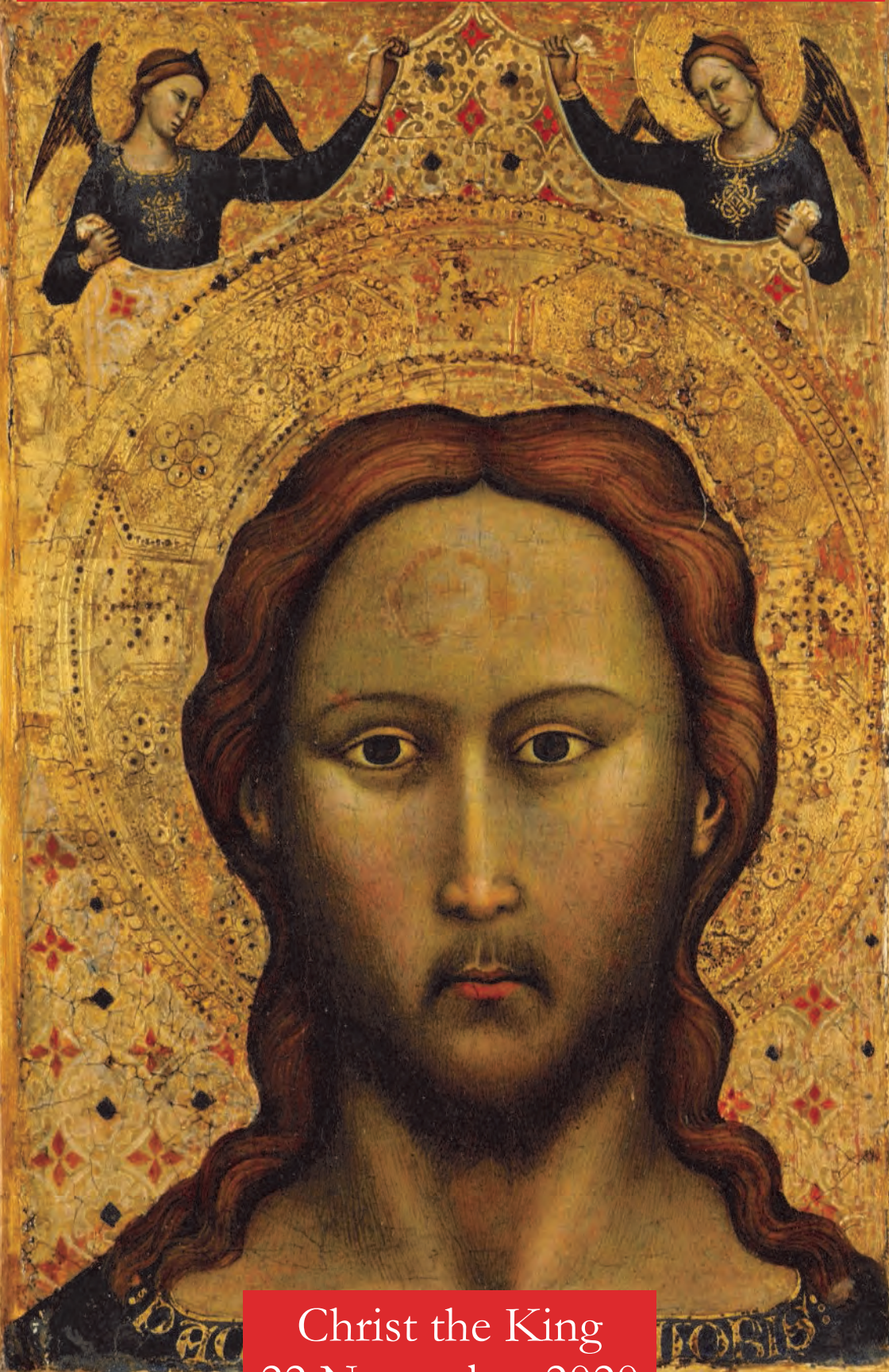


ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH



Christ the King
22 November 2020

St. Francis Xavier, Acushnet – Diocese of Fall River

Mass Schedule

(November 21st - November 29th)

