

CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

November 26, 2023

Christ the King

holy cross

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, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8 am

Wednesday – 8:15 am

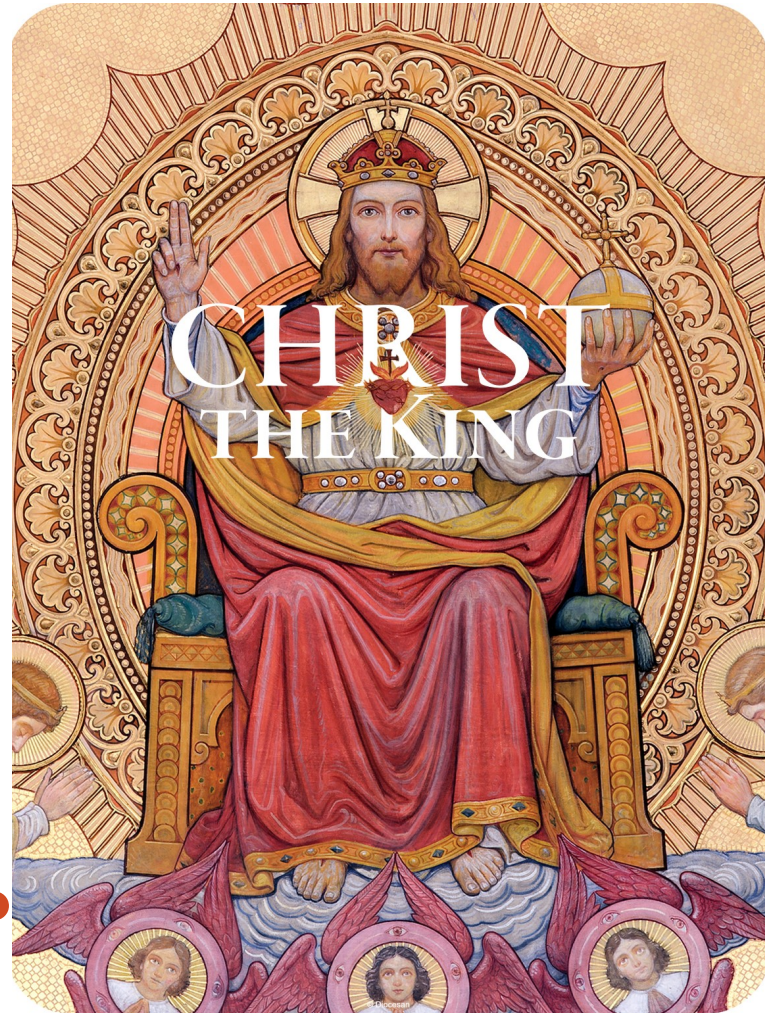
Federal Holidays, 9 am only (Presidents Day, MLK Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day)

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

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.

Check out the Dialogue this week to see the various Eucharistic Adoration Events that are taking place throughout the Diocese.

At Holy Cross/ICC, spend some personal time with Our Lord in our Adoration Chapel at Holy Cross.

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED	BUDGETED/ NEEDED	DIFFERENCE
Regular	\$20,938	\$27,650	(\$6,712)
YTD	\$498,084	\$534,800	(\$36,716)
Needs	\$1,268	\$1,712	(\$444)

OFFERTORY TYPE	RECEIVED
Regular	\$4,564
Second Collection	\$489

Diocese of Wilmington

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WEEK

Nov. 26 - Dec. 2, 2023



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Dear Parishioners,

The end is near! No, your pastor has not become a fatalistic doomsayer, but rather, I am noting a truth: The Catholic Church's year reaches its final Sunday this week: The Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Next Sunday, a new year dawns, with the onset of the first Sunday of Advent.

The End is Near. But that phrase, "the end is near," is also quite appropriate for these final Sundays, the lead of the end of the Church year. You see, at this end-time of the Church year, something changes in the tone of the readings we hear at Mass. That is because as we approach the end of the Church year, many of the readings that the Church wants us to hear deal with the "end times" and are written in apocalyptic tones. Much like the guy who used to stand around with a sandwich-board sign on him declaring "The End is Near," the Church, at this point in its year, is wearing that sandwich-board sign making that same declaration.

