



On this Feast of Christ the King, our readings show us that we serve the greatest of Kings, who is at the same time the humblest of Kings. Christ is the perfect model of servant leadership. And what an indescribable privilege that He has called us to be servant leaders — stewards in the work of advancing His Kingdom.

In our second reading, from St. Paul’s letter to the Colossians, Paul describes the great power and dignity that characterize Christ the King. “All things were created through him and for him. He is before all things and in him all things hold together... For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell.”

It makes you want to stand up and cheer. *That’s our King!*

Yet what a contrasting description of the same King we find in our Gospel passage, from Luke. Now we see our King nailed to the Cross. Everyone from rulers to soldiers, to the criminals on either side of Christ is mocking, sneering, and reviling him. They tauntingly urge him to prove His kingship by coming down from the Cross to end his suffering with a great show of power. “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself.”

But He does not.

Amazingly, it is in this moment of seeming weakness and humiliation, when all appears hopeless and lost, that the full breadth of his greatness as king is displayed. Though all things were created through and for Him — Christ chooses to live entirely for others, for us!

What does this mean for us as his followers and stewards of His kingdom? Precisely that our lives are not about us. They are about Christ and others. And we will advance his kingdom to the extent that we embrace this mindset: my life is not about me; it is about serving Christ and others.

The “good thief” hanging on the cross next to Jesus realizes this just in time. Struck by our Lord’s perfect humility, he recognizes that Christ is indeed the King of kings. In his last moments of life, he becomes a steward of Christ’s kingdom as he counsels the criminal on our Lord’s other side to repent. What is the result? Jesus promises the good thief a place with him that very day in Paradise. Our God simply cannot be outdone in generosity.

What powerful lessons this King teaches us from the Cross. We learn that true leadership is displayed in emptying ourselves for others; that true greatness is displayed by way of humility; that none of us is worthy of the call to stewardship of His kingdom but that all of us, like the good thief, are welcomed and invited to take up this call. Following in His footsteps will involve suffering and sacrifice. Yet how can we say no to the King who loves us so completely and promises that His faithful stewards will one day be with Him in Paradise?

**YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**November 13, 2022**

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 4,897.80
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 215.56
Facilities Improvement.....	\$ 961.91
Donations.....	\$ 6,300.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 35.00
Good Friday.....	\$ 10.00

***Second Collection - November 26 - 27:  
Campaign for Human Development***



**MAY SHE REST IN PEACE:**

May God comfort the family and friends of

***Diana Aguilon Ramirez***

who died this past week.

Our sincere sympathy and assurances of prayers are extended to:

Edward, Monica, Debbie, Katherine, Edward,  
the Ramirez & Luna Families,

and to the STM School students she loved so much.

***May she Rest in Peace***



What a beautiful time of the year!!

*The l-o-n-g summer heat is finally over!*

The end of Ordinary time... and winding down our liturgical year...

The beginning of Advent and a New Liturgical Year!!!...

A New Gospel... Cycle A - Matthew! Getting ready for Christmas... all it represents...

And... our special celebration today...

### ***Our Lord, Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe.***

*Our Lord, Jesus Christ... King of the Universe...*

An interesting title... but I'm sure some people probably think...

"That's nice, "but really what does this have to do with me? Especially in this day and age!"

So... What does the celebration of Christ the King mean?

Well... It literally means ***everything!*** It means that there is a solution to the problems of the world.

It means that we are called to be part of that solution... and, It warns us that ***if we are not part of the solution... we're part of the problem!***

This Sunday is not just about salvation history. It is not just about events that happened in the past...

Nor is it about people in other places. ***The Solemnity of Christ the King is about us, right here, right now!***

If we do not have God in our lives, then our lives are, for all intents and purposes... meaningless and dead.

Without God we simply go through the motions... asking ourselves, "Why bother? Why bother with

raising children? Why bother with caring for others? Why bother with being good? Why bother with

***anything?***" If we don't have God in our lives, we can easily overlook His Presence reaching out to us in the

hungry, the thirsty, the strangers, etc. If we do not have God in our lives... we are not part of the solution...

we are part of the problem of the world.

This coming Thursday we will celebrate Thanksgiving... We'll see Santa and his float in the Macy's

Thanksgiving-Day Parade. The holidays are upon us. But... Without God, Thanksgiving will be just a day

for a big meal... instead of a meal of thanksgiving... thanking God for all the bountiful blessings we have

received! Without God, Christmas will be nothing more than a celebration of materialism...

giving and receiving presents... instead of a celebration marking the birth of Our Lord and Savior!

Decorations will be taken out of their storage boxes and the proper sentiments will be mustered up, but

without God, Christmas will merely be another day! But with God in our lives, Christmas becomes an

opportunity for us to draw into a deeper union with the Presence that gives value to all life.

True members of the Kingdom live their Christianity in a way that restores the world to the Lord.

Are we members of the Kingdom or not? Are we part of the solution or part of the problem?

Acts of charity are not just nice things to do. They are not add-ons to our faith.

Charity to others is fundamental to our faith.

