

Feast of CHRIST the King

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Solemnity – Christ the King

A Festival Thought

We end this church year by rendering loving allegiance to the sovereign who created our hearts and who rules them in his love. Jesus Christ is the king before whom we bow in worship.

About Today's Bible Readings

DANIEL 7:13-14

In this ancient vision, a glorious figure receives dominion over the whole world, a reign that will last forever.

Responsorial Psalm: 93:1, 1-2, 5

R. The LORD is king; he is robed in majesty.

REVELATION 1:5-8

A Christian prophet shares the message of his book: Jesus is Lord. He has saved us and deserves our grateful praise.

JOHN 18:33b-37

Before Pilate, Jesus reveals the true nature of his kingship. He rules, not my power but by truth.

ENTRANCE RITE: Sirach 18:3; Psalm 22:28-29

V. The Lord guides the world with a turn of His hand, and all things obey His will. For He is King of all, and by His power He separates what is holy from what is not.

R. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of the nations shall bow down before Him. For dominion is the Lord's, and He rules the nations.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ALLELUIA: Isaiah 43:15

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. I am the Lord, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: John 18:33b-37

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

Today – Nov. 24th

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Cycle “B” ends.

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Intentions for the repose of the soul of José Avilés. Offered by the Avilés and Borah families.

Sunday – Dec. 1st

1st Sunday of Advent

Cycle “C” begins.

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – Dec. 8th

2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

ADVENT!

Next Sunday, December 1st is the first Sunday of the Advent Season. It is also the start of a new church or liturgical year, Cycle “C” during which the Gospel readings each Sunday will primarily focus on the Gospel according to Saint Luke. Advent gives us the opportunity to prepare ourselves, physically, emotionally and spiritually for the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **There are booklets on the table in the vestibule.** Please take one and resolve to spend a few minutes each day in prayer and reflection so that you may truly appreciate God’s great gift to His people, Eternal Life in the form of the Baby Jesus.

SAUERKRAUT PIEROGIS

There are a few dozen frozen Sauerkraut Pierogis left from the Picnic. They can be purchased for the special price of \$5.00 per dozen. Please see Tom Schalata, Gary Waszk or Janet Katinowsky after Mass. Thank you.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Dan Shaner, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroszak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Alexis, Matthew and Kristy Samsel, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Bob Price, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Eric Meck, Damon Grossman, Joseph Grossman, Jr., Kevin Grossman, Corby Beck, Tom Beck, Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, John Bennett, Alicia Bennett, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, Chi Koch, Vicki Shoemaker, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Kelly Wylezik Shawn Siedel, Father Carmen Bolock, Christine Mulutzie, David Mulutzie, Greg Sharpe, Frederick Smith, David Metzger, Amber Irving, Paul Edling, Natalie Frankfort, Cheryl Weinhold, Dwayne Schwarz, Joe Bezek, Bud Hoffman and Dr. Brandon Ishaque. **Our Father...**

If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, November 24th; Regular Monthly Meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Sunday, December 15th; *Wigilia* sponsored by the Polish American Heritage Society of Berk’s County. Please see the Flyer on the table in the vestibule for more information.

If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

THE KNIGHTS CLOSET

The Reading School District has informed us that the Knights Closet Project which provides items of basic necessity to students in need will resume this year. The parish has generously participated in this worthwhile cause in past years and I hope that we will find it in our hearts to continue to do so. Please leave your contributions on the table in the Fellowship Hall and we will get them to those in need.

CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY - THE ANGEL TREE PROJECT

And let’s not forget about those individuals in our community who are less blessed than ourselves. If you are able to, please be a part of the Angel Tree Project to benefit the elderly or shut in of our community. The tree is set up in the fellowship hall. Please take a tag from it, sign the sheet and fulfil the gift requested. Return the gift to the auxiliary office in the upstairs of the Annex by December 10th and we will see that it gets to the appropriate individual.

OPLATKI CHRISTMAS WAFERS

The Christmas wafers or Oplatki are here and are on the table in the vestibule. Please take what you need and donate what you can. This is a beautiful tradition to maintain with the family at your Christmas table.

2025 PNCC HOME LITURGICAL CALENDARS

The PNCC Home Liturgical Calendars are here and on the table in the vestibule for \$7.50 each. Only a limited number are available so get yours before they are gone!

COFFEE AND DONUTS

We are pleased to gather for the Fellowship hour in the Church Hall following each Mass. Coffee and donuts will be served with the coffee being free and the suggested donation for each donut being \$1.00. I hope that many of you will join us.

2025 DONATION ENVELOPES ARE IN THE LIBRARY!