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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

November 20, 2022

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

SCHOOLS OFFICE HOURS

School Year, Monday-Friday, 8 am-3:30 pm
Summer, Monday-Thursday, 9 am-1 pm

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Vigil, 5 pm
Sunday, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am Spanish

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday, 8 am
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day,
MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day,
Labor Day, Columbus Day)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, 8:30 am – 10:00 am,
Fridays in Lent, 5:30 pm

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Daily, 5 am – 9 pm

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am-5 pm
Closed Wednesday and Friday

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, 8:30, 11 am
Sunday, 1 pm, Spanish

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 6 pm, Spanish

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, 9:30 am
Thursday, 6:30 pm

CHRIST THE KING



HOLY DAY SCHEDULE (HC AND ICC)

Mary, Mother of God, January 1
Assumption, August 15
All Saints' Day, November 1
Immaculate Conception, December 8
Christmas, December 25

Mass schedules for Holy Days of Obligation and other special days will be printed in the bulletin as each one draws near

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS

The seven Sacraments of the Church were instituted by Christ to confer grace.

Sacrament of Baptism. Call the office to register for Parent Pre-Baptismal Instruction. For adults seeking to enter the Church and be Baptized, contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for Confession at age seven as part of First Communion preparation.

Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Children in our religious education program and school are prepared for First Communion at age seven. Adults seeking First Communion should contact our Religious Education Office. To request a visitation for Holy Communion to the Sick, contact our parish office.

Sacrament of Confirmation. Young people in our parish are prepared for reception of Confirmation in the ninth grade (age 14). Adults seeking Confirmation should contact our Religious Education Office.

Sacrament of Marriage. Couples planning for Marriage are to contact a parish priest or deacon one year in advance to set the wedding date and plan for pre-Cana instruction.

Sacrament of Holy Orders. If you believe you have, or someone you know has, a vocation to the Priesthood or Diaconate, please contact one of our parish priests.

Anointing of the Sick. For the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, which is administered by a Priest, a person or an immediate family member must make the request. Late night requests may not be able to be answered until the next day.

Giving Tree

The Giving Tree you will find in the Gathering Space next weekend will be filled with envelopes for you make donations to Holy Cross for our Samaritans and those in need in our parish and community.

We are not doing the gift giving tree again this year, only this smaller tree for donations.

The money collected will be used to help the Samaritan Outreach Programs and help those with financial needs.

Once you take an envelope, please place it in the Offertory Basket, mail or bring it to the Parish Office, or give it to one of our clergy.

We appreciate your generosity
As always during the Christmas Season.
Holy Cross is blessed with many generous parishioners.

God Bless!

WEEKLY OFFERING (HC)

Ending Nov. 6, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Regular	\$27,706	\$28,000	(\$294)
YTD	\$477,399	\$512,500	(\$35,101)
Needs	\$1,726	\$1,604	\$122

WEEKLY OFFERING (IC)

Ending Nov. 6, 2022

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Regular	\$4,779
Second Collection	\$574

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Dear Parishioners,

Before the continuation of last week's column: On behalf of the clergy and staff of the Parish, I want to wish you and your family a most Happy Thanksgiving. Take pause on that holiday to give grateful thanks to God for the many blessings bestowed on us. Give thanks to God always!

Last week, I began a column on the topic of significance of understanding Christ as our King. I started with the examination of the concept of kingship, and then showed its application in the earthly and heavenly realm. Near the end of last week's column, I began showing the ongoing honoring of Christ's kingship throughout the seasons of the Church year; this is where we pick up (with Advent and Christmas covered, we continue with Lent):

The Season of Lent. During the Season of Lent, we are reminded that a King not only leads his people, but that it was the role he was born for. He lives and dies as their King. And the King — the good king — doesn't flee, doesn't run, and he doesn't abandon his people. And Jesus Christ is the good King. He is the good King who offered his life for his people. He is the good King who loves them to the end.

