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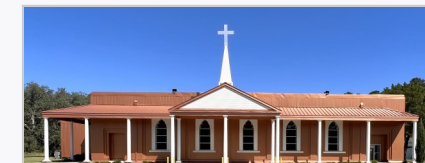
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November 26, 2023
34th Week in Ordinary Time

Masses



- Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
- Sunday: 8am, 10:30am
- Weekday Mass: 8:00am (Chapel)
 (Monday-Friday, Rosary after)
- First Tuesday: Anointing of the Sick
 (of the Month) Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 (after 8am Mass)
- Fridays: Devotion To Sacred Heart (Before Benediction)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 pm
 (Before Sunday Masses and by Appointment)

Adoration
 Tuesday: 8:30am - 6:00pm
 Friday: 8:30am - 9:30am

Office Hours
 Mon-Friday: 8:30am - 12:30pm
 Wednesday: 8:30am - 12:00pm

- Parish Secretary: Rachel Barnett
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- RCIA Director: Robin Griffith

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

TODAY'S READING'S

Reading 1 -Ez 34:11-12, 15-17

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly. As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

Responsorial Psalm -Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Reading 2 - 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Mt 25:31-46 Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

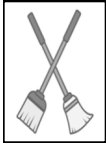

Reflection: The Church year ends today with a vision of the end of time. The scene in the Gospel is stark and resounds with Old Testament echoes. The Son of Man is enthroned over all nations and peoples of every language (see **Daniel 7:13-14**). The nations have been gathered to see His glory and receive His judgment (see **Isaiah 66:18**; Zephaniah 3:8). The King is the divine shepherd Ezekiel foresees in today's First Reading, judging as a shepherd separates sheep from goats. Each of us will be judged upon our performance of the simple works of mercy we hear in the Gospel today. These works, as Jesus explains today, are reflections or measures of our love for Him, our faithfulness to His commandment that we love God with all our might and our neighbor as ourselves (see **Matthew 22:36-40**). Our faith is dead, lifeless, unless it is expressed in works of love (see **James 2:20**; **Galatians 5:6**). And we cannot say we truly love God, whom we cannot see, if we don't love our neighbor, whom we can (see **1 John 4:20**). The Lord is our shepherd, as we sing in today's Psalm. And we are to follow His lead, to imitate His example (see **1 Peter 2:21**; **Ephesians 5:1**). He healed our sickness (see **Luke 6:19**), freed us from the prison of sin and death (see **Romans 8:2, 21**), welcomed us who were once strangers to His covenant (see **Ephesians 2:12, 19**). He clothed us in Baptism (see **Revelation 3:5**; **2 Corinthians 5:3-4**), and feeds us with the food and drink of His own Body and Blood. At "the end," He will come again to hand over His kingdom to His Father, as Paul says in today's Epistle. Let us strive to be following Him in right paths, that this kingdom might be our inheritance, that we might enter into the eternal rest promised for the people of God (see **Hebrews 4:1, 9-11**).

Why do we call Jesus King of the universe? Christ's kingship is rooted in the Church's teaching on the Incarnation. Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is both the divine Lord and the man who suffered and died on the Cross. One person of the Trinity unites himself to human nature and reigns over all creation as the Incarnate Son of God.

What is the prayer to our Lord Jesus Christ King of the universe? Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.

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The Ladies Club will be taking candy orders for Christmas next weekend!		Next weekend there will be a Special collection for St. Vincent DePaul Pharmacy		Jesus Prayer Lord Jesus Christ , Son of God, have mercy upon me, a sinner	
	Church Cleaning Team 3 this week		COFFEE SHOP Come by and enjoy Coffee, Breakfast & fellowship. After 8am Mass	<i>Claiborne Hill Receipts</i> We appreciate dropping off your Claiborne Hill receipts! Thank you for your support. YTD \$469.36	
MASS INTENTIONS		Financial News		Prayer Request	
Saturday	November 25	Insurance	\$64,983.79	Donna Battaglia	Donald Koenenn
4pm-	Gene & Wilma Breazeale†	Diocesan Support	\$14,414.44	Emilee Battaglia	Patsy Ladner
Sunday	November 26	School Supplement	\$17,165.63	John Battaglia	Carol Moragas & family
8:00am-	Parishioners	Salaries, Utilities, & Other Expenses	\$137,482.04	Brandon Boudreaux	Wilmah Necaice
10:30am-	Jean Lee †	Total Yearly Financial Obligations	\$234,045.90	Debbie Byrnes	Janet Palmer
Monday	November 27	Amount needed each Week	\$4,500.89	Kay Cerisier	Joy Patin
8:00am-	Special Intention	Last Sunday Collection	\$3,612.00	Michel Giardina	Abby Rolison
Tuesday	November 28	YTD Needed	\$207,040.58	Jennie Hoda	Brooke Rolison
8:00am-	Ludger Moran †	YTD Collected	\$178,422.81	Carla Santiago	Timothy Odom
Wednesday	November 29	YTD Shortfall	\$28,617.77	Konnor Peterson	Gayle Duet
8:00am-	Cross Johnson †			Ami Moran	Jean Dohm
Thursday	November 30			Steven Blaisdell	Dean Taylor
8:00am-	Colleen McGrath			Elaine Meyer	Judy Thornton
Friday	December 1			Catherine Blaisdell	
8:00am-	Merle, Vernon, Charles Haas †			Colleen McGrath	