



Solemnity of Christ the King

Uroczystość Jezusa Chrystusa, Króla Wszechświata

November 22, 2015
Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 88.
First reading: Daniel 7:13-14
Psalm: 93:1-2,5
R. **The LORD is king; he is robed in majesty.**
Epistle: Revelation 1:5-8
Gospel: John 18:33-37

Intention: 9:30 – for all the departed (All Souls)
Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki
Lector: 9:30am Derek Westcott, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Prayers for the Departed at 9:20am and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite)
- Coffee Hour, SOCL.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite)

1st Sunday of Advent

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November 29, 2015
Rite: Pew Missal, page 15, Canon, page 28.
First reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm: Ps 25:4-5,8-10,14
R. **To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**
Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2
Gospel: Luke 21:25-26,34-36

Intention: 9:30 – for all the departed (All Souls)
Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki
Lector: 9:30am Marilyn Hietala, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Blessing of the Advent Wreath & Oplátky/Wafers at 9:20am and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Traditional Rite)
- SOCL, Coffee Hour, Free Lunch on Sunday.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63/Canon, pg. 78)

These things, beloved, we write unto you, not merely to admonish you of your duty, but also to remind ourselves. For we are struggling on the same arena, and the same conflict is assigned to both of us. Wherefore let us give up vain and fruitless cares, and approach to the glorious and venerable rule of our holy calling. Let us attend to what is good, pleasing, and acceptable in the sight of Him who formed us. Let us look steadfastly to the blood of Christ, and see how precious that blood is to God which, having been shed for our salvation, has set the grace of repentance before the whole world. Let us turn to every age that has passed, and learn that, from generation to generation, the Lord has granted a place of repentance to all such as would be converted unto Him. – St. Clement

Sick Calls and Hospital Visits – Please know that hospitals will not advise parishes when an individual is admitted. Confidentiality regulations prevent them from doing so. If someone is admitted please let Father Jim know so he might visit, pray with, anoint, and bring Jesus’ healing presence to them. Call Fr. Jim at 518-522-0944. You may also call Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518- 437-1889.

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Upcoming...

- **November 22: Solemnity of Christ the King, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **November 25: Bible study, 7:30pm.**
- **November 26: Thanksgiving.**
- **November 29: 1st Sunday of Advent, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **November 30: Feast – St. Andrew the Apostle.**
- **December 6: 2nd Sunday of Advent, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Celebratory Dinner –1st Anniversary of Fr. Jim’s Ordination, 2pm.**
- **December 13: 3rd Sunday of Advent, Holy Mass (schedule TBA). Parish Vigil Dinner.**
- **December 14: Holy Mass for Healing, 6:15pm**
- **December 20: 4th Sunday of Advent, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Free Lunch, Greening of the Church**
- **December 24: Vigil of the Nativity, Children’s Christmas Vigil Holy Mass at 4pm**

We invite all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake. It is our practice to distribute the Holy Eucharist by intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, never in the hand.

We do have a King.

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. 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. Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega, " says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."

We have a bit of a problem as Christians.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus is before Pilate. Jesus stands His ground and tells Pilate about His kingdom. He tells Pilate the purpose of His coming – “to testify to the truth.”

Our “bit of a problem” is that when we describe Jesus as our King we

often times, both in words and visually, describe Him as a humble King. His head is bowed, He looks meek and frankly – weak.

This image can be compounded further because our Church has a democratic tradition in its management. We also live in a democratic society and take our liberties seriously. We tend to prefer our King to be meek and weak.

To help us fully appreciate the Kingship of Jesus – His formal and official Office as our King – the Holy Church gives us this Solemnity. We need to take this opportunity to fix our perspective, to adjust our vision to see Jesus as the One who has absolute authority to rule and reign over us. The Magi and Pilate called Him King. Jesus comes to Jerusalem as the gentle and humble King riding on a donkey – a symbol of a king arriving in peace. In the days to come, with the arrival of the fullness of His

Kingdom, He will come astride a white horse. The King astride a horse is a symbol of a king arriving in power to judge and wage war.