On Auto-Pilate. Pontius Pilate stumbles into the truth when he mockingly inscribes above Christ's cross, "*Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.*" That is accurate but incomplete, though this King was King of the Jews, he was also King of us all. This Christ dying on the Cross was not a king in the commonly-held earthly understanding — he was not a King of wealth and power, he was a King of love and sacrifice — no, he embraced a more radical kingship than that. In short, he wasn't a King of Diamonds, he was a King of Hearts.

The Season of Easter. During the Season of Easter, Christ rises from the dead, thus making what was implicit becomes explicit. He tells his followers as I noted before: "*All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.*" A king is one with all authority — and Jesus was that. A heavenly king is one with authority in the kingdom of God — and Jesus was that. And an earthly king is one with all authority in his kingdom — but Jesus was more than that. Jesus was an earthly king over all the earth. Black or white, Asian or American, old or young, rich or poor, the good, the bad and the ugly of mankind — he is king of us all. To which of course I say, and long live that king!

The Period of Ordinary Time. During the rest of Church year after Easter, in the period called "Ordinary Time" (a piece of which also precedes the Season of Lent) we see how we are called to know, love and serve this king, by way of hearing and heeding his teaching, by way of following his example, by way of embracing the law of God given to us by the love of God.

A Crowning Achievement. And thus we cap the year, this year and every year, we end that period of Ordinary Time, by celebrating Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe — our King. This marks the crowning, so to speak, of the Church year, as we celebrate, praise and acknowledge Christ's coronation. But, truth be told, we celebrate Christ's crown and his coronation in many other ways throughout the year:

- we celebrate his coronation with a crown of light in his manger during the Seasons of Advent and Christmas
- we celebrate his coronation with a crown of thorns during his passion, during the Season of Lent, and
- we celebrate his coronation with a crown of majesty at his resurrection, and ascension, during the Season of Easter.

A Celebration. And so, as we celebrate the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we are celebrating Christ's Kingship, obviously. But we are in truth celebrating more. We are celebrating a quite radical kingship. This is made clear in the Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Solemnity:

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

After praying this, after hearing this prayer, it is obvious that this Solemnity of Christ the King isn't the celebration of some earthly monarch, in some passing kingdom, on some fad-

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HC & ICC CLERGY

Vy. Rev. James S. Lentini , V. F.	Pastor
Msgr. Daniel McGlynn	Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Brennan Ferris	Parochial Vicar

HC CLERGY

Mr. Philip Belt	Deacon
Mr. John Harvey	Deacon
Mr. Richard Kosior	Deacon
Mr. Robert McMullen	Deacon
Mr. Vincent Pisano	Deacon

ICC CLERGY

Mr. Sherman Mitchell	Deacon
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WEDNESDAY MASS TIME TO CHANGE (HC)

The Wednesday morning Mass is now held at **8:15 am**. We switched to this new time on **Wednesdays only** to allow the school children to attend the morning Mass on Wednesdays. All other weekday morning Masses will remain at 8 am.

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY

If you have been to the cemetery recently, I'm sure you had to notice all the beautiful American flags. Once again, members of the Cemetery Committee have replaced all the tattered and torn flags with 260 new flags in honor of the veterans interred in our cemetery. While Memorial Day honors those who have died while in the service to our country, and rightfully so, we feel it is important to also honor all those who have served regardless of when they left this world. I thank the committee members for their assistance with the flags and for their devotion to our cemetery. I also thank all the parishioners who made donations towards the purchase of the flags after the Masses on Memorial Day weekend which financially makes it possible to replace the flags for both Memorial and Veterans Day. Unfortunately, the only way we know who our veterans were is by finding either a veteran's flag holder or a military plaque. As always, should you have any questions or concerns, contact our Cemetery Administrator, Len Dornberger, at 302-674-5787 x135

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (NOV 27)

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 2:1-5

SECOND READING: ROMANS 13: 11-14

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 24:37-44



SAMARITANS

Thanksgiving is right around the corner and our Samaritans will be making Thanksgiving baskets for those in need. We could use frozen turkeys that can be dropped off in the freezer at the Samaritan door. We could also use canned vegetables, jello, instant mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, applesauce, and other items to assist in making up these basket. Of course, we can always use soups, peanut butter and jelly.

