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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 24, 2024

FOCUS: Jesus is King and Lord of all both now and forever.

The readings from Daniel and the Book of Revelation share an apocalyptic vision of the Son of Man coming on the clouds to rule over all peoples. In John’s Gospel, on the other hand, Jesus is already king. His everlasting authority comes from God. For his disciples – those who listen to his voice – eternal life is already possible.



HIS LIFE AS TRUTH

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We are bombarded by many statements professing to be true. Advertisers seek our endorsement, political parties seek our allegiance, and friends seek our agreement. Each purports to offer truth. In the Gospel this week, Pilate asks Jesus whether he is a king. Jesus replies, “You say I am a king. For this...I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice” (John 18:37).

What is Jesus’ truth? We tend to go through life taking stands on various issues: how to raise children, what kind of exercise is best, which political approach to endorse, and countless others. Once we decide, we often make that stance one of life’s truths and proclaim all others false. Jesus, on the other hand, offers his life as truth, much bigger than our petty truths. His truth stretches us beyond what we already are, more than life issues that change daily. His life’s truth declares that meaning is found only by living for others, that loving someone can heal their pain, that wisdom is found in the struggle, that less is more. Jesus’ ultimate truth is doing his Father’s will. The fact that it is difficult or that we tend not to live it very well makes it no less the truth.

● Reflect: How does your life witness to the truth Jesus’ life reveals?

Contact us for the following:

BAPTISM: Inform the parish 2 months in advance to allow for baptismal preparation

FAITH FORMATION (CCD & OCIA):

Contact coordinator.

MARRIAGE: Notify the parish 6 months prior to proposed date. Attending an Engaged Encounter Weekend is required prior to marriage ceremony.

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND: Contact the office to arrange for someone to bring the Blessed Sacrament to the Sick.

FUNERALS: Call the parish before making arrangements with the mortuary.

FOOD PANTRY: Distribution happens in Parish Hall, bring ID:

- First Friday hours: 3–5 PM
- Remaining Fridays: 4–6 PM

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 25:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Simpliciana "Sophie" Victoria - RS)

Tuesday, November 26:

7:00 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Simpliciana "Sophie" Victoria - RS)

Wednesday, November 27:

6:40 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(+Paul John Alabanza - RS)
5:00 PM Centering Prayer
6:30 PM O.C.I.A.

Thursday, November 28: (Office closed)

8:00 AM Thanksgiving Mass

Friday, November 29: (Office closed)

6:40 AM Rosary
8:00 AM Mass
(Nhu Loan Nealon - Thanksgiving)

Saturday, November 30:

8:00 AM Church Cleaning
4:00 PM Confessions
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(Andrea Yucoco - Birthday Blessings)
6:30 PM ICC Novena

Sunday, December 1:

6:15 AM Rosary
7:00 AM Mass
(+Simpliciana "Sophie" Victoria - RS)
8:45 AM Rosary
9:30 AM Mass
(Mass for the People)
4:15 PM Rosary
5:00 PM Mass
(+Simpliciana "Sophie" Victoria - RS)
6:30 PM ICC Novena

THANKSGIVING MASS, NOVEMBER 28th

We will have one Mass on **Thanksgiving Day, November 28th**, at **8:00 a.m.** The parish office will be closed on that day and on Friday, November 29th. We will reopen the following Monday, December 2nd.

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Nov. 30: Volunteers needed
Dec. 7: Sacred Heart Society
Dec. 14: Knights of Columbus
Dec. 21: Couples for Christ



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHT A STAR



Our Annual **Light A Star Tree** will be up soon. If you would like to remember your loved ones during Advent by placing an ornament on our Light A Star Tree, please pick up an envelope which can be found at the back of the church. Write their names **legibly** and place your envelopes in the collection basket or box. You may also drop them off at the parish office.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NOVENA

Our novena for the Immaculate Conception will begin on Saturday, **November 30th**, at **6:30 p.m.** Please join us every night **till December 8th** at the same time. Refreshments and fellowship afterwards.

SIMBANG GABI MASSES

Please join us for our **Simbang Gabi Masses** which will begin on Sunday, **December 15th till Monday, December 23rd**. Mass times are indicated on the schedule below. We thank the many priests who will be here to help us and the various ministries who are helping to provide refreshments.