End or No End? But wait! Does that mean that Church at the end of each Church year says that "the end is near," yet nothing happens? I mean, these types of readings were read in 1983, 1993, 2003, and 2013, and yet here we still are. So, what's with the warning system? Firstly, nothing is wrong with the warning system because these readings are cautionary items; they remind us that there will be an end. But when that will be is known only to God.

Sara Lee and the End Times. Much like the multiple layers of Sara Lee triple fudge cake, there are many layers of meaning to this idea of "the end times." In some sense, "the end is near" regarding the Church year. The end is near for another year completed in the wake of Christ having come into the world. The end is near as the Christian era is winding down to final judgment. And we appropriately cap that year with the celebration of Christ the King, reminding ourselves that He is the alpha (beginning) and omega (end), our Savior and our Judge and that His throne, His reign, will endure forever.

Putting in my Two Sense. But there is a second sense in which to read these scripture passages about the "end times." You see, many of these readings were put down in these inspired texts of scripture to point to the end times in the life of Christ as he suffered and died in his Passion. But they also point to what lies beyond those ignominious events inflicted on Christ during his Passion.

There is also a third sense in which to read these scripture passages about the "end times." That is, to read them as a glimpse into the future, to an end time when the world as we know it will pass away. In this sense of reading these texts, we come to un-

derstand them as cautionary tales, reminding us to remain faithful, even amongst trials and tribulations.

So, here are some of the passages that one will hear in the final weeks of the Church year (and they vary from year to year in the cycle of readings):

About the End Times

"Jesus said, 'All that you see here -- the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down.' Then they asked him, 'Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?' He answered, 'See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, I am he.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky.'" — Luke 21:6-8a; 10-11

First Century: In the wake of Christ's crucifixion, the end of the temple began. Immediately after His death, there was an earthquake, and the curtain of the temple was split in two. This marked out the beginning of the end of the temple. By 70 A.D., the Temple, the center of the Old Covenant, was no more, and the centrality of Judaism ended. Meanwhile, historian Flavius Josephus provides an account of the Roman siege of Jerusalem — and the desperate famine and hunger that accompanied it.

Today: This passage reminds us that all the material things we own are passing away. There is no U-Haul trailer behind a hearse. Faith, however, is not passing away — rather, after death, it is our Christian hope that the object of our faith (life in God's kingdom) will be realized. You can lose your career, your wealth, your home, or your car, but if you abide in faith, you shall never lose God, who abides with you. He is the one, the only thing that is permanent.

About False Christs and False Prophets

"Jesus said to them in reply, 'See that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am the Messiah," and they will deceive many.'" — Matthew 24:4-5

First Century: There were many who came and deceived or duped people into believing they represented the will of God or the favored one of God. For instance, Christ endured the Pharisees, the Sadducees, the Zealots, the Herodians, the Romans, etc. Each of those groups claimed to represent the "true view" of God. Then you had the very personal example of Barabbas (whose

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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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HC STAFF

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Linda Pollitt	Principal, ext. 111
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RECENTLY DECEASED

Our condolences to the families of those who recently passed:

- Jerry Graf
Christopher Adam Balcerak

May their soul and souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

BAPTISMS

Welcome to our newly registered parishioners

- Donald Francis Fox II
- Ninoliro, Aireen, and Soffia Dumadag

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY

The pre-Christmas clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 9th. This includes the removal of Halloween and Thanksgiving decorative items as well as anything in violation of the cemetery's Rules and Regulations. If you wish to reclaim your decorations for reuse please do so by then. Your assistance in disposing of decorations at home will help reduce our clean up time and costs.

Christmas decorations (such as wreaths, poinsettias, blankets, etc.) are permitted from December 1st until March 1st. As always, thank you for your understanding and cooperation in maintaining our sacred grounds. For more information, contact Len Dornberger at 674-5787 x135.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is having a membership drive. Men of both ICC and Holy Cross are welcome and invited to join the K of C. Contact people are: Francesco "Chris" Cristiano for ICC at 302-653-9004 and Dr. Wayne Thomas for Holy Cross at 302-697-1152

1ST SUNDAY ADVENT (DEC 3)

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

The Prophet cries out for God to tear the heavens open and come down to save us.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

St. Paul constantly thanks God for the graces his converts received in Corinth.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:33-37

Jesus entrusts the Church, his followers, with our own special tasks as we live out our personal Christian vocations.