SODALITY (HC)

The next Sodality meeting will take place on Sunday, December 13, at 12:30 pm on the second floor of the Early Learning Center. New members are always welcome. Stop by to see what we have to offer.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!! Get away for an intimate weekend – no group sharing required. We would love more couples to attend the next weekend. For information or to register, visit our website <http://www.wvme.org> or call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-648-2228.

NEW YORK TENORS ARE COMING TO WILMINGTON!

The Diocese of Wilmington will present The Magic of Christmas with the world-famous New York Tenors at 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 11, at Salesianum High School in Wilmington. Event proceeds will support the work of Catholic Charities.

The public is invited to experience memorable music, moments and magic through the vocal artistry of the New York Tenors, Andy Cooney, Daniel Rodriguez and Christopher Macchio, as they take audiences on a truly entertaining holiday journey.

A meet-and-greet with Wilmington's Bishop William E. Koenig and the New York Tenors will be held after the show. For show tickets, sponsorship information, and meet-and-greet tickets, contact Andrea Rotsch at 302-573-3120 or arotsch@cdow.org. Tickets may be purchased online at WilmingtonDiocese.simpletix.com.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

During this week of Thanksgiving, take a moment to share with each other one thing that makes you thankful for your beloved and your marriage.

MASS INTENTIONS NOVEMBER

21 MONDAY
HC 8:00 am Andrew S. Moreland

22 TUESDAY
HC 8:00 am Dm McKeown Family

23 WEDNESDAY
HC 8:00 am Louis Costa, Sr.

24 THURSDAY
HC 9:00 am Cathy Castiglione

25 FRIDAY
HC 8:00 am Jensen Reed

26 SATURDAY
HC 8 am Billy Joe Smith
HC 5 pm Ann & William Csajko

27 SUNDAY
HC 7:30 am Carmen Campanicki
ICC 8:30 am Devin & Smith Families
HC 9:30 am Brendan Ryan
ICC 11 am Rosemary Vasquez
HC 11:30 am Jennifer Noss
ICC 1 pm For the People

(LI—LIVING INTENTION
DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)

PARENT POINTERS

The Friday after Thanksgiving is often called "Black Friday" because it starts the frenzy of holiday shopping. It's especially challenging for kids not to get sucked into Christmas wish lists. Ask your children one gift they might like for Christmas that doesn't cost any money

SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on World Marriage Sunday, February 12, 2023, at 1 pm at Saint Margaret of Scotland Church in Newark, Delaware. The Mass coincides with National Marriage Week, February 7 through 12. For more information, please contact the Office for Marriage and Family Life 302-295-0657 or egaus@cdow.org

HOLY CROSS NOV 25/26, 2022

EMHC SERVERS

5:00 PM M. Casey D. Field C. Helwig F. Hettinger G. Coyle M. Coyle L. Curley

LECTORS

R. Alderman V. Viddy

7:30 AM R. Fritzsche S. Gede R. O'Neill R. Pritchett E. Bydlon E. Wadhams C. Wilk

LECTORS

D. Kilby

9:30 AM G. Richards C. Robinson G. Wessel M. Wessel G. Maddalena F. Madukwe R. Willemin

LECTORS

S. Crossen C. Parks

11:30 AM C. Garcia B. Guzman A. Luna K. Espinosa C. Geronimo

LECTORS

A. Luna

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8:30 AM S. Bell.