During the last twelve months we have followed the life of Jesus from the prophesies of last Advent,

through his birth, mission, death and resurrection. We have prayed over the message of His life as well as

His teachings. Now, at the conclusion of our liturgical year we beg Him to help us recognize Him in our

world and to acknowledge His presence in others. We seek the mercy of His grace... drawing us out of

ourselves. We humbly seek to be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

***Christ is our King. May we be true members of His Kingdom!***

### **SERVICIO DE PENITENCIA BILINGÜE**

Habr  un Servicio de Penitencia Comunal

***el Martes, 13 de diciembre.***

Ser  precedido por un Examen de Conciencia.

Varios sacerdotes estar  disponibles para escuchar confesiones individuales.

Aprovecha esta oportunidad para prepararte para la Navidad. Trae a la familia... Dile a un amigo...

***!Mantengamos ocupados a nuestros sacerdotes!***

6:30 pm - Preparaci n con Examen de Conciencia

7:00 pm - Confesiones



### **BI-LINGUAL PENANCE SERVICE**

There will be a Communal Penance Service

***Tuesday, December 13th.***

It will be preceded by an Examination of Conscience.

Several priests will be available to hear Individual Confessions.

Take advantage of this opportunity to prepare for Christmas. Bring the family... tell a friend...

***Let's keep our priests busy!!***

6:30 pm - Preparation w/Examination of Conscience

7:00 pm - Confessions



To continue our Q and A 'session':

*Q: Why do you bless only the cruet of water before you combine it with the wine in the chalice?*

*A:* Actually, we are not called to bless the water. I've seen it done and I used to do it myself but It's not called for in the Missal Instructions. The mixing of the water and wine symbolizes the mixing of Christ's humanity and His divinity. Just a bit of FYI / trivia info about the mixing of the water and wine... I attended a retreat where the Retreat Master shared this... Back in Jesus' day... the water was usually contaminated and non-potable. But... people didn't want to drink pure wine because they would tend to get a little 'sloshed!' So they would dilute the wine with water... the alcohol in the wine would kill the bacteria - or whatever- in the water and it would be safe to drink. So, as in so many of the old/ancient practices, what started out as a 'health thing' evolved into something with a religious significance. I thought that was interesting... Truth?? IDK.

*Q: Where are the Eucharist wafers (hosts) made and who makes them?*

*A:* We purchase most of the wafers we use from the Carmelite nuns here in town. I'm not totally sure if they actually make them on site or if they are simply a distributor... or both. There are many sources where they are available.. The Cathedral Gift and Church Supply store here in San Antonio, on-line at Autom Church Supplies, and any number of other sources. A true / legitimate wafer can be made only with pure wheat flour and water. It can not contain any other ingredients (eggs, yeast, etc).

Once again... Thanks for the Questions!

To Be Continued...

'till next time... God Bless- DT

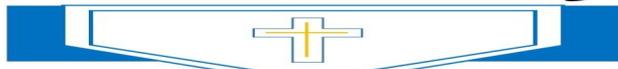
### Parish Assembly Update

As we prepare for our upcoming Parish Assembly on December 4th all are invited to participate in the Choir Rehearsal on Mon, Nov 28 @ 6 pm in the Church. (Anyone that would like to participate in this choir is welcome to attend this practice.)

**Hope to see you there!!**



### *Altar Society*



#### **HELP!! Ayudame!! S.O.S.!!!**

I... we... the parish... need your help. As you look around the church you may come to the realization that we are an aging parish. It's an eye opener to realize that you are the "young guy" of the group... especially when you're in your 70's! We need some "new blood" to keep our parish alive and vibrant. ***That's the reality of it.***

Many of our faithful servants have had to step down because of age... health... or other reasons. We need people (we need **you**) to step up and replace them otherwise we may find we'll have to do without.

#### **Our Altar Society is an integral part of our Parish 'Team'... and They Need Help!!**

They meet on Fridays - after our morning Mass and ensure the Sanctuary area and altar are prepared for our weekend liturgies. But, they are down to just 2 members!

If you can help... just a few hours a week... we (*your fellow parishioners*) would greatly appreciate it.

Call the Parish Office (210-655-5070) with your contact information - or - just come in Friday morning after Mass.

Thank you-

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!**

#### **REMEMBER...**

**In an effort to encourage maximum participation at our Parish Assembly on December 4th...**

**There will be only one (1) Mass that weekend. It will be on Sunday, December 4th at 11 am**

***(There will be NO Saturday Evening Mass)***

#### **A SINCERE THANK YOU**

**Thanks to each and everyone for the support given to the Guadalupe Bake sale this last weekend.**

**IT WAS A BIG SUCCESS!!**

Thank you... Thank you... Thank you!



