

20 November 2016

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



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Ⓒ TODAY'S READINGS Ⓓ

First Reading — David is anointed king of Israel (2 Samuel 5:1-3).

Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — The Father delivered us to the kingdom of his beloved Son (Colossians 1:12-20).

Gospel — The repentant criminal receives Jesus' promise of Paradise (Luke 23:35-43).

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Ⓒ READINGS FOR THE WEEK Ⓓ

- Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
- Wed: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28
Thanksgiving Day (suggested):
Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
- Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a;

- Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
- Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

The complete text of the daily lectionary readings can be found at www.usccb.org/bible/readings

Ⓒ MASSES FOR THE WEEK Ⓓ

- Monday November 21
12:05pm **Geraldine Marren & Family (D)**
Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
- Tuesday November 22
12:05pm **Old St. Joseph's Memorial Society**
Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
- Wed. November 23
12:05pm **Edward & Mary Britt Family (D)**
Presider: Fr. Phil Florio, S.J.
- Thursday November 24 *Thanksgiving Day*
12:05pm Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
- Friday November 25
12:05pm **Thomas L. Farris (D)**
Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
- Saturday November 26
12:05pm **Winifred Grace (D)**
Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
5:30pm Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
- Sunday November 27
7:30am Presider: Fr. Ed Dougherty, S.J.
9:30am Presider: Fr. Ed O'Donnell, S.J.
11:30am Presider: Fr. Phil Florio, S.J.
6:30pm Presider: Fr. Jack Kelly, S.J.

Ⓒ THIS WEEK AT OSJ Ⓓ

- Mon 7:30p: Adult Ed Book Disc. (Drexel)
- 21

- Tues 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
- 22 Al-Anon (Drexel)

- Sat 12noon: Food, Faith and Friends (Barbelin)
- 26

- Sun 9:30a: CLOW (Barbelin)
- 27 5:30p: YAC Pre-Mass Reflection (Drexel/Courtyard)

AMDG



Please remember our sick and homebound sisters and brothers: Jack Lees, Anna Marie Montone, Hugh McNicholas, Joanne Press, Nada Sizgorich, Rosemarie Tucillo; Kristin Marrow, Marie

Malloy, Will Morrow, Betty Pfeiffer, Jenny Moore, Marie Wojcik, Amy Harrison, Margaret Ward, Mike Margarite, Michael Upton, Marjorie Heald, Walter Schalleur, Marie Jacobs, JoAnna Pearl, Lucy Pearl, James McBride, Fr. James McAndrews, S.J, Irene Stone, Judy Woodson, Amy Harrison, Dr. Barbara Cahill Giannaccari, Marge Filmyer, Karen Lockyer, Joseph Burk, Ed Tomezsko. Pray also for our ministry at Pennsylvania Hospital.

Names will be removed after 4 weeks unless request is renewed.

《 FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP 》

Offertory for the week ending November 6, 2016

Collection	Regular	Online	Total
Daily Mass	\$235.00	n/a	\$235.00
Sunday Mass	\$6,101.00	\$6,296.50	\$12,397.50

Online Giving contributed 51% of the Sunday offertory.

Offertory for the week ending November 13, 2016

Collection	Regular	Online	Total
Daily Mass	\$270.00	n/a	\$270.00
Sunday Mass	\$6,580.50	\$3,335.50	\$9,916.00

Online Giving contributed 34% of the Sunday offertory.

Additional Offertories

All Saints Day	\$1,176.00
All Souls Day	\$791.00

Online Givers – Funds have been set up for the following special collections:

Fund	Fund available online
Hurricane Matthew Relief	Through Dec 4

Ever wonder why our offertory amount spikes one Sunday every month? *It's because we deposit our monthly online giver' contributions on the second Sunday. Weekly contributions are credited as we receive*

them. Thank you all, and please consider joining the online crew!

《 ONLINE GIVING 》

Old St. Joseph's provides Online Giving – a convenient, flexible and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation to the fund of your choice (e.g., Sunday Offertory, FF&F, HPC, Ars Sacra). For Online Givers who are uneasy about not putting anything in the collection basket, "I gave online" cards are available at the back of the church. Simply put a card in the basket to represent your gift.

See the flyer at the back of the church for frequently asked questions about Online Giving and for instructions on how to sign up. To sign up for Online Giving, go to our website: www.oldstjoseph.org and click on the Online Giving tab underneath the Important Links column.

《 SECOND COLLECTION 》

Hurricane Matthew Relief: Second Collection this weekend, November 19 & 20: In response to the devastation caused by Hurricane Matthew, the USCCB has asked for a collection to support Catholic Charities USA and the Catholic Relief Services and their work providing aid to victims of Hurricane Matthew in the United States and in Haiti, respectively. Thank you for your generosity.

