

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe YEAR A

26th November 2023

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 22(23):1-3a,5-6



Ry The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want, Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Rear restful waters He leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path, He is true to His name. Resulting to the prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes, My head you have anointed with oil, My cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me, all the days of my life, In the Lord's own house shall I dwell, forever and ever. \mathbb{R}

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king *until he has put all his enemies under his feet* and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be *put under his feet*. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

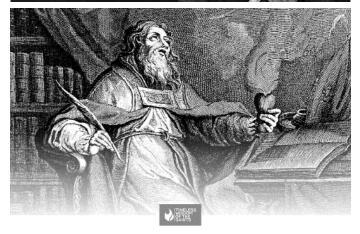
GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

Iesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. 'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." n 'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." 'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

If we are on fire with love for eternity we will hate temporal bonds. Whoever loves another as himself ought to love that in the other which he himself is. Our bodies are not truly what we are, so we should not place our wishes and desires in the human body.

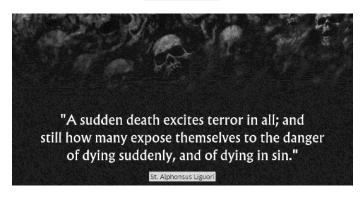
They whose hearts are burning with lust and passion are the very ones whom the devil conquers.

He who loves to intercourse with Christ, loves to be alone. He who loves to remain in the company of many others, he is a friend of this world.



"Do not follow the desires of your flesh. For when the flesh desires what is contrary to the spirit, there is no question that it desires what is evil; for good is not contrary to the best good."

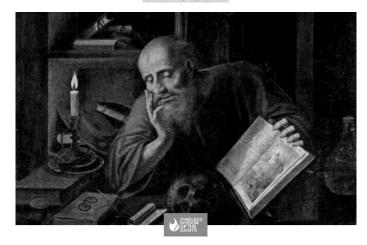
St. Augustine of Hippo





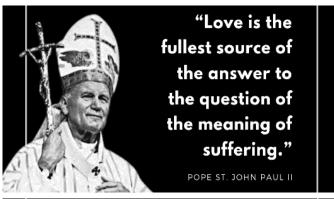
We can overcome evil only if we are rich in good.

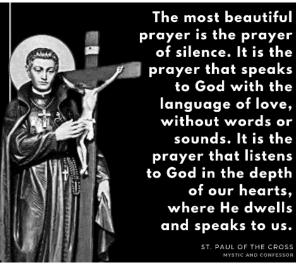
Blessed Jerzy Popieluszko



"The peace of Christ is with us when the mind is at peace and undisturbed by the passions."

Saint Jerome







Love poverty..
It will free us
from all attachment to earthly
things and
secure for us the
Kingdom of
heaven, where
precedence is
promised to the
poor in spirit.

ST. GUIDO MARIA CONFORTI



"Always remember that all you have to do is try to save your soul, since you are in this world only for that purpose."

St. John Baptist de la Salle

"The heavier one's sufferings are, the purer is the light the soul receives. But afflictions and trials of the heart in humility, patience and other virtues impart the greatest luster to the soul, as they touch it more keenly, efficaciously and intimately; works of charity, above all, give it an admirable serenity and brightness."

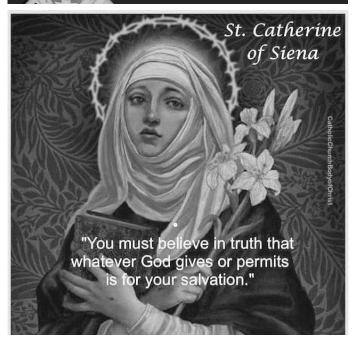
ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

"In all your works, look to Heaven, to the eternity of life and of the soul, and orient yourself then much differently from the way that merely human considerations might suggest, and your activity will be inspired for the good."

SINCE CHRIST HIMSELF HAS SAID, "THIS IS MY BODY" WHO SHALL DARE TO DOUBT THAT IT IS HIS BODY?

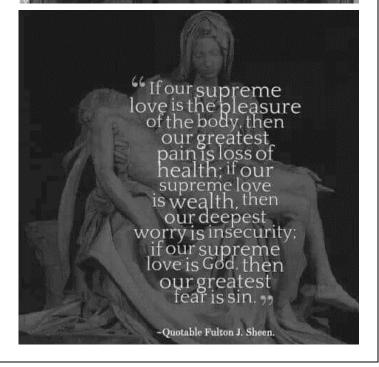


Saint Cyril of Jerusalem



"GOD CREATED US
WITHOUT US: BUT HE
DID NOT WILL TO SAVE
US WITHOUT US."