SIMBANG GABI MASSES				
DECEMBER 15 - 23, 2024				
Day	Date/Time	Presider	Ministries/Food	Choir
Sun	December 15, 5 pm	Fr. Lyndon Jong	Sacred Heart Society	Derrick Alcayde
Mon	December 16, 7 pm	Fr. Joey Ranjo	Money Ctrs/Finance/Event Planners	Larry Duclayan
Tue	December 17, 7 pm	Fr. Ed Barut	Environment/Visayan	Divine Mercy
Wed	December 18, 7 pm	Fr. Rhea Ofalsa	Knights of Columbus	Larry Duclayan
Thu	December 19, 7 pm	Fr. Eric Castro	Music/CCD/OCIA	Rudy Flores
Fri	December 20, 7 pm	Fr. Paulo Kosaka	Lectors/Ushers/EM's	Divine Mercy
Sat	December 21, 5 pm	Fr. Valentine Sun Tun	Couples for Christ/Parent & Family	Rudy Flores
Sun	December 22, 5 pm	Fr. Leonard Tubana	Youth/Young Adult/Stewardship	Derrick Alcayde
Mon	December 23, 7 pm	Fr. Kurt Meyer	Food Pantry	Rudy Flores

FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Our celebration for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be held on **Monday, December 9th** (correction from last week's bulletin). We will have our regular daily Mass in the morning at 8:00 a.m. Later, Bishop Larry Silva will preside over the Mass at **7:00 p.m.** Please see our schedule below:

6:00 p.m. - Procession with the statue of the Immaculate Conception around the parish, followed by the Crowning of our Lady and Offering of Flowers.

7:00 p.m. - Mass with Bishop Larry Silva, presider.

8:00 p.m. - Dinner and fellowship in the hall. Please join us for this joyous occasion in honor of our Patroness,



PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Our **Advent Reconciliation Service** will be held on **Thursday, December 12, 2024** starting at **7:00 p.m.** If you cannot make it to our Penance Service, we will announce the Leeward Vicariate's Penance Services next week. Please mark your calendars.



We continue our collection for Our Ohana in Christ. Please use the envelopes that were provided in the past couple of weeks or you may also scan the QR code, which can be found in the pews at Mass. Our goal is to raise \$12,458. Please consider helping us reach our goal set forth by the diocese. Your assistance will aid Bishop Larry in his efforts to help our seminarians, retired priests, families who need assistance with food and shelter, and our youth and young adults.

If donating through the church, please make your checks out to **Immaculate Conception Church** and notate for "Ohana in Christ." If you have any questions, please call the church office at (808) 681-3701.

CCD RETREAT



Parents of our CCD Students: This is a reminder that there is a retreat this coming Saturday, November 30th, for our students who will be receiving Sacraments next year. Please bring your child(ren) to the parish hall by 9:30 a.m. The retreat will end at approximately 12:00 p.m.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



States, over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United

FAITH DIRECT

	10/1 - 10/15/24	10/16 - 10/31/24
Weekly Offering	\$1,197.00	\$1,816.00
Monthly Offering	\$1,320.00	\$870.00
One Time Gifts	\$25.00	\$250.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$325.00	\$615.00
Building Fund	\$550.00	\$713.00
Book of Intentions	\$200.00	\$70.00
Candles	\$10.00	\$7.00
Flowers	\$30.00	\$140.00
Food Pantry	\$95.00	\$425.00
Thanksgiving	\$0	\$135.00
Hurricane Relief	\$10.00	\$0
Haiti Disaster Fund	\$50.00	\$0
World Mission Day	\$50.00	\$0
Archdiocese for the Military	\$0	\$315.00
All Saints Day	\$0	\$155.00
All Souls Day	\$0	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$3,862.00	\$5,611.00
Less Credit Card Fees	\$71.33	\$112.88
Less ACH Fees	\$5.50	\$5.89
Less Faith Direct Fees	\$0	\$306.60
TOTAL NET DISBURSEMENT	\$3,785.17	\$5,185.63

MAHALO FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

November 16 - 17, 2024

Weekly Offering	\$3,518.00
Sat. 5:00 PM - \$ 892.00	
Sun. 7:00 AM - \$ 862.00	
Sun. 9:30 AM - \$ 1,145.00	
Sun. 5:00 PM - \$ 619.00	
Repair & Maintenance	\$1,959.00
Building Fund	\$51.50
Flowers	\$152.50
Candles	\$145.00
Book of Intentions	\$170.00
Mass Intentions	\$250.00
Blessings	\$250.00
Outreach	\$100.00
Light A Star	\$28.00
Baptisms	\$190.00
All Souls	\$100.00
Use of Hall donation	\$300.00
Hawaii Quilt Guild	\$23.00
Special Project	\$300.00
TOTAL	\$7,537.00



MAHALO

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Ohana in Christ **\$275.00**

FOOD PANTRY CLOSURE



The Food Pantry will be closed Friday, November 29th, due to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

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When receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, I feel the need to respond, "Thank you, Jesus. Amen." Is this OK or should I just stick to "Amen"?