LECTORS

G. Godfrey

11:00 AM F. Cristiano

LECTORS

D. King

1:00 PM To be determined

If you missed the training and would like to still help with being an EMHC to the sick and homebound or at Mass, please call the Parish Office so we can start preparing for another training session.

Lectors are also needed. Call the Parish Office if interested in this ministry. Thank you.

Altar servers are always needed, too. Call the Parish Office and we can start our list for the next training session.

We appreciate all those who volunteer to help out in these various ministries!!

THANKSGIVING DAY (HC)

Mass on Thursday, November 24, will take place at 9 am.

The Clergy and office staff of HC and ICC wishes all a blessed Thanksgiving Day.

All Offices will be closed on November 24 and November 25.

ADORATION CHAPEL (HC)

Can you spare an hour to spend with Jesus? Our Adoration Chapel is open from 5 am to 9 pm Monday through Sunday We have openings where you can spend quality time with Our Lord. Call Joann Pate today at 674-4496 to reserve a time for you.

SUNDAY 6 am, 4 pm, 5pm, 6 pm, 8 pm

MONDAY 5 am

TUESDAY 6 am, 12 Noon, 8 pm

FRIDAY 1 pm

SATURDAY 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm

SWITCH TO eGIVING (HC)

Looking for a good stewardship habit? Try eGiving – it streamlines your generosity and lets you do even more to help Church of the Holy Cross grow our ministries that share the Good News of God’s love. You can make the switch today!

Signing up is easy from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and you can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Sign up today by visiting Faith.Direct/DE251. ‘Enroll’ to (Text-to-Give Number).

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

FOOTPRINTS

The Footprints Ministry, the Diocesan Miscarriage Ministry, offers resources for families on their journey after the loss of their unborn child, whether it was very recently or many years ago. We aid mothers, fathers, couples, and families with support, education, and compassion by providing books, guidance, and resources on the website www.cdow.org.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Our condolences to the families of those who recently passed:

- Deborah Lynn Hopkins
- Doreen Ryan
- James J. Pawlikowski

Agradecemos a todos los que colaboraron para que nuestro retiro de Adviento fuere todo un éxito y un Agradecimiento muy en especial a la Sra. Alicia Poppiti y las catequistas de ambas parroquias que hicieron posible el retiro de niños. A la directiva de la Inmaculada Concepción y a los servidores de Holy Cross.

El Foro Cristiano todos los viernes de 6:00 – 8:00 de la tarde en el salón Mateo/Marcos. hasta el 2 de junio tendremos la formación es para toda la familia. Este año el curso será sobre Signos, símbolos, sacramentos y sacramentales.

Ministerio de Arte y Ambientación invita a que te una a ellos. Dios nos ha dado a cada uno talentos para que lo usemos al su mayor gloria y para el bien común, donar tu tiempo y ayudar a tu parroquia es algo gratificante y descubrirás todos los talentos que el Señor te ha dado, compartirás momentos agradables, aprenderás del otro y enseñaras a otros, es importante recordar y necesario que sigas el horario y directrices del Ministerio de Arte y Ambientación que es para decorar, limpiar, y ambientar nuestro templo para las celebraciones litúrgicas. Anótese con la Sra. Arline Dosman.

Si usted desea colaborar con algo o desea participar con las celebraciones en honor a la virgen de Guadalupe anótese o hable con las Sras., Marta Espinosa, Mireya Rodríguez, Lina Mejía o llame a la oficina parroquial. El día domingo, 11 de diciembre de 10 de la noche en adelante tendremos las mañanitas y el Santo Rosario Infantil. El día lunes, 12 la santa Misa a las 7:00 de la noche, se-

guida por la procesión al gimnasio donde tendremos la cena y serenatas a nuestra virgen de Guadalupe. Póngalo en su calendario y celebremos a nuestra Madre.

Si usted desea tomar una Posada por favor de anotarse . Se les pide que se unan por vecindario para tomar una Posada o por familias. Las Posadas son del 16 al 23 de diciembre.

