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Christ the King Feast

	St. Joseph	St Francis	St. Anne
Sunday	\$647.00	\$146.00	\$0.00

**"When you encourage others,
you, in the process, are encouraged,
because you're making a commitment
to make a difference in that person's life.
Encouragement really does make a
difference."**

**Pancake
Breakfast
Nov 27
11:30 AM
*Bon appetit***

Golden Rules!

In one form or another "The Golden Rule" has been embraced by every major religion in the world. These following rules are how we should live out the Golden Rule:

***"I must do something"*
Will always solve more
problems
than,
*"Something must be done."***

Things we ought to:

- If you open it, close it.**
- If you turn it on, turn it off.**
- If you unlock it, lock it.**
- If you break it, admit and fix it.**
- If you can't fix it,
call in someone who can.**
- If you borrow it, return it.**
- If you value it, take care of it.**
- If you make a mess of it, clean it up.**
- If you move it, put it back.**
- If it belongs to someone else,
get permission to use it.**
- If you don't know how to operate it,
leave it alone.**
- If it's none of your business,
don't ask questions.**

These rules, if followed, will increase our own enjoyment of life and help us win friends and influence people. They will improve our relationships with our friends, family, associates, etc. When followed, these rules will improve society.

Another "Golden Rule" for parents to follow with their children - or, for that matter, anyone, when they receive a gift:

**Until you have written a thank-you note,
you cannot wear it, show it, read it,
watch it, eat it, spend it,
play with it or use it.**

Give thanks always

Broken beaten, bruised Jesus becomes the scapegoat of the sins of his people. Yet, his condemnation to death by crucifixion depicts our guilt. His scourging and whipping exposes our immorality. His crowning of thorns and his reception of the purple robe ridicules his kingship. His carrying of the cross crushes his freedom and spirit, revealing that we are under the weight of sin. His crucifixion reveals our punishment due to sin: death. However, his passion and death reveals his weakness – love.

Jesus loved us unto death so death may no longer reign in his kingdom. However, Jesus' death reflects the pain and punishment that we should have received for the ransom we owed to the King.

As hypocrites treated Him, we treated Him. By our sins, we have condemned him unjustly. By our bodily passions, we have flogged his flesh. The scourging and whipping expose the sins of the flesh as we worship the body more than the Creator of our bodies. By our vain and conceited thoughts, we have crowned Christ with thorns. His crowning pierces the vain and idolatrous thoughts that we have. By our slavery to sin, we made Christ carry our cross. His death should have been ours, we deserved to die: He did not! We are justly condemned to death by our sinfulness but we cannot pay the ransom owed. Yet, it is Christ the innocent Lamb led to the slaughter Who dies on our behalf to pay the ransom.

Christ is King not merely, because He is God, though that should be reason enough. Christ is King because only He, the Son of God and Son of Man, could ransom us from our debt due to sin. "He is King because of his divinity. He is King because he is consubstantial with the Father; he is King because he became man and as man he won the kingdom through the Cross" (John Paul II 11/26/95). He paid the ransom when He became one with us. From his incarnation to resurrection, we are ransomed from the atrocities we have committed against God. Only a God and king could pay the debt owed to our God and King.

Since it was a man who offended God, a man should pay the price. Because of God's mercy, He sent his divine Son into the world as a Man, yet fully God, to ransom man's debt owed. His passion, death, and resurrection taught us the sacrifice of that ransom.

Today centuries from the cruel crucifixions of the Romans, we only have recollections of his death. We do not fully experience the pain and suffering of crucifixion for we have domesticated his passion. Death is gruesome. Death is cruel. Death is merciless. It comes to all whether we believe or disbelieve. But death is the ransom owed to God for sin.

Sin destroys our faith in a God Who bestows his goodness upon us. Unlike the unbelievers who deny Christ's reign, because they believe He cannot save Himself or us, we the believers reach into the depths of his goodness and experience fully his merciful death. Death is mercy for it is through death, his and our own, that we are saved.

Announcements

Dec 4: Religious Ed 11:30 – 2:30 PM.

Dec 4 Youth Group 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Dec 8 7:00 PM Holy Day: Immaculate Conception

Dec 10 Cookie Bazaar PLEASE BAKE ☺ Proceeds to replace lights in hall and smoke detectors in building.

Dec 11 Fr. Tom In Kotz. Fr. Jay in Nome to celebrate Mass

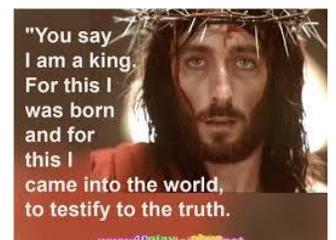
Dec 14 Kotz Selection committee to choose 3 architects. January to finalize architect choice.

