November 20, 2016

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

KINGSHIP

The book of Samuel recounts for us today the anointing of David as king of Israel. It was the elders of Israel who declared David king that day, but it was God who called David to shepherd Israel. Thus mandated by the citizens of his kingdom and by his God, David took his place in a long line of kings.

The apostle Paul speaks to us of kingship as well, but on a much higher plane: the kingship of Jesus our Lord. As great as David was, he and all earthly monarchs who came before and after him in their kingdoms around the world are minor kings by comparison to the true King. And lastly, we hear the story of that true King in perhaps his weakest moment: near death, hanging on a cross, taunted by a common criminal and by the world at large.

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I rejoiced because they said to me,
“We will go up to the house of the LORD.”
~ Psalm 122:1

This Sunday’s Readings:
First Reading
2 Samuel 5:1-3
David is anointed king.
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 122:1, 2-3, 4, 4-5
Enter the house of the Lord rejoicing.
Second Reading
Colossians 1:12-20
Hymn to Jesus as the first-born of all creation.
Gospel Reading
Jesus is crucified under the title King of the Jews.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Savior of all.

Luke’s Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Savior of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation.

Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today’s Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Savior of all.

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGE: For these Sacraments please notify the church office as soon as possible so that we may advise you of the requirements. Thank you.

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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C
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Thurs. 7:50 - 10:00 a.m.
Sat: 2:30 - 4:45 p.m.    Sun. 8:00 - 12:00 p.m.

The Christmas wafer (opłatek, plural opłatki) is a Central European Christian Christmas tradition celebrated in Polish families during Christmas Eve Vigil.

The unleavened wafers are baked from pure wheat flour and water, are usually rectangular in shape and very thin; they are identical in composition to a round wafer which becomes the Host after the Consecration during Mass in the Roman Catholic Church. Being only a reminder of the Body of Christ used in private homes, Opłatki lack sanctification by a priest or bishop. The Opłatki wafers are embossed with Christmas related religious images, varying from the nativity scene, especially Virgin Mary with baby Jesus to the Star of Bethlehem.

Cost is $3.00 for a pack of 5 wafers.

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St Vincent de Paul is very low on food! We are in need of tuna, canned chicken, rice, beans, cereal, pasta and sauce. We have also had a need for soap. W are very grateful for your kind, generous hearts!

RESURRECTION CALENDAR
ALL events take place in the Parish Center unless otherwise stated.

Adoration, First Fridays, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Bereavement & Beyond Ministry, Every Monday, 8:30 a.m.
For more information call Alouise 481-8168
Coffee & Donuts, Sundays after 10:30 Mass
Craft Club, Tuesdays, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Men’s Club, 2nd Monday of month, 7:00p.m., Sept. - May
Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena, Saturdays after the 8:00a.m. Mass, church
Prayer for Priests, Thursdays after the 8:00a.m. Mass, chapel
RCIA, Sundays, after the 9:00a.m. Mass, for info, 482-6883
Rel. Ed., September - May
Resurrection for Life, for info, call Judy at 287-1237
Resurrection Prayerline Ministry, call Deanna Latell 481-1170.
Rosary, before daily Masses and Tues. & Thurs., 1:30p.m., chapel
Rosary Makers, 3rd Thursdays Oct. thru May, 9-11 a.m.
St. Vincent DePaul Board Meeting, 1st Tues. every month, 7:00 pm. For SVDP assistance call 239-600-6749, or email, svdp@resurrectionch.org
Teams of Our Lady, call JoAnn for more information, 482-7982
Women’s Guild, 3rd Wednesday every month, 8:30a.m.  Sept. - May

MINISTRY OF THE SICK
IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS:

When admitted to the hospital please register as Catholic and notify the parish office immediately, 481-7171. Resurrection priests visit the hospitals daily.

To protect your privacy hospitals do not give out information on patients without their permission.

