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### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE- NOVEMBER 20, 2022

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

### Saturday, November 19

4:00 pm Loretta Zrebiec (Husband, Tom)

### Sunday, November 20

9:00 am Intentions of the Gould Family

(Marie & Dave Gould)

11:00 am Jim Scott

(Debiak Family)

### Monday, November 21

9:00 am Souls of Grace & Ciro Frulio

(Christine Frulio)

### Tuesday, November 22

9:00 am Rosemarie Moore

(American Legion Post 504)

### Wednesday, November 23

9:00 am Alex Munt (Carol Munt)

### Thanksgiving Thursday, November 24

9:00 am Parishioners & Families of St Monica

### Saturday, November 26

4:00 pm Diane Black

(Bereavement Ministry)

#### Sunday, November 27

9:00 am F Joseph Carragher

(Marie Gould)

11:00 am Nick DeLuca

(Barbara Clifford & Michael Taksey)

To secure your intentions, please contact the Parish Office.

#### IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Micki Smith, Joyce Picon, Carol Atherton, Beth Kujawski, Chuck Smith, Toni Hetteroth, Brian Scott, Dianne Smith, Douglas Merwin, Carol Spezzano, Baryt Schone, Fran DeLuca, Frank Diolosa, Theodore Dunyak, Andy Sabine, Elaine Giblock, Baby Tripp Ravenfeld, Marie Gould, Christopher Diolosa, Steve Andolora, Doris Garbarino, Bettina Morell, Melissa Staiger, Bonnie Holton, John Jennings, Arlene Toth, Deborah MacInnes, Judy Bocchicchio, Leo Diaz, Glory D'Acunto, Josephine Brennan, Frank Trimboli, Gabrielle D'Acunto, Anthony Pelle, Jr, Joey Brune, Phillip Wenz, Tina Sherry, Patrick Abeel, Robin Trombino, Mary Miniscalchi, Lane Morell, Denis Balint, Frank Falesto, Jean Stein, Ann Rosetto, Eileen Morello, Elaine Stemmle, Rose Thompson, Tom Martin, Sarah Thomas, Christos Lambrou, Dorothy Palumbo, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Cathy Sedano, Jennie D'Angelo, Jake Higgins

Contact the Parish Office to let us know of anyone to be remembered in prayer, so we may include them or, if they can be removed.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK - NOVEMBER 20, 2022

**Monday**: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday**: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9; Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday**: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 21:20-28

Thanksgiving Day: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a; Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday**: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

**Sunday**: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44



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### Immaculate Conception Mass

Thursday, December 8 (holy day of obligation) 9:00 am and 7:00 pm

### **Advent Parish Penance Service**

Thursday, December 8 7:45 pm

Daily Masses:

Monday – Thursday

9:00 am (through December 22)

### Simbang Gabi — Christmas Novena, Rosary & Masses

Sunday, December 11 Rosary 6:30 pm Mass 7:00 pm and

Monday, December 12 Rosary 8:00 pm Mass 8:30 pm

Christmas Eve - Saturday, December 24 4:00 and 10:00 pm

Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25 9:00 am and 11:00 am

New Year's Eve - Sat., December 31
4:00 pm

Solemnity of Mary - Sun., January 1 9:00 am and 11:00 am

### Financial Stewardship Collections October 31 - November 6, 2022

Total

\$5,883.11

Thank you for your contributions as we support the ministries, programs and facilities of our parish.

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

Mass for Thanksgiving Day November 24 will be at 9:00 p.m.

Parish Offices will be closed November 24 & 25

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

### Annual Christmas Tree Sale Fundraiser

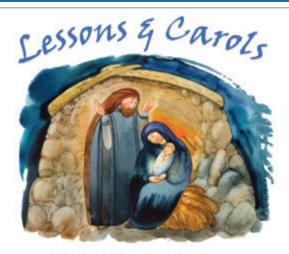
This project is in support of St. Jude's Children's Hospital and other local charities. \$\frac{1}{2}\$

Reasonably priced and quality Christmas Trees, grave blankets, and wreaths will be available for purchase between the hours of 12 pm to 8 pm on weekdays and 10 am to 9 pm on weekends at Glory's Deli located at the intersection of Rt. 527 & Rt 526.