VOCATIONS

The Church is in great need of vocations to the priesthood and religious life in all its forms. And you can do something about it! Share a piece of pie with others:

PRAY for vocations for the Church and encourage others to do so.

INVITE young people you know to pray with you and join you in participating in faith formation and Church activities of all types.

ENCOURAGE young people you know to consider a vocation to priesthood or religious life, especially if you think they have the qualities to make a holy priest or religious

DELAWARE CHORAL SOCIETY

The Delaware Choral Society will present "A Very Merry Pops Concert" at 6pm on Saturday, December 2nd at Wyoming United Methodist Church (216 Wyoming Mill Road, Dover). Advance tickets are \$18 and available from any DCS member, online at www.DelawareChoralSociety.org, or on our Facebook page. Tickets at the door will be \$20. Discount rates are available in advance for students and groups of 10 or more. Email info@delawarechoralsociety.org for more information.

PRO-LIFE INFORMATION

Many thanks to everyone who has supported our pro-life efforts during this October's Respect Life Month. New Day Pregnancy Care Center has served over 700 clients this past year!! The Holy Cross collection for the pregnancy care center has been going to great use.

New Day operates on a shoestring budget and depends on donations to provide parenting classes, counseling and other items to help women and children free of charge.

As Catholics, we are called to care for the most vulnerable among us. Catholic = Pro Love.

Donations to New Day can be made via their website: <https://newdaypcc.com/>
Or mail a check to New Day Pregnancy Care Center.

811 S. Governors Ave. Dover, DE 19904.
40 Days for Life Advocates have been pray-

MASS INTENTIONS NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

27 MONDAY

HC 8:00 am Alan Molina

28 TUESDAY

HC 8:00 am Charles A. and Therese M. Stump

29 WEDNESDAY

HC 8:15 am Nicholas Allen Sawyer

30 THURSDAY

HC 8:00 am Sheila Beringer

1 FRIDAY

HC 8:00 am Brian McKenna

2 SATURDAY

HC 8:00 am Kathrine Eucker

HC 5:00 pm John Deighton

3 SUNDAY

HC 7:30 am Louis Costa, Sr.

ICC 8:30 am Delores Rossetti

HC 9:30 am Dorothy Lanaras

ICC 11:00 am Lorraine Monahan

HC 11:30 am Elena B. Rodriguez

ICC 1:00 pm For the People

(LI—LIVING INTENTION
DM—DECEASED MEMBERS)

*THE SANCTUARY LAMP IN THE CHAPEL FOR
11/26-12/25 IS FOR MEACHAM/GREEN FAMILY.*

*THE SANCTUARY LAMP IN THE CHURCH FOR
11/26-12/2 IS FOR JUDY PIERCE.*

ing, fasting and standing on the sidewalk from Sept 27th to Nov 5th to offer kindness, emotional support, and alternative options to couples seeking abortion.

Community support has been rising and some mothers did change their hearts after seeing ultrasounds (at New Day). We welcome new advocates and provide all training. You can make a life-saving impact!

Keep us in prayer as we remain at the abortion center all year long. Our ministry is self-funded and supported by donations.

Won't you join us? Talk to Donna Latteri, Area Coordinator, 862-266-1099



DEC. 2/3, 2023

EMHC

SERVERS

5:00 PM C. Bugglin M. Sirolli B. Richardson
M. Casey N. Sirolli L. Richardson

LECTORS

D. Kilby
V. Viddy

7:30 AM C. Brown J. Denney A. Costa
J. Chandler M. Jacobs E. Costa
M. Costa

LECTORS

K. Meire

9:30 AM V. Pepper C. Robinson K. Fernandez
G. Richards B. Whitworth J. Novack
J. Novack

LECTORS

M. Sherlock
M. Sossich

11:30 AM C. Garcia A. Luna TBD
B. Guzman

LECTORS

TBD

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

TBD

8:30 AM

LECTORS

E. Cramer

TBF

11:00 AM

LECTORS

1:00 PM TBD

S. TUCKER

If you or someone from your family is going to be in one of our local rehabilitation facilities or nursing homes, our Extra-Ordinary ministers of Holy Communion serve all of these facilities. If you are going to be in one of these facilities, even for a short time, please be sure to register yourself as a Catholic so that you will be on their list for our ministers to bring you the Eucharist on the weekend. All the facilities are very cooperative and will gladly add the name to the list for our ministers each week.

