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ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA CHURCH | ST. DOROTHY OF THE CAPPADOCIA CHURCH

November 26 2023



The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me,
ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.

Matthew 25:35-36

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About Our Parish

WELCOME! HOW TO REGISTER?

Please contact the Parish Office. or You can also register by going to our parish website.

Reminder Tax Letters can only be sent to registered parishioners who donate on line or by using the Parish Envelopes.

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SECOND COLLECTION
 DEC 3 CHRISTMAS FLOWERS
 DEC 10 PARISH CHARITIES
 DEC 18 PARISH MONTHLY

GRAND ANNUAL There are Envelopes available in the back of the Church for anyone who would like to make a donation to the Grand Annual. Thank you.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

4:00 PM at St. Dorothy's Church

(Sat., Dec 2) 4pm Mass at St. Thomas Church

Sunday

8:00 AM at St. Thomas Church

10:00 AM at St. Dorothy's Church

12 NOON at St. Thomas Church.

Daily Mass

9AM ST. DOROTHY CHURCH

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
 Everyone welcome. It is a wonderful way to begin your day.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

3:15 to 3:45pm Saturday, before the 4pm Mass at St. Dorothy or by appointment


(Sat., Dec 2)before the 4pm at St. Thomas

Parish Office

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Faith Formation Office

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Congratulations on the birth of your child! Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism. The instruction for families is offered in St. Thomas Church the last Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM. **Please note that there will be no Instruction held on Dec 31.**
 Baptisms are held in St. Thomas Church the first Sunday at 1:30 PM and at St. Dorothy Church on the third Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM.



I Kelly Dankese and Daniel Barros

Saturday Dec 2nd, the 4:00pm Mass and Confession before Mass will take place in St. Thomas Church.

Comcast: WCTV's local channel 6, Please note the mass that is broadcasted each Sunday at 10:00 am and 2:45 pm is the previous week.

	Sat December 2	3:15 –3:45pm Confession	St. Thomas	Fr Walter Carreiro
		4:00pm	St. Thomas	Fr. Chris Snyder
	Sun December 3	8:00am	St. Thomas	Fr Walter Carreiro
		10:00am	St. Dorothy	Fr. Walter Carreiro
		12noon	St. Thomas	Fr. Chris Snyder

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 25	
4:00pm	John and James Allen Jimmy DeRosa Benedict Miele Ann Melanson
Sunday, November 26	
8:00 am	Joseph G. Dattero Gerard & Gertrude Bourgeault Alfred & Ella DeMarco For the People of the Parish
10:00 am	Jack, Madeline & James Horgan Robert J. Bovio Giuseppe E. & Rosaria Bellino For the People of the Parish
Noon	James & Norma Busby Charles Blackington Dorothy Callahan Kenneth Corsaro Kenneth Groves
Monday, November 27	
9:00 am	Karen Scott
Tuesday, November 28	
9:00 am	Deceased Priest of the Archdiocese
Wed, November 29	
9:00 am	Elizabeth (Betty) McGrath
Thursday, November 30	
9:00 am	Gert Cushing
Friday, December 1	
9:00 am	Deceased members of the parish
Saturday, December 2	
4:00pm	Marion Quinlan Robert Miele Bob Carbone
Sunday, December 3	
8:00 am	For the People of the Parish
10:00 am	David Avery Jr. Jimmie O'Leary Jeannie & Joseph Marshall Anna & Raymond MacAndrews
Noon	Scott Peak Elizabeth Duggan Rev Arthur Conlin Lena & Joseph Conlin Elizabeth & Francis Stone



Adoration And Benediction
Every Friday at St. Dorothy's church
5pm to 7pm .
First Friday of the Month
2pm to 7pm

CHILDREN' LITURGY
There will be a Children's Liturgy for children ages 4 years old and older held during the 10 O'clock Mass in St. Dorothy Church. Children's Liturgy held on the following Sunday's
Dec 10, Jan 21, Feb 4, March 24.
For more information please contact Jeannie in the Faith Formation Office at 978.658.6040.

Adult Bible Study Group meets every Tues 5:45PM to 7:30PM in St. Dorothy's Church Hall. All are welcome! Regardless of your knowledge of Scripture, Contact Sylvia Maio at 978.207.0359.

