

## Your Majesty

**T**his is an interesting form of address. It is not really a title like *Queen* or *Lord*. Nor does it identify a function ascribed to royalty, as does *ruler*. It refers to a status of excellence. It belongs to the position of royalty itself rather than the person in that position. Just what is majesty and why do we attribute it to some people? Originally people believed that royal individuals were descendants of the gods. This probably explains the notion of royal majesty. The readings for today's feast show that Jesus turned the ideas of kingship and royal majesty upside down.

The son of man in Daniel was a heavenly being upon whom "dominion, glory, and kingship" (7:14) were bestowed by God. The kingship of this figure is universal and everlasting. In the Gospels, Jesus frequently identifies with this title. When he does so, he is making a claim about his identity. The passage

from Revelation depicts Jesus like this son of man, a heavenly being who comes "amid the clouds" (1:7) as "the ruler of the kings of the earth" (1:5).

In the Gospel scene, Jesus is interrogated about his identity. He insists that his kingship springs from love and service, not power and force. It's clear that his royal majesty flows from who he is, not from any political position he might hold. To call him king, as we do with today's responsorial psalm, was a very dangerous political statement for his early followers, for it claimed that Jesus is Lord, not Caesar.

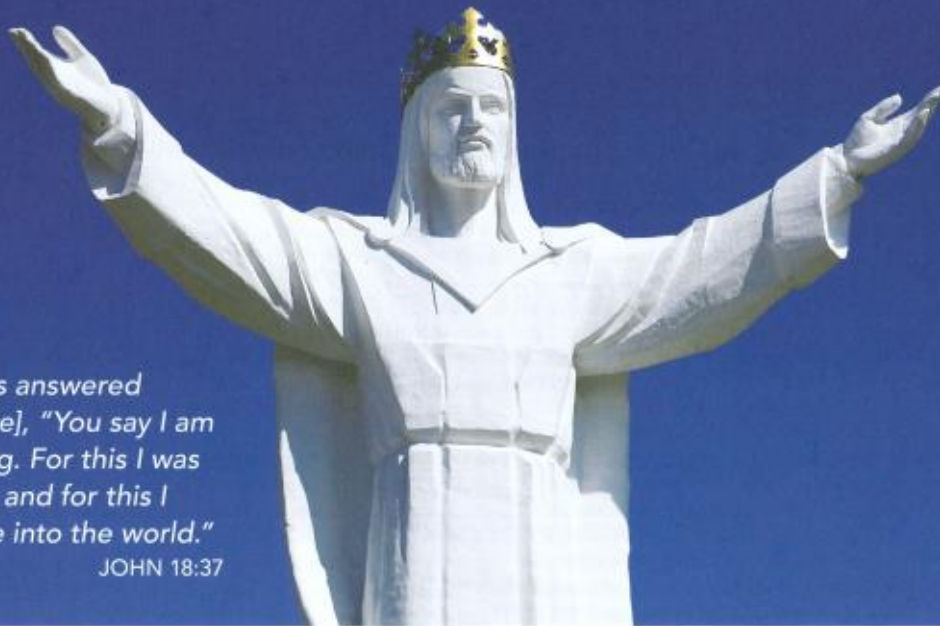
*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *Do you think Jesus was naive about power politics? Why or why not?*
- ✦ *What influence does Jesus exercise over your life as your king?*

*Jesus answered  
[Pilate], "You say I am  
a king. For this I was  
born and for this I  
came into the world."*

JOHN 18:37



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**Baptism:** Baptismal preparation is required of all parents prior to the celebration of baptism. Please call parish office for an appointment.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Any time by appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please inform the parish office when someone needs a visit from a priest.

**Marriage Preparation:** Make arrangements with the parish office at least six months before the intended wedding.

**Visitation of Sick and Homebound:** If you or a member of your family is in the hospital, privacy acts prohibit ministers from obtaining names through the hospital; therefore, you must contact the parish if you would like a visit. Also, please contact the parish to request homebound visits if you become ill.

## Announcements/Anuncios

### November 21, 2021: The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

#### ~SPECIAL COLLECTIONS~

##### *COLLECTION FOR THE CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT*

The collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development is this weekend, Nov. 20-21. For more information about the CCHD, go to [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

##### *BEREA FAITH COMMUNITY OUTREACH*

Although we have not been taking up our usual "5th Sunday" Berea Faith Community Outreach collection, the needs in our community continue. Normally, on the fifth Sunday of any month that has five Sundays, we take up a second collection for local needs (Berea Food Bank, Rent and Utility Relief, Transient Ministry, Help for the Homeless). Please place your offering in an envelope marked "BFCO" or write "BFCO" on the "for" line of your check.

