

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 21, 2021

Gospel

John 18:33b-37

Pilate said to Jesus,
“Are you the King of the Jews?”
Jesus answered, “Do you say this on your
own
or have others told you about me?”
Pilate answered, “I am not a Jew, am I?
Your own nation and the chief priests
handed you over to me.
What have you done?”
Jesus answered, “My kingdom does not
belong to this world.
If my kingdom did belong to this world,
my attendants would be fighting
to keep me from being handed over to
the Jews.
But as it is, my kingdom is not here.”
So Pilate said to him, “Then you are a
king?”
Jesus answered, “You say I am a king.
For this I was born and for this I came
into the world,
to testify to the truth.
Everyone who belongs to the truth listens
to my voice.”



Readings for the week:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	1st Sunday
Christ the King				Thanksgiving Day			of Advent
Dan 7:13-14	Dan 1:1-6, 8-20	Dan 2:31-45	Dan 5:1-6, 13-14,	Dan 7:2-14	Dan 7:15-27	Dan 7:15-27	Jer 33:14-16
Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5	Dan 3:52, 53, 54,	Dan 3:57, 58, 59,	16-17, 23-28	Sir 50:22-24	Dan 3:75, 76, 77,	Dan 3:82, 83, 84,	Ps 25:4-5,
Rev 1:5-8	55, 56	60, 61	Dan 3:62, 63, 64,	Ps 138:1-2a,	78, 79, 80, 81	85, 86, 87	8-9, 10, 14
John 18:33b-37	Luke 21:1-4	Luke 21:5-11	65, 66, 67	2bc-3, 4-5	Luke 21:29-33	Luke 21:34-36	1 Thess 3:12-4:2
			Luke 21:12-19	1 Cor 1:3-9			Luke 21:25-28,
				Luke 17:11-19			34-36



Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God,
 whose will is to restore all things
 in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
 grant, we pray,
 that the whole creation, set free from slavery,
 may render your majesty service
 and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

“So you are a king?” Pilate asks Jesus, and Jesus responds by speaking of what his power really is: the power of the truth John proclaimed in the Prologue: “The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14). The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus testify to this truth, and all who listen to Jesus and commit themselves to his wisdom will belong to the truth and to his kingdom. Pilate can make no sense of this. His world is more concerned with illusions of grandeur than with truth.

On this day we all stand not before Pilate but with him, to be interrogated by Christ the King. What power do we seek and how would we like to get it? Do we excuse ourselves of manipulating and exploiting others for the sake of safeguarding our own status or progress? How often do we strike out with the violent word or the cutting silence? Timothy Radcliffe, in his book *What is the Point of Being a Christian?*, comments that in Dante’s *Inferno* “the icy heart of hell was kept for those who undermined the human community of truth: the liars, the fraudulent, the flatterers, the forgers, and worst of all the traitors.” Do we belong to the community of truth that listens to and follows Jesus?

Behind Christ is the God who reveals himself in Christ, the “I AM” who is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the Almighty, who is not a cozy God but the dynamic, transforming, and cosmic God, the only one whose mystery is big enough to show us a new way into the experience of the holy and large truth when we are disenchanted by unholy minutiae and legalisms.

Closing Prayer

Divine Word, your voice is strong, clear, and without fault. *Everyone who belongs to the truth listens*, and everyone who hears is saved. Speak to us today in ways we can hear; call us to action in your holy service. Rule over our hearts and minds always. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

- Jesus tells Pilate, “Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” What role does a commitment to truth have in your spiritual life?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the “Opening Prayer” (in *The Roman Missal* called the “collect”).
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully “Reflecting on Living the Gospel” and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to “For Reflection.”
5. Pray the “Closing Prayer.”

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Announcements
11/20/21 to 11/21/21

Financials: Last Week 11/10/21-11/16/21

Weekly Collection Goal \$2400	Total \$4781.00 Over \$2381.00	
In Church	\$ 1501.00	
OnLine Giving	\$ 1230.00	
Mail In	\$ 2050.00	

This weekend, Second Collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Please be generous. In the United States, one in eight people live in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. 25% of funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Mahalo for your support.

Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, November 24 at 6:00 pm. Please bring fruits and vegetables for the harvest table to be shared with fellow parishioners for Thanksgiving.

Next Saturday, November 27th at 4 p.m. there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for the U.S. Supreme Court and pending Pro-Life decision. The following is an excerpt from Bishop Larry Silva's letter to Clergy of the Diocese. "In the early days of December, the U.S. Supreme Court will deliberate on Dobbs vs. Jackson

Women's Health, a ruling that could possibly lead to the reversal of Roe vs. Wade, which has allowed the abortion of over 60 million girls and boys in our country. While the Supreme Court should not be influenced by public opinion, its wisdom can certainly be guided by fervent prayer. Therefore, I am asking that each parish urge its parishioners to pray that the Supreme Court be guided by the Holy Spirit in this decision."

Next weekend, Second Collection for the Maintenance Fund.

Have a Blessed Week!