"Amen" is an appropriate response, in and of itself. An emphatic, heartfelt "Amen" is an affirmation of faith meant to capture our feelings of profound gratitude and awe in the presence of God. It's also a statement of belief, roughly translated as "truly," "most assuredly," or "so be it" to what has been said. For example, when we conclude the Creed with "Amen," it repeats and confirms the first words "I believe." "To believe is to say 'Amen' to God's words, promises and commandments; to entrust oneself completely to him who is the 'Amen' of infinite love and perfect faithfulness" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1064). "Jesus Christ is...the definitive 'Amen' of the Father's love for us. He takes up and completes our 'Amen' to the Father.... That is why we utter the Amen through him, to the glory of God" (CCC 1065). Sharing in the one bread and the one cup is a time of unity with God and with God's people. Each individual communicant's "Amen" is also meant to be an expression of our unity together in receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. Responding with something other than "Amen" may serve to disrupt that unity and draw attention to yourself. So, yes, stick with a sincere, mindful "Amen!"

● Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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A word from
POPE FRANCIS

The best proof that Christ is our king is detachment from what pollutes life, makes it ambiguous, opaque, sad... When we live under the lordship of Jesus, we do not become corrupt, we do not become false, inclined to cover up the truth. We do not live double lives. Remember this well: all of us are sinners, yes; corrupt, never.

ANGELUS, ROME,
NOVEMBER 21, 2021

PARISH MINISTRIES

- Parish Pastoral Council
- Parish Council of Ministries
- Finance Council
- Parish Planning & Building
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
- Stewardship Committee
- Music Ministry
- Money Counters
- Bereavement
- Religious Education
- Lectors
- Ushers
- Altar Servers
- Flowers and Environmental
- Knights of Columbus
- Event Planners
- Food Pantry
- Couples for Christ
- Youth & Young Adult Ministry
- Sacred Heart Society
- Secular Franciscans
- Chamorro Group

FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK



St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions- Feast Day is November 24th. A Vietnamese priest who was a convert to the Catholic faith, St. Andrew Dung-Lac was one of 117 people brutally martyred in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862 for refusing to renounce their faith. St. Pope John Paul II canonized this group in 1988 (96 Vietnamese, 11 Spaniards, and 10 French of whom 8 were bishops, 50 were priests, and 59 were lay people). Through the merits of these patron saints of Vietnam, we're given the message: "that no matter how difficult life is and how much we have to endure, it's all worth it in the end." One of the martyrs, Fr. Jean-Theophane Venard, greatly inspired St. Therese of Lisieux with his letters, which convey how nothing on earth gave him happiness, but only thoughts fixed on eternity.



St. Catherine of Alexandria- Feast Day is November 25th. This Christian saint and virgin, who was martyred in the early 4th c., was born and also died in Alexandria, Egypt. A convert to Christianity after having received a vision, she's noted for: her honesty and integrity in following Jesus Christ, wisdom and debating skills even against 50 pagan philosophers, and help to protect against sudden death. She was one of the 14 Holy Helpers and devotion to her spread as a result of the Crusades. She was martyred at age 18 by beheading after a spiked wheel, which she was bound to, didn't kill her. Angels have been said to have carried her body to a monastery at the foot of Mt. Sinai. Her famous quote was: "Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire." She's the patroness of students, teachers, librarians, lawyers, and philosophers.



St. Andrew the Apostle - Feast Day is November 30th. Considered Christ's 1st disciple and 1 of the 12 Apostles named by Jesus along with his brother Simon Peter, St. Andrew was a fisherman who was chosen to be a "fisher of men." Even though he isn't mentioned much in the Gospels, he teaches us how to love Jesus better and follow him no matter what the cost. After Jesus was crucified, he did missionary activity by preaching the gospel in regions around the Black Sea, particularly in Greece and Turkey. He was eventually martyred in Greece at age 80 by being nailed to an X-shaped cross, in which he died after 3 days of agony (he felt unworthy to die on an upright cross as Jesus did). He's the patron saint of Scotland, several other countries, fishmongers, singers, gout, sore throats, spinsters, and women wishing to become mothers.

		NOV. 2-3		NOV. 9-10		NOV. 16-17	
WEEKLY MASS COUNT	Day/Time	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child
	Sat. 5:00 PM	155	20	134	15	162	16
	Sun. 7:00 AM	225	10	197	5	193	5
	Sun. 9:30 AM	200	30	245	41	246	48
	Sun. 5:00 PM	159	22	110	14	141	17

Readings for the First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33: 14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
Luke 21:25-28,34-36