



Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

November 25, 2018

Detroit, Michigan



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
King of the Universe
So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus
answered, "You say I am a king." - Jn 18:37a

Readings for the Week of November 25, 2018

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/
Jn 18:33b-37
Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/
Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rv 15:3b]/
Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4,
5 [Rv 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10 or Jn 6:63]/
Mt 4:18-22
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b;
cf Rv 22:20c]/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/
1 Thes 3:12--4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Christ the King

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, commonly referred to as the Feast of Christ the King, is a relatively recent addition to the Western liturgical calendar, having been instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI for the Roman Catholic Church. In 1970 its Roman Catholic observance was moved to the final Sunday of Ordinary Time. Therefore, the earliest date on which it can occur is 20 November and the latest is 26 November.

According to Cyril of Alexandria, "Christ has dominion over all creatures, ...by essence and by nature." The Word of God, as consubstantial with the Father, has all things in common with him, and therefore has necessarily supreme and absolute dominion over all things created."

"From this it follows that to Christ angels and men are subject. Christ is also King by acquired, as well as by natural right, for he is our Redeemer. ...! We are no longer our own property, for Christ has purchased us "with a great price"; our very bodies are the "members of Christ." A third ground of sovereignty is that God bestowed upon Christ the nations of the world as His special possession and dominion. "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me." (Matthew 28:18)

The feast points to the end of time when the kingdom of Jesus will be established in all its fullness to the ends of the earth. It also leads into Advent, when the Church commemorates the arrival of the newborn king.

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Pope Pius XI wanted to
communicate the belief
that Jesus is lord of all,
the king of creation.
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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



If you brought your child to the restroom during the Liturgy of the Word, you might walk away with one of two interpretations of Jesus as King. The first and second readings are bold and victorious. We see Christ coming on the clouds for the final judgment of heaven and earth. The Gospel sets a very different tone. Jesus is under arrest and facing death before Pontius Pilate. We know how this story will end. So if Christ is King, what does it mean? Is he a glorious conqueror or a suffering servant?

"My kingdom does not belong to this world." Here is the heart of Jesus' reign. He is a king -- and his "subjects" are alive and well on earth -- but, ultimately, Jesus' kingdom transcends our earthly concepts of power. Jesus faced down the temptation of a solely earthly kingship. At the close of his 40 days in the desert, the devil offered him the kingdoms of the world. Jesus only had to sacrifice his heavenly values and worship Satan. The same temptations to distort the kingship of Christ are present to us today. Jesus' invitation also endures. "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." It is important for us to belong to the full truth of Christ's kingdom.

First, our own hearts must be transformed. Our own rebellions in favor of selfishness and against holiness must be conquered by God's grace. Second, we must work to transform the world as best we can in our own corner of it. Like Jesus shows us by his life and death, this doesn't mean domination. It means service, sacrifice, respect, and love. Our lives must "testify to the truth" of Jesus Christ, who lays down his life for his people. That is the true beauty of Christ the King!



A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

When we are young, our parents "tell us about Jesus," and we believe what our parents believe. At some point, we must leave our parents' faith and ask Pilate's question: "Are you the King?" Pilate is just asking this question on our behalf.

Preparation for Advent

Advent is a season of wonder. Nothing surprises us more than God's extravagant giving of gifts. Without our even asking, God has given us the gift of life, bestowed on us our unique bodies and minds, our families and situations in which we slowly but surely make our way back to the God from whom we have come. But perhaps the biggest surprise of all is the gift that God has given us in Jesus, who is God become human. This most surprising gift is the one we concentrate on during our Advent preparation for Christmas. Of course, we must also note that Christ was not satisfied simply to become human long ago, but found a way to remain with us even after death. Jesus, the living and now the risen one, continues to live within us through the power of the Holy Spirit, who unites us to Jesus and to one another as we share the life of God that Jesus brought us. Each Sunday of Advent, there will be a little reflection to meditate on so that we may discover the power of and the wonder of God's presence and how we might respond to it. God continues to be with us to help us recapture the wonder of God's surprising presence in our hearts and in our lives today.

