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Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

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Saturday Vigil:.....5:00 p.m.
Sunday:.....7:30 a.m., 9:30AM
& 11:30 am
Weekdays (Monday through
Friday): 7:00 am. & 8:30 a.m.
Saturday:.....8:30 am

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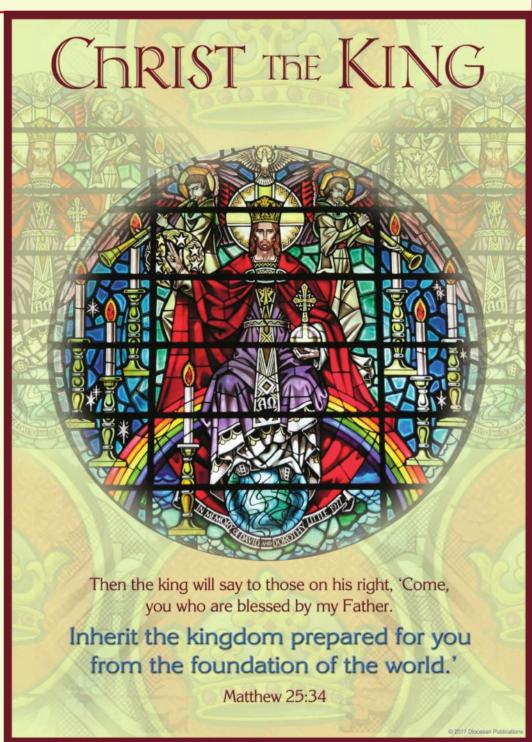
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Mass Intentions for the week of November 26th to December 3rd

	Sunday		Monday		Tuesday	1	Wednesday
7:30 AM	James A. Slogar † by his father, James H. Slogar	7:00 AM	For the People of the Parish	7:00 AM	Special Intentions for the Salvatorian Priests	7:00 AM	Special Intentions for St Teresa Bereavement volunteers
9:30 AM	William & Deloris Nitsch† by Greg & Dottie	8:30 AM	Special Intentions for Tom Jones by his mom & family	8:30 AM	Elaine Nealon † by Michael Nealon	8:30 AM	Special Intentions for Tina & Wendy Marie Lussier by Bob & Bonnie
11:30 AM	Kerry Belflower † by						

The shepherd-king seeks the lost and heals the injured.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Sunday of Advent Thinking about the Readings

- When I am waiting for someone to arrive what do I find myself doing? Whom do I look forward to meeting?
- 2. What hopeless situations do I face? How do I deal with them?
- 3. What is my deepest hope for this parish or community? In what ways do I long for God?

Readings for 1st Sunday of Advent December 3, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17

Belflower & Vernado

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

We wait for the revelation of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Mark 13:33—37

Be watchful! You do not know when the Lord of the house is coming.

DEVOTIONS

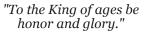
Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) at 8:10am (before the 8:30 mass), Mon.-Thu. (unless no school on Fri.)

Recitation of the Rosary: Mon. – Sat., 9am in the Chapel. Novena – Our Lady of Perpetual Help Tuesday, after the 8:30am Mass.

Spanish Adoration & Prayer Group, Thursdays 5:30pm Holy Hour 9-10 – Thurs. (except holidays) after the 8:30 Mass, Divine Mercy, Rosary, Silent Prayer, Benediction. Holy Days — Same as Sundays (7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am) Holy Day Vigil — 7:00pm Litanies—After the 8:30am Mass

For Reflection:

Christ as King is also a first consideration at the threshold of each day; for morning after morning we renew our oath of fidelity at Prime:





Today's Good News

Today's Mass establishes the titles for Christ's royalty over men: 1) Christ is God, the Creator of the universe and hence wields a supreme power over all things; "All things were created by Him"; 2) Christ is our Redeemer, He purchased us by His precious Blood, and made us His property and possession; 3) Christ is Head of the Church, "holding in all things the primacy"; 4) God bestowed upon Christ the nations of the world as His special possession and dominion.

Today's Mass also describes the qualities of Christ's kingdom. This kingdom is: 1) supreme, extending not only to all people but also to their princes and kings; 2) universal, extending to all nations and to all places; 3) eternal, for "The Lord shall sit a King forever"; 4) spiritual, Christ's "kingdom is not of this world.