If you are in the hospital make sure you are on their Catholic list so we can have our ministers bring you communion daily. You must inform the hospital to put you on the Catholic list otherwise we do not know you are there.

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. Call John Murphy at 302-233-1779 or email him at jkm2015@verizon.net to schedule.

SUNDAY 7 am, 4 pm, 5pm
MONDAY 5 pm
TUESDAY 5 am,
WEDNESDAY 7 am
FRIDAY 8 am
SATURDAY 5 am, 9 am, 10 am, 12 pm,
1 pm, 2 pm

This is the year of the Eucharistic Revival. What better time is there to select an open hour in our Adoration Chapel and spend some time with Jesus weekly. Please consider taking some time each week out of your busy schedule to sit in silence and prayer before Our Lord. Call today to reserve your hour. You will be so blessed and glad you did.

SAMARITANS THANKS

Thank you to all who contributed canned goods, Turkeys, and other food items that we used to help distribute baskets to the needy in our community.

We are again asking for more items to build up our stock so we can continue handing out food during the week and also start accumulating items that will be given out in our Christmas Baskets. Hams are needed for the Christmas Baskets along with the trimmings to go with that. We thank you for your generosity in helping us help others!! Blessings to you all.

KNITTING GROUP

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting and fellowship, join the Prayer Shawl Ministry. We meet on Tuesday mornings from 10 am to Noon in the St. Look Room of the Early Learning Center Building. Please come join us to see what we are all about.

CATHOLIC FORUM

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Next Saturday, December 2nd, we talk with author H.W. Crocker about his book, Triumph: The Power and the Glory of the Catholic Church. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640.

- Preparémonos para el Adviento- Comienza el 3 de diciembre de 2023. El primer domingo de Adviento es también el comienzo del nuevo año litúrgico, en el que entramos en un nuevo ciclo litúrgico. Dios viene para todos, y todos lo esperan. Primera vela / Domingo: ESPERANZA (Vela de la Profecía)-Segunda vela / Domingo: LA PAZ (La vela de Belén)-Tercera vela / Domingo: ALEGRÍA (Vela del Pastor)- Llamado «Domingo de Gaudete», que significa alégrate, una vela rosa en la corona de Adviento representa este domingo. En la misa, también verás a sacerdotes y diáconos con vestiduras rosas, que nos llevan a esperar con alegría el nacimiento de Jesús. Cuarta vela / Domingo: AMOR (Vela del Ángel). Vivamos el Adviento.
- Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe: Ya se aproxima la celebración en honor a nuestra Señora de Guadalupe los días 11 y 12 de diciembre. Se les invita a las personas que quieran donar algo o cantarle a la virgen, voluntarios para arreglar y adornar, por favor de anotarse con alguno de los miembros de la Junta directiva.
- Todos los viernes de 6-8 Foro Cristiano con el padre Brennan Ferris: Todos los viernes, de 6:00PM hasta las 8:00PM. El tema es: "El Misterio Eucarístico" donde todo el año las clases se centrará en la EUCARISTIA y la PRESENCIA REAL en la Eucaristía Venga y fórmese para poder defender su Fe Católica, esto será un curso de formación que termina el día 2 de junio 2024. El tema de este año es sobre "El Misterio Eucarístico" que sin duda es el centro de nuestra FE, de la Liturgia Sagrada y sobre todo de la vida cristiana.
- POSADAS: Ya está tomadas todas las Posadas 2023. Puede unirse a la que le quede más cerca o unirse a la Posada del Fr. Ferris, que es la Primera el sábado 16 de diciembre.
- Comparta sus dones y Carismas: Todo lo que tenemos es un regalo de Dios, y como cristianos tenemos la obligación de compartir esos dones que tenemos para la honra y gloria del Señor y para con el prójimo. Si usted desea servir en algún ministerio por favor hable con la Sra. Arline Dosman al 302-674-5787 ext. 118 o con uno de los miembros del ministerio en que le gustaría servir o algún miembro de servidores de la Junta Directiva.

