves the total submission of His people to His divine will. This event transpires to such an extent that the purpose of humanity is

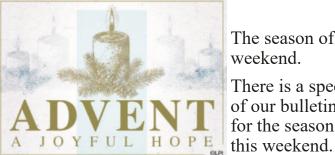
illustrated by the deeds that carried it to completion. That is, Jesus Christ majestically reveals that feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and visiting the imprisoned constitute the actions paramount to the fullness of His Kingdom. Indeed, those who took it upon themselves to carry them out in this life already unknowingly served the King Himself.

Thus, the fact that Christ shows the splendor of divine kingship as the bookend of an era is essential. Just as the great kings of old manifested the necessity and glory of their reign after every great victory in battle, Christ demonstrates at the end of time why He is, from all eternity, the King who rules all that exists. On the day of His second arrival, it becomes transparent to His people that He conquered the enemy to set us free. The faithful, then, embrace His reign out of reverence and love, delighted at the glory of such privilege, namely being part of a Kingdom that never ends.

Peace!

Fr. Leo Sepulveda





ADVENT

The season of Advent, and the new liturgical year, begin next weekend.

There is a special Advent calendar inserted in all hard copies of our bulletin this week. It includes all our liturgical offerings for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Please take a bulletin this weekend

There is also a wide variety of printed material to help you get into the spiritual aspect of the season. You can find these materials at all church entrances.

Finally, if you as an individual, or a family, would like to assist in the lighting of the Advent Wreath each Sunday simply let an usher know before the Mass so they can inform the deacon and the priest.

ALL WOEMN OF THE PARISH

Join the Women's Group for their monthly Mass at 9:00 a.m. next Sunday, December 3.



All women of the parish are invited to our Women's Group
Christmas Potluck
Wednesday, December 6, 6:30 p.m.
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EVERYONE IS INVITED

Our Women's Group invites you to
hospitality in the auditorium after the 9:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday.
Our Spanish Community invites you to
hospitality in the Auditorium after the 1:00 p.m. Mass next Sunday.



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St Vincent de Paul Society St Elizabeth of the Trinity Conference Christmas Sharing Program

The purpose of the Christmas Sharing Program is to provide gifts to families in need during the Christmas Season. This small gesture can help adults and children experience the magic, joy, and spirit of the holidays.

Gifts collected from our Christmas Sharing Program will be distributed to the *Mission of Our Lady of the Angels*. The Mission of Our Lady of the Angels is located in the West Humboldt Park area on Chicago's west side. This area is presently one of the poorest neighborhoods in the City of Chicago. The purpose of the Mission is twofold: to assist the materially poor and to share the treasure of our Catholic Faith.

Please do not wrap the gift – gift bags are acceptable. Also note that all items must be new. The gift can be returned to the St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish at the Masses on Saturday December 9th and Sunday December 10th.

We are requesting that NO clothes be purchased which require a size. Priority gifts are for teenagers this year; suggestions below:

Girls:

craft kits (sewing, beads etc.) jump ropes / adult coloring books fashion scarves / headbands nice toiletries / lotion / body wash simple / inexpensive jewelry

Either:

basketballs / soccer balls /skateboard buil stuffed animals non coloring book with crayons or colored pencils educated Etch A Sketch / other drawing toys plastic toy animals / duffle bags Rub play science kits / Bluetooth speaker books (nonviolent, non-magic) play doctor / play kitchen / any play-grown-up toys Toiletries / blankets
Bluetooth hat / sunglasses / wallet / school supplies

We thank you for your kindness and generosity and we wish you a Blessed Christmas Season.

The St Vincent de Paul Society St Elizabeth of the Trinity Conference

Bovs:

model planes / trains / cars toy cars and trucks men's toiletries water bottle watch

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DECEMBER 12th

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Bilingual Novena

Sunday December 3rd Rosary and Novena Prayer 2:15 pm.

Monday December 4th Rosary and Novena Prayer 7:00 pm.

Tuesday December 5th Bilingual Holy Mass and Novena Prayer 6:30 pm.

Rosary 7:15pm.

Wednesday December 6th Bilingual Holy Mass and Novena Prayer 6:30 pm.

Rosary 7:15 pm.

Thursday December 7th Holy Mass in Spanish Vigil of the Immaculate Conception

and Novena Prayer 6:30 pm. Rosary after Mass.

Friday December 8th Holy Mass in English of the Immaculate Conception

and Novena Prayer 6:30 pm. Rosary after Mass.

