

# The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 26, 2023

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17  
Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6  
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28  
Mt 25:31-46

**“The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall  
want.”**



**St. Dominic's is a Catholic  
Parish Inspired by  
Dominican Spirituality  
Igniting the Faith for the  
Salvation of Souls**

## Altar Flowers for Solemnity of Christ the King

### Mass Intentions

Sun	11/26	7:30 a.m.	(B) Joyce Hope
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Bruzillus & Nadiene Shields
		11:00 a.m.	(T) People of the Parish
		1:00 p.m.	(R) John Kelly
Mon	11/27	6:45 a.m.	(R) Joao & Louisa DaSilva
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Aristoteles Fernandez
Tues	11/28	6:45 a.m.	(R) Manuel & Maria Xavier
		8:15 a.m.	(A) Lolito & Menesia Abad
Wed	11/29	6:45 a.m.	(R) Alan Wade
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Apolonio De Joya
Thurs	11/30	6:45 a.m.	(P) St. Andrew the Apostle
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Felicidad Hamilton & Emily Castro
Fri	12/01	6:45 a.m.	(B) John Lydon
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Vincenta Vergara
Sat	12/02	8:15 a.m.	(B) Maria Lau
		5:00 p.m.	(R) Richard Montgomery, Jr.
Sun	12/03	7:30 a.m.	(B) John & Loreta Lacuesta
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Francisca Pasadilla
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Tom Gavin
		1:00 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish

Legend:

(R) Repose of the Soul (H) Health (P) Prayerful Intention  
(A) Anniversary (B) Birthday (T) Thanksgiving

**Please pray for the recovery of the sick  
listed in our Book of Intentions  
and the following:**

Cheena Gutierrez, Maria de Fatima Pereira,  
Victoria Montgomery, Eileen Hayes, Brigitte Michael,  
Barbara Donley, Cecilia Tan, Sherry Thomas, Pat Droszcz,  
Barbara Helms, Maria Lupe Sanchez, Greg Gormley,  
Joshua Chavez-Carroll, Colin Larkin, Jerry Schilz,  
Pauline Soop, Alma Johnson, Lee Schaffner, Barbara  
Flores, Rob Lustan, Nita Calvo, Mel Gaoaen, Sean Daly,  
Jackie Ho, Laura Carnes Dietrich, Lisa Santini, Liz Thurin,  
Rosie & Don Klatt, Aurora Basilio, Leonor Cruel, Mark  
Nees, Lilian Fajardo, Margaret Lobo, Albert Tan Co, Ron  
Pearman, Patricia Weber, Bernice Cure, Margaret Haddad,  
Monika Pangelinan, Donna W., Gladys Haddad,  
Julia Haddad, Pete & Dorothy Szabo

**Please remember the following recently deceased  
(and their families) in your prayers:**

James Donahue, Russell Ho, Robert Coronado,  
Andrew Kinane, Jack Curran, Arlene Saitz, Siong  
Beng Tan, Gregory Quillin, Bernadette Godwin, Percy  
Samson, Emma Juarez, Antonio Cortez, Vickie Dorsch,  
Cynthia Gahwiler, Darla Cady O'Donnell, Bonnie Adams,  
Christopher Strawbridge, Violeta Sarmiento

*~names will be listed approximately 3 months as space allows*



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## Pastor's Corner



If you watch any of the numerous documentaries or the Netflix series about the life of Queen Elizabeth II, you will see a key value her long reign provided England was a sense of consistency during tumultuous cultural change. Over the course of her more than seventy years as queen, the

United Kingdom saw many different leaders of parliament and many cultural fads come and go. The reign of Elizabeth II remained a constant through all of that change, a constant that, partially, was meant to remind the Brits who they were as a people. The Solemnity of Christ the King was instituted in 1925 to remind Christians of Christ's reign as the one true king and the one true constant in the midst of radical governmental change around the world. The feast day came with an encyclical from Pope Pius XI called *Quas primas* to respond to growing secularism and atheism at the time. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever. Emphasizing the eternal reign of Christ is meant, partially, to remind us who we are as members of his body.

No doubt our individual identities draw from our families and governmental and cultural influences, but our own sense of who we are and what is most important about us should always be rooted in the influence of Christ, our King. The more focused our identities are on Jesus and his holy reign, the less frightened we will be of worldly rejection and persecution. Worldly esteem can be taken away from us by others, but no one can take us from the protection of God's kingdom. As Saint Paul reminds us in Romans 8:38-39, "For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

I did anointings for two different people on their death beds this week. The experience is always such a powerful reminder of how ephemeral worldly glories are and how reassuring the constancy of Christ's reign is. Being a Christian can feel profoundly difficult at times, and giving in to prevailing fashions that are at odds with our faith can be tempting. But it is a temptation that does not pay because anything truly at odds with our faith is bankrupt. Let us stay focused on obeying the reign of Christ. His Kingdom will be the only thing standing in the end.