ICC

- NO hay Clases: El próximo domingo, 26 de noviembre la próxima clases será el domingo 3 de diciembre.
- Formación de Adultos. Lunes 6:30 – 8:30PM Los lunes, en el salón de reuniones de la oficina parroquial..
- Preparación Sacramental para la Primera Reconciliación Sesión #3 el martes, 5 de diciembre a las 6:30 – 7:30 pm en el salón.
- Para la preparación Sacramental de la Confirmación Sesión # 2 el domingo 19, de noviembre de 3:00 – 5:30 en el salón.
- Formación de Catequistas: Martes, 28 de noviembre, 7-8:30pm en el salón.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (HC)

Next Class: December 3rd - 3:00pm-5:00pm

Please be mindful when dropping and picking up students. Keep our parking lot safe by parking your car and walking your student up to the building. When picking up your student, park your car and walk to the cones by the exit ramp.

Interested in enrolling a student in Religious Education? Contact Tammy Korosec at either (302) 674-5787 X 122 or email tkorosec@holycrossdover.org

LAFF (LIVING AS A FAMILY OF FAITH CATECHESIS)

Next LAFF class is December 10 at 10:30 am.. Come out and join us; families gathering for prayer, communion with one another, sharing our Faith Life experiences.

Is your family interested in joining the Living as a Family of Faith Catechesis with Deacon Vince? Contact Tammy Korosec at either tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or call (302) 674-5787 X 122

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY (HC)

Advent is coming up fast! Holy Cross Church and Deacon Bob are pleased to offer the class Advent: Preparing for Christ Cycle B. Classes will be held on Tuesdays at 9:00am or 7:00pm beginning November 28th in the Matthew/Mark Room in the Parish Office.

The class is free, there will not be a workbook provided.

If you are interested in attending and have not already signed up, please register either by emailing tkorosec@holycrossdover.org or calling Tammy Korosec at (302) 674-5787 X 122.

Monday's Group Meeting

We will be doing: Our Lady in the Life of Grace - presented by Matthew Leonard from The Science of Sainthood. Everyone is welcome to join us in St. Luke's room in the ELC at 9:00 am on Mondays. We will complete this when we meet 11/20, 11/27 and 12/4. Then we will break until January.

Online Opportunities for Adult Ed:

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear>

In English:

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

In Spanish:

Fray Sergio Serrano
<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-espanol-registration>

YOUTH PROGRAMS AT HOLY CROSS

Confirmation Classes: We have class this weekend - Sunday, Nov. 26 and Wednesday, Nov. 29

Next Classes: Sunday, December 3 at 3 pm and Wednesday, December 6

Cookie Baking: Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to help bake cookies for the Samaritan Food Baskets on Saturday morning, December 2 from 9 am to noon in the school Cafeteria. Friends are welcome - please make sure they have a Form A if they are not from HC School or Religious Ed.

Purse Bingo:

Mark your calendars! Our annual purse bingo to raise money to assist our teens attending Catholic Heart Work Camp this summer will take place on Saturday, March 9. Tickets will go on sale after Christmas - \$35 per ticket. Please plan on joining us for a fun evening.

SRE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Religious Education at Immaculate Conception:

Sacramental Preparation Classes:

NO Classes: No Sunday Religious Education Classes next week, November 26th. Classes will resume December 3rd.

Sacramental Preparation Classes:

First Reconciliation session #3: Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30pm- 7:30pm in Hall
Confirmation session #3: Sunday, December 17th @ 3pm-5:30pm in hall.

Adult Formation at Immaculate Conception: Monday evenings 6:30-8:30pm in the Parish Office Meeting Room.

Catechist Inservice

Tuesday, November 28th, 7-8:30pm in Parish Hall.

As the Thanksgiving season is upon us , I am counting my blessings.....

Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

Margaret, Abigail, Miles, Rex, Trevor, Liliana, Nicholas, Jax, Roanan, Aurora, Ameera, Ezra, Buck, Rebecca, Aovyan, Grace, Carter, CharlieBella, Erik, Harper, Sophia, Heidi, Ava, Cameron, Jae, Gentry, Noah, Ace, Harper, Declan, Sophia, Jacqueline, Julianna, Andwele, Ngoc, Matthew, Frank, Sabrina ,Paul, Charles, Jocelyn, Bridget, Colin, Jackson, Gabriella, Ernest, Ava, Colette, Liam, Nicholas, Arianne, Naleah, Kaylee, Charlotte, Durotimi, Patrick, Christopher, Finnian, Gavin, Hannah, Rory, Camila, Liliana, Annalina, Layla, Leon, Isabella, LeahEvan, Josephine, Benaiah, Joseph, Sephorah, Alyvia, Daisy, Jaxson, Preston, Ellie, Ella, Linus, Noah, Anica, Cecilia, Eloise, Leona, Kimberly, Spencer, Alexandra, Isabelle, Carina, Blakely, Michael, Brittney, Zoey, Jacob, Santiago, Sara, Nyra, Emma, Crosby, Riley, Claire, Katelyn, Julian, Aiden, Matthias, Leona, Lillian, Rachel, Aria, Aubrey, Kylie, McKenzie, Angelina, Zachary, Isabella, Leila, Maximiliano, Sadie, Annora, Rony, Katherine, Bellamy, Declan, Camila, Reeve, Michael, Nolan, Charlotte, Vanessa, Mary Angela, Madelyn, Lillian, Elise, Avery, Gavin, Charlotte, Gabriel, Behr, Kasey, Cordelia, Peyton, Robyn, Joseph, Cecilia, Jase, Joelle, Reagan, Ross, Matea, Jamar, Paisley, Anslee, Fatima, Wyatt, Mark, John, Gianna, Alexandria, Eli, Jaazaniah, Oliver, Noelle, Nate, Krishna, Grace, Lily, Colton, Riley, Serena, Elizabeth, Edgar, Alexa, Paul. Cooper, Philomena, Claire, Lucianna, Mason, Melanie, Grayson, Violet, Alexander, Giuliana, George, Kahlan, Travis, Leiah, Jimena, Tucker, Gavin, Theron, Michael. Mollena, Cecilia, Kayla, Zoe.

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Colossians 3:20

Ryan, D'Ante, Hanna, Lauren, Paige, Logan, Natalie, Amelia, Aubrey, Kathleen, Daniel, Isaac, Pailyn, Rylie, Elle, Hannah, Michael, Elliott, Kelsey, Roslyn, Henry, William, Delia, Joslin, Rocco, Adelyn, Olivia, Ella, Joel, Logan, Loretha, Clarice, Madison, Gaia, Harper, Kaysi, Moira, Thed, Light, Emily, Ella, Thomas, Sydney, Vactoria, Andrew, Jehoash, Jordyn, Eliana, Alexander, Vyan, Marley, Vincenzo, Sabrina, Saanvi, Michael, Isadora, Catherine, Dylan, Josephine, Sydney, Lillian, David, Joseph, Miguel, Frank, Khian, Braden, Andrew, Harley, Lauren, Marilyn, Jackson, Shane, Genevieve, Luna, Paisley, Nraziella, Katya, Paul, Sydney, Addison, Mikayla, Quinn.

I have no greater joy than to know my children are walking in the truth. 3John 1:4

Alejandra, Katie, James, Makenzie, Jameson, Nyla, Dendz, Aidric, Kaden, Elise, Maximus, Bryce, Bram, Sarah, Jameson, Leo, Jensen, Ava, Andrew, Sarah, Enzo, Maura, Richard, Katty, Dhebb, Nicholas, Adaya, Emma, Cole, Leah, Molleah, Nathaniel, Cullen, Andrew, Deane, Ephraim, Justin, Avery, Chase, Liam, Emma, Brooke, Olivia, Carter, Gianna, Zachary, Florence, David, Mason, Owen, Julianna, Magnus, Joshua, TaiLik, Aiden, Kristina, Lily, Charlotte, Natalia, Philopater, Mackensie, Lilly, David Carter, Myla, Elijah, Margaux, Kaley, Judah, Rian, Mia, Aiden, Favour, Max, Luke, Macie, Kian, Nicholas, Cydney, Gianna, Lakshya, Lillian, Gavin, Mikayla, Andrew, Samuel, Seyram, Kehllan, Alaina, Adrianna, Carly.