**St. Thomas More  
English Prayer Group**



**Contacts: Olga Guerrero (210) 657-1610 or  
Stella Lopez: (210) 618-6977**

**This Week at Our Parish**

**Sunday, November 20, 2022**  
 8:00 am Guadalupanos Mass - *Church*  
 9:00 am Guadalupanos General Mtg - *Carolan Hall*  
 3:00 pm Matachines Practice - *Church*

**Monday, November 21, 2022**  
 5:00 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - *RMR*

**Tuesday, November 22, 2022**  
 5:00 pm KC Turkey Prep - *Carolan Hall*  
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy - *NO MEETING THIS WEEK*  
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - *Rectory Mtg Room*  
 7:00 pm Grupo Choir Practice - *CANCELLED THIS WEEK*

**Wednesday, November 23, 2022**  
 9:00 am KC Turkey Cookoff - *Carolan Hall*

\*\*\* Parish Offices Closed Thursday & Friday \*\*\*  
 \*\*\* In Observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday \*\*\*



**Thursday, November 24, 2022**  
 8:00 am KC Turkey Dinner Distribution - *Carolan Hall*

**Friday, November 25, 2022**

**Saturday, November 26, 2022**  
 4:00 pm Reconciliation - *Church*

**Sunday, November 27, 2022**  
 10:00 am Catholic Daughters Mass - *Church*  
 2:00 pm Matachines Practice - *Church*



**Sanctuary Light Intention:**  
*Mary Monteverdi*

**Lecturas de la Semana del 21 - 27 November**

**Lunes:** Ap 14:1-5; Sal 23:1-6; Lc 21:1-4  
**Martes:** Ap 14:14-19; Sal 95:10-13; Lc 21:5-11  
**Miércoles:** Ap 15:1-4; Sal 97:1-3,7-9; Lc 21:12-19  
**Jueves:** Ap 18:1-2,21-23; 19:1-3,9; Sal 99:1-5;  
 Lc 21:20-28  
**Viernes:** Ap 20:1-4,11-21:2; Sal 83:3-6,8; Lc 21:29-33  
**Sábado:** Ap 22:1-7; Sal 94:1-7; Lc 21:34-36  
**Domingo:** Is 2:1-5; Sal 121:1-9; Rom 13:11-14;  
 Mt 24:37-44

**Readings for the week of Nov 21 - 27**

**Monday:** Rv 14:1-5; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 21:1-4  
**Tuesday:** Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11  
**Wednesday:** Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3,7-9; Lk 21:12-19  
**Thursday:** Rv 18:1-2,21-23; 19:1-3,9a; Ps 100:1-5;  
 Lk 21:20-28  
**Friday:** Rv 20:1-4,11-21:2; Ps 84:3-6,8a; Lk 21:29-33  
**Saturday:** Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-2,3-7; Lk 21:34-36  
**Sunday:** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14;  
 Mt 24:37-44

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, November 19, 2022**  
 8:00 am †Vicente Khanh by Kim Nguyen  
*Health / Recovery of Agnes Thomas* by Joyce Hartman  
 5:00 pm †Antonio Cortez & Isaias Gutierrez by Debra Cortez  
*STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased*

**Sunday, November 20, 2022**  
 8:00 am †Larry Evancho by Evancho Family  
 †Diana Aguillon Ramirez by Loving Family  
 †All Deceased Guadalupanos by Guadalupano Society  
 10:00 am †Salome H. Briseno & Carolina B Briseno  
 by Morales & Briseno Families  
 †Abigail Ravayo by Lorenzo & Diane Acosta  
 12:00 pm †Deacon Paul Charron

**Monday, November 21, 2022**  
 8:00 am *In Thanksgiving* by Kim Nguyen

**Tuesday, November 22, 2022**  
 8:00 am *All Souls* by Kim Nguyen

**Wednesday, November 23, 2022**  
 8:00 am *In Thanksgiving* by Kim Nguyen

**Thursday, November 24, 2022 (Thanksgiving)**  
 8:00 am *All Ordained Clergy and Religious*

**Friday, November 25, 2022**  
 8:00 am †Rosie Reyes & Suzell Waller by Eddie Reyes  
 †Vicente Khanh by Kim Nguyen

**Saturday, November 26, 2022**  
 8:00 am †Diana Aguillon Ramirez  
 5:00 pm †Nell DuMenil by Richard & Dorothy Perez  
*Health - Maria Elena Mena* by Family

**Sunday, November 27, 2022**  
 8:00 am †Charles Oswald by Oswald Family  
 10:00 am †Juan Urbano & Mike Urbano by Teresa Clark  
 †Mary Monteverdi by Parish Friends  
 12:00 pm *STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased*



**Liturgical Roles**

**Saturday, November 26, 2022**  
 5 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim,, (+2 Vol - IN)  
**Lector** - R.Alvarado

**Sunday, November 27, 2022**  
 8 am **Altar Servers** - (None)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, P.Klar, R.Saldiva, +2Vol  
**Lector** - R.Ellis

10 am **Altar Servers** - A.Mata, L.McCarthy, T.Alcoses  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Tim, DC John, +5 CDA Vol  
**Lector** - M.Briseno

12 pm **Altar Servers** - A.Gomez, S.Obregon, Volunteer  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Den Rolando, C.Torres, G.Torres,  
 T.Sweet, M.Pina, R.borrego, I.Hernandez  
**Lector** - R.Borrego / A.Chavez