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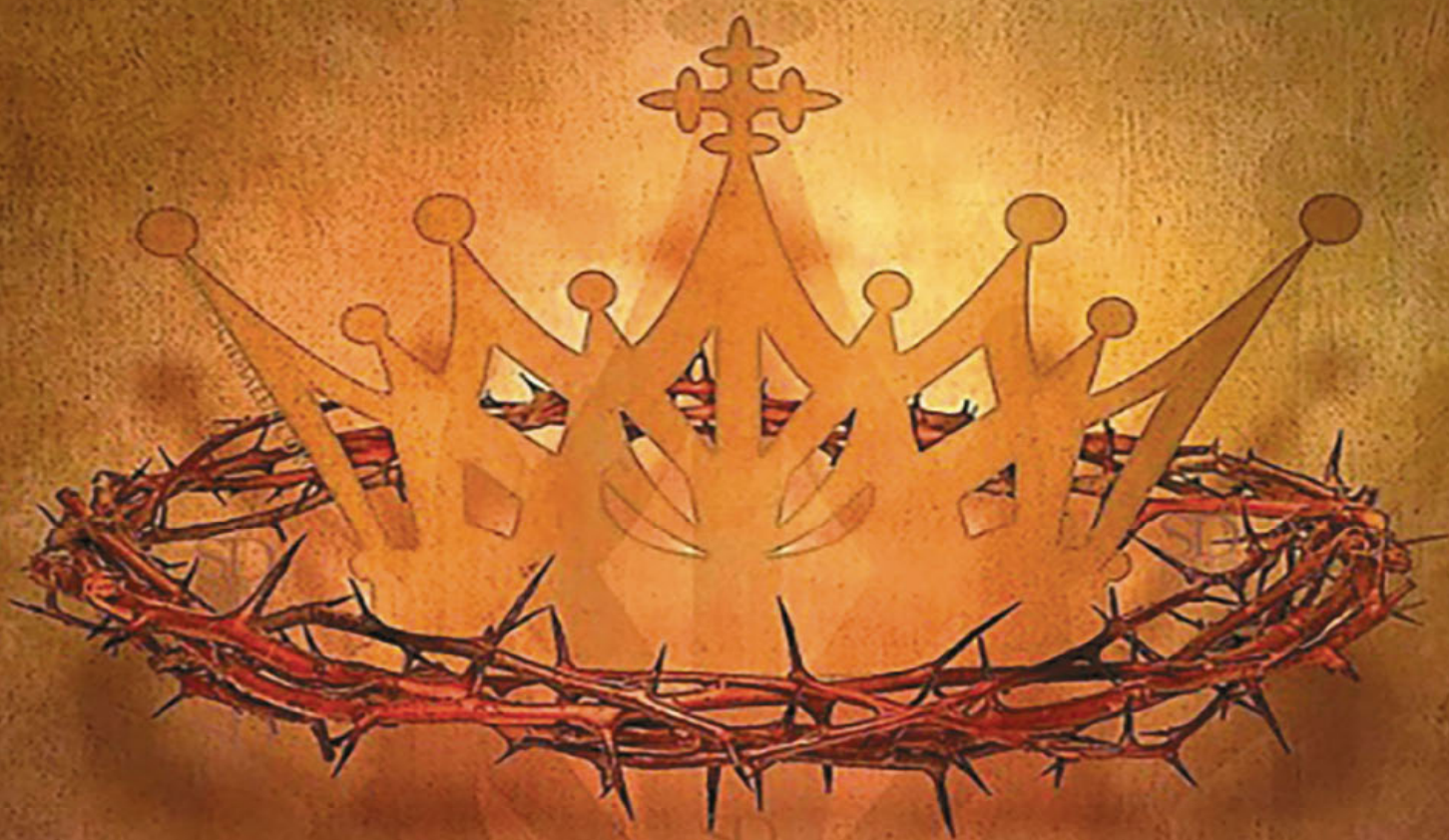
November 26, 2023

"Come, inherit the
Kingdom prepared
for you."