Men's Group meet Saturday morning 7am—8am in Sr. Thomas Lower Church. For more information please contact Frederick.j.obrien@verizon.com



Have some doubts about your faith journey? Looking to grow closer to God? Please contact Sr. Mildred (978 -658-9363) for more information about beginning or continuing with spiritual direction



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A NOTE FROM FR. WALTER

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Greetings,

The Feast of Christ the King, or the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, is a solemn celebration instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, just a few years after the Great War in which nations were attempting to assert their authority. It was established to highlight the supreme sovereignty of Christ over the entire universe, including civil and domestic society, as well as over individuals. The purpose of this feast is to honor and acknowledge the kingly dignity of Christ, which is distinct from other feasts that commemorate different aspects of His life. It is a day when the faithful are called to demonstrate their obedience and subjection to Christ, both clergy and laity alike. The Feast of Christ the King is an occasion for the faithful to renew their allegiance to Christ and His law of truth and love. It is a day of grace and renewal, where the consecration of the human race to the Divine Heart of Christ is celebrated with adoration and reparation. Through the celebration of this Feast, the faithful are united in Christian charity and the reconciliation of peace, acknowledging the lordship of Christ over all that is. This feast is observed on a Sunday that falls between November 20 to the 26, which is at the end of the liturgical year, and it serves as the crowning glory upon the mysteries of the life of Christ already commemorated during the year.

The institution of this feast is aimed at recognizing and understanding the kingship of our Savior as widely as possible. It is through the annual celebration of the sacred mysteries that people are instructed in the truths of faith and brought to appreciate the inner joys of religion. The feasts of the Church have a salutary effect upon the whole of man's nature, affecting both mind and heart, and stimulating individuals to deepen their understanding and spiritual life. The Feast of Christ the King also anticipates the future day when the whole world will willingly render obedience to the lordship of Christ. It is a reminder of the supreme sovereignty that Christ holds over all creation and a call for all peoples to be joined together in Christian charity and the reconciliation of peace.

Living out the teachings of Christ the King in our daily lives involves praying for the coming of God's Kingdom and being alert to its signs of presence. It also means working for the growth of the Kingdom in every sector of society and facing challenges with confidence in Christ's victory. We should not separate our faith from our political and social life, as there is no human activity that can be withdrawn from God's dominion. We are called to enrich society and culture with the beauty and truth of the Gospel, never losing sight of the hope that gives meaning to our lives. We should be witnesses and heralds of the Kingdom, being a leaven of Christ's Kingdom wherever we find ourselves, whether in the family, at work, or in society at large. We should implore and experience the Kingdom of heaven today, showing love and care for the sick, disabled, elderly, abandoned, refugees, immigrants, and cherishing and respecting all human life from the moment of conception until natural death. By living with the mind of Christ, fulfilling our earthly tasks with uprightness, patience, and love, and praying in the events of each day and each moment, we hasten the coming of the Reign of God, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace.

In summary, the Feast of Christ the King is significant in the Catholic Church as it celebrates the kingship of Christ over the entire universe and serves as a culmination of the liturgical year. It is a reminder of Christ's supreme sovereignty and a call for all people to recognize and submit to His lordship.

Peace & Blessings! Fr. Walter



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE
TWO MASSES WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 8th

9:00am at St. Dorothy Church

6:30pm at St. Thomas Church

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COFFEE HOUR
DECEMBER 10th
AFTER THE
10:00AM MASS
DOWNSTAIRS OF
ST. DOROTHY CHURCH

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Christ the King

During Advent and Lent, Pope John Paul II would put on a simple black cassock and sneak into a confessional at St. Peter's Basilica to help hear the confessions of the thousands of tourists who came there. Although he was the Pope, JP II never forgot that he was a servant-leader, and the needs of the people came first. He was a priest first, and his actions reflected his belief.

Jesus reminds us that those who wish to be great in the Kingdom of God must serve the needs of others. There is no room for greed or selfishness, or for oppression or indifference. If we are all members of the same Body of Christ, then the suffering of one member becomes the suffering of all members, the needs of one become the needs of all. Want and suffering demand a response so that each person lives with human dignity intact and human destiny in mind.