Sat.	Nov 21	Christ the King (Vigil) (Wh) Carol Lemieux & Noah Bailey
Sun.	Nov 22	Christ, King of the Universe (Wh) Robert Guenette <i>Pro Populo</i> Edna Wienzek
Mon.	Nov 23	St. Clement I; Pope & Martyr (Rd) 9:00am Carl & Claudette Siler
Tues.	Nov 24	St. Andrew Dũng - Lac (Rd) 9:00am Bill Duggan
Wed.	Nov 25	St. Catherine of Alexandria (Wh) 9:00am Intentions of Arielle & Doris Fernandes
Thurs.	Nov 26	Thanksgiving Day (Wh) 9:00am Robert Guenette
Fri.	Nov 27	Feria (Gr) 9:00am Robert Vigeant
Sat.	Nov 28	Blessed Virgin Mary (Wh) 9:00am Beverly DaSilva
Sat.	Nov 28	1st Sunday of Advent (Vigil) (Vi) 4:00 pm Flora Martin
Sun.	Nov 29	1st Sunday of Advent (Vi) 7:00am Aldo DeRossi 9:00am <i>Pro Populo</i> 11:00am Beverly DaSilva; Steven & Robert Gonsalves

Financial Report

Income:

Due to an early submission deadline for the Thanksgiving Holiday we have no income to report this weekend.

Prayers Please

... for all the sick of our parish: those homebound, in the hospital, and nursing facilities; and for all the souls in purgatory.

Sanctuary Lamp

*During Eucharistic Adoration please pray for the following person/s for whose intention the Sanctuary Candle burns this week: **Paulino & Ana Vieira & Daughter***

CONFESSION

Monday: 5:30 to 6:30 pm
Saturday: 9:30 to 10:00am
Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45pm

From the Pastor's Desk

THE KINGSHIP OF CHRIST

Our annual feast of Christ the King has a special resonance this year. After so much focus on the leaders of this world after an intense campaign season, it is good for us to remember the One Who holds authority even over them.

The Feast of Christ the King was established in 1925. Pope Pius XI saw rising nationalism in the world of his day which would ultimately lead to World War II just 14 years later. In a world that looked to strong leaders for security, Pope Pius XI reminded them that true power was founded on truth, love, and service. He wrote that,

If, therefore, the rulers of nations wish to preserve their authority, to promote and increase the prosperity of their countries, they will not neglect the public duty of reverence and obedience to the rule of Christ. What We said at the beginning of Our Pontificate concerning the decline of public authority, and the lack of respect for the same, is equally true at the present day. "With God and Jesus Christ," we said, "excluded from political life, with authority derived not from God but from man, the very basis of that authority has been taken away, because the chief reason of the distinction between ruler and subject has been eliminated. The result is that human society is tottering to its fall, because it has no longer a secure and solid foundation."

While "the rule of Christ" spoken of may not be as explicit as it was when many countries had state churches, today's citizens should always look to support politicians and policies that follow the implicit Rule of Christ – a rule that follows the truth about human life, the human person, and the rights of the family; a truth that sees the dignity in every human life, including the poor and marginalized, and seeks to help them; a truth that is embodied in anything that builds up the common good.

Pope Pius XI was not all doom and gloom. While he could clearly see what would happen when the truth of Christ was excluded in society – as was happening in these years when Hitler, Stalin, and Mussolini were growing in power – he also wrote of what would come when Christ's Kingship were recognized:

If the kingdom of Christ, then, receives, as it should, all nations under its way, there seems no reason why we should despair of seeing that peace which the King of Peace came to bring on earth - he who came to reconcile all things, who came not to be ministered unto but to minister, who, though Lord of all, gave himself to us as a model of humility, and with his principal law united the precept of charity; who said also: "My yoke is sweet and my burden light." Oh, what happiness would be Ours if all men, individuals, families, and nations, would but let themselves be governed by Christ!

PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri: 9:30am – 4:00pm

Please make an appointment to meet with

HELPFUL CONTACTS

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ACCESSIBILITY

- Open for Prayer Every Day
- Wheelchair Lift
- Cry-room

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HOLY MASS

Sunday 7:00am, 9:00am & 11:00am

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm

Monday-Saturday 9:00am

First Friday 9:00am & 6:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday 5:30-6:30pm

(9:30-10:00am Monday Holidays)

Saturday 9:30-10:00am

Saturday 3:00-3:45pm

First Fridays 6:45-7:15pm

Any Time by Appointment

ADORATION

Monday 9:30am-8:30pm

Tuesday 6:30am-8:45am

Wednesday 6:30pm-8:30pm

Thursday 6:30am-8:30pm

Friday 6:30am-8:30pm

Saturday 6:30 am-2:45 pm

VESPERS & BENEDICTION

Monday & Wednesday: 6:30 pm

Excel in Learning and Life: Bishop Stang, a Catholic, college-preparatory high school in Dartmouth, MA, will administer the Scholastic High School Placement Test (HSPT) on Saturdays, December 5th and 12th from 8:00 am – 11:00 am. Incoming 9th grade applicants may choose either date for virtual or in-person testing. Visit bishopstang.org for more details or to complete the required pre-registration. Merit scholarship incentives are available.

