

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Today, November 24th is the last Sunday of the Church’s Liturgical Year. Over the past months we have celebrated the mysteries of the life of our Blessed Lord. Now we contemplate Christ in His glorified state as KING of all creation and of our souls. With this feast we publicly acknowledge Jesus Christ as our King and Savior! As King, Jesus claims dominion over all creation, that He may present to His Almighty Father an eternal universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace.

ADVENT BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY – Advent (from the Latin word which means “coming”) begins next Sunday, December 1st with the lighting of the **Advent Wreath Candle** and is a four-week period in which we prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ. The Advent Wreath candles remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. The round shape of the wreath reminds us that God is eternal, and the evergreen boughs remind us that God never changes. The four candles remind us of the four weeks of Advent. The mood of Advent is one of happy expectation, not to be compared with the penitential spirit of Lent. The “Glory of God” at Mass is omitted that it might ring out as something new and fresh on Christmas!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS
Your donation to the Religious Retirement Fund supports the day-to-day care of thousands of elder sisters, brothers, and priests. Please give generously to the Second Collection on **November 30th & December 1st**.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN DECEMBER

- Christmas Flower Offering
- December 1 - *Retirement Fund for Religious*
- December 8 - *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
- December 15 - *Major Repair Fund*
- December 22 - *Annual Year-End Collection*
- December 25 - *Special Christmas Offering*
- December 29 - *No Second Collection*

To all parishioners and friends, **A HAPPY AND BLESSED THANKSGIVING DAY!** While Americans have been blessed as a nation with many material blessings, we are by far blessed because by our Baptism we are members of a Eucharistic Community, at whose head stands Jesus Christ. Therefore, for Catholics, Thanksgiving Day is not just a special civic holiday, rather it is a way of life! Jesus taught us to thank God for everything, for everything we have ultimately comes from God. The word “Eucharistic,” which is used to describe the Mass, means in Greek “thanksgiving” since every Mass is an act of thanksgiving to God. So what better way for Catholics to celebrate Thanksgiving Day than by attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion? Join us as a parish community, and a family, and a nation, by giving thanks to God at the **9:00 am Thanksgiving Day Family Mass on Thursday, November 28th**. Bring to the Mass the bread and wine for your Thanksgiving meal, to be blessed at the Mass and shared with family and friends in your home.

THE ADVENT GIVING TREE – Go into many stores and you cannot miss the fact that Christmas is soon approaching. Some of us have already begun to think about our Christmas shopping. Once again this season we invite our parishioners to reach out to our parish families who are in need. The ADVENT GIVING TREE will be placed in the vestibule of the church on November 30th & December 1st ~ the First Sunday of Advent. ***Please consider taking a “Gift Tag” and prayerfully fulfill the gift and return it to the church or parish office by December 15th***, to be delivered in time for Christmas. Let us enter into the true spirit of Christmas; for we celebrate God’s greatest gift to the world...the gift of His Son. Thank you to all who will participate.

2019 Mass Intentions

The scheduling of Mass Intentions for next year will begin on Monday, December 2, 2019. **Every Mass will be a Community Mass, offered for every intention requested; in this way every family will be considered.** An offering should be given at the time of scheduling. Thank you for your cooperation.

MASSES FOR NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 1, 2019

*Every Mass is offered for the faithful, living or dead.
However the following are specifically remembered this week.*

Monday, November 25

7:30 am - Benedetta Alfieri by Sr. Rose
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

Tuesday, November 26

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners
6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm - Novena Devotions & Benediction

Wednesday, November 27

7:30 am - Intentions of All Souls Day Envelopes
5:15 pm - Eucharistic Adoration – Spanish
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

Thursday, November 28

No 7:30 am Mass
9:00 am - Thanksgiving Day Mass

Friday, November 29

7:30 am - Sabato Alfieri by Sr. Rose
3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday, November 30

8:00 am - St. Andrew

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday, November 30

5:00 pm
Carmine Mastrogiuseppe by family

6:30 pm - Mass in Spanish

Sunday, December 1
First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am
Intentions of Parishioners

9:30 am - Mass in Spanish

11:30 am
Maria Melida Gomez Aguirre
by son & family

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tuesday, November 26

6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm - Novena Devotions & Benediction

Wednesday, November 27

NO Older First Communion Class tonight
NO RCIA Class tonight

Thursday, November 28

Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 29

3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet – Chapel

Saturday, November 30

NO CCD Classes today
4:15 - 4:45 pm - Confessions

Sunday, December 1

2nd Collection: Retired Religious

+ WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT +

What Our Lord Asks Is Not Equal Gifts - But Equal Sacrifice.
(Increased Giving Campaign)

Weekend of November 16 & 17, 2019

Envelopes & Loose Collection: \$4,046.00
2nd Collection: \$1,368.00
Extraordinary Expenses

Sanctuary Candle:

Frank & Marion Cuiccio by daughters
Dorothy Giarrusso by husband & children

Altar Bread & Wine:

Frank & Marion Cuiccio by daughters
Dorothy Giarrusso by husband & children

+ Died in Christ +

Joseph V. Riccardi, Sr.

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