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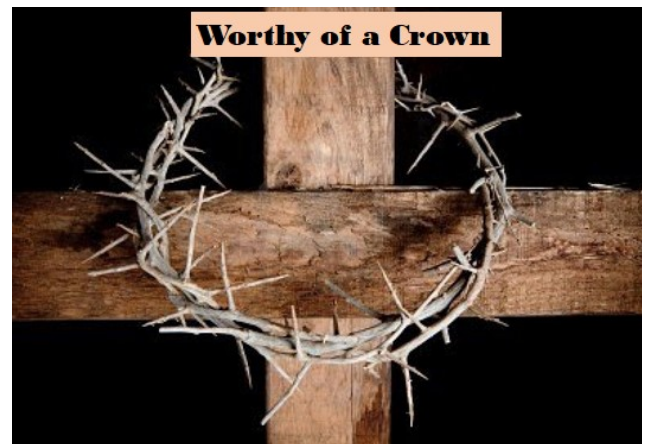
**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

Sunday, November 24, 2024

Gospel

John 18:33-37

**Pilate said to Jesus,
"Are you the King of the Jews?"
Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own
or have others told you about me?"
Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I?
Your own nation and the chief priests
handed you over to me.
What have you done?"
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."
So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?"
Jesus answered, "You say I am a king.
For this I was born and for this I came into the world,
to testify to the truth.
Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."**



May Thy Kingdom Come!

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?

We can look at Jesus' statement from two points of view. First of all, if Jesus would have claimed that He were an earthly king, one with civil authority, then Pilate would have judged Him to be guilty of trying to overthrow the Roman authority. This would be unlawful and would be punishable by death. In that case, Jesus could have been found legally guilty of violating civil law.

But Jesus was purely innocent. He was morally perfect in every way, and that included His obedience to all legitimate civil law. But Jesus was a King. He was The King of all Kings! Therefore, so as to exercise His Kingship, He declared that His Kingdom was not of this world. In other words, it was not a Kingdom that was in competition with the Roman authorities or any other civil authority. To that, Pilate did not know how to respond.

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 up building of His Kingdom.

The first duty of the Christian, in regard to the governance of every aspect of society, is not to impose God's law from without, as a ruthless authoritarian would. Rather, it is to convert minds and hearts so that God's governance comes forth from within. As God's Kingdom is established in the lives of His people, all objectively grave evils embedded within our earthly laws must be overturned. For example, the legalization of abortion stands out as perhaps the greatest of moral evils, since it involves the taking of a completely innocent life. This and countless other immoral earthly laws must be replaced by the laws of God as hearts and minds are converted to His Truth.

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.



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ALL ARE WELCOME!!

You are welcome to join us in person for any of our chapel services. If you have family or friends visiting, you are welcome to invite them to join you!

If you have any personal intentions you would like to add they will be added to our list, contact Tom 546-7980 or tbrefka@clementmanor.org:

Weekly Prayer Intentions:

- For those residents who are sick, may they feel the healing presence of God
- For those struggling with addictions, may God give them courage
- For those with terminal diagnoses, may God give them strength
- For those with no one to pray for them



**Generously Loving God,
On this Thanksgiving, Thank you for
the gift of Your creation.
For the food we are blessed with; the
earth, the sun and the rain.
For those you have had a hand in pre-
paring the meal; our family, our friends
and those we have yet to meet.
For the health of those sharing in the
meal; young and old, far and near.
Bless us and bring us closer to Your love.
We ask for Your grace and mercy. May
we praise You in all we do this day.
AMEN**