We honor Christ as King, the servant-leader whose throne is a cross and whose crown is made of thorns. Follow His example of sacrifice and love. Practice the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy in the Gospel today. Meet the needs of others and you will meet the King.

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Gaudete Sunday Concert "Sing as Mary Sang"

December 17th at 3:00pm
In St. Thomas Church

Come and enjoy our Parish Choir
on the Third Sunday of Advent.



Christ the King

In a recent poll, many Christians of all denominations wanted to get more out of faith and were not quite sure how to accomplish that. They sometimes felt a disconnect between what they believed and how they lived. It wasn't that they were aware of sin as much as they wanted to have a more meaningful connection between church and life.

Jesus taught that we are to love God and love our neighbor as our self. Spirituality, then, is who we are in relationship to God and to others. To connect church and life, we need two things: we need to pray and worship God in a community of faith and we have to have a concrete expression of faith; we have to be different because we believe. Faith is more than an idea; it is a way of life that brings God's grace to everyday situations.

The Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy are examples of making the connection. They are specific ways to lend a hand, to express faith in God, and to recognize the value and dignity of each person. In practicing the Works of Mercy, we strengthen our faith and get so much more than we give.

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*And the King will
say to them in reply,
'AMEN, I SAY to YOU,
whatever you did for
one of these least
brothers of mine,
you did for me.'*

Matthew 25:40

Sunday's Readings

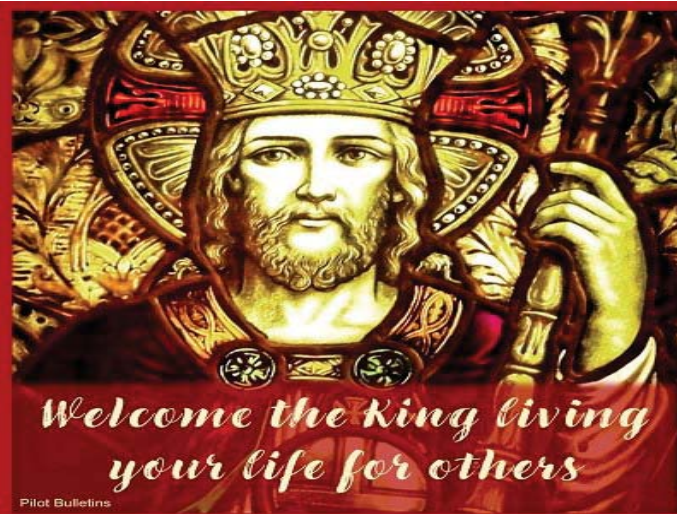
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Sunday, Nov. 26, 2023

First Reading – Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17: “The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly.”

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 23: “The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”

Second Reading – I Corinthians 15:20-26, 28: “For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.”

Gospel – Matthew 25:31-46: “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him.”



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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUNDAY Nov 26	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
MONDAY Nov 27	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4
TUESDAY Nov 28	Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11
WEDNESDAY Nov 29	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19
THURSDAY Nov 30	Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
FRIDAY Dec 1	Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
SATURDAY Dec 2	Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36
SUNDAY Dec 3	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

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ALL NIGHT EUCHARISTIC VIGIL IN REPARATION AND ATONEMENT TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS AND THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



**December 1 and 2
9:00 PM to 5:30 AM**

(First Friday & Saturday)

at the

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1:30 AM • Various spiritual exercises
3:00 AM • Divine Mercy Chaplet, Stations of the Cross
5:00 AM • Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rev. Michael Mbuwir

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TO ADD NAMES CONTACT PATTY AT THE PARISH OFFICE, IN ORDER TO KEEP AN UP DATED LIST THE NAMES. WILL BE REMOVED IN THE BEGINNING OF EVERY MONTH.

DAUGHTERS OF ST PAUL CHOIR – Natick High School Theater – “Come to Bethlehem Christmas Concert” Sat, Dec 9 at 7 PM or Sun, Dec 10 at 3PM. Join the Sisters for an evening of joyful music, stories & prayer! For details & ticket information, visit pauline.org/concert or call 617-676-4458. Free parking available.



WINTER CANCELATIONS

The Daily Mass will be canceled when the town of Wilmington Schools close due to weather conditions.

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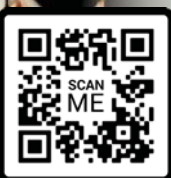
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