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Confesión el Sábado:  
Por cita en (Español y Inglés)

Rosario el Sábado: Y Letanías de la Santísima  
Virgen María—3:20pm

Misa el Sábado: (Vigilia) / Inglés 4:00 p.m.

Rosario el Domingo: Y Letanías de la Santísima  
Virgen María— 9:40am

Misa el Domingo: Español /10:00 a.m.

### Liturgia en los Días de la Semana

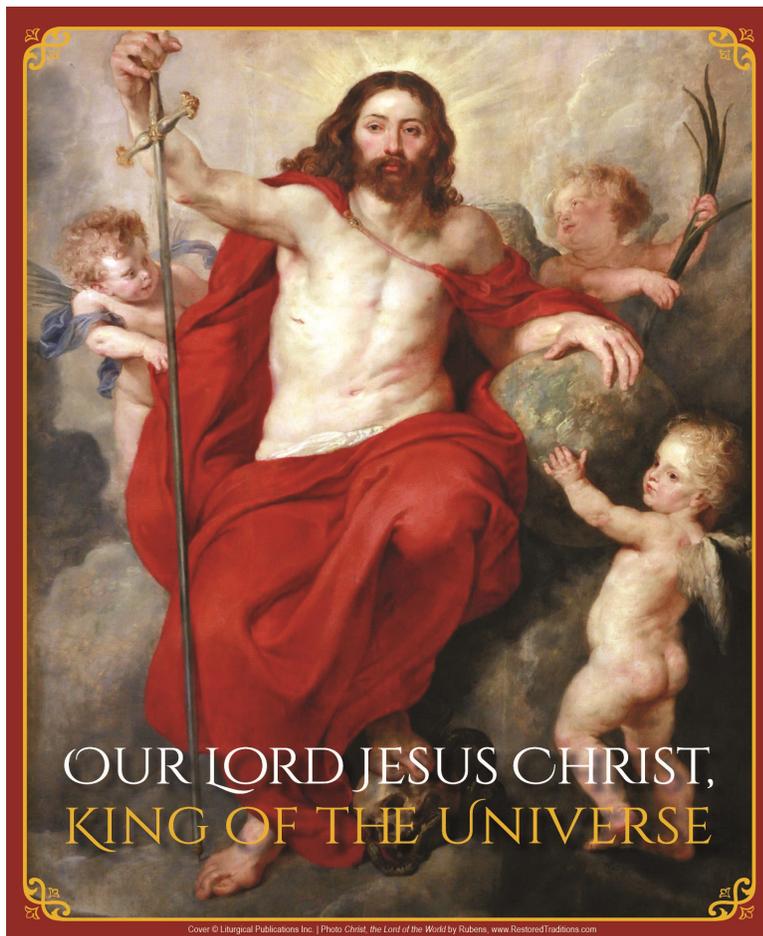
Cada Día a las Doce: Angelus/Regina Caeli

Lunes: Adoración 7:00am y Misa a las 7:30am

Martes, Miércoles Jueves, Viernes:  
Adoración 7:30am y Misa 8:00am

Viernes: a las 6:00pm Rosario Reina de la Paz con  
Adoración

Sábado: Adoración: 7:30am y a las 8:00am  
Misa en Honor de Virgen María



## November 20th, 2022

Rev. Victor C. Yakubu, Parochial Administrator  
Rev. Julius Kayiwa, Parochial Vicar

### Confession on Saturday:

By appointment English/Spanish

**Saturday Rosary:** With Litanies of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary - 3:20pm

**Saturday Mass (Vigil):** English -4:00 p.m.

**Sunday Rosary:** With Litanies of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary—9:40am

Sunday Mass: Spanish 10:00am

### Liturgy of the Weekdays

Every day at Noon: Angelus/Regina Caeli

**Monday:** 7:00am Adoration & Mass 7:30am

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:**  
Adoration 7:30am & Mass 8:00am