Please come out and support this Christmas tradition and help those in need. For further information please contact Chris Vega at 917-575-0551 or <a href="mailto:cvega@gbuildres.com">cvega@gbuildres.com</a>



#### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE- NOVEMBER 20, 2022



A festival of music and Scripture in celebration of God's Incarnation

Thursday, December 1st at 6:00 p.m.

Dorothy Marron University Community Chapel
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#### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The children of the parish will once again sing at the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass! Every child in grade 3 to grade 8 is urged to join in. What a beautiful way to say happy birthday to Jesus!

Practice makes perfect and will take place on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the church. The Rehearsal Schedule is:

- Nov. 30
- Dec. 7
- Dec. 14
- Dec. 21

Direct your questions to the Parish Office at 732-928-0279 or <a href="mailto:stmonicanj@yahoo.com">stmonicanj@yahoo.com</a>
And put your child's name on the sheet in the back of church so we know who is coming. Parent aides are also needed, but singing is not required!



### Thanksgiving Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation. We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities. We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes. We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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#### **CALENDAR**

### Saturday, November 19

Religious Education Project (Hall) 10:00 am

3:15 pm Confessions

4:00 pm 5:30 pm Mass

Baptism

### Sunday, November 20

9:00° am Thanksgiving Food Distribution (LC)

9:00 am Mass 11:00 am Mass 12:00 pm Baptism

12:15 pm Grief Support (Little Church)

### Monday, November 21

9:00 am Mass

1:00 pm Legion of Mary (Little Church)

4:30 pm Religious Education 6:15 pm Religious Education

### Tuesday, November 22

9:00 am Mass

5:30 pm Religious Education 7:30 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Wednesday, November 23

9:00 am Mass

#### Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving - Parish Offices Closed

Thanksgiving Mass 9:00 am

### Friday, November 25

Parish Office Closed

AA Meeting (Parish Hall) 7:30 pm

### Saturday, November 26

3:15 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Mass

#### Sunday, November 27

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

12:15 pm Grief Support (Little Church) **Monday, November 28** 

9:00 am Mass

1:00 pm Legion of Mary (Little Church)

Religious Education 4:30 pm 6:15 pm Religious Education

### Tuesday, November 29

9:00 am Mass

5:30 pm Religious Education

7:30 pm Adult Choir (Church)

8:00 pm K of C Officer Mtg. (LC)

#### Wednesday, November 30

9:00 am Mass

Christmas Choir Practice (Church)

## 7:00 pm 7:00 pm RCIA (LC) 7:00 pm Christmas ( Thursday, December 1

9:00 am Mass

Christmas Pageant Practice (Church) 5:30 pm

Christmas Pageant Practice (Church)

Friday, December 2 5:30 pm Christm 6:00 pm Youth C Youth Group Meeting (LC)

7:30 pm AA Meeting (Parish Hall)

#### STORIES THAT UPLIFT Luke 23:32-43

### Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year C

Fr. Michael Brizio, IMC

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In the 1920s, a totalitarian regime gained control of Mexico and tried to suppress the Church. To resist the regime, many Christians took up the cry, "Viva Cristo Rey!" (Long live Christ the King!). They called themselves "Cristeros."

The most famous Cristero was a young Jesuit priest named Padre Miguel Pro. Using various disguises, Padre Pro ministered to the people of Mexico City.

Finally, the government arrested him and sentenced him to public execution on November 23, 1927. The president of Mexico, Plutarco Calles, thought that Padre Pro would beg for mercy, so he invited the press to the execution.

