

Kingdom of the Son: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Solemnity of Christ the King

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2 Samuel 5:1-3; Psalm 122:1-5; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43



Week by week the Liturgy has been preparing us for the revelation to be made on this, the last Sunday of the Church year.

Jesus, we have been shown, is truly the Chosen One, the Messiah of God, the King of Jews. Ironically, in today's Gospel we hear these names on the lips of those who don't believe in Him—Israel's rulers, the soldiers, a criminal dying alongside Him.

They can only see the scandal of a bloodied figure nailed to a cross. They scorn Him in words and gestures foretold in Israel's Scriptures (see Psalm 22:7-9; 69:21-22; Wisdom 2:18-20). If He is truly King, God will rescue Him, they taunt. But He did not come to save Himself, but to save them--and us.

The good thief shows us how we are to accept the salvation He offers us. He confesses his sins, acknowledges he deserves to die for them. And He calls on the name of Jesus, seeks His mercy and forgiveness.

By his faith he is saved. Jesus "remembers" him—as God has always remembered His people, visiting them with His saving deeds, numbering them among His chosen heirs (see Psalm 106:4-5).

By the blood of His cross, Jesus reveals His Kingship—not in saving His life, but in offering it as a ransom for ours. He transfers us to "the Kingdom of His beloved Son," as today's Epistle tells us.

His Kingdom is the Church, the new Jerusalem and House of David that we sing of in today's Psalm.

By their covenant with David in today's First Reading, Israel's tribes are made one "bone and flesh" with their king. By the new covenant made in His blood, Christ becomes one flesh with the people of His Kingdom—the head of His body, the Church (see Ephesians 5:23-32).

We celebrate and renew this covenant in every Eucharist, giving thanks for our redemption, hoping for the day when we too will be with Him in Paradise.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
November 19th – November 27th, 2016

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| Sat. Nov. 19th 4:30 p.m. | Weekday Maria E.S. Melo – RIP – by Connie |
| Sun. Nov. 20th 9:00 a.m. | Christ the King Maria Melo Ponte – RIP – by Maria E.S. Ponte |
| 11:00 a.m. | Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her parents |
| Mon. Nov. 21st | NO MASS |
| Tues. Nov. 22nd 7:00 p.m. | Saint Cecilia Thanksgiving by Romea and Crodua families |
| Wed. Nov. 23rd 9:00 a.m. | Saint Clement I Cecile Beaulieu – RIP – by Denise and Gisele |
| Thurs. Nov. 24th 9:00 a.m. | Saint Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions Kornel Piacek – RIP – by his wife and family |
| Fri. Nov. 25th 9:00 a.m. | Saint Catherine of Alexandria Adrian de Souza – RIP – by the family |
| Sat. Nov. 26th 4:30 p.m. | Sunday Mass of Anticipation Felix O. Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy |
| Sun. Nov. 27th 9:00 a.m. | First Sunday of Advent (Year A) Jean Mathew Ching – RIP – by the family |
| 11:00 a.m. | Feliks Rewers – RIP – by Wanda |

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

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SUNDAY MISSALS

The 2016-2017 Sunday Missals are now available after every Mass. The cost is \$6.00 each. There is a collection plate beside the Missals for the people to put their money in.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Celebration of the Savior's kingship on the last Sunday of Ordinary Time. It belongs to that class of feasts called idea-feasts, that is, it celebrates no specific event in the history of salvation but rather honors our Savior Himself under the title of king. Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 to counteract the growing secularism and atheism of his time. Originally scheduled on the last Sunday of October, Pope Paul VI's reform of the Roman calendar transferred the feast to the last Sunday of Ordinary Time. This feast affirms the sovereignty and rule of Christ over persons, families, human society, the state, the whole universe. In particular the feast affirms the messianic kingship of Christ. Jesus is the king who has obtained His sovereignty through His blood. He is the Redeemer king. The original Feast of Christ the King is that of the Ascension. The Feast of Christ the King reinforces the themes of the Ascension, i.e., the exaltation of Christ to the right hand of the Father. "*Christ the King, Feast of.*" *New Catholic Encyclopedia*. *Encyclopedia.com*. Nov. 2016(<http://www.encyclopedia.com>).

BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS

Operation Christmas Child - Thank you for filling up the "shoe boxes"! Next week we will report exactly how many boxes were filled and how much money was collected (besides what was inside the sealed envelopes). Your wonderful generosity is very much appreciated.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS – The children (who already received their first communion) will have the opportunity to go to confession on Saturday, November 26th at 1:30 pm. Please mark on your calendar.

CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS – Next Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent, young people will be at the doors of the church selling the "Christmas tree ornaments" to benefit CHALICE and their many good works in various developing countries. During Advent we will continue to sell the "tree ornaments" for \$2.00 each. During the week, there will be a basket at the front of the church. Please take an ornament and leave your payment. This year, you may take your ornament home with you and hang it up on your own tree or give it as a gift for a friend's tree.

Thank you for your great generosity and support!

PARISH PHOTO ALBUM

The Photograph Directories are in. Anyone who took an individual or family picture is entitled to receive one. A few directories are available for \$15,00 each for anyone else who would like to have one. Please pick them up at the rectory on Sunday after the Masses or from Leonora during the week. If you have any questions about this, please contact Connie. Thank you.

LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL – 47th ANNUAL MOTHERS' GUILD WINE AND CHEESE FUNDRAISER

Loyola High School's social event of the year is just a few weeks away! Please come join us. You will have the opportunity to purchase wonderful gifts for family and friends. Win fabulous gifts at the balloon pop. There will be a fantastic raffle and silent auction tables.

We look forward to seeing you at this early Christmas gathering. You can purchase tickets on-line at: <http://www.loyola.ca>. Adults only / Admission \$25. All proceeds will benefit the Loyola High School Bursary Fund. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, November 27th 2016, from 2:00pm - 5:00pm.