

## PARISH INFORMATION & SCHEDULES

### Office Phone 510-792-1962 - Office Hours:

Monday through Friday: 9:00am to 12noon

Sundays: 9:30am to 11:30am.

### Mass Schedule

**Monday-Saturday Mass:** 8:30am

**Saturday Evening:** 5:00pm

**Sunday Masses:** 8:30am, 10:00am,  
12:00noon

### Bible Study

Thursdays at 7:30pm in the Rectory.

### Registration in the Parish

Warmest welcome to all who worship in our Community.

Please complete a registration form available online.

(Parish Info)

### St. Vincent de Paul

If you or someone you know is in need, please consider calling 510-796-5494.

### Knights of Columbus

For information, please contact: Juan "Jappy" Francisco (415) 269-5973.

### Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Parish Office when a parishioner is home-bound or hospitalized to arrange for Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick.

### Marriages and Baptisms

Please leave a message at the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance for weddings and 3 months in advance for Baptisms.

### Baptisms

Please call to **make an appointment** with Fr. Antony. For details, please go to the Church website (Parish Info) or contact Jappy/Jan Francisco (415) 269-5973.

**Baptism Preparation/Training class:** Last Friday day of the month from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm in the Small Chapel.

**Baptism Celebration:** Last Saturday of the month 11:30am in the church

### Faith Formation

For questions or help with registration, please contact Sheila Remolar Reduta at (650) 743-5728 or [sjtafaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:sjtafaithformation@gmail.com)

### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Please contact FrancesAnn McKenney at 510-648-4876 or contact the parish office at 510-792-1962.

### Funerals

We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services / Holy Sepulchre Cemetery and Holy Angels Funeral and Cremation Services. You may contact Bill Russell at (510) 901-2191.

### Mother Teresa Center Reservations.

Call the office 510-792-1962 or email [MTC@sjapostle.net](mailto:MTC@sjapostle.net). (No prices or quotes are given over the phone or in an e-mail.)



## ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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Fr. Antony Vazhappilly, Pastor

## NOVEMBER 24, 2024

Christ the King

## PARISH CALENDAR

Dec 8 Parish Christmas Party

### Monthly Meetings:

**Knights of Columbus Officer's Meeting**

First Monday 7:30pm

**Knights of Columbus Business Meeting**

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 7:30pm

**St. Vincent de Paul**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 7:00 pm

**Bishop Begin Assembly 3546**

Business Meeting, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7:30pm

**Pastoral Council**

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7:00pm

### Monthly Devotions:

**First Friday** begins at 8:30am Mass, adoration during the day,

6:30pm Rosary, 7:30pm Mass

**KofC Novena Prayer for the Unborn** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after 10am

Mass

# CHRIST THE KING (JOHN 18:33-37) ARE YOU THE KING OF THE JEWS?

Pilate was never a man of strong character,  
He wasn't the favorite of the Roman emperor.  
At any cost, he would cling to his position,  
He did not like to face any opposition.

Before Pilate, Jesus stood tall and with dignity,  
Pilate was no match to Jesus' credibility.  
His wife had warned him of her terrible dream,  
But he played safe to keep his ambitious dream.

Jesus, they knew, could be crucified for treason,  
That's how the callous and misguided men would reason.  
Hence, they accused Jesus of claiming His kingship,  
And would have Jesus to go through every hardship.

Pilate did not see Jesus a threat to his king,  
But still, he wanted to know if Jesus was a king.  
Jesus said, "My kingdom doesn't belong to this world."  
Unafraid He stood before Pilate strong and bold.

No torture would destroy the spirit of Jesus Christ,  
Nothing would change the mind of the Eternal Priest.  
He came into the world for a specific reason,  
With His death on the cross, He would bring us salvation.

The church invites us to celebrate Christ the King  
From His death, a new and everlasting life would spring.  
In true gratitude, let's have Him reign in every heart,  
With Him as our King, peace from our homes will never part.

## Questions:

1. How do we make Jesus Christ the King and Sovereign of our hearts and lives?
2. Have we taught our children to put Christ the King first in their lives?
3. Do we act as good citizens of the Kingdom of God by serving God's children instead of our own ambition?
4. Do we act consistently with our stated faith in Christ the King, or are we like Pilate bowing to the crowds to reduce our discomfort or increase our status?

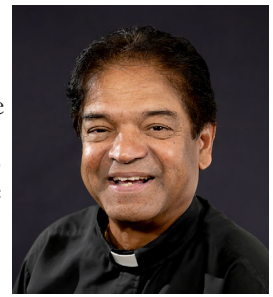
## Reflections:

Pilate never considered the Jews in high esteem. He was appointed prefect of Judaea through the intervention of Sejanus, a favorite of the Roman emperor Tiberius. Pilate incurred the enmity of Jews in Roman-occupied Palestine, insulting their religious sensibilities by hanging worship images of the emperor throughout Jerusalem and having coins bearing pagan religious symbols minted. The New Testament suggests that Pilate had a weak, and vacillating personality. If he was a man of strong character, he should have easily released Jesus instead of Barabbas for he had admitted that he found Jesus innocent of all the accusations the Jews had levelled against Him. But unfortunately, he succumbed to the pressure of the Pharisees. If, at least, he had listened to

his wife who had warned him to leave Jesus alone because of the dream she had the night before, Pilate would have stood in defense of Jesus. He knew Jesus was innocent, but he lacked courage to stand up to what he believed to be true. By declaring himself innocent by washing his hands. Pilate did not wash himself of the terrible crime he committed by handing over an innocent Jesus into the hands of His enemies. History proved that the governor had to pay dearly for the heinous crime he had committed by handing Jesus over to His enemies to be crucified.