**Friday:** At 6:00pm Rosary of Queen of Peace with  
Adoration

**Saturday:** Adoration: 7:30 a.m. & 8:00 a.m. Mass  
In Honor of the Virgin Mary

Readings: 2 Sm 5:1–3 • Ps 122:1–2, 3–4, 4–5 • Col 1:12–20 • Lk 23:35–43  
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The Kingship of Jesus Christ has two roots. The one is in the House of David. We all know the story about how the Prophet Samuel was sent to Bethlehem, to the house of Jesse, to find the next king after Saul who had lost God’s favor. Under the guise of preparing to offer a sacrifice, Samuel examined each of Jesse’s sons and finally anointed the youngest son, David. A whole history had to unfold before the scene in today’s reading from 2 Samuel, where we hear about how David was anointed king in Hebron. Samuel had died many years before, but the prophetic action of the anointing of David as a youth has now come to its fulfillment in the anointing at Hebron. Later in David’s reign the prophet Nathan declares that the kingship of David’s line will never fail. This is the promise that raises the hope of the Messiah, the Anointed One, after Israel had been conquered and the royal family taken into exile.

Joseph is identified as Son of David and Jesus is adopted by Joseph and so made of the house and lineage of David. During Jesus’ ministry he is called “Son of David” any number of times, like when the blind man by the side of the road calls out to him, “Son of David have pity on me.” as he seeks to have his blindness cured. Most importantly, when Jesus enters Jerusalem, the crowds exclaim, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” As Son of David he is recognized as the fulfillment of Nathan’s prophecy, the Messiah.

The other root of Christ’s kingship is in the will of the Father to invest in Jesus a kingdom. We have been delivered from the darkness of sin and death into the Kingdom of the Father’s Beloved Son. This is manifest in the creative will of the Father through the Son who is the image of the invisible God. The Son is the firstborn of all creation. “For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible . . . all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent.” (Colossians 1:16–18) It is in this root then that the human impossibility of a kingship that lasts forever can be fulfilled in the Divine Son of God, Son of David who lives forever in the eternal Kingdom established by the Father.

The placard that Pilate had placed above Jesus on the Cross proclaiming him “King of the Jews” may have been a mocking of Jesus and those who brought him to crucifixion, yet it really identified who was enthroned on the Cross: Jesus the King, of the House of David, by the will of the Father.

It is for us to acknowledge Jesus Christ as King of our lives, allow him to rule our lives and not to hold back. He did not hold back to save us and exercise the ultimate power of his kingship, the redemption of the world.

Rev. James Orr

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20, 2022

- Sunday:** 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
- Monday:** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday:** Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday:** Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday:** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28
- Friday:** Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday:** Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Lk 21:34-36
- Next Sunday:** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

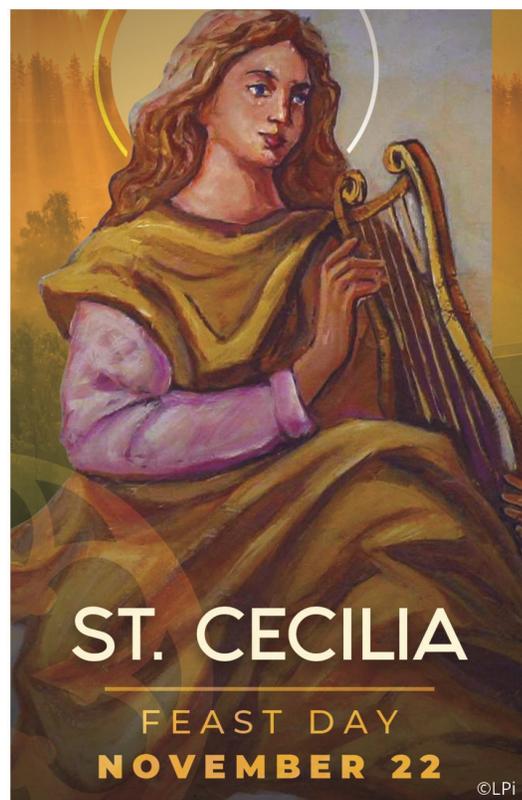
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20, 2022

- Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- Monday:** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Tuesday:** St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
- Wednesday:** St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr
- Thursday:** St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs; Thanksgiving Day
- Friday:** St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Advent