With an ever-growing desire, all Advent awaits the "coming King"; in the chants of the breviary we find repeated again and again the two expressions "King" and "is coming." On Christmas the Church would greet, not the Child of Bethlehem, but the *Rex Pacificus* — "the King of peace gloriously reigning." Within a fortnight, there follows a feast which belongs to the greatest of the feasts of the Church year — the Epiphany. As in ancient times oriental monarchs visited their principalities (theophany), so the divine King appears in His city, the Church; from its sacred precincts He casts His glance over all the world....On the final feast of the Christmas cycle, the Presentation in the Temple, holy Church meets her royal Bridegroom with virginal love: "Adorn your bridal chamber, O Sion, and receive Christ your King!" The burden of the Christmas cycle may be summed up in these words: Christ the King establishes His Kingdom of light upon earth!

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Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
7:00 AM	Dr George D. Wignall † by Jim & Kathleen Tulley	7:00 AM	Gloria Winter † by her sisters	8:30 AM	Owen Miele † by Anne Hickey	7:30 AM	George Thomas Duffy † by his wife
8:30 AM	Special Intentions for Kenny LaCasse by Barbara Valentino	8:30 AM	Sophie Robello † by Greg & Dottie Clouser	5:00 PM	Special Intentions for the deceased & living mem- bers of the Hale & Hoertz families	9:30 AM	John Breiske † by his wife, Mary Breiske
Sanctuary lamp is lit for the Special intentions of our parish priests							JoAnn Nuthall † by Thoms Nuthall

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Thought: When the Son of Man comes in glory, may we be among those who have fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God's blessing and inherit the kingdom

Parish Sacrificial Giving (Regular Sunday Offering) In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, the parishioners and visitors gave (will be noted next week) for the ministries of St. Teresa. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK?

Who cares for the sick of the parish? The homebound? Those in prison?

First Friday

The first Friday of the month will be this

Friday, December 1st. We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel all day.

Please plan to spend some time in prayer with our Lord.

First Saturday

This Saturday, is the first Saturday of the month, **December 2nd.** Special prayers will be prayed after the 8:30 AM Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration

We will have an all day Eucharistic Adoration on **November 30th from 9am to 6:30pm** in the Chapel.

Please come and not leave our Lord in the Eucharist unattended during this time.

There will be the **Spanish Holy Hour and Exposition from 5:30-6:30pm.**

If anyone would like to sign up for an hour, please call Cheryl Kassack at: 321-383-1312 (H) 321-795-1456 (c)

SCHOOL NEWS

St. Teresa CATHOLIC SCHOOL Special NASA Visitor

On Monday November 13th we had a special visit.



Dr. Samuel Garcia Jr., Professional Development Specialist at Kennedy Space Center and NASA JPL Solar Ambassador did a presentation for our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders.

Presentation included a discussion about satellites and how information from satellites images is used in weather and climate changes.

A Big thank you to Dr Garcia, Jr.



Mrs. Mawn Elective Class Theatre did a play called *Gift of the Magi*, a story that is about the spirit of giving.





Mark your calendars:

Our Christmas Pageant 2023 will take place on Thursday, **December 21st at 6:30pm**

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FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education (CCD) Religious Education Classes (CCD) this **Wednesday**, in the school **at 6:00 pm.**



RCIA

RCIA will meet this **Wednesday** in Avila Hall **6:30** pm.

RCIC will meet this **Wednesday**, in the Faith Formation Room in Avila Hall after school at **2:10 until 3:15.**

"R" Catholic Nugget

A Quote from St. Camillus "Commitment is doing what you said you would do, after the feeling you said it in has passed."

Baptism Preparation Classes

Baptism Preparation Classes can be scheduled through the Church office at 321-268-3441 or the Faith Formation Office 321-349-5445. The class will be held on the date and time you schedule in the Faith Formation Room in Avila Hall.