With the first look at Jesus, Pilate should have known that Jesus was no threat to Rome because Jesus would not have matched the idea of a king Pilate had in mind-- the beastly kind, who ruled by lies; the kind of king whose reign begins and ends steeped in others' blood. Jesus stood before Pilate, ready to shed His own blood for a different kind of reign. Jesus was not Pilate's kind of king at all. But still Pilate wanted to double check with Jesus if He was a king. The charge of kingship is the central question of Jesus' trial before Pilate. Jesus never answers Pilate's question, "Are you the king of the Jews?" in a straightforward way. Even though Pilate declared to the waiting Jews that he found no case against Jesus, Pilate should not be considered as innocent as he appeared. If he found Jesus not guilty why then didn't, he release Him? He makes mockery of Jesus' kingship by having Jesus dressed in a purple robe and crown of thorns. In mockery, Pilate displayed a beaten Jesus to the Jews and had them demand the death of their own king. Pilate used his own authority to declare Jesus' kingship and placed an inscription over the cross, "Jesus of Nazareth, the king of the Jews." Even though the chief priests protested, Pilate stood his ground and refused their request with a solemn pronouncement, "What I have written, I have written."

The Church's liturgical year concludes with this feast of Christ the King, instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to celebrate the Jubilee Year and the 16th centenary of the Council of Nicaea. Instituting this feast, Pope Pius XI proclaimed: "Pax Christi in regno Christi" ("The peace of Christ in the reign of Christ"). This feast was established and proclaimed by the Pope to reassert the sovereignty of Christ and the Church over all forms of government. The Feast of Christ the King reminds Christians of the fidelity and loyalty they owe to Christ, who, by His Incarnation and sacrificial death on the cross, has made them both adopted children of God and future citizens and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven. The Feast was also a reminder to the totalitarian governments of Mussolini, Hitler, and Stalin that Jesus Christ is the only Sovereign King. Christ is our spiritual King and Ruler who rules by truth and love. We declare our loyalty to Him by the quality of our Christian commitment, expressed in our serving of others with sacrificial and forgiving love, and by our solidarity with the poor. Although emperors and kings with real ruling power exist today only in history books, we nevertheless honor



**MESSAGE  
FROM  
FR. ANTONY**

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Christ as the King of the Universe and the King of our hearts by allowing Him to take control of our lives. In thousands of human hearts all over the world, Jesus still reigns as King. The Cross is His throne and the Sermon on the Mount is His rule of law. His citizens need obey only one major law: "Love God with all your being, and love others as I have loved you." His love is selfless, compassionate, forgiving, and unconditional. He is a King with a saving and liberating mission: freeing us from all types of bondage, enabling us to live peacefully and happily on earth, and promising us an inheritance in the eternal life of heaven.

What is the Kingdom of God? What is the Kingdom of Christ the King? I would like to share with you a beautiful explanation given by Gerald Darring (St. Louis University: Center for Liturgy):

The Kingdom of God is a space. It exists in every home where parents and children love each other. It exists in every region and country that cares for its weak and vulnerable. It exists in every parish that reaches out to the needy. The Kingdom of God is a time. It happens whenever someone feeds a hungry person, or shelters a homeless person, or shows care to a neglected person. It happens whenever we overturn an unjust law, or correct an injustice, or avert a war. It happens whenever people join in the struggle to overcome poverty, to erase ignorance, to pass on the Faith. The Kingdom of God is in the past (in the life and work of Jesus of Nazareth); it is in the present (in the work of the Church and in the efforts of many others to create a world of goodness and justice); it is in the future (reaching its completion in the age to come). The Kingdom of God is a condition. Its symptoms are love, justice, and peace. Jesus Christ is King! We pray today that God may free all the world to rejoice in His peace, to glory in His justice, to live in His love.

As we celebrate the Kingship of Christ today, let us remember the truth that He is not our King if we do not listen to Him, love Him, serve Him, and follow Him. We belong to His Kingdom only when we try to walk with Him, when we try to live our lives fully in the spirit of the Gospel and when that Gospel spirit penetrates every facet of our living. If Christ is really King of my life, He must be King of every part of my life, and I must let Him reign in all parts of my life. We become Christ the King's subjects when we sincerely respond to His loving invitation to take up His cross and follow Him. Today's Feast of Christ the King reminds us of the great truth that Christ must be in charge of our lives, that we must give Him sovereign power over our bodies, our thoughts, our hearts and our will. On this great Feast of Christ, the King, let us commit ourselves to give Him the central place in our lives and promise to obey His commandment of love by sharing what we have with the needy. The best place we can give Him is our heart! And the best place we can have Him crowned is our home!



## St. James Parishioners You are invited to have Our Lady of Fatima statue in your home for two weeks.

Please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44AEA62EA2F4C25-50112309-pilgrims#/>

If you have any questions, please call Judi Domingo at **510-767-9548**

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

United Conference of  
Catholic Bishops Website

<https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

## Welcome, New Members!

We encourage you to register in the parish so that you can receive communication via email or regular mail. Registration information is essential for the office to respond to requests, send important parish and diocesan information and verify donations for tax purposes. If you need a letter of good standing to be a sponsor or Godparent for a baptism or marriage, registration is very important.

Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket and we will mail you a Parish Registration form. You can also find an online registration form on the website (sjapostle.net) FAQ

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