Mass Count: During the rest of November our ushers will be implementing the annual Mass count for the diocese. Each year the diocese requires that we take a census of Mass attendance during 4 weeks in November. Since we are already operating at a lower church capacity (even with the extra Sunday Mass) we do not expect that this year will compare well with past years, however it should give the diocese a sense of Mass attendance at each parish during this present pandemic. If you see an usher clicking a hand-held counter when you enter the church, you will now know why!

Advent Preparation: As we approach the season of Advent we ask that each parishioner consider making a sincere retreat of the heart in order to prepare spiritually for the celebration of the arrival of the Christ Child. During Advent please consider coming more often to daily Mass, to Vespers, to pray before the Real Presence in our Adoration Chapel. You might also consider some private devotions at home such as praying the Holy Rosary, or reading the Bible. Please also make an effort to go to Confession before the celebration of Christmas

Attention Adorers: We ask that all adorers wear their protective masks during their visits to the adoration chapel. One may be tempted to pull down his or her mask during holy hours etc. however unless there is a good medical reason for doing so, we ask that you please wear your mask for the entirety of your visit. It may be the case that you have no noticeable symptoms of the COVID virus, but a cough or sneeze still might spread the virus if you appear asymptomatic but are carrying the virus. Please continue to pray for an end to this pandemic.

Thanksgiving Holiday & Eucharistic Adoration: We will be adjusting Eucharistic Adoration hours due to the approaching Thanksgiving Holiday which falls on Thursday 26 November. We will *not* hold the usual Vespers and Benediction on Wednesday evening. Therefore there will be no Wednesday overnight or Thursday Adoration due to the holiday. Instead, Eucharistic Adoration will be suspended just before the 9:00 am daily Mass on Tuesday 24 November. Adoration will not resume until Friday 27 November after the 9:00 am Mass. Thank you to all the adorers of our Eucharistic program. We are very thankful for you!

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe- November 22, 2020

Religious

Education



Please pray the St. Gertrude Prayer, as we remember those that have gone before us in the month of November. We can derive great comfort from the hope that our loved ones are enjoying Eternal Life with God, it never hurts to pray for their souls and remember to pray for those that have no one to pray for them.

2nd Graders from SFX School receiving the Sacraments here at St. Francis will attend their last class with us in the Parish Center on Sunday Nov. 22. *don't forget your mask, but if you do we have some available.*

First Reconciliation is Monday 30th November 7:00pm for those First Communicants names that end B-M and 7:30pm for those ending P-V. Please keep our second graders in your prayers as they prepare to receive their second sacrament the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Sundays in church during our regularly scheduled class times led by Fr. Williams. Every student should have an adult accompany them. This will take the place of the Family Faith Formation Events that we had in prior years. Every grade level will have two scheduled hours of Adoration during our class year from October-May. This will include all Sacramental Students also. **Sunday Nov. 22nd will be Level 6 accompanied by a parent in church @ 8:05am.** Please be on time, you will be escorted to a pew by your teacher before we start. Please remember your mask.

On-Line learning: Families, that chose to have their child stay at home, need to check their emails each week for the lesson / power point / videos and return the work and / or activity that is requested of them to be up-to-date for that week.

No Classes for all Levels on Sunday November 29th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Stay Safe, Healthy and Holy
God Bless, Mrs. Hammarquist

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
PRESCHOOL - GRADE 8



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ACUSHNET, MASSACHUSETTS

A rather short week is ahead as the much anticipated Thanksgiving holiday is upon us! Our master calendar lists this upcoming Wednesday the 25th as an early dismissal day for teachers and students. In gratitude for our teachers and staff and the incredible amount of time and energy they have exerted in the successful school reopening this academic year, it was decided to reward them with the complete day off! This gesture of appreciation is miniscule as compared to the grit and commitment of our staff. After we return from the short break, grades for the first trimester will close on November 30th and report cards will be right around the corner! Also around the corner is our patronal feast day, December 3rd (*St. Francis Xavier – Pray for Us!*). More details are forthcoming as to how our socially distanced, "small gatherings only" will celebrate our wonderful feast day! I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and reiterate our blessings beyond measure. Thank you for your prayers... we are so grateful!