Christ
The King

WELCOME to Epiphany

Comes the King



This church. The church on the other side of town, the other side of the world. All churches everywhere. The day will come when they will lie in ruins, every last one of them. The day will come when all the voices that were ever raised in them, including our own, will be permanently stilled. But when that day comes, we believe that the tumbled stones will cry aloud of the great, deep hope that down through the centuries has been the one reason for having churches at all and is the one reason we have for coming to this one now: the hope that into the world the King does come. And in the name of the Lord. And is always coming, blessed be he. And will come a fire with glory, at the end of time.

EPIPHANY

Advent Events

Dec 2nd

Advent Retreat

Dec 4th

Epiphany's Synod Pt. I

Dec 6th

Adoration

Dec 9th

Christmas Tree Lighting &
Santa on the Plaza

Dec. 11th

Epiphany's Synod Pt.2

Dec 14th

Imaginative Meditation on the
Incarnation

Dec 17th

A Ceremony of Carols

Dec 18th

Reconciliation Monday

Dec 21th

Advent Examen

Christmas

Christmas Eve Mass **Dec 24 4 pm**

Christmas Day Mass **Dec 25 11am**

Solemnity of The Blessed Virgin Midnight Mass **Dec 31**

Mass For The New Year **Jan 1**

Feast of the Epiphany **Jan 6 & 7 (All Masses)**



About God's Word

THROUGH THE WEEK AT EPIPHANY

Sunday, Nov 26, 2023

Save the best for last

The film industry has always had a love affair with the afterlife. From *It's a Wonderful Life* to *Heaven Can Wait* to *Ghost* to *Flatliners*, stories remind us that our choices in this world have ramifications in the next. More recent shows—*Dead Like Me*, *The Good Life*, *After Life*, and *Hotel del Luna* among many others—are less traditionally religious but no less curious about what comes next. Every culture and generation seems to sense the need for spirit guides and guardians, as well as justice and an hour of reckoning. As the church year closes, contemplate the ledger of your years. Does it add up to a heavenly ending?

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46 (160). *"He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.'"*

Monday, Nov 27, 2023

Conversion can be revolutionary

British poet Alice Meynell, who died on this day in 1922, converted to Catholicism while recovering from chronic illness, and her writing thereafter turned to religious subjects. She married a Catholic newspaper publisher and founded a Catholic suffragist organization. When a British priest preached against giving women the right to vote because it would risk "bringing a revolution of the first magnitude," Meynell replied, "...the vaster the magnitude of the revolution, the better." One hundred years after her death, the struggle for equality continues. How do the teachings of Jesus inform your work for justice?

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21:1-4 (503). *"She, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood."*

Tuesday, Nov 28, 2023

Little lamb, who made thee?

Happy birthday to the English poet William Blake, born this day in 1757. Though not Catholic, he's inspired great Catholic poets and many of his poems—like "Jerusalem"—became hymns. Trappist monk Thomas Merton wrote his master's thesis on Blake, emphasizing his spiritual significance in *Seven Storey Mountain*: "His rebellion...was fundamentally the rebellion of the saints. It was the rebellion of the lover of the living God, the rebellion of the one whose desire of God was so intense and irresistible that it condemned, with all its might, all the hypocrisy and petty sensuality and skepticism and materialism" of organized religion. Pray for all who search for God but find obstacles in religious institutions—and enjoy Blake's "The Lamb."

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11 (504). *"Jesus said, 'All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down.'"*

Wednesday, Nov 29, 2023

Gracious encounters of the digital kind

Did you buy anything on Cyber Monday? Did you make a charitable donation yesterday, on Giving Tuesday? Whether you did or not, this week's digital focus continues today, which is recognized as Electronic Greetings Day. Pope Francis' 2020

encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* considers how the internet is a powerful tool and how it's our job to use it in a way that makes the world better. "We need constantly to ensure that present-day forms of communication are in fact guiding us to generous encounter with others," he writes. Make time today to send an encouraging email or ecard to someone who needs to hear from you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Luke 21:12-19 (505). *"The writing I will read for you, O king, and tell you what it means."*

Thursday, Nov 30, 2023

Be a first responder

Is there an Andy, Andre, or Andrea in your life? Whether they know it or not, they bear the name of the Apostle Andrew, one of the fishermen Jesus famously called to be "fishers of men." The Eastern church recognizes Andrew as the first to be called by Jesus. Tradition has it that Andrew was crucified on an X-shaped cross because he felt unworthy to die on a cross identical to Christ's. Andrew led the way in accepting Jesus' invitation to follow him. How will your life today respond to that invitation?

