

# Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

◆ November 22, 2015 ◆

**L**ike many people, when I hear the words “king” and “queen,” I have an image formed by fairy tales and historical novels. The rulers of countries live in castles. They wear crowns and long capes and sit on thrones while their loyal subjects pay them homage. While I am aware that modern kings and queens wear “regular” clothes unless tradition dictates otherwise and that castles have become more contemporary, I still watch royal weddings for a glimpse of the pageantry that fed my childhood fantasies.

Pilate had an idea of what kings were like, too. In the first century, kings made laws and led people into battle. They had great armies and were a danger to another country’s way of life. The Jews kept talking about a Messiah who would become king and destroy Israel’s enemies. Pilate wasn’t taking any chances. For Rome’s sake, he would get rid of anyone who seemed a threat.

What Pilate failed to realize was that Israel’s king had a very specific function, and it was not to make laws or lead armies.

Instead, the king was to study and obey the Law of God and become himself the example of obedience (see Dt 17:18–20). When Pilate called Jesus “the King of the Jews,” his words were truer than he knew, for Jesus was obedient to his Father, even unto accepting death for our sake. But Pilate had no idea why he was right because he was thinking in human terms.

Today we honor Christ, the king of the Jews, of all of us, and of the whole universe. Let us see him as he is and do as he does.

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## Today's Readings

Dn 7:13–14

Rv 1:5–8

Jn 18:33b–37

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## CHRIST THE KING - NOVEMBER 22, 2015

### ★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT 5:15 PM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS  
 SUN 7:30 AM PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY  
 9:00 AM PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY  
 11:00 AM PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY  
 MON 9:00 AM **ICA Mass** - CHRISTINE GRITT  
 TUE 7:00 PM ANTONIO BARLETTA - 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
 WED 7:30 AM ELIZABETH BARTH

THU 9:00 AM MAGGIE & WARREN IMES  
 FRI **No Mass**  
 SAT 5:15 PM HELEN JANISZEWSKI  
 SUN 7:30 AM PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY  
 9:00 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS  
 11:00 AM PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Eleanor Painter and  
 In Memory of Kathleen Reppert*

### NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

**SCRIP:** Sponsor: Porambo 5:15 Costanzo 7:30 Schwendt 9:00 Carvalho 11:00 Hafer

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Shirley Wheeler	Mary Schwendt	Trey Bradfield, Ryan Ferrante, Colby Mullins
SUN	7:30am	Sean Werner	Adeline Kieffer	Alex, Jason and Mark Carvalho
	9:00am	Pam Amos	Barrie Pease	Chris and Lyndsay Surkowky, Zachary Whalen
	11:00am	Susan DiGuglielmo	Mike Bobb	Joey Cizmarik, John and Nick Dinnocenti

### **The second collection next week is for Religious Ministries**

#### **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

ICA 8<sup>th</sup> grade is sponsoring our annual **Breakfast with Santa** on December 5<sup>th</sup>! There are seating's at 8am and 10am. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, juice, coffee/milk will be served. We will have face painting, cookie and ornament decorating, pictures with Santa and a Christmas Petting Zoo! Tickets are \$8, age 2 and under free. Tickets sell out quickly so get yours today! Call 610-404-8645 for more information!!!

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Marco Fiato, Bryan Fiato, John & Margaret Kakas, Maryanne Prentice, Tracy Seasholtz, Aaron Gulla, John Iezzi, Delores Woy, Alice Arantowicz, Alice Smyk, , Yolanda Marino, Robert Mariani, Marie Snyder, Ann Schlott, Maryanna Niemczyk, Kathy Patrick, Doris Slater, Joseph & Susan McCorristin, Mary & Phil Morici, Margaret Maccarone, Father Joseph Campion, Dan Casciano, Rex Voelker, Linda Ritchie, Paisley Stout, Jake Maccarone, Walter & Marjorie Hansen, Betty Erjavec, Christine Flanagan, Joann Gilbert, Thomas Kirchner, Sharon Kirkpatrick, Irene Wade, Linda Rathman, William Janda, Curt Miller, Stephen Thomkins, Carolyn Creech, Janet Motta, James Smith and Ted Reznick

Welcome our new parishioners: Mr. & Mrs. Guy Wagner, Ms. Jennifer Wagner, Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Floyd

**HOSPITAL VISITATIONS:** Monsignor McCann, Deacon Hiryak, Deacon Bardi and Deacon Giordano visit our parishioners who are hospitalized, in nursing homes or homebound regularly. If you or a member of your family is hospitalized, please call the parish office at 610-582-2411.

