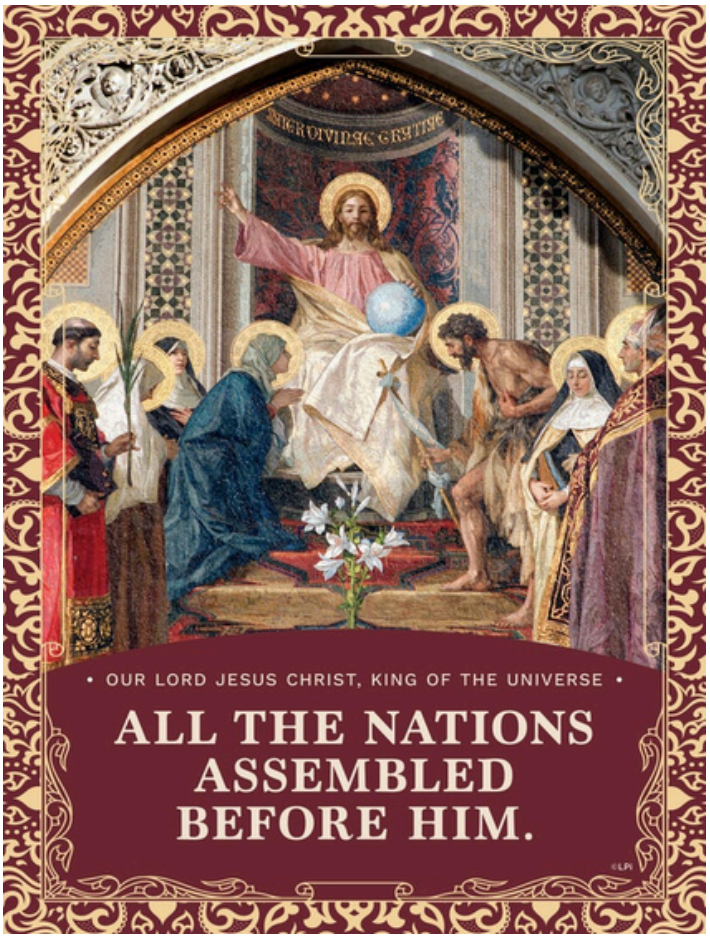
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – NOVEMBER 22, 2026

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Please consider helping people through the holidays by donating food into the bin behind the pews in the church or putting $15 gift cards into the collection basket!

GOSPEL REFLECTION

I remember middle school baseball tryouts. A friend of mine, Robert, was trying to make the team to please his father, but his heart wasn't in it. He was lackadaisical and unenergetic. When the final cut-list was announced, and his name wasn't on it, he was relieved. He realized the coach was not insulting him but essentially telling him, "Bobby, this only works if you actually want to play ball." I was saddened he'd miss out on the fun, but I knew it was best. Putting Robert onto the team would not have been kindness. It would have made him miserable.

Jesus speaks to us today about his identity as our King and Judge. He separates those who inherit the kingdom from those who do not. The King explains, "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). His judgment hinges on willingness to participate in love. Heaven is not a prize imposed at the end of life. It is a life freely chosen and engaged. Hell is not a destination prepared for human beings, but a terrible and sad acknowledgment of an opting out which God never intends for us.

Jesus' role as judge proclaims to us: "Heaven only works if you actually want to love." How do we know if we want it? How we serve the hungry, the sick, the imprisoned, and the forgotten. These acts of mercy are not arbitrary tests. They are the very shape of divine life. There is no better game to play than this. We ought to begin playing it right now. The King will come to judge us. *— Father John Muir*

ST. MARY'S AND CATHEDRAL

SECOND COLLECTION NOV. 21/22

For the USCCB Campaign for Human Development – please note that the USCCB website lists the 15th or another day.

SECOND COLLECTION NOV. 28/29

For Christmas Flowers!

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear Jesus say: "... whatever you did for one of the least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

When you give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you are helping Christ in your neighbor.

