

November 22, 2015

Last Sunday in Ordinary Time

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

**Solemnity**



***The Kingship of Jesus***

**When a witness is being sworn in at court, the bailiff asks, "Do you promise to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?" Telling the truth can be difficult. For some the truth is worth dying for. In today's Gospel, Jesus puts an end to the interrogation of Pontius Pilate. Jesus says he was born to speak the truth. "Whoever belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asks him, "What is truth?" We must ask ourselves the same question. Do you know the truth? Is Jesus the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?**



**Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated by Robin & Gary Cerny in recognition of National Adoption Month.**

*November celebrates the lifelong benefits to families touched by the miracle of adoption, honors birth mothers for their courageous choice and remembers children who still need permanent homes.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**



Wednesday, November 25  
6:00 p.m. Benefactors of the Parish  
Saturday, November 28  
4:30 p.m. Felix Hajek, Jr.  
Sunday, November 29  
8:00 a.m. The Deceased of K.J.Z.T. St. Anne's Society #4

**Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy**

Read ahead and be prepared for next weekend, *The First Sunday of Advent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible:  
**First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16**  
**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 25**  
**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**  
**Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

**2015 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL**

2015 Assessment .....	\$7,532.00
Contributions So Far .....	\$4,325.64
Amount Yet to be Contributed .....	\$3,206.36

*Our parish quota to the Bishop's office should be paid by the end of the year. We are way behind in our contributions. Do please consider making a payment so we can fulfill our obligation to the Bishop.*

**THANKSGIVING SERVICES**

**Nov. 25** – Thanksgiving Vigil Mass, 6:00 p.m., **Praha**  
(There will be an opportunity for individual confessions beginning at 5:00 p.m.)

**Nov. 26** – Thanksgiving Day Mass, 8:00 a.m., **Moulton**



Come celebrate God's goodness with the community. Canned goods and monetary offering will be collected to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

*Food baskets have been made available at the Church entrance for canned goods. You may drop your canned goods at any time.*

**THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER**

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation. We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities.

We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes. We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day.

We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen. — Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers

**The Enthronement of Christ**

The Feast of Christ the King is placed at the conclusion of the Liturgical Year because it celebrates the realization of all of our theology. It is not only the goal toward which our Sunday meditations have been taking us, Christ's enthronement is the omega point toward which all of history has been moving. On a broader scale it is the climax of all of creation as contained in the major myths. There we read that after the primordial battle has been won, the triumphant warrior is enthroned above the heavens. The feast celebrates that enthronement.

Christ's Kingdom is a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice and love and peace. We need not stand at a distance from him, afraid to approach because of our human vulnerability. He is the one who loved us so much that he handed himself over to suffering and death so that we might live. He has already brought us to birth in this kingdom through baptism, and he has taught us how to live in it, although we live in it only by faith. Today we look to that time when his glory will be revealed, when we will be gathered into the embrace of God, there to sing praise to that glory forever.

– Dianne Bergant

## REFLECTION

### *The Kingship of Christ*

In addition to providing a setting in history for the saving work of Jesus, today's gospel passage uses the figure of Pilate and the exchanges between him and Jesus to tell us who Jesus is.

- that Jesus is indeed a King.
- that his reign and authority are divine in origin.
- that those who should have recognized the truth about Jesus but refused to do so are culpable.

As the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate unfolds, Jesus tacitly accepts the title of King but the true significance of his Kingship and Kingdom are made clear.

Jesus and the Kingdom are divine in origin. This Kingdom is to be established not by human devising but by God alone and through the one who God has sent, Jesus.

The presence of Jesus in the world extends to all peoples the challenge of accepting the truth. Those who open themselves to the truth and respond to its demands will recognize the presence of God in the person and mission of Jesus.

The recognition of that presence is an experience of the Kingdom that has begun in Jesus and will forever continue in him until the end of time.

## SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

### Campaign For Human Development

*Be generous.*

## ORIENTATION

### *King of the Universe*

The solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe brings us to the end of the liturgical year (the Church's calendar) and always replaces the Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 in response to the rise of totalitarianism and what he saw as an "Anything Goes" world. The feast refocuses our attention on Jesus Christ's reign over the human race and



human heart. Seven hundred years before Jesus' birth, the Prophet Micah announced his coming. The Magi came in search of a King. The people hailed him as King when he entered Jerusalem. Caiaphas and Pontius Pilate ask if he was the King of the Jews, and his cross was raised with a sign declaring him King of the Jews.

Christ himself refused the title of King, yet we acclaim him as King in this feast. The feast emphasizes God's ultimate forgiveness as well as Christ's return at the end of time, [his second coming] and his final sovereignty over all creation. This last theme is continued during the Season of Advent.

Calling Christ our King assumes that his Kingdom is unlike any other the earth has ever seen. He has no military might, passes no laws, imposes no taxes, and does not lord it over the subjects of his Kingdom. He rules by grace, and love and his reign extends to the farthest reaches of the universe. We belong to him. His Kingdom will have no end.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



November 24 – Nick Patalik

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



November 27 – Patricia & Elmer Michna



St. Anne's K.J.Z.T. #4

Annual Meeting, Christmas Party/Brunch  
December 6, After 8:00 A.M. Mass

All members and their families are invited to attend. RSVP to Georgie Cerny (361-865-3354) or Nancy Jasek (361-772-2356) with number of persons attending from your family.

## Advent Confession Schedule

Praha – December 16, 5:00 p.m.

Moulton – December 17, 5:30 p.m.

No Bible Study, No C.C.D., Wednesday, Nov. 25.

## THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered, as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation.

In all three cycles of the lectionary there is a special focus for each of the four Sundays, beginning with a gospel of the Lord's return on the first Sunday, John the Baptist on the second and third Sundays and the beginning of the infancy narrative on the fourth Sunday. This year, Cycle C, St. Luke's gospel is proclaimed for all four Sundays of Advent. The outline of the gospel readings looks like this:

**First Sunday** - *The return of the Lord.*

**Second Sunday** – *John the Baptist, a call to conversion.*

**Third Sunday** – *The relationship of John to Jesus.*

**Fourth Sunday** – *Mary and the events immediately preceding Christ's birth.*