Saturday December 9th Rosary and Novena Prayer 6:30 pm.

Sunday December 10th Rosary and Novena Prayer 2:15 pm.

Monday December 11th Rosary and Novena Prayer 7:00 pm.

Tuesday December 12th Mañanitas to Our Lady 5:30 am.

Dawn Mass in Spanish 6:30 am.

School Mass in English 8:30 am.

Bilingual Mass of the Roses 6:30 pm. (Mariachi Ángeles of Puebla)

presided over by Rev. Michael Grisolano and Rev. Leonel Sepulveda.

Reception to follow after Mass in the school auditorium.

Responding to "The Gospel Imperative to Welcome the Stranger"

Cardinal Cupich recently wrote about "The Gospel imperative to welcome the stranger." He connected the plight of the Holy Family who fled their homeland to safeguard the infant Jesus, to the plight of the early settlers in Plymouth Rock who were "refugees from oppression, sheltered and saved from starvation by indigenous people," to the plight of asylum seekers today living in the shadows of our homes and our churches.

The Cardinal reminded us that, as Catholics, we respect the dignity of all people, and we are called to help those in need. Our Religious Education and School families recently responded to this call by donating generously to the Food Pantry's Thanksgiving food drive.

Earlier this month, one of the patrons of the Food Pantry, a pregnant immigrant, asked where she might be able to get diapers for her baby due in late November. When our Women's Group heard of her need, they generously responded by bringing not only diapers, but clothing and other necessities, to their November 15th meeting. The depths of their charity moved this young mother to tears; her gratitude was immeasurable. The women's evening of giving continued with the making of festive cards for a local children's shelter.

Confirmation students and their sponsors discussed ways of giving back to the community during their dinner following the November 11th 5:00 p.m. Mass.

Thank you to all of our ministries and individual parishioners for their countless and oftentimes unnoticed acts of kindness and charity. We are truly a parish with a heart for welcoming the stranger! As we approach Advent and the season of giving, may we continue to be the beacon of light and love for those in need whom God has placed in our paths.

"We must clearly counter those voices in society which speak in dehumanizing ways about the newcomers and attempt to divide us as a nation. By proclaiming our true Catholic values: the dignity of all persons, love of neighbor and the call to give what we have to our brethren, children of God made in His image, we demonstrate our reverence for life." ~ Cardinal Cupich











Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 17: Second Reading By FR. LUKE SPANNAGEL



On Sundays and Solemnities, after the Responsorial Psalm, we always hear the proclamation of the Second Reading, which is taken from the New Testament books (other than the Gospels) and is generally continuous from one week to the next. While St. Paul is the most prolific of the New Testament writers, we also have readings from St. John, St. Peter, St. James, and others. Although the sentences in these readings are sometimes long and a little awkward (because they were originally written in Greek, not English), they are packed with great wisdom and directives for Christian living. As Edward Sri writes, "Though often selected independently of the First Reading and the Gospel, these New Testament writings reflect on the ministry of Jesus Christ and his saving work and the meaning it has for our lives. They also draw out the practical applications of our life in Christ and exhort us evermore to 'put on Christ' and turn away from sin" (A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, p. 64).

How to Live in Christ Every Day

As we look through the books of the New Testament, we see how each writer was addressing a person or particular community with their own strengths and weaknesses. The writer knew his audience and, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, taught these people what God asks of us and how to live in Christ every day. These readings call us to faithfulness and generosity in loving one another. Sometimes we hear joyful words of truth: "Beloved, see what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are" (1 Jn 3:1). We also hear words of consolation: "We always pray for you" (2 Thes 1:11). At other times, we will hear exhortations to holiness, such as, "Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" (1 Cor 3:16) and "do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh" (Gal 5:13).

These writings are beneficial to us because St. Paul and the other writers were all helping early Christians understand how to live in an anti-Christian world (recall that Christianity was illegal in the Roman Empire during the first centuries of the Church). The writers provided answers to difficult questions, gave explanations for why we do certain things and not others, and exhorted the people to holiness and fidelity even in the midst of daily struggles and persecutions.