The following hospitals are attended to by the parish in which they are located:

*Gulf Coast Hospital - visited daily by St. John XXIII Parish, 561-2245
* Lee Memorial Hospital - visited daily by St. Francis Xavier Parish, 334-2161
* Lee Memorial and Hospice at Health Park - visited daily by St. Columbkille Parish, 489-3973

November 6, 2016
Offertory: $26,379.50
Education: $5,063.00
Latin Mass: $556.00 (11-1 & 6)
SVDP: $580.00

November 13, 2016
Offertory: $21,516.50
Military Serv: $5,718.00
Latin Mass: $309.00
SVDP: $640.00

On-Line Giving October
Offertory: $8,615.00
Education: $315.00

St. Vincent DePaul Distributions October 2016
Rents: $6,071.49
Electric: $1690.41
Water: $998.65
Food: $150.00

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, may we open the door of our heart so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build his kingdom here on earth.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) strives to be a voice of hope for those on the margins of society who experience the realities of living in poverty. CCHD supports programs that heal the wounds of crime and violence, advocate for more just policies, protect God’s creation, and develop strong communities.

How tragic that when a juvenile is arrested the record often follows for an entire lifetime, decreasing chances of finding gainful employment and increasing chances of reoffending. Together with the Catholic Bishops, groups supported by CCHD work to reduce the number of juvenile arrests, giving children a real chance at success in life. National grants from CCHD to community based organizations work to promote alternative, constructive interventions that give youth a second chance.

The CCHD Collection is scheduled to take place in the Diocese of Venice the weekend of November 19 and 20, 2016. The collection offers new hope to those in despair in our country. Also, remember that 25% of the Collection stays here in the Diocese to fight poverty in our community. Your generous donation will help build a society where all have a voice and all know their inherent dignity. Will you not help? Thank you!

I take this opportunity to assure you and your families of my continued consideration as well as my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida
Solemnity of Christ the King

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King.

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical Quas Primas (“in the first”) to respond to growing nationalism and secularism. He recognized that these related social ills would breed increasing hostility against the Church. His encyclical reminds the faithful that while governments and philosophies come and go, Christ reigns as king forever.

“The kingdom, already present and growing in our midst, engages us at every level of our being and reminds us of the principle of discernment which Pope Paul VI applied to true development: it must be directed to ‘all men and the whole man.’”

— Pope Francis
Evangelii Gaudium, 181

The Kingdom Demands Discipleship

We must work every day, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to draw closer to Jesus. In our own increasingly “post-Christian” society, we cannot be complacent in our spiritual lives. To acknowledge the kingship of Christ means that we should dedicate ourselves to prayer, to building up our families and our parish communities, and to bringing healing to a broken world.

The Kingdom is Humble

Jesus inaugurates a kingdom that grows through humble acts of service. Even as her freedom to carry out her ministries is threatened, the Church must patiently continue to serve the poor, educate the young, welcome the migrant, visit the prisoner, heal the sick, bury the dead, and love others.

“The kingdoms of this world at times are sustained by arrogance, rivalries and oppression; the reign of Christ is a ‘kingdom of justice, love and peace.’ For a Christian, speaking of power and strength means referring to the power of the Cross, and the strength of Jesus’ love: a love which remains steadfast and complete, even when faced with rejection, and it is shown as the fulfillment of a life expended in the total surrender of oneself for the benefit of humanity.”

— Angelus Address of Pope Francis
Solemnity of Christ the King, November 22, 2015

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An old Irish proverb says, "It is in the shelter of each other that the people live." Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to "shelter" them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them.

**Invite God In:** Pope Francis has said that "praying in difficult situations is like opening the door to the Lord, in order that he might enter."1 The dying process is a sacred season with your friend or family member, ask God to accompany both of you.

**Listen:** Try to discover your loved one's values and how best to honor his or her wishes. This requires true empathy. It can be hard not to assume he or she wants the same thing you think you would want if you were in the same situation. Listen with a non-judgmental ear so your loved one feels free to speak openly.

**Inform Yourself:** Be aware that wishes for refusing ordinary or proportionate treatment—or for pursuing assisted suicide—are usually rooted in fears of dependency, helplessness, or pain. Make yourself available to discuss these or any concerns. Know that hospice care focuses on alleviating pain and other symptoms, meeting basic needs, and providing comfort. Seek to understand the Catholic Church's teaching on end-of-life care, which can help you provide authentically loving support that respects life.*

**Be Steadfast in Compassion:** As Pope Francis reminds us, "Compassion means 'suffer with.'"3 Your friend or family member will likely face ups and downs. Recognize these as part of a natural process. Surround him or her with love, support, and companionship that are "anchored in unconditional respect for their human dignity, beginning with respect for the inherent value of their lives."4 The patient's suffering can be alleviated by your empathy, as well as by quality hospice care by medical personnel.