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

Sunday, December 2, following the 10 am Mass - Gold'n Harvest Raffle Catered Breakfast, Church Auditorium

Sunday, December 2, noon - Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle Drawing, Church Auditorium

Saturday, December 8, 9:00 am Mass - Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

Saturday, December 8, 4:30 pm, Sunday, December 9, 10 am Masses, respectively - Collection for the Retired Religious

**Catholic Charities of SE Michigan
Help Families in Need this Christmas**

Through your donations to the Catholic Charities of SE Michigan, you help those with adoption issues, day care, healthcare providers, temporary homes for children through foster care families. The list goes on and on. In addition, your donations can help our St. Vincent de Paul Conference right here at St. Matthew Parish by considering a donation to help to make Christmas a little brighter for the needy families of our neighborhood. Our conference was able to help four families in the amount of \$600 per family last year.

Catholic Charities of SE Michigan's *Saint Joseph Perpetual Help Fund* will help nearly 200 families this season, nominated by Catholic parishes and organizations throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit. The more donations the fund receives by December 7, the more we can give to each family this Christmas! Donate in one of two ways:

Send a check made payable to CCSEM with "Saint Joseph Perpetual Help Fund" in the memo line to our CCSEM main office at 15945 Canal Road, Clinton Township, MI 48038.

Donate online at ccsem.org/donate. Select the box stating: "I would like to designate this donation to a specific fund." Then scroll down the list and select the "Saint Joseph Perpetual Help Fund."

Donations received after the donation deadline of December 7 will be used to help families throughout the year. Questions? Contact Kelly Luttinen at (248) 548-4044 x3621 or luttinenk@ccsem.org.

CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Thanksgiving - The Archdiocese of Detroit's blessings are many, thanks to your generosity to the Catholic Services Appeal.

The CSA makes possible more than 100 ministries programs, and services that touch the lives of thousands throughout our Archdiocese each day. No one parish could provide all of these blessings, which benefit so many. Truly, the CSA brings opportunities *to open doors to grow with Christ*.

If you have yet to donate to this year's Catholic Services Appeal, please prayerfully consider your blessings and make a gift this *#GivingTuesday*.

ADVENT VESPERS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 4 P.M.

THE CATHEDRAL CHORALE OFFERS THE CHURCH'S ANCIENT EVENING PRAYER WITH CHANTS, PSALMS, AND HYMNS. AS THE DAYS GROW DARKER, COME PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS WITH CANDLELIGHT, REFLECTION, PEACE, AND GRACE.

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**St. Matthew Catholic Church
Gold'n Harvest 50/50 Raffle Drawing
Sunday, December 2, Noon**

Thanks in advance to all who have bought and sold the Gold'n Harvest raffle tickets. Returns (as of this writing) are coming in very slowly. One more week remains before the Gold'n Harvest Raffle Drawing so we are hoping you get those returns in asap.

Plan on joining your fellow parishioners, family, and friends for the drawing along with a wonderful breakfast provided by Majestic Café. The prices for the breakfast are reasonable: Adults - \$7, Young Adults - \$4, under 12 - Free!

You can look forward to consolation prizes awarded for those who stay for the fun!

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WEEKEND/WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:30 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	9:00 a.m.
Reconciliation	By Appointment
Holydays	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

In your prayers...

Please remember those in our parish and in our families who are sick or in need of our prayers.

Chuck Schuster
Bienvenido Fajardo
Lolita Dorado
Rita Moroni
Albert Fajardo
Virginia Fajardo
Madeline O'Neill
Kurt Beghuyn
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Saturday, December 1, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

Marilyn Lynn
Keith Arcicovich
Beverly Goll
Linda Holster
Michael Holster
Debra Nieddu
Joseph Nieddu

William Zuerblis

Cory Fullilove
Julia Zuerblis

Mass Schedule

Saturday, November 24 - Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

4:30 p.m. - For Missionaries Serving around the World

Sunday, November 25 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood

Monday, November 26 -

Tuesday, November 27 -

9:00 a.m. - For the Poor and Needy in our Community

Wednesday, November 28 -

9:00 a.m. - For the Sick, Suffering, and Dying

Thursday, November 29 -

Friday, November 30 - St. Andrew, Apostle

9:00 a.m. - For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Saturday, December 1 - Vigil: 1st Sunday in Advent

4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, December 2 - 1st Sunday in Advent

10:00 a.m. - The Reyes Family, Judy Stark, Robert Spansky



PRAY FOR CALIFORNIA

Almighty God,
We pray that through the intercession of your beloved, Saint Florian, those courageous men and women fighting fire in California will be protected and strengthened by Your providence. Bring consolation to those who have lost loved ones, dwellings, and their sense of security. May they find a home in your gracious love and a hope in the generous works of your servants here on earth, Amen.

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