Padre Pro did not plead for his life, but instead knelt holding a crucifix. When he finished his prayer, he kissed the crucifix and stood up. Holding the crucifix in his right hand, he extended his arms and shouted, "Viva Cristo Rey!"

At that moment the soldiers fired. †

### SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Celebrated on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Solemnity of Christ the King was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 with his encyclical Quas primas to respond to growing secularism. The Holy Father saw that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of

public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations.

The Solemnity reminds the faithful that Christ reigns as king of the entire world forever, and it encourages Catholics to respond to this reality. Pope Pius XI notes: "The kingship and empire of Christ have been recognized in the pious custom, practiced by many families, of dedicating themselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus; not only families have performed this act of dedication, but nations, too, and kingdoms" (Quas primas,

26). Let us rededicate

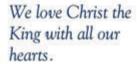
ourselves this year to bearing witness to the reign of Jesus Christ and his Sacred Heart.

## We recognize the reign of Christ the King with our whole lives.

"If to Christ our Lord is given all power in heaven and on earth; if all men, purchased by his precious blood, are by a new right subjected to his dominion; if this power embraces all men, it must be clear that not one of our faculties is exempt from his empire. He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He

must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, 'as instruments of justice unto God."

— Quas primas, 33



"And since there is in the Sacred Heart a symbol and a

sensible image of the infinite love of Jesus Christ which moves us to love one another, therefore is it fit and proper that we should consecrate ourselves to His most Sacred Heart-an act which is nothing else than an offering and a binding of oneself to Jesus Christ, seeing that whatever honor, veneration and love is given to this divine Heart is really and truly given to Christ Himself." – Annum sacrum, 8





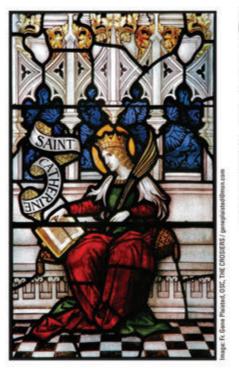
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### Saint

### St. Catherine of Alexandria

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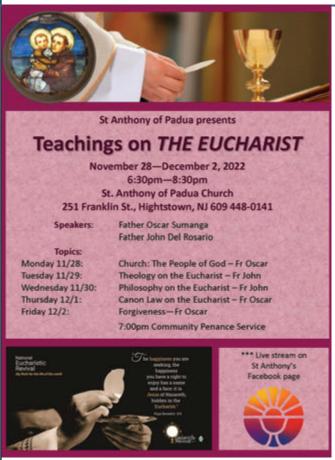
atherine is thought to have been born to a noble family in Alexandria, Egypt. Through a vision, this scholarly young woman converted to Christianity and began evangelizing others, including the wife of the pagan emperor who was persecuting Christians. According to legend, after she defied the emperor and refuted philosophers brought in to test her faith, she was imprisoned and tortured. She was put on a rotating spiked wheel; when it broke, she was beheaded. She is venerated as the Great Martyr St. Catherine in the Orthodox tradition and her voice was among those heard by St. Joan of Arc. She is the patron saint of wheelwrights, and also a patron of jurists, philosophers, unmarried girls, students and teachers.





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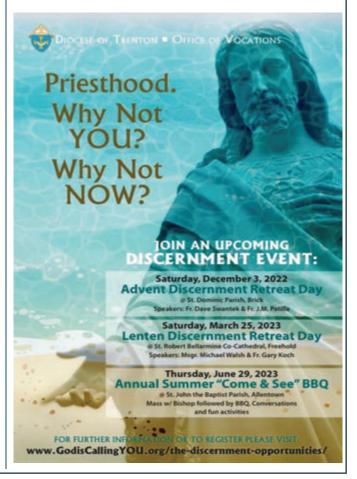
### Intercessions for Life

November 20<sup>th</sup>
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

For married couples considering adoption:
May the Holy Spirit guide their discernment,
grant them peace,
and bring to fruition His holy will.
Lord, hear our prayer.







