

Dear Friends,

On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the feast of Christ the King of the Universe. Today, more than ever, the Church renders to Jesus Christ the honor which is due him as King of the Universe and with that, we come to the end of year C Liturgical calendar. It automatically leads us to the beginning of a New Liturgical Year: Year A. During this New Liturgical Year, our Gospel readings will be taken from the Gospel of Matthew.

When we reflect on the kingship of Jesus that speaks of: Love, Justice, Love and Mercy; the question would be, where in this world can we find such a kingdom? The answer is amazing. It is to be found in the heart of the people created in the image and love of God. That is the kingdom Jesus came into this world to establish. In the words of the Second Vatican Council, it is “a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice, love and peace”. Those who belong to that kingdom are people who, like the “Good Thief” in today’s Gospel recognized their need to belong to such a kingdom and ask Jesus to admit them there. They are the one who will hear him say, “Today you will be with me in paradise.”

The 2016 U.S presidential election is finally over. However, the rippling effect of the campaign trial is what we are living with now; they have not ceased. As we prepare to come together with families and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving, we pray for unity in our country, and remember that, Christ is the King of the Universe. For all authority comes from God.

Thanksgiving is a time to thank God and be grateful for what we have and are. I am sure many of you are ready with the traditional symbol of thanksgiving: Turkey and other things that goes with it. Do we ever pause for some seconds and ask. What am I or what are we thankful for? Among the other things, we should be thankful for our lives, our faith, our family and friends and our country. Although, we may not be where we think we should be, we should still be thankful for where we are now. In this Month of November, we think of thanksgiving and realize that thanksgiving is not just a day event, but a way of life for all of us; giving thanks to God the Father always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We hope you will all join us this Sunday at 6pm, for the Salado Thanksgiving Service. You are also invited to join us in giving thanks to God, celebrating the Eucharist on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday at 8:30 am after which you can go and have the fun of family and friends. As we share meals and friendship, let us not forget those who are not as fortunate as we are and share with them the joy of being grateful to God.

HAVE A WONDRFUL THANKSGIVING!!!

Fr. Jude Uche, MSP

Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo

This great feast of Christ the King allows us to remember the paradoxical nature of the reign of Christ. Ours is a king whose arms are flung wide to embrace the world in love, but those arms were nailed to a cross, a form of execution for the lowest. Christ’s power to give life is manifested in the midst of powerlessness. Christ unmasks the false illusions of political or economic power or social prestige and shows that his reign is to be found with the poor, the helpless and among sinners. Will we join him?

Solemnity of Our Lord Christ, King of the Universe

Esta gran festividad de Cristo Rey nos permite recordar la naturaleza paradójica del reinado de Cristo. El nuestro es un rey cuyos brazos están abiertos para abrazar al mundo con amor, pero esos brazos fueron clavados en una cruz, una de las formas más bajas de ejecución. El poder de Cristo de dar vida se manifiesta en medio de la impotencia. Cristo desenmascara las ilusiones falsas de poder político, económico o prestigio social y nos muestra que su reino se encuentra con los pobres, los desesperados y entre los pecadores. ¿Nos uniremos a Él?

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20

2nd Collection- Catholic Campaign
Human Development
1-4 pm Confirmation Class
6 pm Thanksgiving Community Service

MONDAY NOVEMBER 21

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 22

8 am Fellowship of Catholic Men
6 pm TNMC (No Host)

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 23

9 am Youth Feed the Hungry
No Faith Formation Classes

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 24

8:30 Thanksgiving Mass
Office Close

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25

Office Close

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26

12 pm Quinceanera Soto

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27

10 am Reconciliation Class
1-4 pm Confirmation Class

Protect Life! Make a difference in a pregnant women's life. Please contact

Salado Community Thanksgiving Service



O Give Thank

Unto the Lord for He is good:

For His Mercy endures forever

Psalm 107

You are cordially invited to attend

Salado Community Thanksgiving Service

Saint Stephen Catholic Church

Sunday November 20, 2016 6:00 pm.

Monetary Stewardship

Collection Last Week:

Regular: \$2,975
Online: \$ 233.36
Total \$ 3208.36

... remembering the words of the Lord who said, It is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).

May he that supplies seeds to the sower and bread to the hungry bless your generosity!

Building for Our Lord Campaign
Construyendo Para Nuestro Señor

Total Pledge To Date:
\$1,421,876.00

Amount Collected To Date:
\$810,000.00

Pledges to be Redeemed:
\$526,020.00

Paid Diocese Months of October 31
\$41,998.00

Loan Balance to Date:
\$591,532.00

Original Loan Total
\$800,000.00



Parish Mission

December 4-5, 2016
Spanish Mission
with Fr. Uche Andeh

December 6-7, 2016
English Mission
with Fr. James Misko

Mass Intentions

Sat.	Nov 19	5:30 pm	Jerry Soto Jr. +
Sun.	Nov 20	9:00 am	Marry Ann Macey +
		11:00 am	Jazmin Ortiz (Birthday)
Mon.	Nov 21		No Mass
Tues.	Nov 22	6:00 pm	Virgil Lucas +
Wed.	Nov 23	8:30 am	Stewart Smith +
Thurs	Nov 24	8:30 am	Nicholas Pritchett
Fri	Nov 25	12:00 pm	Pedro & Tomasa Luna +
Sat	Nov 26	5:30 pm	Stewart Smith +
Sun	Nov 27	9:00 am	Janice Piatek +
		11:00 am	Ashley Ortiz (Birthday)

Ministry Schedule for November 26-27, 2016

Mass	Lector	Altar Servers	Ushers / Greeters	Ministers of Eucharist
5:30 PM	M Reed O Moreno	J Young J McGregor C Carlson	M Daskocil G Pritchett U Okwar	J McGregor T Alcozer P Watson
9:00 AM	M Roberts G Petter	J Delio A Patten	S Starnes E Alvarez G Reihsen	Deacon Ernie R Michalewicz L Simonette D Alvarez D Roberts
11:00 AM	Y Lopez E Hoya	F Ramirez J Perez S Perez D Arias M Hernandez K De Jesus	M Esteves R Arias Juan H.	S Ortiz R Urquiza S Jiral C Tovar B Jaramillo

THE GIVING TREE

Let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God....The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brother and sister also. John 4:7, 21

Love is at the heart of every good thing we do for one another. This is evidenced by the generosity we show one another. Our parishioners have a long history of giving to people in need at Christmastime and throughout the year. Preparations for the Giving Tree Programs have begun. In recent years we have assisted over 75 children from our parish and the Salado community. This year we find more families struggling to provide for the basic needs of their families.

Gift tags selected from our Giving Tree benefit children from our parish and the community through the Salado Relief Program. Express your thankfulness and generous spirit by participating in the opportunity to share the gifts given to us by God. **Gift tags will be put out the weekend of November 19-20.** If you choose to select an ornament tag from our Giving Tree, please return the unwrapped gift with gift tag attached by **Sunday, December 4, 2016.** Gifts may be dropped off in the back of church or at Parish Office. Thank

Thanksgiving Week
There will be a Mass at 8:30 am
The Office will be CLOSE
Thursday & Friday
in observance of Thanksgiving