Si usted está interesado en participar y compartir sus talentos como lector, ministerio de música, ujier, ministros Extraordinario de la Comunión, Arte y Ambientación, dar Clases Pre - bautismales. Por favor hable con los coordinadores de los ministerios o llame a la oficina al 302-674-5787 ext. 118

ICC- EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Las Clases de Educación Religiosa son los domingos por la mañana, continuaran hasta el 7 de mayo, de 9:40 a 10:50 a.m. Póngase en contacto con Alicia Poppiti @ 410-482-8939 o dre@iccmmarydel.org para obtener más información. Las inscripciones ya están disponibles.

No habrá Clases de Educacion Religiosa el 27 de noviembre de 2022 debido a las festividades de Accion de Gracias.

PRIMERA RECONCILIACION: 5

Sesión para niños es el martes 29 de noviembre, a las 6:30pm en el salón, la clase termina a las 7:30pm . Se su hijo no está inscrito por favor comuníquese con la Sra. Alicia Poppiti

CONFIRMACION DE JOVENES: Primera Sesión es hoy domingo, 20 de Noviembre . a las 2:30pm en el salón, si su hijo no está inscrito comuníquese con la Sra. Alicia Poppiti.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Next class is 12/4/22 at 3:00—5:00 pm. Interested in enrolling a student in Religious Education? Registration forms available at <https://holycrossover.org/teaching-the-faith/christian-formation/k-8-formation> If you have any questions contact Tammy Korosec Early L either 302-674-5787 x122 or tkorosec@holycrossover.org *****

LAFF (Living as a Family of Faith Catechesis)

Next class December 4 at 10:30 am in the Matthew/Mark Room in the Early Learning Center. Interested in enrolling a student in LAFF? Contact Tammy Korosec.

ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES (HC)

Date Change

Advent is right around the corner! Holy Cross is offering the class Advent: Preparing for Christ Cycle A. Classes will be held on Tuesdays at 9:00am or 7:00pm beginning **November 22nd** in the Matthew/Mark Room in the Parish Office. The class is free, there will not be a workbook provided.

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR (ONLINE)

In English: Father Mike Schmitz



<https://media.ascensionpress.com/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes>

In Spanish: Fray Sergio Serrano



<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/bi-y-espanol-registration>

CONFIRMATION AT HOLY CROSS

Confirmation Class -

Our next class takes place on Sunday, December 11 and Wednesday, December 14.

Youth Group -

All junior and senior high teens are invited to youth group. November 26 from 3-4:30 pm in the School

Cafeteria - we will be making tie blankets for the children at Shepherds Place. Please bring fabric scissors if you have them.

December 3 - Cookie Baking

From 9 am to noon. Please come help bake cookies for the Samaritan Food Baskets for Christmas. Bring a friend - we have many dozen to bake - all hand welcome and needed. Cleared adults are welcome to come assist.

MOUNT 2000: This retreat for high school teens will take place Feb. 3-5 at Mt. St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD. Please join us for a great weekend put on by the seminarians at Mount. Cost is \$100 per person if you register by October 31. Please contact Linda Darling for the link to register. ldarling@holycrossover.org

Catholic Heart Work Camp: We will be traveling to Drexel Hill, PA this coming June 25-30, 2023. First Come-First Going. Please let Linda Darling know your desire to attend to reserve your spot. 12th grade welcome to join us next summer.

SRE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Religious Education classes run Sunday mornings until May 7th, 9:40 am-10:50 am. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact Alicia Poppiti @410-482-8939 or dre@iccmmarydel.org for more information. Also, If you have any difficulty with affording RE, please call Alicia Poppiti, and the office can assist you.

NO SRE CLASSES: There will not be classes for Religious Education on Sunday, November 27th due to Thanksgiving Holiday. Classes will resume on December 4th.