《 FROM THE PASTOR 》

AMDG

Dear OSJ Family,

So many have recently shared with me concerns with the level of angst, confusion and hostility that has surfaced in our country in these past two years during what proved to be a highly contentious presidential campaign and a growing divide that seems to be increasing in our country over social, political, cultural, moral and religious issues. Aside from recent elections, candidates and personalities, we as Catholic Christians have today Solemn Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe to remind us who is the true King and Shepherd of our souls and the Eternal Ruler of all things.

In 1925, Pope Pius XI instituted The Feast of Christ the King in his encyclical *Quas Primas*. He connected the increasing denial of Christ as the king of our hearts to the rise of secular ideals and worldly vanities that drew some people's attention only toward themselves and away from Christ and others. At

that time, Pope Pius XI, and the rest of the Christian world, witnessed the rise of non-Christian dictatorships in Europe, and saw Catholics being taken in by these earthly leaders. These dictators often attempted to assert authority over our Catholic faith. Thus, the Feast of Christ the King was instituted during a time when respect for Christ and the Church was waning, when a feast was needed most.

Today, as many Americans struggle to make sense of the discord and lack of unity that has been growing for too long in our nation, we can expect a restoration of unity and mutual respect and greater love in the hope that our Eternal King, Jesus, as our shield and protection will guide our elected leaders, our nation and all of the nations of the world. Indeed our good King cannot not fail us he has made that promise to us through his cross and resurrection.

In our present day, the idea of Christ as King is often rejected in our strongly individualistic world. Many balk at the idea of kings and queens, believing them to be out of date and even possibly oppressive, for indeed some rulers have been oppressive throughout history! Some people even reject the titles of "lord" and "king" for Christ because they believe that such titles are borrowed from oppressive systems of government. Whatever truth these statements might hold (again some queens and kings have been oppressive), these individuals miss one major point: Christ's kingship is one of gentle humility and loving service. Jesus said:

You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to become great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:42-45).

It is fitting that the feast celebrating Christ's kingship is observed the week before before Advent, when we liturgically wait for our promised Messiah, our King.

Today then, let us accept CHRIST AS OUR KING, the ruler of our hearts, the ruler of a kingdom where the dignity of all is respected and where all are loved and honored as precious children of one God. Today let us allow this vision of our King to bring unity, peace and serenity to rule in our nation and in our world. As the Church asks us, let us pray that God's wisdom and vision continue to guide our president, Barack Obama,

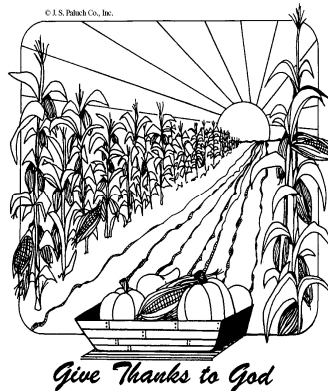
and our president-elect Donald Trump and all of our elected leaders who serve our nation. Indeed, let us place the future in God's loving hands under the reign of our True King, Jesus Christ, who with Mary Our Queen and the entire heavenly court of saints pray for us and guide us to that kingdom for which we work and pray!

Blessed Feast of Christ the King!

Fr Phil Florio, SJ
Pastor

(**PARISH LIFE**)

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



Thanksgiving Schedule:

Thursday, November 24, 2016

Mass: 12:05pm, Rectory
Open: 11:00am to 1:00pm

Friday, November 25, 2016:

Mass: 12:05pm, Rectory
Open: 11:00am to 1:00pm

**New Parishioner Welcome
Coffee Hour!**



Please join us for a special coffee hour welcoming newly registered Parishioners today, Sunday, November 20th after the 9:30am Mass.

All Are Welcome!

Thank you! Once again thank you to all who donated to the Vestment Fund. Please call the office or email Eleanor Margaret, our administrative assistant at office@oldstjoseph.org with the names of the person you wish to remember or honor with your donation.

Music and Worship Notes

As we have previously noted, our Ars Sacra at Old St. Joseph's series of performances and events has made a triumphant return for the 2016-2017 season. And we have a very busy Advent season ahead of us! Please come and show your support for music programs at our parish. These events are free with a free-will offering taken at the door. The offering supports our Ars Sacra at Old St. Joseph's programs and in some cases support the performers themselves. Mark down these dates:

Sunday, November 27 - 4pm

Advent Lessons and Carols

Presented by the Old St. Joseph's Schola Cantorum

Sunday, December 4 - 3:30pm

Madonna and Child - Music of Jacob Gallus (Handl)

Presented by Musica Humana Vocal Consort, directed by Mark Rimple

Saturday, December 17 - 8pm

Messiah, Part I

Presented by the Old St. Joseph's Schola Cantorum

We also would like to thank the parishioners who responded to our appeal to consider financially supporting our Schola Cantorum. If you are interested in helping to insure the quality of our Worship Music, please contact Pat for more details.