Nome is changing lights in hall, new smoke detectors, and painting ceiling during Advent. Cookie Bazaar Proceeds to help cover cost (\$4,000)

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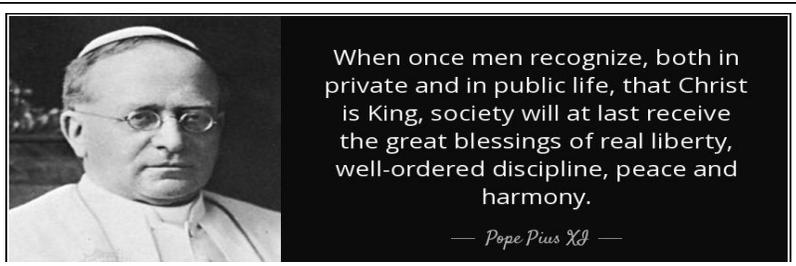
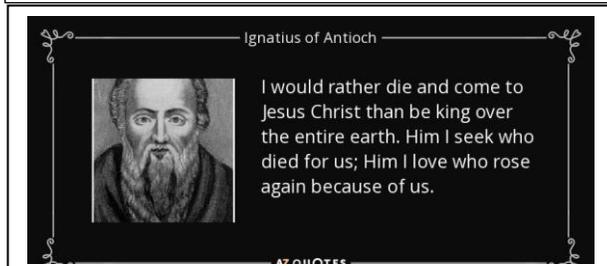


"Other people and things can stop you temporarily. You are the only one who can do it permanently."



Weekly Schedule:

Date	MassTime	Place	Feast Day	Lector/Minister	Intention	Activity
Mon Nov 21	5:30 PM	Nome			Monica Rezac	
Tue Nov 22	5:30 PM	Nome	St Cecilia		Wyatt/Pytlik	
Wed Nov 23	5:30 PM	Nome	Clement		Wyatt/Pytlik	
Thu Nov 24	10:30 AM	Nome	Thanksgiving		Jackie Hinsvark	Thanksgiving
Fri Nov 25	9:00 AM	Nome	St. Catherine		Rezac Family	
Sat Nov 26	5:30 PM	Nome	1 st Advent		Fr. Ken Hoelsing	
Sun Nov 27	10:30 AM	Nome	1 st Advent		St. Joseph	Pancake Bkfast



1. Thankfulness improves relationships.

Everyone has a need and desire to be appreciated—spouses, children, parents, friends, coworkers, even the strangers we meet in passing. **"The common denominator that I've found in every single interview is that we all want to be validated. We want to be understood."** So when we express gratitude to a person, we not only meet their needs and lift their spirits, but we make them feel validated. And that improves the quality of our relationships with them.

2. Thankfulness creates contentment.

Media messages are constantly telling us to buy more, do more, look more, act more. With so much distraction, it can be difficult to appreciate what you have right now. But by choosing to be thankful, you can ignore these messages and embrace contentment. Rachel Cruze says, "In a heart filled with gratitude, there is no room for discontentment."

3. Thankfulness feels good.

You know how happy we feel around Thanksgiving? We can continue to feel that way long after the Holidays are gone. How? All we have to do is count our blessings daily, turn our hearts and thoughts toward gratitude and appreciate the persons, places and things in our life today.

4. Thankfulness keeps us healthy.

Holidays may be stressful, but Holydays are inspiring. Reflect on how you celebrate: do you see them as holidays or Holydays? Holydays makes us thankful, actually reduces stress and brings peace of soul because we trust in Jesus. "Gratitude has been proven to have a tremendous positive value in helping people cope with daily problems, especially stress" (Robert Emmons). He goes on to explain that gratitude and optimism can even boost our immune system. When we stop focusing on what we don't have, and begin focusing on everything we do have, our shoulders relax and we invite peace, patience, and health into our lives.

5. Thankfulness cultivates humility.

Arrogance and ungratefulness go hand and hand. But the opposite is also true. When we choose to be thankful for the big and small blessings in our lives, we foster a heart of humility and a spirit of graciousness.

6. Thankfulness is contagious.

Just as fear and worry are contagious, so is the spread of gratitude. When we're inspired by others' gratefulness, it prompts our own grateful thoughts and actions as well. We can be the catalysts that spread gratitude in our homes, offices and communities. Don't be a Scrooge!

7. Thankfulness produces positivity.

When we're thankful, the natural byproduct is a positive attitude. Endless daily annoyances can bring us down and steal our joy. But when we're intentionally thankful, it naturally redirects our thoughts to see the good in other people and in our everyday lives – even the challenges!

8. Thankfulness promotes generosity.

It's tough to be givers when our eyes are always on our own needs – wants really. When we are thankful for what we have, we can hold our blessings with an open hand and freely give to others. When we realize how abundantly we are blessed, we can confidently and joyfully become a blessing to others. **Freely Given; Freely Give**

9. Thankfulness increases likability.

It's fair to say no one wants to be around an ungrateful, entitled individual. Yet we all enjoy spending time with grateful, down-to-earth folks. When you are grateful, people see you in a positive light and they naturally like you and want to be around you. Learn to laugh at life instead of complain and criticize!

10. Thankfulness displays God's character.

The Bible is full of passages on gratitude and thankfulness. It's used in commands, parables, and prayers. This quality is so important to God! So when we actively practice gratefulness, we become more of who God created us to be. Plus, we also get to connect with Him through our thankful thoughts and prayers. Unlike talent, gratitude is something that's freely available to all of us and completely within our control. It's not a special "gifting" that some people have and others don't. It's not a feeling that floats through the air at the end of each November. Gratitude is an attitude.

It's a choice.



**You were Designed for Accomplishment,
Engineered for Success, and
Endowed with the Seeds of Greatness.
Give thanks to God and Grow in your Gifts!
That is the best Thanksgiving You can give!**

***The winds and waves are always on the side of the ablest navigators. Thank God for the challenges in your life.
They reveal your best self!***