First Reconciliation Immaculate Conception: Session 5 for children is on Tuesday, November 29th beginning promptly at 6:30pm in the Church Hall, class ends at 7:30pm.

Youth Confirmation for Immaculate Conception:

Second Session is Sunday, November 20, at 2:30-5pm in the Parish hall. If your youth is not registered, please contact Alicia Poppiti, 410-482-8939.

It doesn't matter what your occupation is. Everyone looks forward to and enjoys a day off from work. A day to spend with family, clean the house, sleep an hour or so later, perhaps a little retail therapy makes your day. Not counting Labor Day, Columbus Day is usually our first day off from school. Three, glorious three days off! The fact that the we are not in school on Columbus Day does not allude to a lack of instruction. Our students are well educated in the who, why, when, where, and how of Christopher Columbus. They know well that the Nina, Pinta, and the Santa Maria sailed the ocean blue in fourteen hundred and ninety-two!

I remember as a child growing up, my friend attended the neighborhood Catholic school. As a public-school student, I was jealous of all the days she had off from school. She would explain that it was a holy day and her school was closed. Hhhmmmm....., it always seemed to me that if you wanted your students to observe the true significance of the day, you would have them in school. Right?

Good morning Holy Cross and welcome to our Veterans Day Program. We are gathered here today to honor the men and women who have served our country so bravely in the Armed Forces.

Well, that's the way I feel about Veterans Day. We are always in school and we have always placed great emphasis on the meaning of the day. As a school we honor the service men and women who have fought to maintain the freedom we were granted nearly 250 years ago. By virtue of geographic location and close proximity to Dover Air Base, we have many moms and dads who are active or reserve military. Every single day we see them in uniform on our school campus as they drop-off or pick-up their children, or perhaps they have stolen an hour or so to come and participate in a school activity. Their presence is a daily reminder to us of their service to our country.

It was during our July meeting of Religion Co-coordinators that the plans for the observance of Veteran's Day began to take shape. Mrs. Rider had information on the significance of the red poppy, she told us about the poem called Flanders Field, and four months later we were gathered around the flag poles joined by veterans and active military of the school community honoring and thanking them for their service.

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, fighting in WW1 ended.

November 11 became a day to celebrate peace.

The ceremony began with an eighth grader leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a flawless presentation of the Star-Spangled Banner by the HC Band and Chorus. Eighth grade students worked very hard to create significant symbolism honoring each man and woman gathered on that day at HC. The program continued with an explanation of various symbols that have come to represent Veterans Day. The red poppy being one and the Missing Man Table being another. Mrs. Benini led the students in making their own red poppy so that on Veterans Day they could be planted in the ground around the flag poles to symbolize the first flowers that grew in the soil from soldier's graves in the Flanders region of Belgium.

The small red flower was adopted by the National American Legion as the official symbol of remembrance in 1920.

The Missing Man Table is round. This significance is symbolic of the everlasting concern for our missing men and women. The table is covered in white cloth symbolic of the purity of their motives when responding to their call to serve. There was a Missing Man Table placed in front of the Junior High doors which were adorned with life sized black silhouette figures stand in the forefront of an American Flag.

The ceremonial folding of the American Flag took place for all to witness. The flag folding was accompanied by a reading of the meaning associated with each of the twelve folds. The flag-folding ceremony represents the same religious principles on which our great country was originally founded.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

One of the HC traditions started many years ago by Mrs. McMullen and Mrs. Wojtkiewicz is to teach the kindergarten students the words of the iconic God Bless the USA, made famous by Lee Greenwood. That tradition continues. This year, it was as if angels had reigned down among us as all voices joined in softly singing the words of the refrain.

And I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free

And I won't forget the men who died who gave that right to me....

To close the ceremony, there were a few veterans who stepped forth from various branches of the military to address the students. Their words were poignant. Mr. Capitan expressed advance gratitude to those young boys and girls who may make the same decision as all the veterans gathered, and thanked them for their future service.

