

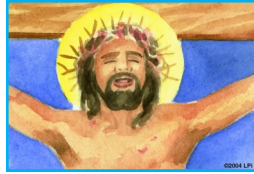
November 23, 2025



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Scripture Reflection

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, invites us to reflect on the sovereignty and lordship of Christ over all creation and his history. In 2 Samuel 5:1-3, we see the anointing of David as king, foreshadowing Christ's eternal kingship, rooted in divine authority and covenant. Colossians 1:12-20 emphasizes Christ's supremacy, highlighting that through Him all things were created and that He holds all power to reconcile and restore creation to its original harmony. The passage underscores Christ's role as the Head of the Church and the one through whom God's fullness dwells bodily.



Luke 23:35-43 presents the crucifixion of Jesus, where He reigns from the Cross, embodying true kingship through sacrifice and humility. The thief's plea, "Remember me when you come into your kingdom," recognizes Jesus' kingship not in worldly power, but in divine authority, exercised in love and salvation.

This feast reminds us that Christ's kingship is rooted in service, humility, and love, calling us to submit our lives to His reign, seeking His justice and mercy. As followers, we are called to recognize His sovereignty not only in Heaven but also in our daily lives, trusting in His eternal rule and the promise of eternal life in His kingdom.

Jesus is King

Dear Jesus,
I see the kingdom you love, the one full of the broken and forgotten.
I see the crown you wear — thorns out of love for me.
I pick you as my King.
Mold my heart to be a worthy member of your kingdom.
Amen.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 22 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Jackie Zelinsky by Carol Sepesky

Sunday, November 23 — Christ the King

8:30 AM † Joesph Gallo by Randall Marino

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Monday, November 24

8:00 AM † James Sepesky by Family

Tuesday, November 25

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Wednesday, November 26

9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist

Thursday, November 27 — Thanksgiving Day

9:00 AM For the Parish Family

Friday, November 28

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, November 29 — Vigil

4:00 PM † John B. Harhai by Family

Sunday, November 30 — 1st Week of Advent

8:30 AM Pro Populo by Fr Mike

10:30 AM † Ed Monaghan by Ginny and family

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OFFICE HOURS :

Monday –Thursday: 8:30 a.m. –12; 1 p.m.– 3 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Ministry Schedule — Nov. 27, 2025 –Thanksgiving

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
9:00 AM	M. Melvin	T. Todd A. Punturiero Volunteer	T. Gigliotti

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Ministry Schedule — Nov. 29 & 30, 2025

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	D. Harkins	L. Henry W. White A. Punturiero	Volunteer
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	T. Todd L. DeFelices J. Todd	Volunteer
10:30 a.m.	W. Vlasic	P. Francowic E. Yatchyshyn K. Byron	S. Yatchyshyn G. Yatchyshyn

Money Counters

Monday, November 24 – Team #1 – B. Geis

Stewardship

Weekly Collection Nov. 16	Children & Adult	3,876
Votive Candles: 106	End of Year:	375
Utility & Energy: 50	Online :	1,433
Accent: 21	Total Collection:	\$5,986
All Souls: 30	Retired Religious:	25
All Saints: 35	CRS:	25
Advent Folder: 60	Total Collection:	\$6,036

Breakfast with Santa

All children are invited to have **Breakfast with Santa** on **Sunday, December 14** in the Epiphany Church Hall. The event is sponsored by the Holy Name Society and the Epiphany Ladies. Breakfast begins at 9:30 a.m., and will be served until 11:30 a.m. Breakfast cost is \$5.00 for adults while all children eat for free. Santa will be available to hear Christmas wishes from the children. FCSLA will provide treat bags for all kids.



Cookie Walk

Save the date for the **“Holiday Cookie Walk”** on **Saturday, December 13** from 12 Noon-3 p.m. in the Epiphany Church Hall. Sponsored by the Epiphany Ladies, the Walk will feature a wide variety of ‘cookie jar cookies’ home-baked by our Epiphany bakers and friends. Participants will choose either a \$5 bag (approx. ½ pound) or a \$10 bag (approx. 1 pound) and walk the display selecting the cookies of their choice. The Walk is open to the public so share the news with family, neighbors and friends!

Reminder: all **sausage orders** must be in by, Nov. 23. Anything received after the date may not be fulfilled.

HOMEMADE SAUSAGE SALE

The **Knights of Columbus** will hold a sausage sale on December 9 & 10. All orders must be in by **Sunday, November 23**. Put in your order now to make sure you get it! The **sausage will be sold at \$6.00 /lb. Minimum order is 2 lb. per item. All orders MUST be made on the order form.**

LINK	LOOSE	
_____ lbs.	_____ lbs.	Sweet Sausage
_____ lbs.	_____ lbs.	Hot Sausage
_____ lbs.	_____ lbs.	Hot Hot Sausage

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Orders may be placed by filling out the order form above, placing it in an envelope marked “Sausage Order” and depositing it in the collection basket. To call in your order, or for info, contact Jason at 724-454-8688. Please make checks payable to the **Knights of Columbus 954**

Faith



Today, as we celebrate the **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**, we mark the end of the Church year. This year also marks the 100th anniversary of this feast day, established by Pope Pius XI in 1925. The feast emphasizes the true kingship of Christ after the upheavals from the First World War. It was meant to respond to the rise of atheism and secularization.

As the last Sunday in the liturgical year, it’s also our reminder that the following week begins Advent and the beginning of the new Church Year. In the three year cycle, we will be using readings from Cycle A.

Thanksgiving Mass

This week, Americans celebrate **Thanksgiving**. Traditionally, it is a holiday to give thanks for a successful harvest. It is also time to give thanks for the many gifts God has bestowed on us in our lives and through the year. **Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9:00 a.m.** Make it part of your tradition and join us. We wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving Day.

Inspiration for the Week

Our king wears a crown of thorns, not a crown of gold. His glory is not in riches but in suffering. His law is written in his own blood, shed for the love of us. Do we understand the gift that it is, to be subject to such a king?

Questions of the Week

1st Reading Question:

The people of Israel recognized that David was a natural leader, and with the Lord’s blessing anointed him king of Israel.

What do you think makes someone a good leader?

2nd Reading Question:

Paul offers to the Colossians a beautiful piece of poetry reflecting on how Jesus reconciled all things in heaven and on earth.

Can you share a time when you were reconciled with a family member or friend?

Gospel Question:

Jesus assured the repentant criminal crucified next to him that he would be with him in paradise.

Who might you offer words of comfort to this week?

Lectors: If you have not picked up your new workbook, please do so. They are in the sacristy.

The office will be closed Thursday, November 27 for Thanksgiving and reopen on Monday, Dec.1.