

## Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King of the Universe – November 25, 2018

### The King Who is Forever of a Kingdom that is Forever

Jesus affirms that he **is a king**, but he also affirms that his kingdom does not "belong to this world." This was and is important for Him to mention, because Pontius Pilate, the Roman Governor who was interrogating, was worried that Jesus was trying to organize some kind of **political rebellion** against the Roman Empire. And Jesus explains that he was **not**.

But if Jesus is not a political king, **what kind** of king is he? If his kingdom is "not of this world," **what kind** of kingdom is it? On the Solemnity of Christ the King back in 2006, Pope Benedict 16th **explained** the answers to these questions: "[Jesus] did not come to **rule over peoples and territories**," the Pope pointed out, "but to **set people free** from the slavery of sin and to reconcile them with God." Ever since Original Sin, this fallen world has been **enslaved to selfishness** and **separated** from God.

Tempted by the devil, our first parents **believed the lie** that they could achieve the fulfillment, meaning, and happiness they longed for **apart from God**. That lie led them to **disobey** God's commands, to act as if they themselves were "gods." That self-centered rebellion, instead of **liberating** the human race, **poisoned** it with suffering, death, and Evil. By throwing off God's rule, we made ourselves into followers of the **very first rebel** against God: the devil.

Jesus came to **save** us, by bringing the **light of truth** back into our darkened, confused world. And what is that truth, the truth that will set us free from sin? **That God is love**.

By **accepting** God's love in our life, we accept the **antidote** to the poison and are reinstated as **citizens** of the Kingdom of God, where Christ is the everlasting King.

"The way to reach this goal is long and admits of no short cuts: indeed, every person must freely accept the truth of God's love. He is Love and Truth, and neither Love nor Truth are ever imposed: they come knocking at the doors of the heart and the mind and where they can enter, they bring peace and joy. This is how God reigns; this is his project of salvation, a "mystery" in the biblical sense of the word: a plan that is gradually revealed in history." - Pope Benedict 16, 2006.

Father Blake Evans, Pastor



Rest in Peace

**Michael L. Myers**, died on Monday, November 12. Funeral at Nativity on Monday, November 26. Viewing at 5:00 pm, Mass at 6:00 pm.

Eternal rest grant unto him, oh Lord



Youth choir. Malaika Campbell and Patrick Edwards are working with our kids on a new Youth Choir. Please sign up! All children are welcome. We

practice on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month and minister on Youth Sunday every month. For more information please contact Malaika Campbell at [myangel\\_mdc@comcast.net](mailto:myangel_mdc@comcast.net) or (202) 491-3019.

We are looking for volunteers to help one Sunday a month for 30 minutes during Mass. Contact Malaika Campbell at (202) 491-3019 or at [myangel\\_mdc@comcast.net](mailto:myangel_mdc@comcast.net)



Aid to the Church in Need

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In solidarity with the persecuted Church, please join **Aid to the Church in Need** for a **Night of Witness**, part of a *worldwide* effort to honor present day martyrs and suffering Christian. The *Night of Witness Vespers* service takes place on November 28, 2018 from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Basilica. It will be followed by a reception. If you plan to attend, visit <https://www.churchinneed.org/courage-in-red/> and click on the Yes, I will Attend button to RSVP.



The **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** of the Blessed Virgin Mary is December 8<sup>th</sup>. It is a holy day of obligation, the faithful must attend Holy Mass. Nativity will offer a vigil at 5:30 pm and 2 masses: 8:00 and 10:00 am.

# Mass Intentions for the Week



## November 24 – December 1, 2018

Sat. 11/24	8:00 am	Natividad Satuito (birthday)
	4:30pm	+Lucia Colon Fortis
Sun. 11/25	8:00am	+Barbara Jackson
	10:00am	Evonne McDaniel
	1:00 pm	People of the Parish
Mon. 11/26	12:00	<b>NO MASS</b>
	6:00pm	+Michael Myers funeral mass
Tue 11/27	12:00	+Bishop Thomas Grady
Wed. 11/28	12:00	+Jane Blanski
Thu. 11/29	12:00	+Rafaela Evans
Fri. 11/30	12:00	Rainey Carter
Sat. 12/1	8:00 am	Homebound sick parishioners
	4:30pm	People of the Parish

Sunday - 2	Advent
	Sodality monthly meeting
	BICOL Christmas meeting
Friday - 7	5:30pm Vigil mass –
	Immaculate Conception
Saturday - 8	Immaculate Conception.
	8:00am Mass
	10:00am mass Youth Day
Sunday -9	Sodality Bake Sale
Wednesday – 12	6:30pm Mass Virgin of Guadalupe
Saturday -15	8:00am Legion of Mary Meeting

### **Please pray for the sick of our Parish:**

\*Alice R. Allen, \*Amina Anderson-Pringle, \*Ann Butler, \*William Cammack, \*Lukas Pastier, \*Carmen Dolores Campos, \*Carla Andrea Catacora, \*Shawn Coleman, \*William Corbel, \*Maria Cruz, \*Maurice & Flora Detiege \*Kevin Fagan, \*Isel Fitzgerald, \*Dion A. Fortune, \*Linda Foster, \*Charlie Gick, \*John Green, Sr., \*Janet Henery, \*Blanca Hernandez, \*Lawrence C. Hill, \*Lee Hobbs, \* Sydney Horge, \*Francis Howard, \*Elaine Hunt, \*Helen Hurd, \*Larry Ivy, \*Irene Jimenez, \*Geraldine Jones, \*Charles Johnson, \*Odile Kalla, \*Michael Kelly, \*Busara Keneddy, \*Claude Kolthoff, \*Betty Lawton, \*Yavonna Lewis, \*Sandra Lucas, \*Eric Malcolm, \*Edwin & Regina Mbanude, \* Theresa McNair, \*Edith Mebane, \*Maria Magdalena Medrano, \*Agnes Moore, \*Clarence Morris, \*Gina Myers, \*Iris Newman, \*Sheryl Newman, \*Amelie Ongbehahal, \*D. Cynhia Peters, \*James Pope, \*Dorothy Richburg, \*Auristela Roman, \*Rosa Maria Santos, \*Bonafacio Selayo \*Delores Sloan, \*Adrian Smith, \*Alice Smith, \*Bernadette Smith, \*Theresa Smith, \*Louise Sweatt, \*Suzie Thompson, \*Emily Towles, \*Dominic Valentine, \*Dorothy Waring, \*Paul Williams, \*Florentina Zoretta



### ***A special Marian/Advent/Christmas Youth day***

**DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>. 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

For young people starting at 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to Senior in High School

#### **Sign up in advance!**

- ✓ fun,
- ✓ games,
- ✓ lessons,
- ✓ lunch,
- ✓ daily mass,
- ✓ mentor help from young peers

#### **ATTENDANCE REPORT**

**11/18/18**

**Attendance: 478 souls**

Offerings & Tithes: \$5,122

Spanish Mass: \$210

Utility fund: \$763

Our Lady of Bethesda Center will run the program - (Our Lady of Bethesda center 1 Priest, 1 Brother, 1 Lay Youth Missionary; and High School volunteers. Chaperones and other helpers are welcome.