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Sunday in
Ordinary Time

In the Beginning...

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Sunday, November 20 is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. It is the last Sunday of the Liturgical year. Sunday, November 27 is the beginning of Advent and the beginning of a new Liturgical year. We move from celebrating Jesus Christ as King of the Universe to anticipating the arrival of Jesus as an infant. We'll start the journey all over again as the Church guides from His birth to His public ministry, to His passion, death and resurrection, to His ascension, to the birth of the Church, to our call of ongoing conversion and missionary work spreading the good news and again to seeing Him as King of the Universe.

It's a cycle that we repeat year after year and it reminds me that God is there for us, year after year, day after day. He's waiting for us to start anew every day. If you stumble, He is there to steady you. If you fall, He is there to pick you up.

But we have to look for him. We have to engage ourselves in this journey. If we don't pay attention to the Liturgical year, we may remain oblivious to how the Church is trying to help us. Likewise if we don't pay attention to God, we may remain oblivious to His presence.

One way to increase our attention in both areas is to participate more fully in the life of the Church. Attending Mass every Sunday is important (you'll remainder it's one of the minimal requirements to be a "practicing Catholic"). With this coming new year, let's try to commit to do more than that. In addition to attending Mass once a week, try to get involved in another activity. We have plenty of options here at St. Jude and there will be more coming. I look forward to seeing you at some of them!

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION PREP

This week Dr. Scott explains how Jesus gave us EVERYTHING! Check it out:

[You Are Loved: Episode 3](#)

If you haven't signed up for [Formed.org](#) yet, what are you waiting for??? Click the link, Search "49525" and click on St. Jude then follow the sign up instructions. It's FREE!

We have our schedule for parent meetings and other events leading up to First Holy Communion. Please see below. You can reach out to Janet and Marty with any questions:

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According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "The role of parents in education is of such importance that it is almost impossible to provide an adequate substitute" (CCC 2221).

Although the parish helps to form our children in the faith, no one can take the place of the parents' role in forming holy individuals. As parents, we should be well equipped to answer questions and to act, not only as the first teachers, but as the first witnesses of faith. This page is intended to help you in the journey as we work together to prepare your children for this special moment in their lives!

SAINT JUDE

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION / RECONCILIATION

DATES TO REMEMBER

PARENT MEETINGS

Sunday, January 15, 2023 5:30- 7 PM

Sunday, February 19, 2023 5:30 - 7PM

Sunday, March 19, 2023 5:30 - 7 PM

FAMILY MASS & BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 16, 10:30AM Mass

Breakfast after Mass

Student decorate Communion Plates

RECONCILIATION

REVIEW & CHURCH TOUR

Students only

Sunday April 23, 2023 5:30 - 6:30 PM

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Thursday April 27, 2023 6:30 PM

FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE

Thursday May 4, 2023 6:30PM

First Holy Communion Mass

Sunday May 7, 2023 10:30AM



SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

By Scott Hahn

Readings:

[2 Samuel 5:1-3](#)

[Psalm 122:1-5](#)

[Colossians 1:12-20](#)

[Luke 23:35-43](#)

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Week by week, the Liturgy has been preparing us for the revelation to be made on this, the last Sunday of the Church year.

Jesus, we have been shown, is truly the Chosen One, the Messiah of God, the King of the Jews. Ironically, in today's Gospel we hear these names on the lips of those who don't believe in Him—Israel's rulers, the soldiers, a criminal dying alongside Him.

They can only see the scandal of a bloodied figure nailed to a cross. They scorn Him in words and gestures foretold in Israel's Scriptures (see [Psalm 22:7-9](#); [69:21-22](#); [Wisdom 2:18-20](#)). If He is truly King, God will rescue Him, they taunt. But He did not come to save Himself, but to save them—and us.

The good thief shows us how we are to accept the salvation He offers us. He confesses his sins and acknowledges he deserves to die for them. And he calls on the name of Jesus, seeking His mercy and forgiveness.

By his faith he is saved. Jesus "remembers" him—as God has always remembered His people, visiting them with His saving deeds, numbering them among His chosen heirs (see [Psalm 106:4-5](#)).

By the blood of His cross, Jesus reveals His Kingship—not in saving His own life, but in offering it as a ransom for ours. He transfers us to "the kingdom of His beloved Son," as today's Epistle tells us.

His kingdom is the Church, the new Jerusalem and House of David that we sing of in today's Psalm.

By their covenant with David in today's First Reading, Israel's tribes are made one "bone and flesh" with their king. By the New Covenant made in His blood, Christ becomes one flesh with the people of His kingdom—the head of His body, the Church (see [Ephesians 5:23-32](#)).

We celebrate and renew this covenant in every Eucharist, giving thanks for our redemption, hoping for the day when we too will be with Him in Paradise.

"One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

LUKE 23:39-43

The Gospel at Home

THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reading

Luke 23:35-43 - Jesus is crucified under the title King of the Jews.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Savior of all.

Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Savior of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation.

Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Savior of all.