FEAST OF ANDREW, APOSTLE

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22 (684). *"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."*

Friday, Dec 01, 2023

Compassionate in the face of controversy

St. Vincent Medical Center in Manhattan, now closed, was in the eye of the AIDS epidemic storm of the 1980s and 1990s. A Catholic hospital run by the Sisters of Charity, St. Vincent opened its doors to care for those who were sick and dying from AIDS. Some staff disagreed with this stance and left. But not the sisters. They stayed true to Jesus' command to care for the suffering, especially those cast aside by society. They entered into dialogue with the gay community, activists, and hospital administrators to better understand their patients and how best to serve them. May we remember their unwavering commitment and compassion—and do likewise.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33 (507). *"Know that the Kingdom of God is near."*

Saturday, Dec 02, 2023

Be a freedom fighter

The term *modern slavery* covers practices such as forced labor, debt bondage, forced marriage, and human trafficking ... situations of exploitation enforced by violence, coercion, or deception. Here's the shocking news: Modern slavery has increased significantly in the past five years. Ten million more people, largely women and children, were trapped in modern slavery in 2021 compared to 2016, bringing the total estimate to 50 million worldwide. Our God is a God of freedom, who releases us from bondage of all kinds. On this U.N. International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, raise your voice in a phone call, email, or letter to elected officials. Let's put an end to this!

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36 (508). *"Be vigilant at all times."*

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NOV 26 - DEC 3

EVENTS



**11:00am Family Mass
& Sunday Scripture
7:30 Young Adult Mass**



**12:10pm Mass
1:00pm Miraculous Novena
7:00pm Meeting God
in the Dark**



**11:00am 22 Club
12:10pm Mass
2:30pm Prayer Corps
7:00pm Connect**



**12:10pm Mass
12:40pm OLPH (Church)
7:00pm Breaking Open
The Word via Zoom**



**12:10pm Mass
7:00pm Legion of Mary
7:00pm YA Alpha**



**12:10pm Mass
6:30pm Sant' Egidio Fridays**



**9:00-3:00pm Advent Retreat
3:00pm Rosary w/
Ladies of Charity
4:00pm Vigil Mass**



**Advent Begins
11:00am Family Mass &
Sunday Scripture
12:00pm Family Catechesis
7:30 Young Adult Mass**

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Announced Masses 2024

Reservations for announced Masses in 2024 will be accepted beginning Mon, October 2. Mass reservation forms are available in the narthex of the church, on the parish website, and in the rectory office. Guidelines for submitting requests are provided on the reservation form.

The 2023 Cardinal's Appeal

Our journey continues toward our goal in the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal.

2023 current pledges - 72% of goal
Our Goal: \$167,200 Pledged: \$119,992 Gifts: 143

Last Year at this time - 97% of goal
Our Goal: \$164,500 Pledged: \$169,079 Gifts: 187

The Cardinal's Appeal supports Catholics in so many ways.

Please help us reach our goal!

As always, we are grateful for the generosity of our parishioners.

Christmas Novena of Masses

Beginning on Christmas Eve and continuing through the Feast of the Epiphany, every Mass will include a special prayer for the special intentions listed on our Christmas Novena envelopes, which can be found in the narthex. Please complete the envelope and place it in the collection basket or give it to a minister or priest.

MASSES

Monday-Friday 12:10pm
Saturday Vigil: 4pm
Sunday 11am & 7:30pm

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 25

4:00pm Lillian & George Conard
Jack Warmbrand & James Lee

Sunday, November 26 The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

11:00am Helen M. Verlin
7:30pm Catherine McKew Cheney

Monday, November 27

12:10pm Cipriano Diomampo

Tuesday, November 28

12:10pm Antonia Astorina

Wednesday, November 29

12:10pm Dominick & Rosa Martire

Thursday, November 30 Feast of Saint Andrew

12:10pm Michael R. Gargiulo

Friday, December 1

12:10pm Anant Bhavsar

Saturday, December 2

4:00pm Erin & Maryanne Laura

Sunday, December 3

11:00am Dolores Patterson
7:30pm Mary & Joseph Walsh

Monday, December 4

12:10pm Pedro Abínion

Tuesday, December 5

12:10pm King Phojanakong

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

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