##### **END OF GENERAL DISPENSATION FROM OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS**

Effective Sunday, Nov. 28, 2021, Bishop John Stowe will officially end the general dispensation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. Those who are vulnerable or immune-compromised because of age or health reasons are under no obligation to attend Mass at the risk of their well-being, but all others are obliged to attend. Please see decree and reflection attached to the electronic version of this bulletin.

##### **DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON PILGRIM TRAIL**

In the Pilgrim Trail program, all Catholics of the diocese and their family and friends can visit all 62 parishes, missions and oratories in the 50 counties of the Catholic Diocese of Lexington in the coming years. The program is now at the stage where **volunteers from St. Clare, St. Paul, and Our Lady of Mt. Vernon are needed**. Pilgrims will start arriving in Jan. 2022; they will want a stamp or seal when they visit. Our parish volunteers will need to design a seal/stamp, make a plan for greeting visitors, etc.

**Anyone interested in volunteering to be the face of our parish in this program should contact Mary Ann Ohnheiser at [Maohn1@aol.com](mailto:Maohn1@aol.com) as soon as possible.**

##### **INVITATION TO BISHOP'S OUTSIDE MASS OF GUADALUPE**

Bishop John Stowe invites you to the Outside Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe taking place on Sat. Dec. 11 at Car dome in Georgetown (800 Cincinnati Rd., Georgetown, KY 40324). 10:30 a.m.: Las mañanitas; 11:00 a.m.: Holy Rosary; 11:30 a.m.: Dramatization of Apparitions; 12:00 p.m.: Mass. **POR FAVOR, VEA EL VOLANTE ADJUNTO AL BOLETIN ELECTRONICO PARA INFORMACION EN ESPAÑOL.**

## OUR PARISH OF ST. CLARE



### LECTOR SCHEDULE

Nov. 21: Mike Berheide  
Nov. 28: Pat Calie  
Dec. 5: Caleb Gettelfinger  
Dec. 12: Lynn Feltner  
Dec. 19: Fred de Rosset  
Dec. 26: Carol de Rosset

### THIS WEEK AT ST. CLARE

Sun. Nov. 21: No CCD (Thanksgiving Break)  
5:00 p.m.: JPII Knights of Columbus  
Tues. Nov. 23: Office Hours by appointment  
Thur. Nov. 25: Office closed. Happy Thanksgiving!  
Sun. Nov. 28: No CCD (Thanksgiving break)

### STEWARDSHIP

Offertory collected YTD as of 11/14/21:  
\$32,784.00  
Offertory needed weekly: \$2,692.31  
Offertory collected 11/14/21: \$3,841.06  
BFCO \$100.00

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we look forward to the end of Covid restrictions, please prayerfully consider stepping up and helping in these ministries.

**\*Altar servers:** It's not just for kids anymore. We need your help! Ages 6-96 are welcome!

**\*Ushers:** At this time, we expect just collecting the offering and placing it in the sacristy during mass (no processional to the altar as of now).

**\*Cantors:** While choirs are discouraged, we always need cantors to assist in leading the people in prayer and song (we might even try duets or trios if you'd be comfortable with a little extra support).

**\*Sacristans:** As we expect to resume weekday masses and expanded Sunday masses, we must have volunteers willing to come a little early and stay a few minutes after mass to set up and clean up the altar and sacred vessels.

*For all ministries there will be training, guidance and support until you are completely comfortable.*

### HOLY MASS SCHEDULE / INTENTIONS

Sat. Nov. 20- 5:00 p.m. (OLMV) Int. Wm. O'Neil, Jr.  
Sun. Nov. 21- 9:00 a.m. (St Clare)  
For the Souls in Purgatory  
11:45 a.m. (St. Paul) Pro Populo  
4:00 p.m. (St Clare) *Misa en español*  
Int. William O'Neil, Jr.  
Tues. Nov. 23- 5:00 p.m. (OLMV) No Mass  
Thur. Nov. 25- 8:00 a.m. (St. Clare) No Mass  
Sat. Nov. 27- 5:00 p.m. (OLMV) Pro Populo  
Sun. Nov. 28- 9:00 a.m. (St Clare) Int. William O'Neil, Jr.  
11:45 a.m. (St. Paul) Bruno Agosti  
4:00 p.m. (St. Clare) *Misa en español*  
Int. William O'Neil, Jr.