**THIS WEEK AT ICC:**

**Mon 11/23 7:30pm RCIA**  
**Tues 11/24 7:30pm Bell Choir**  
**Sat 11/28 4-5pm Confession**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING**

On Thanksgiving Day, November 26<sup>th</sup>, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at 9am. You are cordially invited to attend with your family so as to begin Thanksgiving Day with the greatest act of Thanksgiving to God.

***Please note there will be NO MASS on Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.***



Our parish office will be closed on November 26<sup>th</sup> and November 27<sup>th</sup> in observance of the holiday.

***On Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at 9:00am with the children of Immaculate Conception Academy.***

**2015 Walk-A-Thon for Catholic Education**

Donations are being gratefully accepted. Please place in an envelope marked "ICA Walk-a-Thon" and mail to Immaculate Conception Academy or drop in any Sunday collection basket.

**All donations are greatly appreciated.**

**ICA HSO 12 Days of Christmas Raffle**

**December 3 - \$50 Wawa Gift Card**

**December 4 - \$75 Visa Gift Card**

**December 7 - \$100 Red Lobster Gift Card**

**December 7 - \$125 Visa Gift Card**

**December 9 - \$150 Giant Gift Card**

**December 10 - \$175 Visa Gift Card**

**December 11 - \$200 Toys-R-Us Gift Card**

**December 14 - \$225 Visa Gift Card**

**December 15 - \$250 Target Gift Card**

**December 16 - \$275 Visa Gift Card**

**December 17 - \$300 Amazon Gift Card**

**December 18 - Grand Prize - \$500 Visa Gift card**

**Tickets \$5 each or \$20 for five. Tickets will be available in the church office or by emailing [ica.hso@gmail.com](mailto:ica.hso@gmail.com).**

**Winners will be announced at [www.ichso.org](http://www.ichso.org)**

**Thanksgiving Eve Community Ecumenical Service**

Join with those of our local community on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 7-8pm at St. Paul's UCC (300 W 1<sup>st</sup> St), for the Birdsboro Community Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service. With refreshments to follow, this is a beautiful opportunity to dedicate our thanks to God and to build the bonds of Christian community with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

*If you could see the face of God in your life every day, would you want to or would you turn away? If you could hear the voice of God in your heart every day, would you listen? If you could have a taste of the Kingdom of God now, would you want to? If your answer is YES, this seminar is for you. Registration is now open on-line for the "Not Just Running with Jesus" Seminars being held this advent season. Visit [www.single-hearted.com](http://www.single-hearted.com) or call John Paul Kasperowicz at 215-499-1641 for more information.*

All women of the parish are invited to join the members of the Women's Society for our Annual Christmas Luncheon, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at Vincenzo's in Douglassville. The meal includes your choice of Italian wedding soup, house salad, or Caesar salad; soft drink; dessert. Entrée choices are: Eggplant Parmigiana, Fettuccini Alfredo with Chicken, Baked Ziti with or without meat, Grilled Chicken, Shrimp, or Salmon Salad. Cost of meal is \$23.50 (checks made payable to ICC WS). Please contact Lynda at 610-689-4076 or Margie at [mpratt@albright.edu](mailto:mpratt@albright.edu) by **November 23<sup>rd</sup>** with your entrée choice and payment. You can drop your payment (noting your entrée selection) in the collection basket at any mass. We hope to see you there!

The Women's Society will be holding our annual Christmas Cookie Sale before and after all Masses December 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>. We will have our beautiful pre-packaged assortments along with bagged cookies to add to your cookie collection. Please consider a donation of a few dozen of the favorite cookies you bake. Cookies should be bagged by the dozen and labeled and may be dropped at our table in the narthex before all Masses. Cookies being donated for inclusion in the assortments do not need to be bagged by the dozen and should be dropped off December 12<sup>th</sup> from 9am-11am in the social hall where we will be assembling and packaging. Please join in the fun. We are also accepting donations of festive containers/plates for the assortments.

