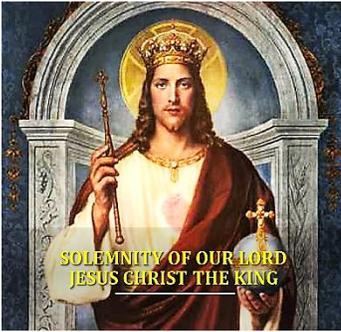


November 22nd, 2020 – The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly. As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and

goats. --MT 25:31-46

Make Your Choice

This is the last Sunday of the Church year, which year, as you know, is different from the calendar one. Next week we will begin the new year, starting with Advent, our waiting for the birth of Jesus into the world. On this last Sunday of the year, the Church appropriately celebrates the feast of Christ the King.

Here is the story of this king of ours.

First, God continually sought out his people throughout history, inviting them to a covenant relationship. But the "shepherds of Israel" let God's sheep scatter over the face of the earth. They actually made meals of the sheep instead of feeding them.* So God said the words of the First Reading. "I myself will look after and tend my sheep. The injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal."

God's care for his people is exquisite, and it is the foundation of all our belief. He shepherds us today in the same way.

The Responsorial Psalm, "The Lord is My Shepherd," is used here simply as a reply to the First Reading. To paraphrase, "We see that God is shepherding us, as he promised. Goodness and kindness are given abundantly. God lets us walk beside restful waters, through green pastures." We are filled with gratitude.

People of different generations sometimes remember and sometimes forget God's love. The ones who forget it fill their lives with other gods, whichever seemed most attractive. Idols, these are called.

So, in the Second Reading, St. Paul tells us about Christ, who is God's shepherding made flesh. Although death and sorrow and sin have been on the rampage, Christ brings the First Reading's light and peace and wholeness.

Then the Gospel tells us in a parable who will receive this light and peace. Not everyone can be counted among God's beloved sheep. Some people have been goats instead.

How do you know which you are? The standard is extremely clear. Have you cared for the hungry? Have you given water to the thirsty? What about welcoming the stranger, and giving clothes to those who have none and what about visiting people in prison? This is what God did in the First Reading. It is what Jesus did in his life on earth. It is the loving duty he has entrusted to us who are his body, his band of shepherds. Have you instructed the ignorant in the Truth, counseled the doubtful, humbly admonished the sinner helping them to salvation, comforted the sorrowful, forgiven injuries, born wrongs patiently, and prayed for the living and the dead? If you have joined this group, then you are one of the sheep who have received Christ's love and who are very grateful.

But maybe you or I have never taken time to care for Christ's least brother or sister. Maybe we are goats.

If we keep on that way, we should not be surprised when God says at the end of time,

You never did pass on to others the care I gave to you. You did not let me into their lives. If you had, your gratitude for my love would have led you to them! I care to shepherd you even now, but all I can do is affirm the choice you have made with your life. You have chosen to live without me, your God, and I must respect your choice.

This is how a real King acts. He respects and honors his subjects' needs and desires. We have to ask ourselves in freedom which side we are on right now. Before it is too late. -John Foley, SJ

Readings This Sunday

Reading I: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Reading II: 1Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading I: Isaiah 63: 16b-17, 19b; 64: 2-7

Reading II: 1Corinthians 1: 3-9

Gospel: Mark 13: 33-37

Finance / Stewardship Collection: The plate last weekend was **\$2,402** and Catholic University & Catholic Communications was **\$207**.

Matching Funds

An anonymous benefactor from our parish has graciously offered to match dollar-for-dollar up to a total of a **\$30,000** donation. We have now raised **\$24,946** in donations for the Matching Funds which will go towards the **renovation of the church sanctuary**. We appreciate your support.

Eureka Holy Mass Intentions

Saturday 21

4:00 pm SJ Kathy Wood Int.

Sunday 22

7:30 am SJ Kayla Pepper Int.

9:00 am SH Richard DeGuzman †

10:30 am SB Bertha Yost †

12:15 pm SH Mass for the People (Sp)

4:30 pm SH Francesco Vega & Oscar Camacho †

Monday 23

12:15 pm SB Chad Kryla Int.

5:30 pm SH No Intention

Tuesday 24

7:30 am SJ No Intention

5:30 pm SH No Intention

Wednesday 25

12:15 pm SB Hugo Pompati & Family †

6:00 pm SH Adoration

7:00 pm SH For the conversion and just punishment for the perpetrators & concealers of clergy sexual abuse. (Sp)

Thursday 26

9:30 am SB Thanksgiving Mass

9:30 am SH Thanksgiving Mass (Bilingual)

Friday 27

12:15 pm SB No Intention

5:30 pm SH No Intention

Saturday 28

4:00 pm SJ Hugo Pompati & Family †

Sunday 29

7:30 am SJ Bertha Yost †

9:00 am SH No Intention

10:30 am SB Dale Hutton †

12:15 pm SH Ramiro Melecio † (Sp)

4:30 pm SH Mass for the People

ALL SOULS DAY/ MONTH INTENTIONS There are All Souls Day envelopes on the table by the side entrance. If you would like to have loved ones remembered at the Holy Mass please fill out the All Souls Day envelopes with their names. If you wish please include a donation and place the envelope in the collection basket. They will be placed on the Altar during the month of November.

Please pray for : Marilyn Ziblich, Baby Olivia, Monika Rose Cleenewerck, Chad Kryla, Basil & Santos Mainus, Harold Giacomini, Chet Branum, Florence, Isela Adams, Lindy Timmerman & Family, Mary James, Dave Silverbrand, John Bertain, Denise Sledge, James Iron Shell, James Lemon, Wm. Hahn Family, Rose Ann Hurst, Armado De Los Santos, Judy Mill, Julia Walters, Connie Mather, Steve Mill, Ryan Pepper, Fred Pepper, Paul Shabata & Family.

Catholic Detention Ministries is requesting donations of Christmas cards and small individually wrapped candies. Please only *unused* Christmas cards with envelopes for the use of the inmates of the Humboldt County Correctional Facility. The facility requests that *candies remain in their unopened store packages* in which they are sold for safety reasons. **Yes! they are welcoming the cards and candies this year.**

This is a combined effort of the local Catholic churches to put together 300 packages, one for each inmate. This has been much appreciated by the inmates in the past. These people do not have a source of cards to send to their families, so these cards are very welcome. The candies provide a little something nice for these people who find little joy on Christmas. Please leave donations at the church or church office no later than Tuesday December 1st for pickup. For information or questions call Bob at 677-1952

SVDP THANKSGIVING MEAL VOLUNTEERS

St. Vincent de Paul Dining Facility will host an **OUTDOOR Thanksgiving Holiday Meal** on Thursday, November 26, 2020.

Volunteers are needed for the following:
Food Prep: NOV 24-25, 12:00 – 4:00 PM

Thanksgiving Day:

Serving Table Set-Up & Kitchen Help: 8:30 – 10:45 AM

Meal Service & Kitchen Help: 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Clean-Up: 1:30 – 3:30 PM

Drop-Off Winter Wear Donations – Wool

Blankets, Gloves, Snowcaps, Heavy-Duty Socks, Winter Coats, Back-Packs, Disposable Face Masks
Please contact Mary or Steven at 707-445-9588SVDP Dining Facility - 35 W. Third Street, Eureka 95501

Thank You for your support!