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Our king hangs on a cross. Onlookers saw this as the final defeat of a fool who many saw as an insurrectionist. They laughed at him and challenged his kingship by looking for proof: Save yourself! Historically, earthly kings are influential figures wielding significant power over the quality of their subjects' lives. Where is Jesus' power? Slowly fading away, he's a failure in many eyes. Brokenness and vulnerability are often seen as failures. Something went wrong and exposed us, revealing our fragile and sometimes incorrect selves to others. Yet, what appears at first to be shameful is really a golden key to life. It is only when vulnerable that we learn how to love genuinely. Marking what seems the end of a failed mission, Jesus Christ our King hangs before us as the vulnerable, wounded key to God's infinite love and life. The kingdoms of this world pass away. Jesus hangs as our king of a world that never ends. When we are vulnerable and broken in death, we fall into the fullness of Christ and are made one with him. This is more than any earthly king can promise and is the salvation we seek.



### SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Cecilia's story, like many of the earliest saints', is largely apocryphal and legendary in nature. According to tradition, Cecilia was born to a wealthy and prominent Roman family. Though she had consecrated her virginity to the Lord, she was married to a man named Valerian. It is said that she was "singing in her heart to the Lord" at her wedding. She confessed her promise of virginity to her new husband revealing that an angel protected her. Valerian would honor her vow only if he too could see the angel. Cecilia told him he would see the angel if he was baptized, which he went to do immediately. When he returned to her, he saw the angel beside her. Cecilia also converted Valerian's brother, Tiburtius.

Unfortunately, it was a turbulent time in Rome for Christians. Valerian and Tiburtius were martyred for burying the bodies of Christians, which was illegal. Cecilia was also targeted for her faith. First authorities attempted to suffocate by locking her in the bath in her home and overheating the room. Some accounts say that she didn't break a sweat and even began to sing. They then sent in an executioner to behead her, but he faltered and was unable to complete his task, only succeeding in mortally wounding her. She remained alive for three days before she died.

The saint's body was exhumed twice, first by Pope Paschal I in 821, then by Cardinal Sfondrato in 1599. Both times her body was found incorrupt, the first saint to exhibit this extremity. St. Cecilia is the patron saint of music and musicians.

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

When all the elders of Israel came to David in Hebron, King David made an agreement with them there before the LORD, and they anointed him king of Israel. (2 Sm 5:3)



## PSALM

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



## SECOND READING

He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Col 1:13-14)



## GOSPEL

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."  
He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (Lk 23:42-43)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It's not unreasonable to think that if God wanted to make a statement he could do so in a very dramatic way. After all, he spoke through a burning bush that didn't actually burn, parted the Red Sea, sent manna to the Israelites from the sky, cured lepers, healed the sick and cast out demons. All of that is pretty dramatic stuff, and they made statements! Now, Jesus hangs dying on a cross. He has been referred to as a king. Considering all of the miracles Jesus did in his short time on earth, isn't one more in order? If Jesus came down off of the cross, defied death, and parted the waters of suffering and death, onlookers, believers and unbelievers alike, would take notice. It would prove who God is and show us what God wants us to do. Or would it?

Great spiritual masters remind us not to focus on miracles or consolations received from God. They can distract us. Doing anything other than what Jesus did would distract humanity as well, misplacing our focus. It's not about a miracle, at least not the dramatic kind people are eager to see. It's about something more profound. It all goes back to where it began for the earthly Jesus. God becomes one with humanity in Jesus Christ. All that goes into being human is holy and blessed, and that becomes a place where God is born, again and again. God, through Jesus, tells us to hold firm to all of the experiences of being human, the joys and the wonders, the disappointments and the failures.

God's lesson is found in Jesus' vulnerability. It is only when we are vulnerable that we learn how to love. When Jesus breathed his last, God's unconditional and tender love was realized. Jesus always had a soft spot for the weak, lost, vulnerable, and broken. God wants us to come to Him freely, not because we have witnessed some fantastic display of prowess. God desires that we find Him through who we are, as our hearts and souls direct. This will mean that our love is authentic as it will be born of the heartache, pain, and turmoil that are a part of life. The fragments of our lives need to be made whole. Our fragmented king, Jesus Christ, is the only one who can help put the pieces together.

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