The "Kingdom of God" is noted at least sixty-six times in the New Testament, most of the references are in the Gospels. Jesus proclaims: “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel." Jesus taught us to pray, "Thy Kingdom come . . . "

We should have no doubt, Jesus is our King and we owe Him total loyalty, obedience, worship, and adoration. While the time is here we need to greet Him as the King who came in peace to free us and accept His forgiveness and His Lordship. We need to receive Him in awe and reverence for *LORD! We are not worthy*. It is time for us to recognize that we need to give Him the Lordship and power over our lives – for "*To him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might for ever and ever!*"

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Matthew 6:33

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Hebrews 1:1-4
MONDAY: 1 Corinthians 4:20
TUESDAY: Romans 14:17-18
WEDNESDAY: Luke 1:33
THURSDAY: Romans 1:1-4
FRIDAY: John 3:19
SATURDAY: Psalm 116:6

Pray

Lord Jesus, You are my lord and King. Preserve me and hold me up so that I may witness faithfully to You alone.

Preparing

We will be entering the Season of Preparation, Advent starting next Sunday. Let us make a special effort to prepare ourselves by deeper prayer, fasting, and through works of charity. Be sure to attend our Penitential Service.

The First Sunday of Advent also marks the start of the new Church year – Happy New Year! We will be using reading from Cycle A.

We will bless our Advent Wreath and Christmas Wafers/Oplatki next Sunday before Holy Mass. Our Advent Season will also be busy with a celebratory dinner on December 6th and our Community Vigil on the 13th. Join in to share this time of anticipation within the family of faith so that when Jesus arrives you will stand with His faithful.

Celebratory Dinner

In thanksgiving for Fr. Jim’s first year of service as our priest, and in celebration of his first anniversary of ordination to the Holy Priesthood, please join us for a Dutch Chicken Dinner on Sunday, December 6th at 2pm. Please see Stephanie Dominy for more information and to let her know if you are coming.

Food Collection

As we do each November and December, we are taking up a food collection to help those in our local community. Please bring in bags of canned and dry foods and/or personal care items and leave them by the Mary altar. Your generosity shows forth your thankfulness for God’s many blessings and your sacrifice during the upcoming penitential and preparatory season of Advent.

Outrageous Valentine’s Raffle

We are sending out tickets for next February’s Outrageous Valentine’s raffle. Prizes total \$1,220. Each entry gives one multiple chances to win. Every time someone wins, their ticket is placed ‘back in the bucket.’ Daily prizes are \$40 and the Valentine’s Day prize is \$100. Thank you for supporting this effort which pays for our summer youth programs – Kurs and CONVO.

Bible Study

The last Wednesday of each month we will hold an Ecumenical Bible Study at 7:30pm. Please stop by and join is to support this new ministry. Please plan to join us on Wednesday, November 25th.

Holy Mass Intentions

Reminder... you can ask Father Jim to offer Holy Mass for any intention. Just see Fr. Jim and let him know what you want.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is December 20th. Please be sure to continue to invite friends, family, and everyone you know to partake every month. There is no cost or charge for this meal. This service opens our home to all in need of a little company, a warm meal, and the love of Christ. Our free lunch on Sunday program is on the 3rd Sunday of every month.

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Stanley Radzyninski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Bonnie Nelson, Mariea Chase, Nickole Mook, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Janet Spurck, Robert Dominy, Wayne Balnis, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Sczepkowski, Derek Westcott, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski, Pastor Tom Kendall, Irene Borowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue White, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Martha Fields, Mildred Lewis, Debbie Esposito, Lisa Wilson, Ceil & Eddie Gibbons, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, Shirley Greene, Diana and Georgette Hannoush, Madison Sheridan, Resaan, Kathleen, Dan, William, Jeremy, Alison, Reginald, Eddie Stover, Karen & Jacob, Sean and Jessie Wilcox, Brittany Lawrence, Snyder Family, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Vicky Stover, Joe Barratiere.

- All in need of God’s healing grace.
- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Pattric Jones
- All those in Public Service, Police Officers and Fire Fighters.
- All Active And Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic Church.
- All Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School
- The residents and staff of City Mission of Schenectady
- All who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in the Polish Catholic Church. This week we remember the people of St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Boguszów Gorce, Poland and its pastor Rev. Bogusław Kropielnicki.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour is held every week after 9:30am Holy Mass. Thank you to all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. All are welcome to join with us each week. If you can, please help out.

Parish Organizations: Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you? The YMSofR - Men’s Society of the Resurrection Branch 56, ANS – Women’s Adoration Society, Choir, Parish Committee, and a hopefully reconstituted branch of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Father Jim.

Of note...

--- Please think of inviting a friend to Holy Name of Jesus ---