St. Teresa Youth Group

PRELIMINARY Calendar of events (6th to 12th Grade)

(Each Sunday we will help with Donuts unless we have a Breakfast Buffet)

Date	Time	Location	Event
Dec 15 th	6p-8p	Avila Hall	STYG 5 th Annual Christ- mas Party
Jan 21st	8:30am- 12:45pm	Parish Center	Youth Group Breakfast Buffet

*Advance Sign up required for all events with the Faith Formation OfficePhone: 321-349-5445; email: <u>faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org</u>

** Minimum of 16-20 required for this event

Save the Date

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PARISH CENTER FOR A PARISH-WIDE SHOWING OF:

THE CHOSEN CHRISTMAS DVD

DATE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

LOCATION: PARISH CENTER

TIME: 4:30PM

(DOORS OPEN AT 4:00 PM)



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Bereavement / Grief Support Group

A Grief, Prayer, Support Group has been organized for anyone that has lost a loved one or is interested in participating. You do not need to be a member of the Parish to participate.



Meetings will be held on **Thursdays_from 4:30-6:3PM**.

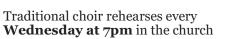
All are welcome. For additional information, please contact the Parish Office @321-268-3441.

Blue Army Rosary

The St. Teresa Chapter of the Blue Army will be hosting a weekly Rosary on **Monday nights at 6pm** in the Church. All are welcome.

Choir Rehearsal

Contemporary choir rehearses every **Tuesday at 7pm** in the church.





Cor Jesu Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry, Cor Jesu, is in need of mostly gift cards and movie tickets for teens.



***"Please put gift cards and donations for the pantry into the "Food Pantry" locked donation box mounted on the wall next to the front doors of the Church".

If you chose to send a check please make out to Cor Jesu. Thank you for your generosity.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures:





- He leads me beside still waters;
- He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths For His Name's sake.
- Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
 For you are with me;
- Your rod and Your staff they comfort me.
- You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies, You anoint my head with oil;
- My cup overflows.
- Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life.
- And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord My whole life long.

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Sunday November 26 Feast of Christ the King

In the Liturgical Calendar of the Catholic Church, this Sunday we celebrate the last Sunday of Ordinary Time, dedicated to Christ the King. Next Sunday a new Liturgical Year begins with the First Sunday of Advent, leading up to Christmas and the celebrations surrounding the mystery of God becoming man so that we might share in divine life for eternity.

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, formerly referred to as "Christ the King," was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism, a way of life which leaves God out of man's thinking and living and organizes his life as if God did not exist. The feast is intended to proclaim in a striking and effective manner Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations.

As Christ is the origin and end of all creation, the Church never tires of worshiping God as our Creator, Redeemer and Advocate, whom we profess as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One God and Three Persons. Our God is ever near and always ready to receive glory and honor at all times and everywhere

The most important characteristics of Jesus' Kingdom include the notions that his Kingdom or Reign is eternal and universal, that it is true and life-giving, bestowing on believers holiness, grace, justice, love and peace. Could there be a more attractive description of the essential elements in our multi-faceted relationship with the living and eternal God?

We must never lose sight of what is promised us in belonging completely to Christ. Furthermore, our life in Christ is not reserved to some future date, but is experienced here and now, though brought to completion and perfection in the life to come. The Lord himself has told us, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

It is Christ the King who strengthens the weary, who lifts up those who are falling down or broken. Christ consoles the afflicted, cures the sick and gives food to the hungry. We have to see this help as extending beyond the material and physical, to a deeper reality, rooted in the spiritual and eternal kingdom that will never end.

Of course we all need the daily bread of food and drink in order to survive. For this we labor as well as receive it from others. Even more, though, we need the bread of heaven, the Holy Eucharist, spiritual sustenance, which only God can give. The Solemnity of Christ the King is a way of reminding us of this reality and tries to get our attention focused on that which endures forever. A point will come when we no longer need the food and drink this world offers, but we'll always need divine assistance.

As we worship our God in this celebration of Christ the King, we recognize our worth as human beings, redeemed in the blood of Christ who suffered and died that we might live, through the power of Christ's resurrection. The Eucharist, Holy Mass, is our Church's principal means of bestowing the needed grace for us to go to God. We rejoice with holy joy in our call to become for the world signs of God's goodness and love. God who cannot be outdone in generosity invites to the banquet of the Kingdom.



Advent is One Weekend Away

The Gift Shop now has out all the Advent wreaths, Advent calendars for children and Advent candles.

Please come in and shop for your specialty items.