As the raindrops began to fall with greater force, eighth grade trumpet player, Eva S. offered Taps, a tribute of respect for those who gave their lives for their country. We dispersed back to our buildings. God had answered another prayer. We were able to hold our ceremony before the forecasted precipitation began.

We are grateful to Mrs. Kate White and the eighth grade for planning such a fitting tribute to all those who have put country first while venturing forth with God by their side.

*I'm an American soldier, an American
Beside my brothers and my sisters
I will proudly take a stand
When liberty is in jeopardy
I will always do what's right
I'm out here on the front lines
sleep in peace tonight
American soldier, I'm an American soldier.
Toby Keith, American music artist*

ing throne. No, Jesus Christ's kingship was radical, it is was different, it was unique, it was covenantal and is eternal.

A Revelation of Sorts. All that being said, you may wonder, what exactly is so different about the Kingship we are celebrating today? Okay, here is the big reveal:

As I noted back at the beginning of this column, *"The special thing about a king in any kingdom is that that king rules the people, but is not one of the people, that is, he is something other. He is the only one in his kingdom who is not a subject."* Jesus Christ smashes that mold of earthly Kingship. For while does rule the people, he was one of his people... he became incarnate. God incarnate. God in the flesh. God among us. He became one of us:

- He walked among us.
- He felt the chill of cold, and the scorch of heat.
- He felt the joy of love, and the sting of hatred.
- He experienced the welcome of the crowd on a Palm Sunday, and its disdain on a Good Friday.
- He saw the good of mankind in a good Samaritan who cared, and in the bad of mankind in rancid rulers who cared only for themselves.

What one Song Got Wrong. Yes, he rules us, but this fully divine Jesus Christ, this God-man, knows exactly what it means to be fully human, too. And he rules us, yet it connected as one of us. Not just from on high on his heavenly throne, but from the midst of his very creation. Thus, to counter the lyrics of famous song: God is not watching us from a distance... he is right here among us.

On the Subject of Subjects. Let me add this, I noted that in the earthly realm, *"a King is the only one in his kingdom who is not a subject"* — well Jesus Christ made himself a subject. He subjected himself to the law — he was born of woman, circumcised, presented in the temple, and Baptized in the Jordan, just as the people of Judea would have been. He also subjected himself to earthly law, to accepting arrest, accepting verdicts of earthly courts, and even accepting death, death on a cross. He made himself a subject in his Kingdom on Earth, and a subject of God's and man's law... and good news, on Easter, God's law won. And so, now, this once-new born King, now King of the Universe, this Jesus Christ, divine and human, God and man, and, notably on this feast day, a king and a subject at the same time, has made himself the subject of this high holy day.

He is the subject at hand.

He is the topic of our yearning.

He is the king of heaven and earth.

Long Live the King. Jesus Christ's kingship is radical because he didn't see Kingship as the exercise of power, but rather as the exercise of love, mercy, justice and sacrifice. And to pay homage to our King, this day and every day, let us become a people of love, a people of mercy, a people of justice and a people of sacrifice. Those are the fundamental decrees our King, those are the fundamental calls of king, and those are fundamental characteristics of our faith.

Charles in Charge. When King Charles III is crowned next year, part of the rite (which carries over from when Great Britain was a Catholic nation) of the coronation find the assembled peoples attending the ceremony acclaiming, "Vivat Rex" (commonly expressed as "Long live the King"). The presumption of those words is that king being crown is good, and thus, the people want him on the throne as a long as possible. A good king is a good thing, but an eternally good King is Jesus Christ. And fundamental to his Kingship is that he is that good King, and fundamental to our faith is that we are his faithful subjects. And, so, to finish with the words of the song I began this column with: *"the fundamental things apply as time goes by."* Long live our King. *Vivat Christus Rex* — long live Christ the King.

Yours in Christ,

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