Please place a check made out to "St. Vincent de Paul Society" in the collection basket.

We always welcome new members!
Call 518-463-4447 for information.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 22, 2026

Sun:	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2a, 2b-3, 5, 6/ 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
Mon:	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4
Tues:	Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11
Wed:	Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19
Thurs:	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/ Lk 21:20-28
Fri:	Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33
Sat:	Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday:
Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/ 1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

JOIN US IN PERSONAL PRAYER

Starting Nov. 1st, the Cathedral will be open to the public Sundays, Mondays, and Thursdays 9:00 am—6:00 pm, and Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays 9:00 am—4:00 pm, when all may pray before the tabernacle, which is to the left of the main altar.

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ADORATION

New Hours as of Nov. 1st

At St. Mary's: Thursday 6:30 pm—7:30 pm with The Most Holy Rosary

At the Cathedral: The Blessed Sacrament is exposed Mondays and Thursdays 3 pm to 6 pm; Saturdays 9 am to 11 am; and one hour before Mass on Sundays at the Blessed Sacrament Altar. Go to https://cathedralic.com/adoration-at-the-cathedral/ (at our Cathedral home page, click on "Adoration at the Cathedral") for more information.

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PRAY WITH POPE LEO

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

HISTORIC ALBANY PARISHES MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Weekend Confession and Mass Schedule:

Saturday: Confession 3:15—3:50 pm St. Mary's
Mass 4:00 pm St. Mary's
Sunday: Mass 8:00 am St. Mary's
Mass 10:30 am St. Mary's
Confession 10:30—10:50 am Cathedral
Mass 11:00 am Cathedral
Confession 4:00—4:50 Cathedral
Mass 5:00 pm Cathedral

Weekday Confession and Mass Schedule:

M, W, F: Confession 11:30—11:50 am St. Mary's
Mass 12:05 pm St. Mary's
T, Th: Mass 12:05 pm St. Mary's
Confession after Mass St. Mary's

WHY CHRIST THE KING?

Quas Primas is the encyclical by Pope Pius XI promulgated on December 11th, 1925 establishing the Feast of Christ the King which we celebrate today, the last Sunday of the liturgical year. In these excerpts, he explains his reasoning for declaring Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe.

14. Let Us explain briefly the nature and meaning of this lordship of Christ. It consists... in a threefold power which is essential to lordship. This is sufficiently clear from the scriptural testimony already adduced concerning the universal dominion of our Redeemer, and moreover it is a dogma of faith that Jesus Christ was given to man, not only as our Redeemer, but also as a law-giver, to whom obedience is due.[24] Not only do the gospels tell us that **he made laws**, but they present him to us in the act of making them. Those who keep them show their love for their Divine Master, and he promises that they shall remain in his love.[25] He claimed **judicial power** as received from his Father, when the Jews accused him of breaking the Sabbath by the miraculous cure of a sick man. "For neither doth the Father judge any man; but hath given all judgment to the Son."[26] In this power is included the right of rewarding and punishing all men living, for this right is inseparable from that of judging. **Executive power,** too, belongs to Christ, for all must obey his commands; none may escape them, nor the sanctions he has imposed.

[Although the Pope describes how Christ's kingdom is spiritual, he follows that with an explanation of the earthly kingship of Christ.]

17. It would be a grave error, on the other hand, to say that Christ has no authority whatever in civil affairs, since, by virtue of the absolute empire over all creatures committed to him by the Father, all things are in his power....

"With God and Jesus Christ," we said, "excluded from political life, with authority derived not from God but from man, the very basis of that authority has been taken away, because the chief reason of the distinction between ruler and subject has been eliminated. The result is that human society is tottering to its fall, because it has no longer a secure and solid foundation."[31]

19. When once men recognize, both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace and harmony. Our Lord's regal office invests the human authority of princes and rulers with a religious significance; it ennobles the citizen's duty of obedience.

