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SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST, OUR KING
End of the Year of Faith



JESUS, KING OF MERCIFUL LOVE

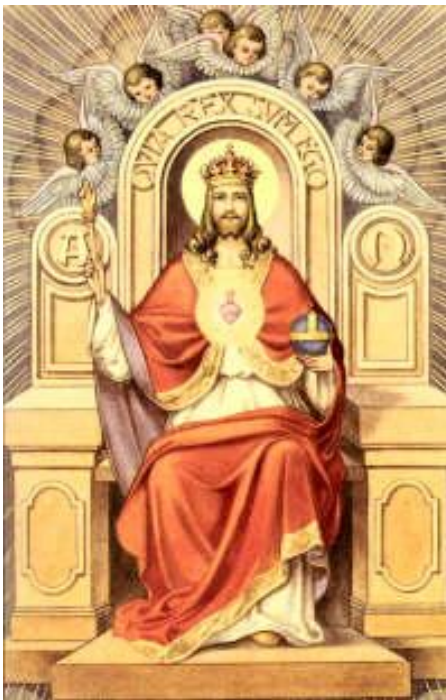
Today is the last Sunday of the liturgical year. It is appropriate that on this day, we proclaim Jesus Christ not only as our personal Lord and King, but also as "King of the Universe." He is King by birth because he is the Son of the Eternal Father from whom all kingly power derives. He is also King by conquest, for he triumphed over sin and death through his glorious resurrection.

He should also be King by acclamation as we proclaim with our voices and our lives that he is, indeed, our Savior and our King. On this Solemnity of Christ the King and the end of the Year of Faith, we also thank the Lord for all the blessings he has granted us in the course of the liturgical year now about to end. In particular, we thank him for the innumerable spiritual graces he has given us.

Let our Eucharist today, then, be a hymn of glory and thanks to Jesus, the only King of our hearts, and a renewal of our allegiance to him..



JESUS, THE KING OF HEAVEN AND EARTH



The title "King of the Jews" written on the placard hanging on the head of the crucified Jesus was meant to be a mockery of Jesus and an insult to the whole Jewish nation – Pilate's mean revenge against the religious authorities whose demands he had been forced to grant!

Yet, in spite of the wrong intention and of all appearances, the title "king" given to the man agonizing on the cross was absolutely appropriate and well-deserved, for Christ, indeed, was and is king. He was born king before all ages, the only begotten Son of the eternal King of the universe. If anyone on earth ever deserved the royal title after God the Father, that was surely his eternal Son who became a human being known by the name "Jesus of Nazareth."

Unlike most earthly rulers, however, Jesus was not after the title "king." He never claimed it, and actually he seemed bent on concealing his royal dignity under the appearances of a life lived in poverty and obedience

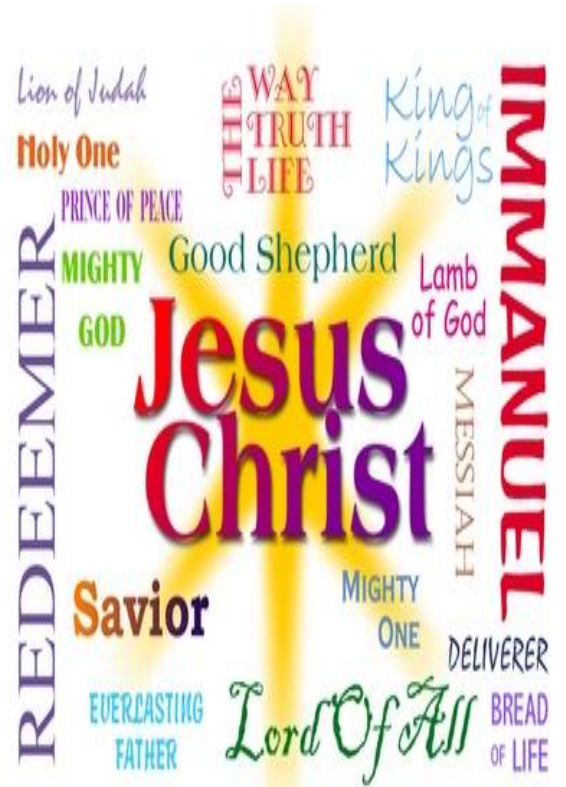
to family and religious authorities. Indeed, there were no signs of kingly pageantry in the cave of Bethlehem; in his flight and stay in Egypt as a "child refugee"; in his life at Nazareth, where everybody knew him as "the carpenter" (Mk 6:3) and "the son of the carpenter" (Mt 13:55). During his apostolic life, when at the height of their enthusiasm, the crowds wanted to proclaim him king, Jesus simply made himself irretrievable. (See Jn 6:15.) And when Pilate questioned him about his kingship, Jesus'