Religious Christmas cards are for sale after Sunday Masses. The cards come in packs of ten, and each contain a variety of different artwork. The pack usually retails for \$18, but will be sold at OSJ for **\$13.50**. All proceeds benefit the church.

ADULT ED

We have a book club at Old Saint Joseph's and you are welcome to join! Our book for December is *Nora Webster* by Colm Toibin. Toibin's novel was chosen as a New York Times Notable Book of 2014 and was selected as one of the top 10 books of 2014 by The Christian Science Monitor. Here is the Irish Times' description of it: "About as perfect as a book can get. Through the character of one Irish widow, Toibin reflects on grief, both as a private and a public business."

We meet next on Tuesday, 6 December, at 7:30pm in the Loyola Room of the rectory. Contact Carol Shloss at shlosscarol@gmail.com.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY



Advent Day of Retreat: On Saturday, December 17th, Fr. Florio will direct a one day retreat at the Cranaleith Spiritual Center in NE Philadelphia. During this hectic time of Christmas shopping and rushing around, wouldn't it be nice to set aside one Saturday afternoon to stop, quiet

down and prepare yourself for the birth of the Lord? Mark your calendar and plan ahead to set some time aside for yourself. It could be the best present you give yourself this Christmas! **Space is limited, so by Monday, December 12 please RSVP to: osjspirituality@oldstjoseph.org.**

Advent At-Home Retreat: The annual At-Home retreat is a book of daily prayers and reflections that affords each of us the opportunity to take a few minutes each day to reflect on the many gifts the Lord has given us. **The Ignatian Spirituality Committee will be passing out the book of reflections the weekend of November 19th & 20th.**

Office of Ignatian Spirituality—The Office of Ignatian Spirituality (OIS), formerly The Jesuit Collaborative, is a ministry of the two East Coast Jesuit Provinces. We are dedicated to helping people grow closer to God through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. Please Join us for a time of prayer, reflection and fellowship at our Ignatian Advent Gatherings: **Nov. 29**, at Dahlgren Chapel, Washington, DC, **Dec. 1**, at St. Ignatius Church, Boston MA, **Dec. 6**, at Old St. Joseph's Church, Phila, PA, and **Dec. 7**, St. Francis Xavier Church in New York, NY. **All gatherings begin at 6:30pm.** Please find more information at <http://www.jesuit-collaborative.org/advent2016>

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Please join the Social Justice Committee in the Old St Joseph's Annual Giving Tree for Advent. We will again be collecting books and gifts for the children at the Gesu School, the elderly, Project HOME and Little Brothers/Little Sisters. Please take a tag from the tree beginning the weekend of November 26. More information to follow.

Concerns? Questions? The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) encourages you to write with any suggestions, concerns or questions to osjpc@oldstjoseph.org. AMDG

☾ YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY ☽

Warm Clothing Drive: Cold weather has arrived and YAC is responding to the need for warm clothing by coordinating a drive with Food, Faith and Friends. We are looking for donations of **men's hats, gloves and warm socks.** Donations can be dropped off at YAC spirituality nights, pre-Mass reflection groups and Sunday cook-ins between now and December 11th. The next cook-in is **Sunday, Dec 11.** Food, Faith and Friend's is OSJ's ministry to homeless men. FF&F serves over 250 meals a week and provides computer classes, Life Recovery, health education, tutoring and clothing in the effort to care for these clients. All are welcome to contribute. Please email Megan at mpirilutski@gmail.com with any questions.



Young Adult Pre-Mass Reflection Group, Sundays at 5:30pm, OSJ Courtyard or Drexel Parlor: All young adults are invited to prepare and reflect as a group for the Sunday readings that will be heard at the 6:30 Mass. Prayer will begin at 5:30, end between 6:15/6:20, and materials will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact us at osjyac@gmail.com.



"Quick, put these on! And remember, from here on out we're all peacocks!"

☾ AROUND THE CORNER ☽

As you may know, our cantor, Jen Creed, has been asked to compose and perform a monthly series of one-woman shows, receiving rave reviews at our nearby cabaret room, L'etage (6th and Bainbridge). Her next shows are as follows: **Sunday 12/11 and Thursday 12/15**—Jen's Christmas Cabaret. 6:30pm Doors, 7:30pm show. After the 12/15 show, Jen will be taking a break in 2017 from her monthly L'etage

schedule. Make sure you see her spectacular one-woman shows before the end of the year! **Tickets at jencreed.com.**

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