

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

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First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1–3 | Psalm 122:1–5
Second Reading: Colossians 1:12–20 | Gospel: 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 the 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, and 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, seeking 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 by saving His life, but by 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 23rd – December 1st, 2019

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Nov. 23rd	Sunday Vigil Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her parents
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Nov. 24th	Christ the King For Souls in Purgatory – RIP – by Marie Christinne Hubert <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Nov. 25th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Nov. 26th	Weekday Joan Power and Jose Mourelo Sr. – Special Intentions – by Jose Mourelo Jr.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 27th	Weekday Sean – Special Intention
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 28th	Weekday Louis Ottoni – RIP – by Loretta
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 29th	Weekday Elza Pierre – RIP – by Maryline
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Nov. 30th	Sunday Vigil Feliks Rewers – RIP – by Wanda
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Dec. 1st	First Sunday of Advent Thanksgiving by the Kramer family <i>Pro Populo</i>

**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 2019-2020 Sunday Missals are available starting November 24th, after every Mass. For those who would like to have a copy of their own, the cost is \$6.00 each. There is a collection plate beside the Missals for the people to put their money in.

SAINTS ON DEATH & AFTERLIFE

"If we were required to die twice, we could jettison one death. But man dies once only, and upon this death depends his eternity. Where the tree falls, there it shall lie. If, at the hour of death, someone is living in bad habit, the poor soul will fall on the side of hell. If, on the other hand, he is in the state of grace, it will take the road for heaven. Oh, happy road!"

- *Saint John Vianney*

BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS

Operation Christmas Child - Thank you for filling up the "shoe boxes"! Next week we will let you know exactly how many boxes were filled. Thank you for your wonderful generosity.

CHRISTMAS TREE ornaments – On Sunday, December 1, 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. Please buy some ornaments and contribute to the giving of hope to those in great need.

Christmas Pageant – Saturday, December 21st. This event is put on by Be My Disciples and includes all the children in the program. It will remind us of the **real** meaning of Christmas. The Pageant will be held after the 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend. Please mark the date on your calendars! Thank you for your wonderful support!

COME AND SEE EVENING - for the Call to the Priesthood

The next 'Come and See' Evening will be taking place on **Friday, November 29, 2019 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** These gatherings are intended for men who are discerning a **vocation** to follow Jesus as a priest. These evenings are an excellent opportunity for those who are discerning a call to the **priesthood** to share in fellowship and to explore their **call** together. Gatherings take place at **Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish** (71 Roosevelt Avenue Ville Mont-Royal). For information or to reserve a spot, please contact **Fr. Robert Clark at 514-903-6200** or mtlvocations@hotmail.com.

HOLY HOUR

Silent adoration every Tuesday evening, following the 7:00pm mass (from 7:30pm to 8:30pm) Also, Adoration every Friday, following the 9:00am mass (from 9:30am to 10:30am). Come and spend some time with the Lord!

"Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace." -St.Alphonsus Ligouri

THE FOOD BANK "OASIS"

Please remember to bring non-perishable food and leave them in the bins at the doors of the church...Thank you.