Family Connection

Understanding today's Feast of Christ the King may be particularly challenging. While we may not have a direct experience of kings or royalty, we have some sense of what these mean. We know that royalty have sovereignty over their kingdom. We know that those who are subjects to royalty offer them allegiance and honor. Christ is King in a way that is different from traditional understandings of royalty. Christ's kingship extends to all places, all people, and all times. Christ manifests his kingship through his death on the Cross, in which he offers salvation to all.

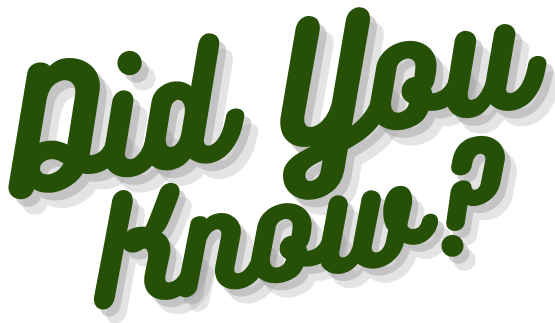
Recall with your children stories that you may have read about royalty. Talk with your children about what they have learned from these stories about what it means to be a king. Talk about what they have learned from these stories about what it means to be a subject.

Tell your children that this Sunday is the last Sunday in the Church Year, and on this Sunday, we celebrate a special feast called the Feast of Christ the King. Read today's Gospel, Luke 23:35-43. Reflect together on how the various people in this Gospel respond to Jesus on the Cross. Who in this Gospel recognizes Jesus as King? (the thief) What does Jesus promise the thief as a result? (The thief will be with Jesus in paradise.)

Talk about how your family will recognize and honor Christ the King. Pray together the Lord's Prayer and ask God to help your family to act in ways that show you recognize and honor Christ as King.

"And the people stood by, watching; but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him vinegar, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'"

LUKE 23:35-38



The Liturgical year reflects the life of Christ.

Every year the Church guides us through the life of Christ and His Church. Our "new year" begins with Advent about a month before the calendar's new year.

The liturgical year is made up of six seasons:

[Advent](#) - four weeks of preparation before the celebration of Jesus' birth

[Christmas](#) - recalling the Nativity of Jesus Christ and his manifestation to the peoples of the world

[Lent](#) - a six-week period of penance before Easter

[Sacred Paschal Triduum](#) - the holiest "Three Days" of the Church's year, where the Christian people recall the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus

[Easter](#) - 50 days of joyful celebration of the Lord's resurrection from the dead and his sending forth of the Holy Spirit

[Ordinary Time](#) - divided into two sections (one span of 4-8 weeks after Christmas Time and another lasting about six months after Easter Time), wherein the faithful consider the fullness of Jesus' teachings and works among his people

The mystery of Christ, unfolded through the cycle of the year, calls us to live his mystery in our own lives. This call is best illustrated in the lives of Mary and the saints, celebrated by the Church throughout the year. There is no tension between the mystery of Christ and the celebration of the saints, but rather a marvelous harmony. The Blessed Virgin Mary is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son, and the feasts of all the saints proclaim the wonderful works of Christ in his servants and offer the faithful fitting examples for their imitation. (Source: [USCCB](#))

Liturgical Colors

(Note the priest's vestments during the seasons)

White: Christmas Time and Easter Time; celebrations of the Lord (except of his Passion), of Mary, of the Angels, and of Saints who were not Martyrs; solemnities of the Most Holy Trinity (Sun. after Pentecost), of All Saints (Nov. 1), and of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (June 24); feasts of the Conversion of St. Paul (Jan. 25), of the Chair of St. Peter (Feb. 22), and of St. John (Dec. 27);

Red – Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Pentecost Sunday; celebrations of the Lord's Passion, of Apostles, and of Evangelists; celebrations of Martyrs

Green – Ordinary Time

Violet – Advent and Lent; Masses for the Dead

Rose - Third Sun. of Advent and Fourth Sun. of Lent

UPCOMING EVENTS

Opportunities to Grow in Faith

Sunday, November 20:

11:30am - RCIA right after Mass.

5:30pm - Faith Formation classes for Grades 1-8.

Monday, November 21:

6:30pm - Living Your Strengths in the Brophy Center

7:00pm - Women's Bible Study in the Thaddeus Center

Tuesday, November 22:

7:00pm - Men of Emmaus in the Millennium Conference Room: Men of any age are welcome to join together in fellowship as we journey in faith together. No need to register; Just show up and say hi!

7:30pm - Book Club in the Thaddeus Center - Reading "Orthodoxy" by G.K. Chesterton. Contact Anne Tawney for more information at annettawney@gmail.com.

Wednesday, November 23:

8:30am - Senior Men's Group in the Thaddeus Center. Do you like to play cards? We are a group of senior men who play cards at St. Jude in the Thaddeus Center. We meet every Wednesday at 8:30am. If you are interested or have any questions, call Denny Biggins at 616-365-1371

Thursday, November 24:

Thanksgiving

10:00am - Mass in the church

"Jesus replied,
'The first is
this: 'Hear, O
Israel! The Lord
our God is Lord
alone! You shall
love the Lord
your God with
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MARK 12:29-30

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