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34th Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 21st, 2021
The Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

READINGS

1st Reading: Daniel 7, 13-14
2nd Reading: Revelation 1, 5-8
Gospel: John 18, 33-37

May Thy Kingdom Come!

Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." John 18:36

Today, on the final Sunday of our Church year, we celebrate the glorious Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Next Sunday begins Advent. On this day we profess the profound truth that our Lord is King! He is the King of all things. He is King of the Universe. And He is King of Heaven and all spiritual realities. However, in the Gospel passage quoted above, Jesus responds to Pilate who was questioning Him about whether or not He was the King of the Jews. Jesus is clear that He is a King, but that His Kingdom does not belong to this world. So where is His Kingdom?

Today and always, God desires that His glorious Kingdom reign in every way. God begins by reigning in our souls. He invites us to invite Him to enter in and take control of our lives. He desires to be the ruler of every passion, desire, thought and action that is ours. When this happens, His Kingdom is firmly established within us.

It also needs to be pointed out that Jesus wants His Kingdom to grow. First, it must grow in the minds and wills of all people. But from there, He wants every person to then work to conform every part of our society to the governance of Him as King. This means that as the hearts of civil leaders are converted, they will be called to enact laws that fully support and build up God's Kingdom on earth. It means that business leaders, as they convert, are called to govern their businesses in accord with the will of God so that their businesses contribute to the establishment of God's Kingdom here and now. It means that

as the leaders of our schools, sports programs, social programs and the like all invite Jesus to reign in their hearts as King, The King of the Universe will then guide them to conform all of their endeavors to His will and to the continued upbuilding of His Kingdom.

Reflect, today, upon your duty to help bring forth the Kingdom of God here and now. Start by seeing your duty to allow God's Kingdom to grow within you and your family. From there, be open to the many ways that God wants to use you to help others do the same. As you do, do not be afraid to work toward the external establishment of God's Kingdom in all that you do and in all that falls within your responsibility. Jesus is King, and He desires to reign everywhere. Cooperate with Him, and His Kingdom will indeed come.

My glorious King, I choose You as King of my life, and I dedicate to You all my actions and endeavors. Please use me to further Your Kingdom. I pray for wisdom, prudence and courage as I am sent forth by You to help bring forth Your merciful and just reign in the lives of all people and within the entire Universe that You created. May Your Kingdom come and Your will be done! Jesus, I trust in You. (m catholiclife.com)

Mass Special Intentions:

- Saturday Nov 20: 5 pm: For Art Kleinsmith (R.I.P) – Trish Kleinsmith
- Sunday November 21: 9 am: For Antonio & Chiara Donato (Intentions) – Franca & Family
- Monday Nov 22: 9 am: For Anna Ngoc Anh & All Souls - Kim Anh
- Tuesday Nov 23: 9 am: For All Souls – Paul Pham
- Wednesday Nov 24: 9 am: For Domenico Donato (R.I.P) – Franca & Maria
- Thursday Nov 25: 9:00 am: For Salerno Roffaele (Intentions) – Franca Stagliano
- Friday Nov 26: 9:00 am: For Celso Bledig (R.I.P) – The Bledig family
- Saturday Nov 27: 5 pm: For Fr. Mike McCaffery (R.I.P) – Trish Kleinsmith; Deceased member of the Holoday Family – Mary Lou Holoday



On October 10, 2021, Pope Francis opened the 26th Synod of Bishops in Rome. Following the Second Vatican Council, Pope Paul VI recognized the need for ongoing meetings or Synods of Bishops every few years to deal with specific pastoral issues of the day. Bishop Gregory Bittman officially opened the Synod in our diocese with a special Mass on Sunday, October 31st at Immaculate Conception Church in Kelowna.

The topic Pope Francis has chosen for this Synod is “**For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission**”. The Pope has defined a “synodal Church” as “*a listening Church, aware that listening is more than hearing... a reciprocal listening in which each one has something to learn*”. In calling this Synod, Pope Francis is asking for a discussion on how all members of the Church - laity, priests, bishops and religious - may use their own unique gifts, guided by the Holy Spirit, to help the Church make decisions.

In keeping with the spirit of the topic, this Synod will happen differently than in the past. Rather than a single meeting of bishops in Rome, this Synod will be a two-year process which is intended to involve as many people around the world as possible. In the first phase of the process, each diocese in the world is asked to hold discussions on the questions and themes of the Synod. Each episcopal conference will combine these diocesan-level responses into a single document. In the second phase, episcopal conferences will join together into continental groupings to compare their results and create a continent-wide response. Finally, in the third phase, the Synod of Bishops will meet in Rome to consider all the collected responses.

As we prepare to embark on this synodal journey, let us invite the Holy Spirit to operate within with the words of the *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*:
We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen

PER-ORDER HOMEMADE FOOD ITEMS

The following are available for order. Please phone each vendor directly:

- Call Marlene Scarcelli at 250 837-4250 for home canning: - all \$5/jar
*Spicy tomato pineapple relish (secret sauce), *Zucchini marmalade,
*Raspberry jam
- Call Mindy Brugman at 250 837-7070 for Apple Strudel (Vienna style)- \$10/
3 servings

Vendors appreciate orders coming in a.s.a.p. If you plan to order, please call now.

If you are not wanting to bake, you may want to consider making a cash donation in lieu of the sandwiches or squares or fancy cake or bake sale items you would have been called on to donate to the bazaar. Claudette is collecting these donations.

PRE-CHRISTMAS PARISH RAFFLE - DRAW DATE - DECEMBER 12

Thank you to these businesses for generously donating gift cards for our upcoming raffle.

FIRST PRIZE: Regent, Zalas, Save-On, Southside and Daspy's (\$362 value)

SECOND PRIZE: Hillcrest, Emos, Southside, Save-On. and Rev. Family Pharmacy (\$300 value)

Ticket books will be distributed at next weekend's masses - November 27 and 28. Or contact Marisa for ticket books (250 837-4139)

Congratulations!

- Congratulations to **Asistio Family**, their child **Julian River Uy Asistio** was baptized last Saturday November 13, 2021.

- Congratulation to **Cathleen Busch & Shella Cabus - Os** who have made a solemn Profession of Faith, have been Confirmed and have shared in the Holy Euchrist on Sunday November 21, 2021.

For Your Information – Insurance Costs:

Insurance rates for the Church and the Parish Hall have jumped. Last year the insurance for our facilities totaled **\$11,288**. This year the cost is **\$16,715** for the same coverage – an increase of 49%.

Financial report for October 2021

- Sunday Collections: \$ 7,406.67
- Total Expenses: \$ 9,734.49
- Shortage: - \$ 2,327.82

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