KINGS AND PEACE

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

It's a little ironic that, when Pope Pius XI instituted the Feast of Christ the King, he did so in a world that was growing awfully weary of kings.

The year was 1925. World War I had ended only seven years before. Most of Europe's monarchies were torn asunder in the conflict, yielding to other forms of government more deferential to popular opinion.

But there was a problem. The kings were gone, but still the world did not know peace — and it certainly didn't know justice. The Pope was unflinching in his words: "discord," "rivalries," "insatiable greed," "selfishness," "neglect (of) duty... society in a word, shaken to its foundations and on the way to ruin," he lamented in his encyclical Quas primas, describing the state of the world.

Americans are very proud that we've never bent the knee to a monarch, and I, for one, am a big fan of democratic republics like ours. But I don't think tyranny is inherent to — or prevented by — any particular form of government. I think any human can become an oppressor if they make the choice to.

The question was never what prevented tyranny. The question was who. And the answer is: only a king who "demands of (his) subjects a spirit of detachment from riches and earthly things, and a spirit of gentleness," wrote Pope Pius XI. A king whose subjects "hunger and thirst after justice" and who "deny themselves and carry the cross."

There has only ever been one such king. There has only ever been one such kingdom.

Today, we bend the knee.

CATHOLIC DISCUSSION GROUP WILL RESUME MEETING ON DEC. 7TH

1st week: Our Relationship with God: e.g., prayer, increasing in virtue, spiritual discernment....

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION SCHEDULE

Thursday Adoration:
6:30 pm—7:30 pm with The Most Holy Rosary at St. Mary's

Friday Adoration:
8:00 am—12 pm at St. Mary's
7:30 pm—8:30 pm at St. Francis--Delaware

Mass 12:05 at St. Mary's

MASS INTENTIONS

CATHEDRAL		*Requested by:*
Sun., Nov. 22 11:00 am	The Intentions of Cecila Hart	Godmother
5:00 pm	† Christine Galloway	Family
Sun., Nov. 29 11:00 am	In Thanksgiving	Nora Staples
5:00 pm	† Karl vonSchaaf	Paula Castro

ST. MARY'S		*Requested By:*
Sat., Nov. 21 4:00 am	† Edna M. Ikenhoffer	Daughter Nancy Hotaling
	† Anniversary Marge & Jimmy Giblin	Mittsie Giblin-Shannon
Sun., Nov. 22 8:00 am	Pro Populo	
10:30 am	† Dolores Kennedy	George & Kyla Vasquez
Mon., Nov. 23	† Frank Maron	Family
Tues., Nov. 24	† Jadwiga Pulkotycki	Aniela Melanowicz
Wed., Nov. 25	† Graziella Gertrude Carbone	Family
Thurs., Nov. 26	No Mass	
Fri., Nov. 27	No Mass	
Sat., Nov. 28 4:00 pm	Pro Populo	
Sun., Nov. 22 8:00 am	Pro Populo	
10:30 am	† Andrew Stanislaus Cole	By Siblings, children, grandchildren, and friends

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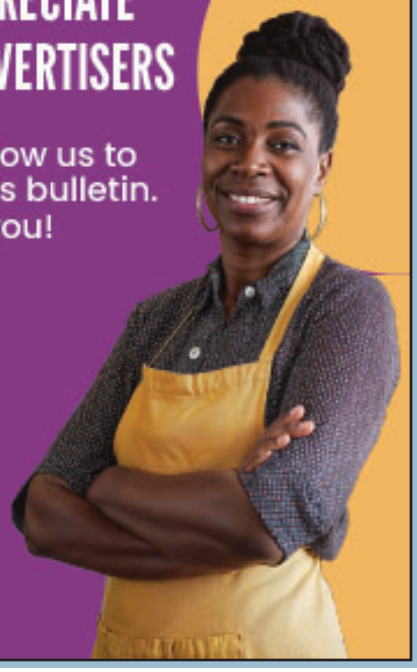
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