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## Upcoming Events

### Spanish Bible Study

Thursdays

6:30 p.m. - Ministry Building Siena Room

### Fr. Gregory's Book Study - This is My Body

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. - Parish Hall

Fridays at 9:15 a.m. - Mary Magdalene Room

November 2 to December 15

### SDS Christmas Tree Lot

November 24 - December 3

(While supplies last)

Small Lot - J Street side

### Prepare the Way

Br. Anselm's Mini-Retreat

with the Prophet Isaiah

Saturday, December 2

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Mary Magdalene Room

### Advent Stations

Monday, December 4

7:00 p.m. - Church

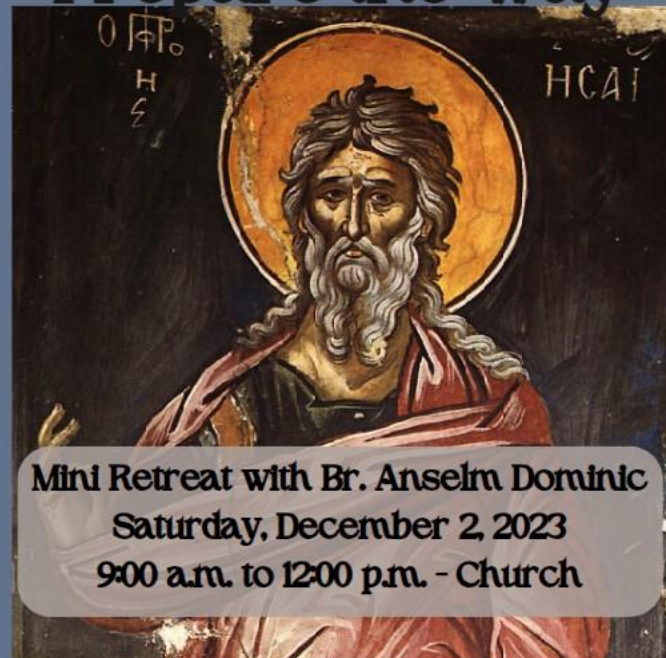
## Advent Candles

**\$10 per set**

Available this weekend and next! Please sign up on the clipboard in the back of the church. This is a Youth Ministry Fundraiser.



## Prepare the Way





## Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. - Livestreamed  
9:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
1:00 p.m. (Spanish/English)  
First Sunday of month Vietnamese Mass – 3:00 p.m.

### Daily Mass

Monday – Friday: 6:45 a.m.  
Monday – Saturday: 8:15 a.m.

## Confession Times

Tuesday 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.  
Saturday 3:30 p.m.

## Ministries at St. Dominic's

### ♦ Adoration

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### ♦ Choirs

Dr. Cyril Deaconoff - [cdeaconoff@stdombenicia.org](mailto:cdeaconoff@stdombenicia.org)

### ♦ Consolation/Grief

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### ♦ Dominican Laity

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### ♦ Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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### ♦ Gabriel Project

Sandy Scafani & Maria Padrones - [gabriel@stdombenicia.org](mailto:gabriel@stdombenicia.org)

### ♦ GIFT - Growing In Faith Together

Shannon Carter - [gift@stdombenicia.org](mailto:gift@stdombenicia.org)

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### ♦ St. Dominic's Cemetery

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Our ministries are back to their regular monthly meetings on campus. Please email and find out more about them and how you can join! They look forward to hearing from you.

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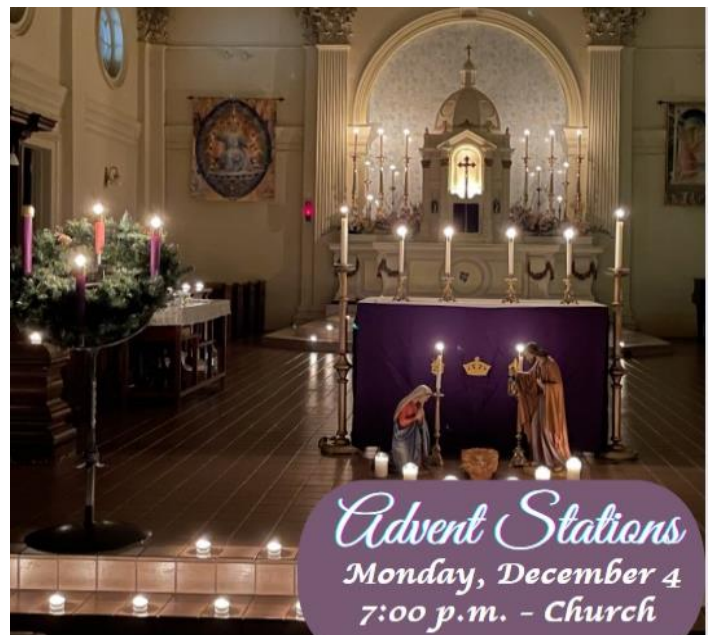
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