answer was so evasive, that the Procurator himself could not find in it any ground for the charge of conspiracy or insurgency. Though in his earthly life Jesus refused to be called king and avoided appearing like one, he did exercise his kingly power to subdue Satan, the great enemy of his Kingdom. (See, for instance, Mk 1:23-27 and 9:25-26.) And, just a short while before he breathed his last, he granted entry into his heavenly kingdom to the repentant criminal, the only one on Calvary who made an explicit profession of faith in his kingly role. (See today's Gospel passage.)

Jesus' kingship is not like the dominions of this world, limited to one nation, perishable and to be defended by armies . . . His kingdom is universal and eternal. Its power shares in the omnipotence of God, but allegiance to it depends totally on the freedom of every individual.

Membership in Christ's kingdom depends solely on faith and the keeping of the rule of love. Only those who love and trust him can belong to his reign. That is why the seat of his kingship is the heart of any human

being who loves and obeys him. The reign of Christ will reach its full manifestation at the end of the world, in the new age when "all will be subjected to the Son" and "he will hand over the Kingdom to God the Father . . . so that God may be all in all" (1 Cor 15:24,28). Blessed will be those who have acclaimed Christ as their king already in this life.



WORD AND LIFE PUBLICATIONS



Heartfelt solidarity with those affected by Philippines Typhoon



As part of our response, our Sunday Mass will have a Second Collection and the FCMM will accept donations in cash and in kind (clothing and canned goods) which will be sent to the Philippines to aid the victims. This will be coursed through the Archdiocese of Palo (Leyte). We ask everyone to give as we would to our own sister or brother, daughter or son, were they to be facing this disaster--for, in fact, they are. May Christ Jesus, in whom we are united to all people, bless our gift, as once he blessed the bread and fish offered him on the mountainside, and made them enough to bring life and healing to those who came to him, hungry for food and for love.



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I rejoiced because they said to me,
"We will go up to the house of the Lord."
-Psalm 122:1

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 2013

- ***Suffering Priests.** That priests who experience difficulties may find comfort in their suffering, support in their doubts, and confirmation in their fidelity.
- ***Latin American Churches.** That as fruit of the continental mission, Latin American Churches may send

What every Catholic should know
ABOUT
EVANGELIZATION
BIBLE
DISCOVERY

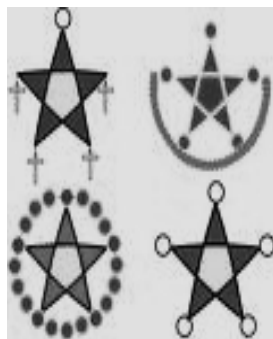
CALLING ADULTS WHO WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE FAITH !!!

Every Sunday @ 9:30 a.m., @ the Church Hall.
 The Evangelization and Bible Discovery Seminars are held in our Mission community.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME !



Are you an adult thinking more deeply about God? About faith? About things that last?
 Are you an adult thinking about joining the Catholic Church?
 Are you an adult who considers yourself Catholic but has never been baptized? Or been confirmed?

Or celebrated First Communion? If so, call Sister Celia at 514- 387 5292 for more information or to find out about the RCIA process.



The Parents Support Group (PSG) and CLEC cordially invite you for a Parol Making Activity. The event is open for everybody who wants to participate. The price is \$8.00 per participant to cover the cost of the bamboo and a prize for

the best parol!
 Participants will be asked to decorate the parol in their own creative ways and bring the finished product on Sunday, December 15, 2013 @ 9:00 am at the Church Basement for a parade of the Parols during the CLEC party. The winners will be announced on Christmas Eve, December 24th. Let's have fun and share our talents and creative skills to everyone!

CHRISTMAS DECOR and FLOWERS NEEDED



Once again we are decorating the Church for the Christmas Season and we will need lights, several pots of Christmas Poinsettias and other decorations for the Altar and the Sanctuary. We appeal to your generosity to donate the potted flowers. Please complete the Decor sponsorship form which is available at the FCMM Office. Thank you. **DEADLINE – December 15, 2013** (All Donations are Tax Receipt eligible).



