

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
Last Sunday in Ordinary Time B 1
Daniel 7:13-14

The Source of Security

Every day we seek security. We fasten the safety belts in our cars. We set alarms to prevent theft. We **help watch our neighbors' homes. We take care of our health.** We take what measures we can to help us feel secure.

There are few guarantees. Tragedy can befall even those who take precautions. The things of this world can provide supports for safety. But none of them can make us totally secure.

Security ultimately comes from God alone. The power of God is stronger than any theft, accident, or injury. It rules over illness and death. The power that created us will recreate us in love.

Jesus, our savior, had a favorite image for himself. He called himself the Son of Man. He took that expression from the Book of Daniel, where the prophet envisioned one like a Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven. He receives dominion, glory, and kingship. All nations served him. His dominion extended over all lands and times.

In borrowing that image, Jesus gave his disciples a message of hope. He himself would lose security, suffering torment and death. But he himself would reign over all.

The church year ends with a vision of hope for each of us who seeks security: the coming of the Son of Man.

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Last Sunday in Ordinary Time B 2
Revelation 1:5-8

A Kingdom of Priests

Christ is our king, and we are his subjects. That places him and us in a unique position with the rulers of the world.

Christians strive to be good citizens, wherever we live. A good state will promote religious freedom and allow its citizens to contribute to its well-being. As Christians we have opinions about the value of human life from womb to tomb, the importance of caring for the needy in other nations, taxes that do not place an unfair burden on the poor, and the humane treatment of criminal offenders **and prisoners of war. Sometimes the state's official policy differs from the perspective of the gospel.** At those times we realize that Christ is our king, though someone else may be head of state.

The Book of Revelation opens with a vision of the **risen Jesus. "He is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him." Because of Jesus' majestic appearance, the suffering he endured, and the redemption he has won, Revelation offers this hymn of praise: "To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen."**

Christ is our king. We are more than subjects; we are priests. Through our baptism we are consecrated as a holy nation. We raise our voice on behalf of all the peoples of the earth.

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Liturgical Roles*

Weekend of Nov 28/29

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Erin Van Dorn, Kevin Van Dorn
Extraordinary Ministers: Shareen Ketchem, Anni Labatte, Mary Van Dorn, Elizabeth Baldwin, Carrie Gagnon
Lectors: Mary Pinsoneault, Paul Gagnon II
Ushers: Eric Van Dorn, Cora Podrang, Rachel Metruck
Greeter: Pat Gossage
Sacristan: Mike Brennan
Elijah Cup: Eric and Mary Van Dorn

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Audrey Moore, Joshua Soto
Extraordinary Ministers: James Johansen, Patsy Soto, Eden Carter, Gene Valentine
Lectors: Kathy Moore, Mike Moore
Ushers: Gary Jordan, Arnold Soto, Cathy McKnight, Jim Guris
Greeter: Kathy Cauley
Sacristan: Joe Davison
Elijah Cup: Pete and Sylvia Wagner
Coffee and Donuts: L.P. Henley, Steve Berthelette

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Austin Wise, Patrick Sweeney, Micayla Colwell
Extraordinary Ministers: Alicia Grecco, Rick Grecco, Stacy Fralic, Bill Roth
Lectors: Terri Turnbull, Jeremy Fumerola
Ushers: Jim Wise, Mike Sweeney, Brian Prescott, Ron Fetter
Greeter: Donna Fetter
Sacristan: Mike Brennan
Elijah Cup: Mike and Lisa Manion
Coffee and Donuts: Bill and Bonnie Spangenberger

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, please contact Susi Evers at 664-9165 or email her at saintpeterparishprayerchain@gmail.com

Hospitalized Parishioners: If you or a family member are hospitalized, please call the Parish Office, otherwise we have no way of knowing who in our parish is there.

In Your Daily Prayers, Please Remember our parishioners who are deployed and:

Monday Johanna Adam*, Charles Cummings*, Steve Lange, Mike and Jeanne Trueting, Steve Heidbreder

Tuesday Lynn Graham*, Thomas Holdsworth, Bobby Stockbridge*, Ashley Marie Code, Mary Eichler

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, James Smith*, Steve Powell*, Ken and Bette Dellner*, Caroline Frederick, Pam Holt, Barbara Kirschten*, Wilda Mayhew*

Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz*, Robert Welniak, Frank Crowder*, Theresa Stegall, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler, Clare Van Zelfden

Friday Lloyd Biehl*, Doug Babiak*, Sharon Lewis, Shannon Anderson, Betty Kever, Vera Thornburg*

Saturday Peter Adam*, Mary Anyel*, Joel & Leo Grieves*, Dan Brenton*, Mary Valentine

Sunday **Maureen O'Neil*, Theresa Fowler*, Mary Beth Downer, Greg Babiak, Tony Kelly, Jeff Harp**

*Indicates our parishioners.