God Bless, Michelle Russo/Principal



St. Francis Giving His Mantle to a Poor Man
Giotto (1299)

"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'" (Mt 25:34-36)

WREATHES ACROSS AMERICA

GOD BLESS OUR VETERANS

At the Bourne National Cemetery: 14 Dec, 2019
Sponsor a wreath for \$15 or join us on site.
Call Steve in the parish office for more info.

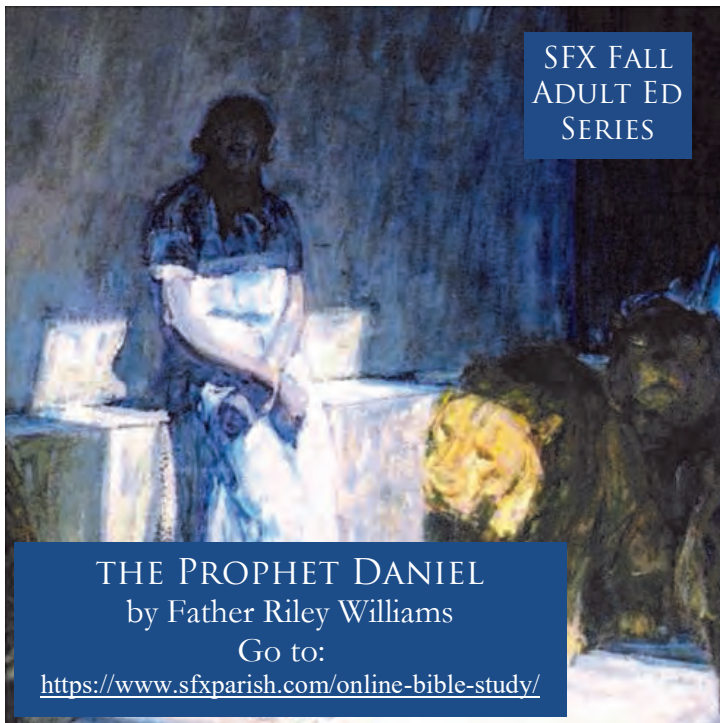
Thank you: to all who came out to pray with us at the **40 Days For Life** on October 24th. Rosaries were recited all day for those entering the abortion clinic across the street. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

SFX
Women of
Grace



HOLY MASS - 9 AM - 25 NOVEMBER
ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

SFX FALL
ADULT ED
SERIES



THE PROPHET DANIEL
by Father Riley Williams

Go to:

<https://www.sfxparish.com/online-bible-study/>

Enter his gates with Thanks-
giving, his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his
Holy Name! (Ps 100:4)

Upcoming Second & Special Collections

November 22nd - Campaign for Human Development
December 6th - Parish Building Fund

SFX PRAYER LINE

Please call 508-850-6649 between 8am & 8pm
Or email your prayer request to:
sfxprayerline@gmail.com

ADVENT...



A season of light in the darkness!
(Begins Next Sunday)

Readings for Week of November 22, 2020

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

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rev 15:3b]/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [Rev 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a [Rev 21:3b]/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b]/Lk 21:34-36

IN NOVEMBER -
PRAY FOR ALL SOULS



May Perpetual
Light Shine
Upon Them...

ON THE COVER

On this Sunday's bulletin cover is the work of a 14th century artist known as the **Master of the Orcagnesque Misericordia** entitled *Head of Christ*. (courtesy The Met). Here Jesus is crowned as King of the Universe by two angels with what is thought to be Veronica's Veil.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe- November 22, 2020

THE SACRED LITURGY FOR CHRIST THE KING, 22 NOVEMBER

Processional Hymn: To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King...

... Who is the world's salvation; All praise and homage do we bring, And thanks and adoration; Christ Jesus Victor, Christ Jesus Ruler! Christ Jesus Lord and redeemer.

1st Reading: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly. As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD; I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want*

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Reading: Mt 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life".

Offertory Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

Communion Hymn: Blest Are They

Recessional Hymn: Alleluia, Alleluia, Let the Holy Anthem Rise

Alleluia, Alleluia, Let the Holy Anthem Rise, And the choirs of angels chant it, In the temple of the skies; Let the mountains skip with gladness, and the joyful valleys ring; With Hosannas in the highest, To our savior and our King.