"He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son..." -Colossians 1:13

If we recognize Jesus as our King, then we must also recognize ourselves as His loyal subjects. As members of God's kingdom we have an abundance of wonderful blessings. But we also have responsibilities. We must always use our gifts to help build up the kingdom. We must never forget that we are truly blessed to be called to serve the Greatest of Kings.



Your Offerings for the week ending November 17, 2013 totaled \$ 1,439.00

Thank you for your continuing generosity !
 God bless you always!!!



ELECTIONS
 A Special Assembly of FCMM

parishioners will be held on Sunday, December 1, 2013, after the 11:30 Mass to elect two (2) new Administrators to serve for a term of three years. *Mrs. Juliana Tabamo* and *Mr. Francis Pandy* finish their terms this December. To be eligible for nomination as an FCMM Administrator, one must be a Filipino, over 18 yrs of age, a practicing Catholic and active supporter of the FCMM. The position of FCMM Administrator has a big task in the Mission integral to its existence. This early we ask you to consider people who can help the FCMM . Please help us find good Administrators. Thank You.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A coincidence is a small miracle where God chooses to remain anonymous.
- Heidi Quade



- We join in the *Thanksgiving Intentions* of : PEARL DARIO, LUCILLE MANIGAO, ALYSSA BAUTISTA, BOBBY, CHERRY & CHRISTOPHER PERLAS, FRUAN TABAMO JR.



- Please join in *lifting up to the Lord the special intentions* of: THE FCMM CATECHETICAL MINISTRY

• Your prayers are also humbly requested for all the sick and suffering members of our Mission community and their loved ones especially: FR. FRANCISCO ALVAREZ pme, FR. ROGER BEGIN pme, FR. GERARD LOISELLE, pme, MSGR. ANDRE DESROCHES, SR. LUZ PADERANGA op, ALFREDO PADERANGA SR., FE PADERANGA, ANNIE MOJADO, ELECITA ARACENA, BALDOMERA AMBAYEC, JULIA PERLAS-TAN, JOSEFINA BANGALAN, DAWN DELA PAZ, JOSIE LIMLENGCO, CARMENCITA TRIVINIO, BERNARDINO FERNANDO, ANTONIO FOZ. May God bring them healing and peace.

• Remember also all of our deceased relatives and friends, especially: THE VICTIMS OF TYPHOON YOLANDA, COUSINS and RELATIVES OF ROSIE & DENISE DE LOS REYES, MARCOS OLARTE, DALMACIO BLANCIA, IGNACIA BAUTISTA, REMEDIOS RIVERA, GERONIMO RIVERA, NARCISO CABLAYAN, FIDELITO MANAOIS, RODEO OLAES, PLACIDO SOTELO, ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY and those dying everyday in battles and calamities around the world. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS

Do you have a deceased relative for whom you wish all the Grace of God; or perhaps a dear friend who could use a bit of divine assistance in their lives, or simply if you have reason to offer thanksgiving for a new-born son, daughter, God-child, niece, nephew or the like? Well the Sacrifice of the Mass contains within it all of the graces of God and all that man can do to worship Him. Stop by or call the FCMM office (514 – 387 5292) during normal business hours and ask how you can have a Mass offered for your intention.



As flu season approaches, please consider getting immunized against the flu. If you do become unwell, please stay home and take care of yourself.

- At the sign of peace please be careful when shaking someone's hand, for some folks with arthritis or with eczema, a firm grip can be painful.
- Some folks are very sensitive to scented products, such as cologne or perfume, so please try to refrain from wearing them when in large groups i.e. at Mass or other parish functions.



To Christ the King:

"Come, Lord Jesus, take away scandals from your Kingdom, which is my soul, and reign there, You who alone have the right. For greediness comes to claim a throne; Haughtiness and self-assertion would rule over me; pride would by my king; lust says "I will reign"; ambition, detraction, envy and anger struggle within me for the mastery. I resist as far as I am able; I struggle according as help is given me; I call on my Lord, Jesus; for His sake I defend myself, since I acknowledge myself as wholly His possession. He is my God, Him I proclaim my Lord; I have no other king than my Lord Jesus Christ. Come then, O Lord, and disperse these enemies by Your power, and You shall reign in me, for You are my king and my God. Amen."
(St. Bernard)