### PRAYER NEEDS

**Parishioners:** +Rita Ballinger, Norma Coyle, Beatriz Del Rosario, +Marcella Griffen, Paul Griffen, Lois Lear, Mary Ann Marr, Carol Norman, Bob Rucker, Mari Rucker, Gene Startzman, +Carol Thomure



**Family and Friends:** +Mary Ann Barnard; Jami Curtis (sister of Fr. John Curtis); Fr. John Curtis; Pat Eutsler; Wauneth Forester (mother of Ed Forester); Celerina Gilbert; +Edward Parris; Kathy Riegle; Debbie Swisher.

Please pray for the soul of Fr. Kieran Varapal, the pastor in Middlesboro, who died at the age of 39 of a heart attack. He will be returned to his order in India for burial.

*Names will remain on the prayer list for the month in which they are inscribed, unless you would like for the prayer request to remain longer—please enter your request into the Book of Prayer in the narthex or contact the office.*

**Catholics dedicate the month of November in a special way to pray for the dead.** The Church even grants a plenary indulgence for the souls in Purgatory if a Catholic in a state of grace visits a cemetery between Nov. 1 and 8, and prays, even if only mentally, for the dead. (The usual conditions for a plenary indulgence—confession, Communion, prayer for the Pope's intentions and detachment from sin—apply.) Due to COVID, the Vatican has extended the period to obtain this indulgence to the entire month of November.

# Dear Padre,

**Why does the Church continue to use the image of a king to describe Jesus? He didn't act like a king or expect his followers to treat him like one.**

**H**ereditary kings ruled most nations in the ancient Near East. In Egypt, the king was actually recognized as a god. In Israel, God was considered the one true king, and God's covenant was the treaty that united God and the people.

But the time came when the Israelites thought they needed to strengthen themselves militarily and politically. Then the elders came to Samuel and asked him to appoint a king to govern them like other nations (1 Samuel 8:5). The three great kings of Israel (Saul, David, and Solomon) were considered instruments of God but were also subject to existing legal codes.

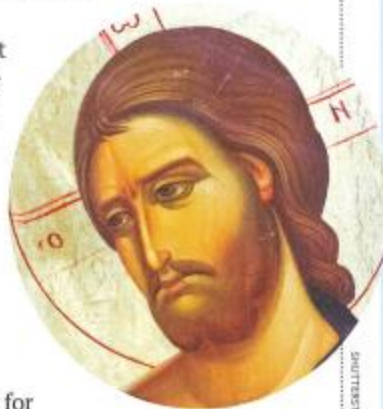
Throughout the New Testament runs the theme that Jesus, a descendant of the royal Davidic line, is a ruler or king. The Magi first proclaimed Jesus king, saying they were looking for the "newborn king of the Jews" (Matthew 2:2).

At the heart of Jesus' message was the good news that all people could enter the kingdom of God if they rejected sin. Jesus used the parable of the mustard seed (Mark 4:30-32) to show that his kingdom will grow until everyone can be embraced within its branches. This kingdom, first manifested in simplicity and love in the Galilean countryside, is to reach its fulfillment in a great love among all people. Jesus as king is an image that should lead us to recognize our commitment to love and service to others in his kingdom.

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**Do you have a question for the Padre?**

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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Jesus asks us to allow him to become our king....But we must not forget that Jesus' kingdom is not of this world. He will give new meaning to our life—at times even put us to difficult tests through our mistakes and our sins—merely on the condition that we not follow the logics of the world and of its "kings."*

ANGELUS, NOVEMBER 25, 2018

## Calendar

**Monday**  
NOVEMBER 22  
St. Cecilia,  
Virgin and Martyr  
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20  
Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday**  
NOVEMBER 23  
Weekday  
Dn 2:31-45  
Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday**  
NOVEMBER 24  
St. Andrew Dũng-Lac,  
Priest, and Companions,  
Martyrs  
Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17,  
23-28  
Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday**  
NOVEMBER 25  
Weekday  
Dn 6:12-28  
Lk 21:20-28

**Friday**  
NOVEMBER 26  
Weekday  
Dn 7:2-14  
Lk 21:29-33

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

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

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## JOHN STOWE, OFM, CONV.



BISHOP OF LEXINGTON

To the Clergy, Religious and Faithful of the Diocese of Lexington:

In March of 2020, with the rise of the Corona Virus pandemic and considerable uncertainty about its spread and with every desire to protect the People of God from illness, I reluctantly joined bishops throughout the world in providing a temporary dispensation from the serious obligation of Catholics to attend mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. As time went on, at every point it seemed like we were making progress in containing the spread or ending the pandemic, there were enough continuing concerns about the virus to keep the dispensation in place.