Pasta Dinner December 3rd

The Blue Army Ministry has organized a pasta dinner that will be held on the **1st Saturday** of the month **after** the **5PM** Mass in Avila

Hall.

The meal includes a salad, bread, dessert and coffee, or lemonade and water. Homemade meatballs are **huge** and delicious.

There is a suggested donation of **\$10.00**. Kids under 12 years of age eat free. All proceeds going to the Church.

Take out boxes are available

Thanks to all for making last months dinner a total SELL -OUT!

Looking for a Fresh, Beautiful Christmas Tree?

Knights of Columbus will have their fresh-cut trees available as of **November 25th.**

The trees are brought straight from the tree farm to the big, white & blue tent set up behind the school.

Forget the artificial trees. Come and find a beautiful tree that looks and smells great.

Hours available are 10am-8pm.

Advent Giving Project

There will be evergreen trees on either side of the doors in the Narthex and tags with sex and ages of children from 3 months to 14 years. Please take a tag or two and purchase a toy for the children that come to our Food Pantry.

Do NOT wrap the gifts, but attach the tag to it and put it in the yellow wagon by the Chapel. Parents of children who come to our Food Pantry will come and "shop" for a gift for each of their children. Thank you for your generosity in meeting the needs of our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate



Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Last Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Harvest Time

Farmers still delight at the first fruits of the crop. Planting and raising crops takes a great deal of time and skill. But it also relies on the weather. Many farmers pray for favorable weather and a bountiful crop, so that the world can continue to enjoy the fruits of the earth. And when the crops first bring forth fruit, it is time to give thanks.

In some ancient communities, the farmers offered the first fruits of the crop back to God. They brought them to the temple or offered them in sacrifice. They believed that God was good to them, and they wanted God to know their gratitude.

In the First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul called Jesus the first fruits of those who had fallen asleep. Human burial is like the burial of any seed. It produces changes, and the changes bear fruit for the good of the world. Jesus rose from the dead like the first fruits bursting from the crops. He completed the offering of himself to God.

But Jesus is only the first of the fruits. There will be more. "In Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ."

We all live in God's garden. When we die, when we are buried in the soil, we await our resurrection. God will raise up the faithful in a glorious harvest, when death shall be no more, and life reigns over all.

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The Liturgical Calendar Cycle B

The Liturgical Calendar begins every year during the month of November on the First Sunday of Advent and runs through to the Solemnity of Christ the King.

The "Lectionary," the Mass readings from the Holy Bible, follows a Sunday cycle and a weekday cycle. The Liturgical Calendar follows a three-year cycle, each year being represented by the letters, A, **B**, and C. During the year A cycle, the Gospel of Matthew is the primary Gospel that is used for the readings. In year B, Mark is the primary Gospel. In year C, Luke is the primary Gospel. The Gospel of John is proclaimed on particular Sundays in each of the years.



Among the four gospels, Mark's account is unique in many ways. It is the shortest account and seems to be the earliest. Both Luke and Matthew use much of Mark's text. Luke's account contains over half of the verses in Mark's account (some 350 verses out of a total 660 verses in Mark).

Unlike Luke and Matthew who begin their accounts with the events surrounding the birth of the Messiah, Mark begins his account with Jesus' public ministry and the mission of John the Baptist.

Mark leaves no doubt as to who Jesus was. In the very first sentence of his account he proclaims that Jesus is the "Christ, the Son of God" (Mark 1:1). Jesus was not simply a man among men, but one who caused great wonder, amazement, and awe upon those who encountered him. "They were astonished at his teaching" (Mk 1:22); "they were all amazed" (Mk 1:27); "they were utterly astounded" (Mk 6:51); "the disciples were amazed at his words" (Mk 10:24), etc.

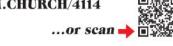
Mark stresses Jesus as "Teacher" and as the "Servant of God". Jesus is regularly addressed as "Teacher" by his disciples (Mk 4:38) and by those who seek his help (Mk 5:35). He also uses the Hebrew form of teacher, "Rabbi" (Mk 9:5). Ironically Mark gives little of Jesus' teaching compared with Luke and Matthew. Mark mainly stresses what Jesus did. He depicts Jesus' ceaseless activity and his power over sickness, disease, death, and the work of evil spirits.



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