The Women's Society would like to thank all of the women who helped bake and distribute this year's Apple Dumplings. We sold 800 dumplings and could not have done it without your help. We also wish to thank everyone who purchased the dumplings. We hope you enjoyed eating them as much as we enjoyed making them.

The Mass Intention Book for 2016 is open. Parishioners are invited to come to the parish office, Tuesdays through Fridays after 11am to schedule a Mass (\$10) or to reserve the Sanctuary Lamp (\$25). Due to the number of Intentions and the limited number of days per year, please limit your requests to four per person per year.

**Mark your calendars now! ICC will sponsor a bus to the March for Life scheduled for January 22, 2016. Watch the bulletin for upcoming details. Plan to attend and witness to the sanctity of all human life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.**

"Chosen, Blessed, Shared" supports the Endowment for the Care of Retired Priests. Thank you to those who gave so generously to the "Chosen, Blessed, Shared" annual fund. Everyone can support the retired priests of our Diocese by making a gift to the Endowment Fund for the Care of Retired Priests. This special fund is used to directly support retired priests in good standing including the future costs of their healthcare, insurance, and housing and sustenance. Please return your gift using the envelope you received in the mail or from the brochures in the narthex. These envelopes may be returned in the mail or in the collection basket at Mass. Your generosity supports retired priests from all 5 counties of our Diocese.

**Daniel Boone Interact Club Cordially Invite You to the Annual Christmas Luncheon for Seniors – Daniel Boone High School, December 10th at 12pm with Christmas Carols presented by Daniel Boone High School Choir. RSVP [muhleisen@dboone.org](mailto:muhleisen@dboone.org) or 610-582-6100, x2202.**



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# Dear Padre



## Does Jesus transcend the limits of time, space?



Revelation says God is “the one who is and who was and who is to come” (1:8). Does this apply to Jesus as well? The Creed says he was “born of the Father before all ages.”

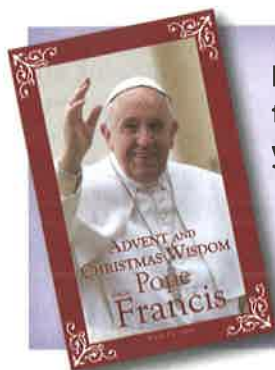
John 1:1–3 says, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be.” Similarly, the author of Wisdom refers to the Word and Spirit of God this way: “Now with you is Wisdom, who knows your works and was present when you made the world” (9:9).

Origen, one of the early Church fathers, pointed out, “whatever is said of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, is to be understood as transcending all time, all ages, and all eternity” (*The Fundamental Doctrines*, 4:4:1).

This means that even though Jesus was physically born into the world as we were, we cannot equate Jesus’ birth with our birth. Jesus transcends the limits of time and space. This is a mystery involving his dual natures—of his being fully human and fully divine.

The Word of God is eternal; it has always existed, and it always will. In this context, it is not simply a published text or historical figure. Jesus is the Incarnation of the Word. Therefore, his presence and redemptive grace span history and geography.

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During this Advent season, “remember the real gift: God giving himself to us through the Incarnation. Reflect on yourself. In how many ways can you become a gift from God to those you know and to those you do not?”

—From *Advent and Christmas Wisdom From Pope Francis* by John Cleary

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**Monday**  
NOVEMBER 23  
Weekday  
Dn 1:1–6, 8–20  
Lk 21:1–4

**Tuesday**  
NOVEMBER 24  
St. Andrew Dung–Lac,  
Priest, and Companions,  
Martyrs  
Dn 2:31–45  
Lk 21:5–11

**Wednesday**  
NOVEMBER 25  
Weekday  
Dn 5:1–6, 13–14,  
16–17, 23–28  
Lk 21:12–19

**Thursday**  
NOVEMBER 26  
Weekday  
Dn 6:12–28  
Lk 21:20–28

**Friday**  
NOVEMBER 27  
Weekday  
Dn 7:2–14  
Lk 21:29–33

**Saturday**  
NOVEMBER 28  
Weekday  
Dn 7:15–27  
Lk 21:34–36

**Sunday**  
NOVEMBER 29  
First Sunday of Advent  
Jer 33:14–16  
1 Thes 3:12–4:2  
Lk 21:25–28, 34–36

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