**Help Them Achieve Closure:** Help your family member or friend define the unfinished personal projects, financial concerns, unresolved relationships, or other matters that occupy his or her mind. Due to changing circumstances, some goals may need to be reframed. Creating and accomplishing this list of unfinished business can help the person discover a sense of purpose and feel more at peace.

**Reminisce:** Our appetites diminish as our bodies experience a decreased need for food and fluids when we near life’s end. Provide smaller amounts of your family member or friend's favorite foods. Even if unable to eat them, he or she may still enjoy the aromas and reminisce with you about special memories they evoke.

**Show Tenderness:** Those who are dying remain in need of the tenderness of personal human contact. Ask if you might gently brush your loved one's hair, apply lotion to her hands or feet, or simply hold his hand. Tell stories, laugh, and share memories to reassure the person he or she is a cherished gift, not a burden in any way.

**Bear Their Transition Patiently:** Transition, the time immediately preceding death, may bring rapid physical changes, such as in breathing patterns, as well as changes in mental or emotional states. Try to be patient, and allow the "how" and "when" of death to be between God and your loved one. Ask God for the wisdom to know what final words to say—if any—and when. As you are able, give your loved one permission to make the transition. For example, you might say, "I love you. It's okay to go home now."

Accompanying a loved one in his or her last days is enormously important work, but we do not need to fear our own limitations. Pope Francis tells us, "[God] comes to assist us in our weakness. And his help consists in helping us accept his presence and closeness to us. Day after day, touched by his compassion, we also can become compassionate towards others."5

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*As our bishops teach, "Respect for life does not demand that we attempt to prolong life by using medical treatments that are ineffective or unduly burdensome."6 At the same time, intentionally hastening death—whether through drugs or deliberately neglecting basic care—offends our God-given dignity and is never morally permissible. More information: [www.usccb.org/ToLiveEachDay](http://www.usccb.org/ToLiveEachDay)
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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OF OUR LORD

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING COLLECTION

Our Society of St. Vincent dePaul Conference exists solely on the generosity of the members of our Parish.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who faithfully contribute to the Poor Boxes and the Blue Envelopes, which are located at the entrances of the church.

The statistics for the last twelve months are:

• Within our Parish and St. Vincent DePaul boundaries: $58,088.00 in the form of food, utilities, medical and rent assistance was given.
• Domestic Twinning: $5,500.00 (Twinning is the sharing of friendship, prayers and material resources with another St. Vincent DePaul Conference less fortunate than ours which is in dire need of assistance.)
• International Twinning: $1,000.00 (Haitian families recovery initiatives).
• Disaster Contributions: $8,000.00 (Louisiana & Mississippi flood victims, National Disaster Fund).

We have but one special collection on Thanksgiving Day.

We are asking you to please be generous during Thanksgiving’s collection. In addition, we remind you to please use the Blue Envelopes at the Poor Boxes, as they are the Bread Boxes of the Poor. Remember that your donations are tax deductible.

Our gift to you? We pray for you always and we have special Masses for you during the year.

May the Good Lord bless all of you for your continued support.
~Your Society of St. Vincent dePaul

“Whatever you do for the least of My brethren, You do unto Me”

~Matthew 25:40
Celebrating Thanksgiving

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

We are gathered here as Your family, Oh Lord.
As a family of faith and love,
we give You thanks.
As Your guests at the table of life,
we are grateful that You have set a place for us.
As Your children,
we strive to follow You in all we do.
As servants to Your will,
we acknowledge the gift of Your understanding and mercy.
As Your stewards,
we are filled with wonder in the presence of Your mighty deeds
and accept our responsibilities in Your service.
As Your heirs,
we are humbled by the bounty You have given us,
for each beat of our heart and each breath that we draw,
is ours only through Your grace.

And, as Your family, we shout Your name
and give You all glory and honor, praise and thanks.

Amen.
Altar Flowers This Week:

In loving memory of:

**Mary Kelly Nagel**
by Ron & Joyce Franey

In loving memory of:

**Josephine Schwarz**
by Husband, Adolf

This week’s Sanctuary Candle:

for **Bishop Untener**
by Bob & Ruth Utener

Please join us for Coffee & Donuts, in the Parish Center, after the Sunday 10:30 Mass. All are welcome!!!

