

## The Work of the People

### *The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

Today is the Thirty-Fourth or last Sunday in ordinary Time. Its official name is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This solemnity was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925, and observance celebrating an aspect of Jesus identity rather than his life. Conventional understandings of kingship and power are transformed. Rather than calling up images of Jesus Christ addressed in kingly robes, the gospel proclaims him as king by the sign over his head on the throne of a wooden cross.

In the reading from the Book of Samuel the tribes of Israel anointed David as their king, although it is the God who proclaims this role for David. The image of Shepherd was associated with the King of Israel and David is to assume that same character. Generations later Jesus, who will come from the house of David, will take on that same identity and refer to himself as the Good Shepherd.

In his Letter to the Colossians Paul invites this early community to give thanks to the Father for "his beloved son" Jesus Christ. Paul lists several identities for Christ: "firstborn of all creation," "head of the body, the church," "the beginning" and "firstborn from the dead." These titles are intended to call the believers to a posture of praise and thanksgiving and to proclaim that God's redemption and forgiveness of sin is universal through the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross.

The Crucifixion scene in Luke's Gospel offered the irony of Christ being taunted but also being recognized as going to Paradise, the Kingdom of the Father. The jeers of the soldiers, "if you are King of the Jews," echo the mocking of the tempter in the desert, "if you are the Son of God." At the beginning of his earthly mission and at the end Jesus' self-identity is challenged. But in both encounters he remains faithful to the will of his Father.

The reflection for this Solemnity is from Mary Stommes who is editor of *Give Us This Day*.

The repentant criminal wasn't asking for much: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Remember me. That's all.

The Heart of Mercy longs for so much more: "Today you will be with me in Paradise."

It's a perfect and poignant conversation on this feast of Christ the King. Remember the conversation.

Remember the King. Mercy is his might. And forgiveness. He came not to be served but to serve. He notices the lost and lonely, the forsaken and forgotten. And he seeks them out, most often unbidden. Just because.

Just because he is the visible face of the invisible Father. And the Father is all mercy and goodness, all forgiveness and compassion and tenderness—all of

Remember also that mercy is without end. Though we officially conclude the Jubilee Year of Mercy today, we don't "move on" from mercy. We move on with mercy.

"Lord, have mercy."

"Christ, have mercy."

"Lamb of God, have mercy."

And over and over and over again.

God doesn't think we are asking for too much. Not at all.

And all that God asks is that we accept the mercy and let it flow . . . and behold the Kingdom of God being created right in our midst.

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24**

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn. 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk. 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn. 2:31-45/Dn. 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk. 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn. 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn. 3: 62,63,64,65,66,67/  
Lk. 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn. 6:12-28/Dn. 3:68,69,70,71,72,73,74/Lk. 21:20-28

Friday: Dn. 7:2-14/Dn. 3:75,76,77,78,79,80,81/Lk. 21:29-33

Saturday: Rom. 10:9-18/Ps. 19:8,9,10,11/Mt. 4:18-22

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

***"Lord, I will follow you today.  
Help me to remain faithful."***

### **SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Please be generous in this week's special collection, which supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the U.S., one in six people live in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for people across the country who struggle. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

### **CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Diocese of Erie is committed to protecting the children and youth who are entrusted to its care and to ensuring that those in ministry with our young people are in right relationship with the children/youth receiving services. To share in the ministry of Christ is a great privilege as well as a tremendous responsibility. The *privilege* is the joy of sharing in the mission of Jesus Himself. The *responsibility* is acting in a way that conforms to the attitude and actions of Christ. In this spirit, the diocese has issued a ministerial Code of Conduct. The code is included in the diocesan *Policy for the Protection of Children*, which also includes mandates for creating safe environments. To read the policy, go to <https://www.eriercd.org/images/sections/childprotection/pdf/CURRENTPolicy.pdf>. For more information contact Mrs. Cindy Zemcik, at the diocesan offices at 814 824-1195.