-ST. AUGUSTINE



PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing: Alleluia, alleluia,

Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour to our fathers in distress; praise him still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless: Alleluia, alleluia,

Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows: in his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia, alleluia, Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; ve behold him face to face: sun and moon bow down before him. dwellers all in time and space. Alleluia, alleluia,

Praise with us the God of grace.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

English Translation - Christus Vincit **C:** Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands. C: Give ear, O Christ **C:** For the holy Church of God, uniting the faithful beyond the limits of kingdoms, may there be everlasting weal!

C: Redeemer of the world. Grant her assistance...

All: Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands. C: Give ear, O Christ. C: For the Supreme Pontiff [Francis], who gathereth into one all peoples by [his] teaching, in charity: let there be dignity for the Shepherd and obedience from the flock. C: O Saviour of the word. Grant him assistance...

All: Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands.

C: Give ear, O Christ.

C: For Stephen, our bishop and for every cleric committee to him: let there be peace and strength, and a great bounty of good. **All:** Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands.

C:King of kings. Our King. C:Our Hope. Our Glory.

C: Give ear, O Christ

C: To the magistrates and all fellow citizens praying with us: let the effect of their devotions be true rest for the heart.

C: O Help of Christians: Grant them assistance

All: Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands.

C: To Him alone be empire, praise, and jubilation for endless ages of ages.

C: May they have prosperous times! May they, redeemed by the blood of Christ, have prosperous times!

C: Iovously!

C: Let the Peace of Christ come! Let the reign of Christ come! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Grow higher ancient doors, Let Him enter, the King of glory, Who is the King of glory? The Lord, Almighty, valiant in war.

Lo, now he enters the gates, He approaches the holy city. He is the holy temple. where God and man are reconciled.

See Christ acclaimed as king, palms and garments are laid before Him. What will be laid upon Him? The devil's hate, the sin of the world.

Hosanna David's Son, He who comes in the name of the Lord. Not of this world His kingdom, He conquers death by death on a cross.

Children of Jerusalem, loudly praise the Lord of heaven, Hasten to meet Him Zion! Your king approaches, riding a colt.

COMMUNION HYMN:

Verily, verily, I say unto you: except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Who so eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day, and I will raise him up at the day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth mv flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

Soul of my Saviour, Sanctify my breast; body of Christ, be thou my saving guest; blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide, wash me with water flowing from thy side. Strength and protection may thy passion be: O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me: deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me; so shall I never, never part from thee. Guard and defend me from the foe malign: in death's dread moments make me only thine; call me and bid me come to thee on high, where I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Hail, Redeemer, King Divine! Priest and Lamb, the throne is Thine, King, whose reign shall never cease, Prince of everlasting peace.

Angels, saints and nations sing; "Praised be Jesus Christ, our King; Lord of life, earth, sky and sea, King of Love on Calvary."

King, whose name creation thrills, Rule our minds, our hearts, our wills. Till in peace each nation rings, With thy praises King of kings!

King most holy, King of Truth, Guide the lowly, guide the youth: Christ, the King of Glory bright, Be to us eternal light.

NEXT SUNDAY: 3rd December 2023 First Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37;

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: B. Molloy, T. Molloy Pravers of the Faithful: N. Nunes **Offertory:** Hatzaw Family Special Ministers: K. Selvan

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

24hr Adoration

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Thotawattage/J. Tagiilima Families

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

28 Nov: Bill Ashton, Theresa Palmer, Kata Milina

30 Nov: Alice McCormick

2 Dec: Mary Green, Elizabeth Banfi

PARISH FINANCES

Parish **\$**1.985.73 \$992.87 Priests Total AP's and Cash \$2.978.60

Church Carpark –just a reminder that we have plenty of parking behind the Church and Hall. Please do not park on the grass in front of the Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION **Solemnity of Christ the King**

Special Congratulations to Audrev Mulles ALL ARE INVITED TO THE CELEBRATION IN THE HALL FOLLOWING MASS

HOLY FAMILY PARISH NOTICES

Christmas Hampers: the Mother's

group are gathering food donations to make food hampers for families in need during this Christmas Season. If you would like to donate food items to the hampers, please bring your dry food stuffs to the Office on the 12^{th} and $13^{th}\,$ December from between 10am to 4pm.

24 Hour Adoration: Friday 1st Dec 6pm to Saturday 2nd Dec 6pm. We have one spot to cover next month 12am to 2am. If you are able to cover that time, please let Ellen know in the Parish Office on 8346677.

On Sunday, Dec 31, and Sunday, Jan 7, there will only be an English Mass at 9:30am, and no Latin Mass at 8am, as Fr Jeremy will be away at Hearts Aflame. A visiting priest will offer the Mass.

Safe Church - Safe Guarding -As Catholics we believe that every person is created in the likeness and image of God. Therefore, we continue to ensure our parish is a place where everyone is treated with respect and dignity. If you have any complaints or concerns, please see the noticeboard for contact details.