[Please call the church office if you or a family member can be removed from this prayer list.](#)



Young Adults: Dinner is Served! Tuesday, December 8 at 6 p.m. at Christ Our Redeemer Parish, followed by Adoration



THANKS for GIVING

Participation in the blood drive goes a long way in helping others live. Thanks to Nanette Bell, Petey and Virginia Brennan, Joe Davison, John Ehlers, Stacy Fralic, Ron Fetter, Paul Johansen, Michael Klug, Lisa and Michael Manion, Debra Rasmussen, Deacon Dave, Jean Schlitt, Joseph Spradlin III, and Richard Zern for taking the time to donate. Appreciation is also expressed to our Knights of Columbus for providing the delicious breakfast and fellowship that accompanied the blood drive.

Today's Solemnity is more popularly called **Christ the King**. It is the last Sunday of our Church year. In Church terms, it is a relatively new Solemnity, having been established by Pope Pius XI in 1925. It was moved to this final Sunday in our Church calendar in 1970.

The idea of Christ's Kingship has much meaning to us. In establishing it, Pope Pius XI wanted the laity in particular to be attentive to its importance and to learn from it. The lesson (and this is reinforced in all of our readings on this holy day) is that the Lord must reign in our minds, in our hearts, in our wills, and in our bodies. We have regularly pointed out in these reflections that stewardship is God-centered in nature.

Stewardship is a total way of life, a life of accountability which acknowledges God as our Creator and God as the owner of everything. We are merely stewards, or **caretakers of what is rightfully the Lord's**. Being God-centered rather than self-centered requires conversion of heart and mind. None of us can ever completely achieve stewardship as a way of life; it is a journey of a lifetime. As St. Bernard of Clairvaux wrote, "The more I contemplate God, the more God looks on me. The more I pray to Him, the more He thinks of me, too."



Living Stewardship Now

Stand up for those who have no voice. Join rallies, sign petitions, send letters and e-mails on behalf of anyone being treated unjustly.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER
ANSEL AUGUSTINE


Early Registration: Due by December 6, 2015
Cost: \$150.00
T-shirt: \$12.00 (optional)
Cost after December 6th: \$170
Final date to register: January 3, 2016. This price includes food, sleeping accommodations, and transportation to and from Conference.

MUSIC WITH
OUT OF DARKNESS

ALIVE



THUS SAYS THE LORD GOD TO THESE BONES: LISTEN I WILL
MAKE BREATH ENTER YOU SO YOU MAY COME TO LIFE - EZ 37:5



NURSERY HELP WANTED!!!

Our parish is currently in need of more help in the nursery. This is a *very important* ministry that allows those with young children to participate more fully in the celebration of the Eucharist. **Adults are required to undergo background screening and safe environment training and there is a stipend paid for your services.** If you enjoy little ones and are willing to share your talents in this way, **PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR DETAILS.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

◆ November 22, 2015 ◆

Like many people, when I hear the words "king" and "queen," I have an image formed by fairy tales and historical novels. The rulers of countries live in castles. They wear crowns and long capes and sit on thrones while their loyal subjects pay them homage. While I am aware that modern kings and queens wear "regular" clothes unless tradition dictates otherwise and that castles have become more contemporary, I still watch royal weddings for a glimpse of the pageantry that fed my childhood fantasies.

Pilate had an idea of what kings were like, too. In the first century, kings made laws and led people into battle. They had great armies and were a danger to another country's way of life. The Jews kept talking about a Messiah who would become king and destroy Israel's enemies. Pilate wasn't taking any chances. For Rome's sake, he would get rid of anyone who seemed a threat.

What Pilate failed to realize was that Israel's king had a very specific function, and it was not to make laws or lead armies.

Instead, the king was to study and obey the Law of God and become himself the example of obedience (see Dt 17:18-20). When Pilate called Jesus "the King of the Jews," his words were truer than he knew, for Jesus was obedient to his Father, even unto accepting death for our sake. But Pilate had no idea why he was right because he was thinking in human terms.

Today we honor Christ, the king of the Jews, of all of us, and of the whole universe. Let us see him as he is and do as he does.

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