

# Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. November 20th, 2022

1st Reading: 2 Sm 5:1-3 Psalm 122 2nd Reading: Col 1:12-20 Gospel: Lk 23:35-43

*"This is the King of the Jews."*



Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Savior of all. Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Savior of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation.

Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Savior of all.

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## GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Lk. 21:1-4

Tues. Lk. 21:5-11

Wed. Lk. 21:12-19

Thurs. Lk. 17:11-19

Fri. Lk. 21:29-33

Sat. Lk. 21:34-36

*Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.* Ps. 122

## A Grateful Heart

Thanksgiving Day is not specifically a Catholic holy day, it certainly goes hand in hand with our life of faith. Spiritually speaking, we all know that gratitude is central to the Gospel message. Thanksgiving Day presents us with the perfect opportunity to look at this particular aspect of our faith. We are called to be eternally and deeply grateful. It's important to look at gratitude and to try to let it increase in our souls.

First, we will never be grateful unless we see clearly all that God has done for us. It's so easy in life to focus in on all the struggles we face and, as a result, to get down, depressed, frustrated and even angry at times. What's far more challenging is to look beyond the crosses and burdens we face each day to see the abundance of grace and mercy given to us by our Lord. Unless we see that mercy and grace, we will struggle greatly with authentic gratitude.

So on this Thanksgiving Day, reflect upon this simple question: Do I see all God has done for me? Do I see His abundance of mercy alive in my life? The Gospel passage above reveals that Jesus healed ten lepers, but only one of the ten returned in gratitude. Are you like one of the nine who failed in gratitude? If so, you most likely struggle with seeing all the true and abundant blessings from God. If you can humbly admit you struggle with total gratitude, you will have taken the first step to seeing more clearly and the first step to fostering the deeper gratitude you ought to have. Being grateful means you see the truth clearly. Be open to that truth and God will change your life as He fills you with joy!

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**Saint of the week: November 21st**  
**The Presentation of Virgin Mary**

Mary's Presentation was celebrated in Jerusalem in the sixth century. A church was built there in honor of this mystery. The Eastern Church was more interested in the feast, but it does appear in the West by the eleventh century. Although the feast at times disappeared from the calendar, in the sixteenth century it became a feast of the universal Church.

As with Mary's birth, we read of Mary's presentation in the temple only in apocryphal literature. In what is recognized as an unhistorical account, the *Protoevangelium of James* tells us that Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was three years old. This was to carry out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless. <sup>1</sup>Breviary



**Santo de la semana: Noviembre 21**  
**Presentación de la Virgen María**

La Presentación de María se celebró en Jerusalén en el siglo VI. Allí se construyó una iglesia en honor a este misterio. La Iglesia oriental estaba más interesada en la fiesta, pero aparece en Occidente hacia el siglo XI. Aunque la fiesta desapareció en ocasiones del calendario, en el siglo XVI se convirtió en una fiesta de la Iglesia universal.

Al igual que con el nacimiento de María, leemos de la presentación de María en el templo solo en la literatura apócrifa. En lo que se reconoce como un relato no histórico, el Protoevangelio de Santiago nos dice que Ana y Joaquín ofrecieron a María a Dios en el Templo cuando ella tenía tres años. Esto fue para llevar a cabo una promesa hecha a Dios cuando Anna aún no tenía hijos.

**'Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo**

**1era. Lectura:** 2 Sm 5,1-3 **Salmo:** 121; **2da.Lectura:** Col 1,12-20 **Evangelio:** Lc 23:35-43

**"Éste es el rey de los judíos".**

Como Iglesia hoy concluimos nuestro año litúrgico y celebramos la Solemnidad de Cristo Rey. El Evangelio que proclamamos muestra el gran misterio de nuestra fe: en el momento de su crucifixión, Jesús se muestra Rey y Salvador de todos.

El Evangelio de Lucas ha estado cargado de sorpresas: los pobres son ricos, los pecadores encuentran la salvación, el Reino de Dios se encuentra en medio de nosotros. Aquí vemos la mayor sorpresa de todas. Estamos frente a Jesús crucificado, de quien la fe nos dice que es Rey y Salvador de todos. La ironía es que la inscripción colocada en la cruz, quizás como burla, contiene la más profunda de las verdades. Mientras los líderes se burlan, el ladrón crucificado a su lado reconoce a Jesús como Mesías y Rey, y encuentra la salvación.

Jesús es Rey, pero no el tipo de rey que podríamos haber imaginado o esperado. Su reinado estaba oculto a muchos de sus contemporáneos, pero aquellos que tenían los ojos de la fe podían ver. Como discípulos modernos de Jesús, a nosotros también nos cuesta reconocer a Jesús como Rey. El Evangelio de hoy nos invita a hacer nuestro propio juicio. Con los ojos de la fe, también nosotros reconocemos que Jesús, el crucificado, es verdaderamente Rey y Salvador de todos.

**Mass Intentions – November 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>**

Sat. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm: - **People of the Parish**  
 7:00 pm: Misa en Cachagua:  
**Cumpleaños: Flor Martínez & Guadalupe Reséndiz.**  
 Sun. Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 9am: + **Valerie & Chuck McKay**  
 11:15am: **Healing of Baby Enzo Lopes**  
**NO 5pm SPANISH MASS**  
 Wed. Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> 12:00: + **Kirk King**  
 Thurs. Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> THANKSGIVING DAY 10:00  
 Bilingual Mass  
 – **People of the Parish.**  
 Fri. Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> 12:00: + **Fr. Mark Stetz**



**Weekly Collection Totals:**

**November 12/13, 2022**  
 General Fund & EFT:  
**\$3,358.06**

**UP COMING EVENTS 2022**

**Thanksgiving Bilingual Mass**  
 Thu. Nov. 24th 10:00 am

**Natale Christmas Dinner**  
 Fri. Dec. 2nd 5:30

**Immaculate Conception**  
 Thu. Dec. 8th  
 (Holy Day of Obligation)  
 12 noon English Mass  
 & 6:30pm Bilingual Mass

**Christmas Open House Party at the Rectory**  
 Fri. Dec. 9th 3-7pm

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Vigil Celebration**  
 Sun. Dec. 11th  
 4:30 pm Danza Azteca  
 5:00 pm Misa con Mariachi.  
 6:00 pm Convivio

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Day Celebration**  
 Mon. Dec. 12th  
 6:00 am Mananitas  
 6:30 am Rosario

**Posadas in Cachagua**  
 Dec. Thu. 15th - Fri 23rd 7:00pm

**First Day of the Posadas in the Church**  
 Thu. Dec. 15th 6:30 pm

**Misa & Big Posada in Cachagua**  
 Fri. Dec. 23rd 6:00 pm.

**Christmas Eve Bilingual Mass**  
 Sat. Dec. 24th 4:30 pm

**Christmas Day Masses: Sun. Dec. 25th 9 & 11:15 am**  
 (NO 5:00pm Spanish Mass)

**Natale Dinner 2022**



**Fri. Dec 2, 2022**

**Aperitifs 5:30pm**  
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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Week Days:

**Wed-Fri:** 12 noon.

### Weekend

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:30 pm

**Sunday:** 9:00 am & 11:15 am  
5:00 pm Spanish

### Reconciliation Schedule

Saturday: 3:30 pm and by Appointment

### Office Hours

Wednesday-Friday  
10 am – 12 pm; 2 – 4 pm

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The church is open Wednesday-Sunday 10am-400 pm.  
*At the heart of silence is prayer. At the heart of prayer is faith. At the heart of faith is life. At the heart of life is service.* St. Teresa of Avila



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