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### The Eucharist - St Monica

### Masses & Reconciliation

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am

Holy Days As Noted

Reconciliation Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm

or by appt.

## Exposition of the Holy Sacrament & Benediction

1st Wednesday of each month 9:30 am

### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

### **Baptisms**

Celebrated outside of Mass. Parents and godparents are required to attend our Baptism preparation program. Please call the parish office to register.

### Visits to the Sick and Homebound

May be arranged by calling our parish office.

### Knights of Columbus Council #11529

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www.kofc11529.org.

### St Vincent de Paul Society

Emergency Assistance Helpline: 732-370-0098

### Bereavement Ministry

Please contact the parish office for more information.

### Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

Fridays 7:30 - 8:30 pm in the Parish Hall

<u>RCIA</u> (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) For those seeking full membership in the Catholic Faith, please contact the parish office.

### Youth Group

Open to all children of St Monica registered families and we would love to have you join us. For more information, contact Theresa Calsetta 732-299-0261.

### New Parishioners

Welcome to our parish family! Registration forms may be downloaded at www.saintmonica.com. Please contact the parish office for further information.

### Adult Faith Formation Core Team

Our mission is to encourage and support parishioners in their lifelong learning in the faith in order to grow closer to God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit through discipleship and evangelization.

### Marriages

The Catholic Dioceses of New Jersey requests a one year period of preparation for marriage in the church. Contact the parish office to make arrangements.

### Religious Education

Children are expected to receive a Catholic-Christian upbringing in their family life, to worship regularly at Sunday Mass, and to participate in ongoing Religious Education classes. Our program includes grades 1-8. Please contact Karen Badach, Coordinator of Religious Education 732-928-4038 or stmonicaccd@yahoo.com

### Legion of Mary

Members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick and assisting with pastoral needs.

### Women of St Monica

Ministry of Catholic women of the parish striving to fulfill their spiritual needs, sharing their faith, promoting community and conduct fundraisers throughout the year and enhance parish life in a variety of ways.

### Ancient Order of Hibernians

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is an Irish Catholic fraternity looking for members to bond in Brotherhood, Unity & Christian Charity. Contact Patrick Jockel (609) 489-9221 or at patrickaoh@hotmail.com

## Reflections on the Readings for Our Lord Jesus Christ the King of the Universe November 20, 2022

### KING OF LOVE

What is your image of a King? Among other things you probably think of power and splendor when you think of royalty. The first-century Jews had some very specific expectations concerning the messiah, the anointed king, about whom the prophets spoke. And so when some gazed upon Jesus hanging on the cross, they laughed at the idea that this could be the longed-for messiah.

Jesus was mocked by his fellow Jews, the thief who was crucified with him, and the Roman soldiers as well. His apparent weakness and disgrace on the cross were the very antithesis of the worldly idea of a king. But for Luke and the other early Christians, this crucifixion scene is the perfect image of Christ as King: The cross is the throne from which Jesus rules as the King of Love. His death is his loving gift to us.

From the cross Christ invites us to share in his reign. We participate in his kingship by sacrificing ourselves in love—by caring for the weak and the sick, by helping those in need, by sharing our time and our very selves with those around us. In the end, love itself proves to be stronger than even death. In the end, Love itself reigns forever.

### PRAYER

Christ is enthroned on the cross as the king of love. We have seen how the Scripture readings for this week describe Jesus as the messiah, the king of Israel, and king over all. Imagine that, like the good thief, you enter into paradise and see Christ sitting on his throne in heaven. What does he look like? What are the surroundings like? How do you feel as you approach? What do you say to him? Now Christ is stepping down from his throne to greet you. What does he say to you? What do you feel as he approaches you? Ask him how you can more fully acknowledge him as king in your life and participate in his reign of love.

### RESOLUTION

This week do one thing to acknowledge Jesus as the King of your life. | formed.org



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