

The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty.

Sometimes situations are so bad that the very idea of a godly reign is easier to envision as taking place in the afterlife. This is the case in the Gospel of John and its idea of Christ the King. When one thinks of kingship in the New Testament one often thinks of God the Father as the king. This is so because the concept of "the kingdom of God" is so important in the synoptic Gospels. In John's Gospel, however, Jesus is presented as a king (John 18:34, 36). Moreover, this Gospel prefers to address not how the kingdom of God is being ushered into the world by Jesus, as do the synoptic Gospels, but how Jesus the King empowers people to enter into the kingdom beyond this world.

For John most people in the world failed to accept either Jesus or the message that Jesus brings: "He was in the world, / and the world came to be through him, / but the world did not know him. / He came to what was his own, / but his own people did not accept him" (1:10—11). There are some, however, who do accept Jesus (1:12). What Jesus does for these people is not to bring the kingdom into the hostile world, but rather to make them effective witnesses in the world (17:20-23), to preserve them in the world (17: 11, 12, 15), and to intercede with the Father to take them to Jesus' kingdom with the Father (17:24).

In John's Gospel today Jesus the king brings truth (18:37). Acceptance of this truth welcomes God into one's life. The effect of this welcome is that God is active in us for protection, witness, and movement to the realm of the glory that Jesus had with the Father "before the foundation of the world" (17:24). Jesus' kingship, then, is something toward which we move, and our acceptance of Jesus and his message removes the self-imposed obstacles to entering this realm.

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Readings for the Week of November 22, 2009

Sunday	Our Lord Jesus Christ the King Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37
Monday	Saints Clement I, pope, martyr; Columban, abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, priest, martyr Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-26; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday	Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, martyr, and his companions, martyrs Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday	Saint Catherine of Alexandria, virgin, martyr Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday	Thanksgiving Day Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28
Friday	Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday	Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday	First Sunday of Advent Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

THANKSGIVING DAY

MASS Please join us for Mass on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26 at 9:00 a.m. This year we would like to take up a collection (passing the basket) and support our own St. Vincent de Paul Society. The St. Ann Chapter of St. Vincent de Paul provides help to needy people in parish and the surrounding area. They support our gift card program to provide food help to those in need. Please consider supporting St. Ann St. Vincent de Paul with a monetary donation this Thanksgiving.



The Giving Tree is now up in the front of the church on the Hooven Avenue side. This is a great way to help someone in need this Christmas. The red tags are for needy students at the combined Harrison/Jefferson Elementary School. The green tags are for St. Ann parishioners and the white tags are for the shut-ins. Please wrap gifts or put them in a gift bag and cut off the gift description at the bottom and make sure the original tag is firmly taped to the package. No bows, please. Please return all gifts to the church by Sunday, December 13th. Thank you!

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN for HUMAN DEVELOPMENT These days it is not hard to imagine having to choose between rent or health care, food or transportation, household bills or clothing for your children. For many Americans, these choices are forced by a recent layoff, pay freeze, or retirement fund decrease. For 37 million Americans who live below the poverty line, the options are only diminishing. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) makes a difference in low-income communities by funding programs that address the root causes of poverty. More than ever, CCHD needs your support in today's Collection. Thank you for your generosity. Visit www.povertyuse.org to learn more. Also check out the CCHD website www.catholiccincinnati.org/socialaction/cchd.html.

Consistent Ethic of Life

"The meaning of a consistent ethic is to say in the Catholic community that our moral tradition calls us beyond the split so evident in the wider society between moral witness to life before and after birth. Does this mean that everyone must do everything? No! There are limits of time, energy and competency. There is a shape to every individual vocation. People must specialize, groups must focus their energies. The consistent ethic does not deny this" (Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, Address at Seattle University, March 2, 1986).
Priests for Life Liturgical resources

ST. ANN BRICK MEMORIALS

We are taking engraved brick memorial orders again just in time for Christmas. One engraved brick cost \$40.00. Be sure to check out the bricks along the parking lot side of the church. This is a wonderful way to remember loved ones. This is also a great Christmas gift idea for those hard to buy for. To get more information, you can call the Parish office or find an order form online at St. Ann's website: www.stanncc.org.