**Immaculate Conception
Mass**

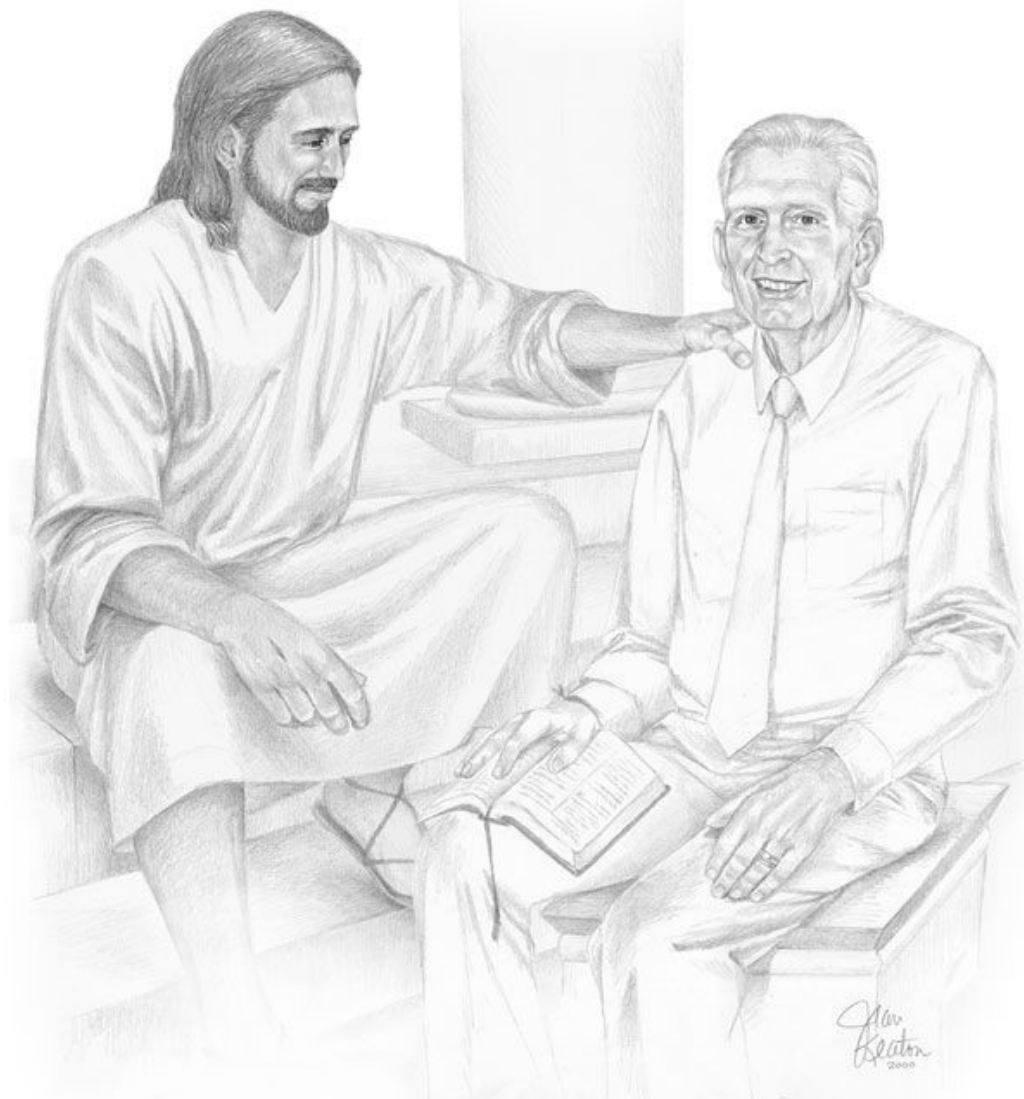
**9:30a.m., Monday,
December 9, 2024**



**Reconciliation Service
and
Individual Reconciliation
10:15a.m., Thursday,
December 12, 2024**

Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly

I thank you, Lord, for the comfort of your presence: even in times of loneliness, you are my hope and my confidence, you have been my rock and my fortress since my youth! I thank you for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank you for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank you for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which you call me. Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations. Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended. Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that you give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen.



Pope Francis' November 2024

Monthly Intention: For Anyone Who has Lost a Child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

St. Barnabas Parish, St. Augustine Church, West Allis



Comfort Prayer

Dear God, I bring every grieving parent into Your throne of grace. Lord, they are going through a lot of pain after the loss of their children. It is not an easy thing for a parent to bury their child. Father comfort them. Help them to continue being faithful to You even through the pain. Lavish them with Your love and fill the void left in their hearts with Your unconditional love. Through Jesus our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

November 25

St. Catherine of Alexandria

O God, Who distinguished Your holy virgin and martyr Catherine by the gift of great wisdom and virtue, and a victorious combat with the enemies of the Faith, grant us, we beseech You, through her intercession, constancy in the Faith and the wisdom of the saints, that we may devote all the powers of our mind and heart to Your service. Through Christ our Lord.

AMEN

St. Catherine, PRAY FOR US.



November 28

Thanksgiving Day

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.



November 30

St. Andrew, Apostle

Blest are You Lord God of the Universe,
who can fathom your divine plan for all creation?

Thank you for sending Your Son, Jesus,
who called Saint Andrew as an apostle.

Give us listening hearts to hear Your call
And to generously respond in service.

Build our self-esteem with Your grace

To meet the challenges of life

Both now and forever.

AMEN

Saint Andrew, PRAY FOR US.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS:

Daily Reading for

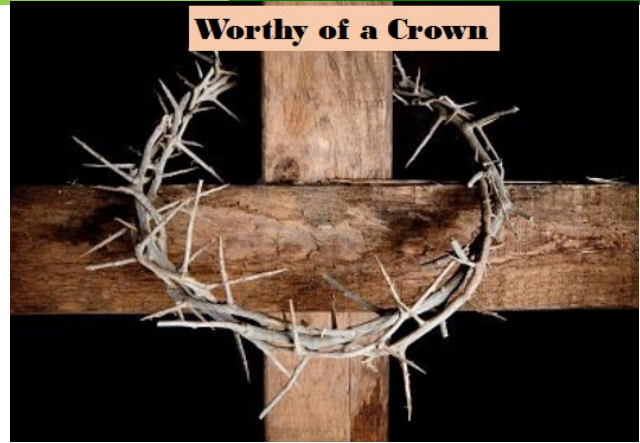
Sunday November 24, 2024

Reading 1, Daniel 7:13-14

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 93:1, 1-2, 5

Gospel, John 18:33-37

Reading 2, Revelation 1:5-8



Worthy of a Crown

Daily Reading for

Monday November 25, 2024

Reading 1, Revelation 14:1-3, 4-5

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Gospel, Luke 21:1-4

Daily Reading for

Friday November 29, 2024

Reading 1, Revelation 20:1-4, 11-21:2

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 84:3, 4, 5-6, 8

Gospel, Luke 21:29-33

Daily Reading for

Tuesday November 26, 2024

Reading 1, Revelation 14:14-19

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 96:10, 11-12, 13

Gospel, Luke 21:5-11

Daily Reading for

Saturday November 30, 2024

Reading 1, Romans 10:9-18

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5

Gospel, Matthew 4:18-22

Daily Reading for

Wednesday November 27, 2024

Reading 1, Revelation 15:1-4

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 7-8, 9

Gospel, Luke 21:12-19

Daily Reading for

Sunday December 1, 2024

Reading 1, Jeremiah 33:14-16

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

Gospel, Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Reading 2, First Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Daily Reading for

Thursday November 28, 2024

Reading 1, Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9

Responsorial Psalm, Psalms 100:2, 3, 4, 5

Gospel, Luke 21:20-28



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