Now, although the pandemic is not ended and we are not certain when to anticipate an end, we have gained knowledge and experience of living with the virus and striving to keep it from spreading to the point that many aspects of our normal way of life have returned. While the pandemic continues to be a threat to our safety and well-being we are nonetheless able to be vaccinated against the virus and limit our exposure to other people who may be infected, knowingly or unknowingly.

With all of that in mind, I am hereby ending the general dispensation from the obligation to attend mass on Sundays and Holy Days as of the First Sunday of Advent, November 28, 2021. **Those who are vulnerable or immune-compromised because of age or health reasons are under no obligation to attend mass at the risk of their well-being.** Parishes should continue to offer the celebration of the mass via livestream for those who cannot risk attending mass in person at the present time.

I invite you to read the accompanying reflection on the importance of Sunday Mass and the moral obligation to attend by Father Anthony McLaughlin, JCD, pastor of Saints Peter and Paul in Danville. Let us continue to pray for all affected by the virus, especially those suffering from long-term effects, our health care workers, the more than 10,000 who have died in our Commonwealth and their loved ones who mourn their passing. And let us ask Almighty God to bring this pandemic to an end.

Given in Lexington this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021.

  
Chancellor



  
Bishop of Lexington

**"This is My Body...This is My Blood...Do this in memory of me." (Lk. 22:19-20)**

The Third Commandment of the Decalogue states: "Remember to keep Holy the Sabbath Day." (Ex. 20:8). The Jewish people understood that this Commandment obliged them to be free *from* work so that they would be free *for* God. The Sabbath day was set apart for God, as it was a day holy to the Lord. The Lord modeled for us observance of the Third Commandment as Sacred Scripture states: "He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the Sabbath day." (Lk 4:16).

Since Apostolic times, Christians have observed Sunday, the Day of the Lord's Resurrection, as the New Sabbath (Acts 20:7). From the beginning, the Church also exhorted Christians to be free *from* work so that they would be free *for* God on Sunday, but additionally the observance of Sunday also included public worship, "the breaking of the Bread" (Acts 2:42). So the New Sabbath, Sunday, was a day of Rest *and* Worship. With time, and the challenge of half-heartedness and laxity among some Christians, the Church imposed a strict obligation upon her members to participate in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Sundays.

This strict obligation reaches full legal expression in the Law of the Church, Canon 1247: "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. Moreover, they are to abstain from those works and affairs which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord's day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body."

The *Catechism* further explains: "The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation... Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church" (CCC 2181, 2182). It must always be remembered that the Church has always acknowledged that the obligation is dispensed for those who have a good reason, i.e.: illness, bad weather, child care, essential caregiver duties, etc.

It is true that a language of "obligation" can feel cold and sterile. Why would I participate in Sunday Mass out of obligation? Should I not participate out of love? Yes, indeed, we should participate in Sunday Mass always out of love, and always with a free and total desire to do so. But we live in a fallen world with each of us having a fallen nature. The intellect is darkened and the will is constrained. In short, we don't always desire to love God as we ought. The Church, as our Mother, adds her voice to the precepts of the Third Commandment and "obliges" us to participate in Sunday Mass. There is an old saying, "Love is for the Perfect, law is for the imperfect." If we loved as we ought, we would have no need of law. The Sunday obligation is a recognition that we sometimes struggle to do the right thing.

In a 2017 audience, Pope Francis stated: "...For a Christian, what is a Sunday in which the encounter with the Lord is lacking? How can we respond to those who say that it is of no use going to Mass, even on Sunday, because the important thing is to live well, to love our neighbor? [So], why do we go to Mass on Sundays? It is not enough to respond that it is a precept of the Church; this helps to preserve its value, but alone does not suffice. We Christians need to participate in Sunday Mass because only with Jesus' grace, with his living presence within us and among us, can we put his commandment into practice, and thus be his credible witnesses."

Let us return to the altar of God that he may be glorified and we may be saved. Alleluia!

**SÁBADO 11 DE DICIEMBRE DEL 2021**  
**SANTA MISA - AFUERA - DE GUADALUPE**

**El Obispo de la Diócesis de Lexington,  
Su Excelencia John Stowe,  
Te invita**



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**10:30 DE LA MAÑANA**

**La SANTA MISA se celebrará A CIELO ABIERTO:**

**Estar preparados con ropa para frio y lluvia  
Traer sillas plegables de jardín para sentarse afuera  
Traer carpas/toldos de protección contra la lluvia**

**10:30 AM MAÑANITAS    11:00 AM SANTO ROSARIO**

**11:30 AM DRAMATIZACIÓN DE LAS APARICIONES**

**12:00 PM (MEDIODÍA)**

**SANTA MISA CELEBRADA POR EL SEÑOR OBISPO**