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING



This Week in our Parish

Sunday, November 22nd

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 6:30-8:30 p.m. Youth Group meeting

Wednesday, November 25th

7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.
 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday, November 26th

Parish offices closed November 26th & 27th

Saturday, November 28th

3:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass

Sunday, November 29th

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass
 9:00 a.m. CCD Classes
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

December Meeting - The December meeting of the Rosary Society will be on Tuesday, December 1st at 7:00 PM at Shirley Martin's home at 86 Scott Lane. (Please note the change in the place). Please bring a small wrapped gift and cookies to share. If you need a ride, call 863-1700. Mark your calendar today. See you on the first of December.

Keep Holy the Lord's Day by attending a *Day of Recollection* on **Sunday, November 22** at Divine Mercy Parish in Bellevue, KY (next to Newport) on the Ohio River. We invite you to be enriched by Sunday Mass at 1pm, 2 talks and confessions from the Miles Christi priest; Rosary begins at 12:40pm, and we conclude a little after 3:30pm. Come for part or for all, and no cost required. For information, please call Divine Mercy Parish (859-261-6172) or Joe Martino (513-891-7301)

OUR LADY of the HOLY SPIRIT CENTER

Advent Concert by Regina Caeli Schola Cantorum! A beautiful collection of hymns and readings to point us to the birth of Our Lord sung by a talented youth a cappella group dedicated to restoring Gregorian chant. A wonderful way to begin the Vatican International Exhibit. December 6th, 7pm, Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, 5440 Moeller Ave, Norwood, 513-351-9800. Free will donation.

Vatican International Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit comes to Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, 5440 Moeller Ave., Norwood. Visit this extensive photographic essay – more than 140 panels detailing manifestations of the True Presence from throughout the world. December 7th through January 2nd, 8am to 8pm M-F, 8am-2pm Saturdays. Free will donation.

Just in time to stuff those St. Nicholas Day stockings on Dec. 6!

Fr. Mark Burger will be autographing copies of his new book, "Hearing God's Voice" from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at InnerVisions Religious Books and Gifts Shop; 8556 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati 45255.

Fr. Burger, a popular preacher, retreat master and spiritual director, offers in this book a brief meditation – a kind of mini-retreat – for each day of the year drawn from his vast reading and life experience.



Saturday, November 21st Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

5:00 p.m. Tom Eichhold (The Sullivan Family)

Sunday, November 22nd Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

10:30 a.m. Ralph Tann – Anniversary (Family)

Monday, November 23rd Weekday

7:15 a.m. For the Intentions of the family of Tom Eichhold (The Gibbemeyer Family)

Tuesday, November 24th Weekday

7:15 a.m. Theodore Kroeger

Wednesday, November 25th Weekday

7:15 a.m. Florence Saurber (The Bradford's)

Thursday, November 26th Thanksgiving Day

9:00 a.m. Tom Eichhold (Janet Hundahl)

Friday, November 27th Weekday

7:15 a.m. Fred Schneider (Family)

Saturday, November 28th First Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. To End the Assault on All Innocent Human Life (St. Ann Respect Life Committee)

5:00 p.m. Holly Marie Thompson (John & Pam Thompson)

Sunday, November 29th First Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. John Glover (Mom)

10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

Budgeted Weekly Offering	\$ 12,072.00
11/15/2009	\$ 8,035.10
Year to Date Budgeted Offering	\$ 241,440.00
Year to Date Actual Offering	\$ 184,897.61
ABITIBI	\$ 18.79
<i>Landfill space saved in cubic yards: 11.73.</i>	



Wednesday's beginning December 2, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from after the 7:15 a.m. Mass until 6:30 p.m. for Eucharistic Adoration. *We are currently taking names for people committed to one hour a week on Wednesdays. Please call the parish office to*

confirm your time.

- We continue to sell LaRosa Buddy Cards....call the parish office at 863-4963 for yours (\$10).
- Christmas giving is made easy with the St. Ann Grocery / Gift Card fund raiser.
- Sunday, December 6th: Dine to Donate at the Applebee's in Fairfield. Proceeds benefit St. Ann Church.
- Youth Group meets again on November 22nd from 6:30-8:30pm. *All students in grades 7th-12th* are invited to attend. Permission slip is required and can be found on the church website. If you have any questions, please call Randi Hom at 513-594-1168.
- Donate your inactive cell phones, no chargers or accessories. Proceeds benefit the St. Ann Respect Life Committee. Boxes for used phones are at all the church doors. Thank you!