His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful seroant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Matthew 25:23

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name literally means "Son of the Father"), who was chosen as the favored one over Christ by the very people for whom Christ was sent as the Messiah.

Today: New ageism, atheism, agnosticism, secular humanism -- these are the new movements and folks who are trying to dupe the faithful away from being the faithful. They find their home in academia and in many of the professions, and these movements destroy faith. This is why young people go into college being God-fearing Americans and often leave college as atheistic socialists. They have beheld the deceivers and fell in with them. The question is this, though: Why do false christs deceive so many, or perhaps, why are they successful? For some, these false christs, these false prophets, seem like miracle workers: they win over a person's trust and show them, falsely, a so-called better way of life. Cults, gangs, and new-age gurus do this — they do it with sleight of hand, clever words, and even technology. But as it is with faith, so too, it should be with listening to false prophets who tear down faith: Believe in miracles, but do not build your faith on miracles. See what lies beyond the miracle. For the huckster, there is nothing beyond the miracle; it is an empty show. For Christ, and for the Christian embracing the miracle, there is the knowledge and love of God, who breaks through into our world with the supernatural gift of a miracle.

About the Antichrist

"Beloved, do not trust every spirit but test the spirits to see whether they belong to God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can know the Spirit of God: every spirit that acknowledges Jesus Christ come in the flesh belongs to God, and every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus does not belong to God. This is the spirit of the antichrist that, as you heard, is to come, but in fact is already in the world."* -- 1 John 4:1-3

First Century: Christ endured, if you would, a form of antichrists -- that is, the opponents of Christ -- the Pharisees, St. Peter in his denial, St. Thomas in his doubt, and Judas in his betrayal. Those who brought Him to the Cross. Those who jeered Him. Those who spit on Him. Those who tortured and tormented Him. The Antichrist is mentioned (by name) in only four verses of Scripture: 1 John 2:18, 22, 4:3, and 2 John 7. In the Book of Revelation, he is alluded to as the beast from the sea: *"Then I saw a beast come out of the sea... It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling and those who dwell in heaven. It was also allowed to wage war against the holy ones"* (Revelation 13:1,6-7a). This provided folks in the first century a contemporary view of the antichrist and an end-time (end of the world) view of him (i.e., things to come).

Today: Let me give, perhaps, a less dramatic but more pragmatic view of the antichrist — not the person, but the *"spirit of the antichrist."* The antichrist is already in the world. We tend to think of the antichrist in overwhelming epic movie terms -- a demonic worldwide figure, such as one might see in *The Omen* film series. But in truth, the antichrist is already in the world: those who oppose Christ. And their name is Legion, for they are many. When you see a person moving a faithful person away from the faith, that person is a form of the antichrist — the opposite of Christ, who draws people to faith.

About Apostasy

"And then many will be led into sin; they will betray and hate one another. Many false prophets will arise and deceive many, and because of the increase of evil-doing, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who perseveres to the end will be saved." — Matthew 24:10-14

First Century: The Apostle John said, *"They went out from us, but they were not really of our number; if they had been, they would have remained with us. Their desertion shows that none of them was of our number"* (1 John 2:19). The fickleness of man can be seen even back in the first century: When being a Christian got tough, people walked away. They apostatized (a fancy word, meaning they denied Christ). The moorings of fealty and devotion were not fastened in good soil, so when the storm against Christianity raged, they were washed away.

Today: Many churches are filled with the feel-good Gospel — no sacrifice, no moral code, no repentance, no everlasting Hell, and no following Jesus to the death. The problem with the feel-good Gospel is that when one faces trials and tribulations or faces persecution, that person will have no point of reference for endurance, fidelity, and perseverance in faith. Those folks will quite likely leave the fold of Christ's faithful because, in truth, if all they ever heard or knew was the "feel good Gospel," then they never really knew Christ.

On this feast of Christ the King, on this weekend when we honor the King of the Universe, let us learn from the warnings that the Church gives us in the scriptures at the end of the Church year. Let them be understandings of what was, what is and, of course, what is to come.

Yours in Christ,
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