**WORSHIP**

Monday, November 25  
 8:00 am + Leona Auer  
 Tuesday, November 26  
 8:00 am + Dec. Members of Rembielak Family  
 (Joan Rembielak & Phyllis & Bob Wronko)  
 Wednesday, November 27  
 8:00 am + NO MASS  
 Thursday, November 28 - Thanksgiving Day  
 9:00 am + In Thanksgiving  
 Friday, November 29  
 8:00 am + Tom Osiecki (Josie Osiecki)  
 Saturday, November 30  
 4:30 pm + Living & Deceased Parishioners  
 Sunday, December 1  
 8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE  
 Richard Baker (St. Bernadette & St. Anthony Parishioners)  
 9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY  
 John C. Wickware (Becky Wickware)

**PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR**

Monday - Wednesday - Friday AT ST. BERNADETTE  
 (Except Holy Days)  
 7:00 am - Communion Service  
 Tuesday, November 26  
 After Mass - St. Anthony's Novena  
 Saturday, November 30  
 3:45 - 4:15 pm - Confessions  
 Sunday, December 1  
 Before Mass - Confessions AT ST. BERNADETTE  
 After Mass - Confessions AT ST. ANTHONY  
 NOTE: Latin Mass will be the last Sunday of every month  
 at 12:30 pm

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 - 4:30 PM**  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Hobson/Judy Kingston/  
 Kathleen Lipkovich  
 Lector: Shawn Pflieger  
 Altar Servers: Payton Leandro/Robert Moats  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 - 9:30 AM**  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Ginger Beck/Larry Douglas/  
 Christine Krzysiak/Don Marteeny  
 Lector: Julie Hobson  
 Altar Servers: Max Marteeny/Andrea Walker

**ST. BERNADETTE**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 - 8:00 AM**  
 Eucharistic Ministers: J. Acker/C. Greco/J. Weagraff  
 Lector: B. Smith  
 Ushers: D. Nowak  
 Altar Servers: B. Greco

**STEWARDSHIP**

11/17/19	
Offertory	\$561.00
Votives	111.00
TOTAL	\$572.00

CSA: Pledged - \$9,275  
 Paid - \$8,495

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

Monday, Dec. 16 - 7:00 pm—Our Lady of the Lake, Edinboro  
 Wednesday, Dec. 18—7:00 pm—All Saints, Waterford  
 Thursday, Dec. 19—7:00 pm—St. Lawrence, Albion  
 Sunday, Dec. 22—3:00 pm—ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

**CANTATA PRESENTED  
 IN CAMBRIDGE AREA**

The Community Choir of Cambridge Springs performs a Christmas musical cantata - "God's Great Love". Performances will be at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Sat. Nov. 30 at 7:00 pm and at C.S. United Methodist Church on Sun. Dec. 1 at 7:00 pm. Please call 398-4049 with any questions.

**ROOF REPAIR**

Your donation matters. And you, the donor, can give by check or cash by simply noting in an envelope that the gift is for Roof Repair and dropping in the collection basket. Any monetary amount is appreciated.

**ST. ANTHONY  
 CASH GIVEAWAY AND GAME NIGHT**

Cash Giveaway and Game Night tickets are being distributed after weekend masses. Game Night will be on Jan. 25, 2020. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Ticket monies need to be returned no later than Jan. 11 and can be placed in the collection baskets. Your assistance will make this annual fundraiser successful, so please pick up your tickets as soon as possible.

**HUNTERS' BREAKFAST**

First Baptist Church of Cambridge Springs welcomes you to a sausage gravy over biscuit breakfast before you get the big one Saturday, November 30 from 4:30 am - 6:30 am or until supplies last. FREE!

**BINGO** - The next scheduled BINGO at St. Anthony's will be Monday, December 2. Early Bird BINGO starts at 6:00 pm and the regular BINGO starts at 6:30 pm. Doors and kitchen open at 5:00 pm. Salisbury Steak Dinner will be available at a cost of \$5.00.

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. BERNADETTE'S**

Mon. Dec. 2 - 6:00 pm - Holy Name Society Mtg.  
 Sun. Dec. 8 - Holy Name Sunday  
 Sun. Dec. 8 - 10:30 am - Religious Ed. Class at St. Anthony

**STEWARDSHIP**

Offertory	\$864.00
Maintenance	409.00
Energy Needs	95.00
Donation	100.00
Candles	26.00
CSA	300.00
TOTAL	\$1,794.00

Catholic Services Appeal  
 Pledged: \$23,967 Paid: \$22,742

**CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA**

**CHURCH NO.:**

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

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