Weekend Mornings
10:00 am - 11:30 am
Join us!

Nov. 23 - Proclaiming the Faith Today
The Art of Preaching and Teaching
“The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Come and See!

**Quote from Pope Pius XI on the Solemnity of Christ the King** -
"Do we not read throughout the Scriptures that Christ is the King? He it is that shall come out of Jacob to rule,[1] who has been set by the Father as king over Sion, his holy mount, and shall have the Gentiles for his inheritance, and the utmost parts of the earth for his possession.[2] In the nuptial hymn, where the future King of Israel is hailed as a most rich and powerful monarch, we read: ‘Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever; the scepter of thy kingdom is a scepter of righteousness.’[3] There are many similar passages, but there is one in which Christ is even more clearly indicated. Here it is foretold that his kingdom will have no limits, and will be enriched with justice and peace: ‘in his days shall justice spring up, and abundance of peace... And he shall rule from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.’[4] (Pope Pius XI, Quas primus, #8, 1925)

ARE YOU NEW TO RESURRECTION PARISH?
We would like to welcome you to our parish family. In order to better serve you, please fill out a registration card which is located at the entrances of the church and leave it with an usher or put it in the collection plate. You may also register by stopping by the church office. A reminder that one needs to be a registered member of a parish in order to be a Baptismal or Confirmation sponsor.

WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS:
Diane H. Reed, M/M John Nicholson,
M/M Michael DiBenedetto, M/M Thomas Bean,
Nancy Polomski, Ronda Swetman, Steven Cato,
Donna Hauptman, Stephen Iorio and Family.
M/M Ronald Miller, Marion Chiofolo,
Rosemarie Saez, M/M Ayen Camilli M/M Patrick Morrow,
M/M George Ramos, Anita J. O’Connor.

May they experience the love of Christ here at Resurrection Parish, and may we all help them feel welcome in their new church home.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR ADORATION EVERY FIRST FRIDAY AFTER THE 8:00 MASS
All are welcome and encouraged to attend.
Women’s Guild Meeting
Celebrating Christmas with Deacon Reardon
Wednesday, December 21
8:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall

Breakfast Buffet
Multiple Door Prizes

Faith & Wine Lee County invites you to attend our next event on Thursday, December 1st, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Light. Our speaker, Dr. Sue Ellen Nolan, MTS, Ed.D will present “God as Father, Jesus as Spouse: You Are Who You Hang Out With.” We invite women from all parishes to join us for a light dinner, a glass of wine and inspiring topics by Catholic speakers. Cost for this event is $10.00. For more information and to register please visit our website: www.faithandwineleecounty.com. Or mail a check payable to Faith & Wine Lee County to Julie Richards, 6946 Pickadilly Ct, Fort Myers FL 33919. Include attendee name(s), address, telephone number, email and parish.

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Join us for coffee and casual, insightful discussion on the upcoming Sunday Gospel.
Fridays at 7 - 8 a.m. in the East side of the Chapel, in the Robe Room. Call Ange Ford for more information, 216-496-0269.

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Church of the Resurrection
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You are Enough!

You are loved!

You are forgiven!
Babysitting Bonanza

Friday, December 2, 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Calling all parents with young children....
plan a quiet date night or get a jump start on your Christmas shopping!
$15 for one child; $25 for 2; $30 for 3 or more

YOUTH MINISTRY will be providing babysitting in the Parish Center for children through 5th grade! Christmas movie, dinner, crafts, stories, games, just a lot of fun, fun, fun!

CALL OR STOP IN TO REGISTER AND SECURE YOUR CHILD'S SPOT... SPACE IS LIMITED!
Any questions? Contact Vikki with Youth Ministry @ 481-5144

Christmas Angel Tree Starts Next Week!
It is almost time for our annual Christmas Angels Project to help families in need. Last year with your generosity we were able to help many enjoy a wonderful Christmas. Our Parish helped over 100 families and over 1200 children’s wishes to be granted.
We would like to do the same this year! Angels are available at all the entrances of the Church. Please visit one of the trees and select an angel.
The gifts need to be wrapped and returned with the Angel securely attached to the package. Please return to the Church or Parish Center no later than December 4th.
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