How to Live as a Christian in the World

A couple of very common questions today are: "How do I really live as a Christian in the world? How do I make what I do on Sunday last all through the week?" Thanks to these New Testament Readings, we have answers to these questions. Look through the readings for any Sunday, and what do you see? "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ" (1 Cor 11:1); "For you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal 3:28); "For he is our peace" (Eph 2:14); "Seek what is above" (Col 3:1); "that you may not grow weary and lose heart" (Heb 12:3); "Be doers of the word and not hearers only" (Jas 1:19); "Compete well for the faith" (1 Tim 6:12); "Children, let us love...in deed and truth" (1 Jn 3:18); "He will wipe every tear from their eyes" (Rev 21:4); "Always be ready to give an explanation...for your hope" (1 Pet 3:15). Does it feel like we could keep going and going? We really could! At every Sunday Mass and on Solemnities, the Second Reading is packed with wisdom from the saints to help us become saints, too!



Watch St. Elizabeth of the Trinity 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass live on You Tube - search for St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish channel.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2023

5:00 PM — Lydia Fernandez, Marcos Fernandez Sr., Don Love Jr.

SUNDAY, NOVEMER 26, 2023

7:30 AM — Eugene Fraczkowski, Philip Bober, Eileen Maloney Durkin, Disdado-Pilar, Fluro & Justina Cabrera

9:00 AM — Richard Muench, Leonard Karwowski, Joyce Poskozim (1st anniversary), Disdado-Pilar, Fluro & Justina Cabrera, Vilma Pangoniene

11:00 AM — Richard Bartuce, Paul Varga, Pete Eck, Disdado-Pilar, Fluro & Justina Cabrera

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION

1:00 PM — (Spanish) Hector Castaneda (birthday), DiFuntos familia, Contreras—Manon

5:00 PM—Teen Mass

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023

8:30 AM — George Alex, Helen Hays, Godfrey D'Souza

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023

8:30 AM — Conrad Deane, Zofia Kalemba, Vilma Pangoniene

11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00

5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSION

6:30 PM — John & Katherine Misiuda

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2023

8:30 AM — Pete Eck

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2023

8:30 AM — Charles Boyd, Henry & Mary Ciecko

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2023

8:30 AM — Teresa Travina, Robert Geegan

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023

8:30 AM — Kepros & Pryst families, Roberto Villaflor Sr (thanksgiving), Ceniza Cabrera Pangilinari (1st anniversary), Roger (Lucas) Cabrera

3:30 - 4:30 PM — CONFESSION

5:00 PM — Marcos Fernandez Sr, deceased members of the Ognibene family

SUNDAY, DECEMER 3, 2023

7:30 AM — Eugene Fraczkowski, Jerry Stemper (9th anniversary)

9:00 AM — Dawn Cavins, Women's Group, souls in Purgatory, Jerry Stemper (9th anniversary)

11:00 AM — Kuss & Dziedzic families 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSION

1:00 PM — (Spanish) Jose Luis Bucio

Presider Schedule - December 2 & 3

5:00 p.m.—Fr. Sepulveda / Deacon Matthew preaching / piano

7:30 a.m. —Fr. Fallon / Deacon Miles preaching / organ

9:00 a.m. —Fr. McCarthy / Deacon Matthew preaching / Piano / Parish Choir

11:00 a.m.—Fr. Grisolano / Deacon Greg preaching / organ

1:00 p.m.—(Spanish) Fr. Sepulveda / Deacon Jose preaching





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Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the

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Thursday: St. Andrew, Apostle

Friday: Saturday:

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

(1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk

21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk

21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62,

63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

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

22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80,

81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/

Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-

16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37



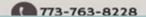


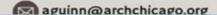
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Monday through Saturday: 8:30 a.m., Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. and First Thursday: 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

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Prayed daily immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass Church is open daily for private prayer until 5:00 p.m. Confession:

Tuesday: 5:30 to 6:00 p.m., Thursday: 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. (bilingual) Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. , Sunday: 12:00 to 12:45 p.m.

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Would you like to learn more about what it means to be a Catholic? The Church calls this process *The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)*. It is a small group forum where interested people learn more about initiation and membership in the Catholic Church. Please call the parish office for more information.

Marriage:

Must be arranged six months prior to the ceremony. Please contact a priest to make arrangements.

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Parish Registration: New parishioners are asked to register at the Rectory. Forms are also available on our website under the Our Parish tab or in the rear of church.

Communion Visits: Ministers of Care bring Communion to the homebound. Contact Tony Lupinski through the parish office to make arrangements.

Food Pantry: Open Tuesdays - 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the lower level of the gym For more Info email us at: food-pantry@stelizabethtrinityschool.org

Bulletin Deadline: Noon on Fridays (9 days prior to bulletin date)

"It seems to me that I have found my heaven on earth, because my heaven is You, my God, and You are in my soul.
You in me, and I in You – may this be my motto."

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity