

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 21, 2021

THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING. On this last Sunday of the Church's Liturgical year, we honor Jesus Christ as the Supreme and Universal King of all Creation. This is a relatively new feast, instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925. After World War I there was a rise in secularism which led to a decline in the importance of faith in daily living. Atheism and dictatorships flourished even among Catholic people. People increasingly doubted the existence of Christ and the teaching authority of the Church. (Not much different than our own generation.) Today's feast is a reminder that Christ has all authority and power and wisdom and strength, and that all tribes and nations and people must serve Him.

On November 23, 1927, a Mexican Jesuit, Miguel Pro was martyred for his Faith. The fiercely anti-Catholic government of Mexico at that time tried to eradicate Catholicism. After blessing his executioners, praying for their forgiveness and declaring his innocence, with a crucifix in one hand and a rosary in the other, Miguel Pro faced the firing squad without a blindfold. Before the fatal shots, he extended his arms in imitation of Jesus on the cross and cried out "Viva Cristo Rey-Long Live Christ the King!" As a deterrent to supporters of the Church, the atheistic President of Mexico had Miguel Pro's execution meticulously photographed, with pictures in the daily newspapers. It had the opposite effect. It invigorated the people to continue the fight for justice, liberty and religious freedom. 40,000 people lined the streets for Fr. Pro's funeral procession with another 20,000 who waited for his body at the cemetery. From the crowd came cries of "Long live the martyrs! Long live our Catholic Faith! Long live our bishops and priests! Long live Christ the King!" His own father had the funeral prayers since no priest was permitted to officiate at his funeral.

TODAY IS THE DAY! Come and join us today, Sunday afternoon, in the parish hall, after the 12:00 Noon Mass, for our Fall Festival. There will be games of chance, the raffle of 50 turkeys and 50 hams, Bake Sale, Basket Auction, and plenty of food and refreshments. Grand Prize Raffle will be at 7:00 p.m.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT. Next Sunday, November 28th, we begin the Church's new Liturgical Year and Cycle "C" for Sunday readings. In a few short weeks we will be celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus. May we prepare well for Christmas, especially through the reception of the Sacrament of Confession.

COLLINWOOD CLUSTER ADVENT VESPER SERVICE. St. Jerome Parish, 15000 Lake Shore Blvd. will once again host the Collinwood parishes on the first Monday of Advent, November 29th at 7:00 p.m. for Evening Prayer and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This will be our first Cluster gathering since the beginning of the pandemic.

Last Sunday's Offering: \$5,993

Needy Families/Blessed Mother Teresa Society: \$713

High School Scholarship Fund: \$100 anonymous

Church Needs: \$500 for parish landscaping & maintenance from Dave & Irene Družina

The following in memory of Karl Zajec: \$40 from Debra & Thomas McClave, \$20 from M/M Fazzone, \$50 from Marie Giuffre

Your generosity to the parish is appreciated!

A VERY BLESSED, PEACE-FILLED, AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY TO ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS. With deep gratitude enjoy your family gatherings, the wonderful food, the parades and the football. And after all the celebrating, a restful night, for God also gives to his beloved in sleep.

THANKSGIVING DAY, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH. We are thankful people because we are a eucharistic people. The Greek word "eukharistia" means "thanksgiving".

What better way to celebrate our one remaining national holiday that has not been cluttered with commercialism than joining together in prayer to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. At 9:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day, we invite you to our parish Mass of Thanksgiving. We give thanks to Almighty God, the Father and Creator of all things who gave us the gift of life and knowledge and wisdom, creating us in his own image. We thank him for the beauty of creation, for the fields that give us our daily bread, for the majesty of the mountains and seas. We give thanks to Jesus, the Son, who gave his life on the cross for our salvation and to free us from our sins, who taught us how important it is to love God and neighbor. We give thanks to the Holy Spirit who inspires us and enlivens us to use our gifts to build up the kingdom of God in this world. We give thanks for all that has been given to us-our families and friends, our Faith, our freedom in a nation that still professes to be under God, for peace and abundant opportunity. For all gifts great and small, we give thanks to God, the great lover of mankind.

EUCCHARIST DAY. Instead of our usual Eucharistic Devotions, we as a parish will honor Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament on Wednesday, November 24th, the day before Thanksgiving Day. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar for adoration, private prayer and meditation immediately after the 7:45 a.m. Mass and throughout the day. The Closing Solemn Vesper Service will be at 4:30 p.m. followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Join us as a parish community to give thanks to Almighty God for his many blessings to us as a parish and as individuals this Wednesday.

TODAY'S PSALM RESPONSE:

The Lord is King; he is robed in majesty.

Masses for the Week of November 22-28, 2021

DANES JE PRAZNIK KRISTUSA KRALJA

Monday:	(11/22) ST. CECILIA (Virgin & Martyr)
7:45 a.m.	Ciril Štepec (Wife, Urši)
Tuesday:	(11/23) ST. CLEMENT I (Pope & Martyr); ST. COLUMBAN (Abbot); BLESSED MIGUEL AGUSTIN PRO (Priest & Martyr)
7:45 a.m.	Anthony Ruttar (Friend, Josephine Wichiett)
Wednesday:	(11/24) ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC, (Priest) and COMPANIANS (Martyrs)
7:45 a.m.	Maria Nitsche (30 Day)
Thursday:	(11/25) THANKSGIVING DAY/ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA (Virgin and Martyr)
9:00 a.m.	In Thanksgiving
Friday:	(11/26) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	For the Conversion of Unbelievers
Saturday:	(11/27) WEEKDAY
7:45 a.m.	Poor Souls
5:00 p.m.	Stane Krulc (Wife Milka & Family)
Sunday:	(11/28) FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00 a.m.	Prashioners
10:00 a.m.	Janez Švigelj (Wife & Family)
12:00 p.m.	Katerina Jereb (Christine Nemeč)

Please Pray for Our Sick: Ted Jenda, Joseph Gorn, Norah Konrad, Mladen & Dušanka Lengel, Tom McNulty, Mimi Cendol, Anica Knez

**Lectors/Extraordinary Ministers
(Weekend of November 27th/28th)**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Judi Ferra/Marlene Sondergard
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mary Louise Jesek/Tim Daley
	10:00 a.m.	Metka Zalar/Tom Kastelic
	12:00 p.m.	Joanna Pope/Marie Kushner

PRVA ADVENTNA NEDELJA. Prihodno nedeljo, 28. novembra, začinjamo novo cerkveno liturgično leto in Leto "C" za nedeljska branja. Čez nekaj kratkih tednov bomo praznovali rojstvo našega Gospoda Jezusa. Naj se dobro pripravimo na Božič, še posebej s prejemom zakramenta spovedi.

EVHARISTIČNI DAN. Namesto naših običajnih evharističnih pobožnostih bomo v sredo, 24. novembra, dan pred Zahvalnim dnevom, kot župnija počastili Jezusa v presvetem zakramentu. Najsvetejši bo izpostavljen za čiščenje, zasebno molitev in meditacijo takoj po maši ob 7:45 zjutraj in ves dan. Zaključne slovesne večernice in blagoslov z Najsvetejšim bo ob 4:30. Pridružite se nam kot župnijska skupnost, da se to sredo zahvalimo Vsemogočnemu Bogu za njegove številne blagoslove kot župnija in posameznike.

ADVENTNE VEČERNICE COLLINWOODSKIH ŽUPNIJ. Župnija sv. Hieronima, 15000 Lake Shore Blvd. bo na prvi adventni ponedeljek, 29. novembra ob 7.00 zvečer, ponovno gostila Collinwoodske župnije za večernice in blagoslov Najsvetejšega. To bo našo prvo srečanje od začetka pandemije.

PRAZNIK KRISTUSA KRALJA. Na to zadnjo nedeljo Cerkev liturgičnega leta, mi častimo Jezusa Kristusa kot najvišjega in vesoljnega Kralja vsega stvarstva. To je relativno novi praznik, ustanovljen od papeža Pija XI v letu 1925. Po prvi svetovni vojni je prišlo do porasta sekularizma, kar je povzročilo upad pomena vere v vsakdanjem življenju. Ateizem in diktatura je napredovalo celo med katoličani. Ljudje so vedno bolj dvomili v obstoj Kristusa in oblast nauka Cerkve. (Ne veliko razlike od naše lastne generacije.) Današnji praznik je opomin da ima Kristus vso oblast in moč in modrost in da mu morajo služiti vsa plemena, narodi in ljudstva.

23. novembra 1927 je bil mehiški jezuit Miguel Pro mučen za svojo vero. Ostro protikatoliška vlada Mehike je v tistem času poskušala izkoreniniti katolicizem. Potem ko je blagoslovil svoje rablje, molil za njihovo odpuščanje, in razglasil svojo nedolžnost, je z križem v eni roki in rožnim vencem v drugi, se je Miguel Pro brez preveze za oči, soočil z strelnim vodom. Pred usodnimi strelji je iztegnil roke v posnemanju Jezusa na križu in zavpil: "Viva Cristo Rey – Živi Kristus kralj!" Kot odvrčanje podpornikov Cerkve je ateistični predsednik Mehike imel usmrtevec Miguela Pro-a natančno fotografirano s slikami v dnevnikih časopisih. Imelo je nasprotni učinek. Ljudstvo je spodbudilo k nadaljevanju boja za pravičnost, svobodo in versko svobodo. 40.000 ljudi se je zvrstilo na ulicah za pogrebno procesijo Fr. Pro-a z drugimi 20.000, ki so na pokopališču čakali na njegovo truplo. Iz množice so se slišali vzkliki "Naj živijo mučeniki! Naj živi naša katoliška vera! Naj živijo naši škofje in duhovniki! Naj živi Kristus Kralj!" Njegov oče je imel pogrebne molitve, saj noben duhovnik ni smel opravljati njegovega pogreba.

DANES JE DAN! Pridite in se nam pridružite danes, nedeljo popoldne, po 12:00 maši, v župnijsko dvorano za naš jesenski festival. Na voljo bodo igre na srečo, žrebanje 50 puranov in 50 šunk, prodaja peciva, kitajsko dražbo ter obilo hrane in osvežilnih pijač. Glavno Žrebanje bo ob 7.00 zvečer.

ZAHVALNI DAN, ČERTREK 26. NOVEMBRA. Mi smo hvaležni ljudje, zato ker smo evharistični ljudje. Grška beseda "eukharistia" pomeni "zahvala". Kaj je lepše praznovati naš zadnji narodni praznik ki še ni bil zaznamovan z komercializmom, kot zbrati se skupaj v molitvi in obhajati Sveto Evharistijo. Ob 9:00 zjutraj na Zahvalni dan, mi vas vabimo k naši župnijski maši zahvale. Mi damo zahvalo Vsemogočnemu Bogu, Očetu in Stvarniku vseh stvari ki je dal nam dar življenja in znanja in modrost, ter ustvaril nas v svoji podobi. Mi se zahvalimo Njemu za lepoto stvarstva, za polja, ki nam dajo vsakdanji kruh, za veličastvo gora in morja. Mi damo zahvalo Jezusu Sinu, ki je dal svoje življenje na križu za naše odrešenje in da nas osvobodi naših grehov, ki nas je učil kako važno je ljubiti Boga in našega bližnjega. Mi damo zahvalo Svetemu Duhu, ki nas navdihuje in poživi uporabljati naše darove, da gradimo Božje kraljestvo na tem svetu. Mi damo zahvalo za vse kar nam je bilo dano-naše družine in prijatelje, našo vero, našo svobodo v narodu ki še vedno priznava biti z Bogom, za mir in obilno priložnost. Za vsa darila, velika in majhna, se zahvaljujemo Bogu, Velikemu ljubitelju človeštva.

ZELO BLAGOSLOVLJEN, MIRU POLNJEN IN VESEL ZAHVALNI DAN VSEM NAŠIM ŽUPLJANOM IN PRIJATELJEM. Z globoko hvaležnostjo uživajte vaše družinsko srečanje, čudovito hrano, parade in nogomet. In po vsem praznovanju mirno noč, kajti Bog daje svojim ljubljenim tudi v spanju.

ODPEV DANAŠNJEGA PSALMA JE:
Gospod, ti si kralj, odel si se v veličastvo.