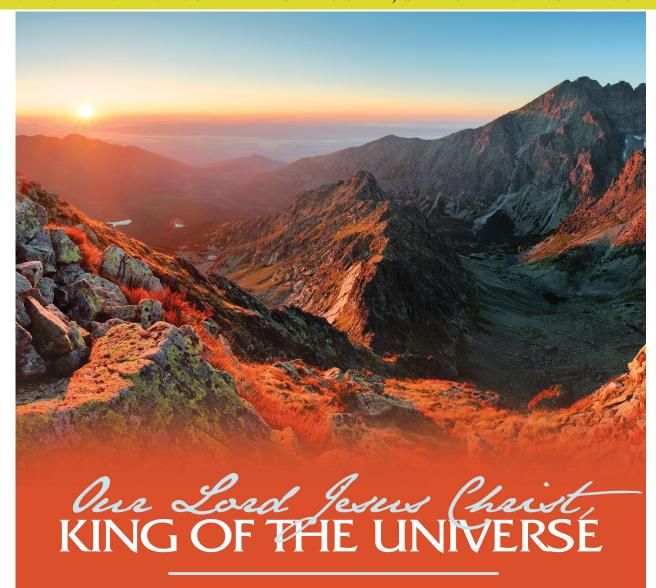
Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church Iglesia Católica San Juan el Evangelista

NOVEMBER 26, 2017 — OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE 26 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2017 — NUESTRO SEÑOR JESUCRISTO REY DEL UNIVERSO



"And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.'" - Mt 25:40

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:30 p.m
Sunday	9:00 a.m.
Daily Masses:Thursday	
Wednesday and Friday .	
CONFESSIONS (Saturday) 4:30 p.m. or by appointme	

HORARIO DE OFICINAS

LUNES—JUEVES: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. VIERNES: 9:00 a.m. - 12 del medio dia

HORARIO LITURGICO

TIOTATIO LITURGICO	
Domingo	12:15 p.m (Español)
Misa Diaria:Jueves	8:30 a.m (Ingles)
Miércoles y Viernes	12:00 del medio día
CONFESIONES (Sábado) 4:30 p.m. o por cita	

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Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Friday: 9:00 a.m.—12 NOON

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St John Parish Calendar

SATURDAY **NOVEMBER 25, 2017**

4:30 PM Reconciliation

5:30 PM Mass souls of Carl and Marie Carlson

NOVEMBER 26, 2017 SUNDAY

9:00 AM Mass parishioners St. John, St. Peter &

St. Patrick

Rosary 10:00 AM 12:15 PM Misa

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 29, 2017

12:00 Noon Mass

NOVEMBER 30, 2017 THURSDAY

8:30 AM Mass

FRIDAY **DECEMBER 1, 2017** 12:00 Noon Mass soul of Billy Taylor

DECEMBER 2, 2017 SATURDAY

4:30 PM Reconciliation

5:30 PM Mass Buenaventurada Pasarda Canoy &

Zosima Flores

SUNDAY **DECEMBER 3, 2017**

9:00 AM Mass 10:00 AM Rosary 12:15 PM Misa

ST. PETER OFFERS MASS DAILY AT NOON



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS/ RECUERDE EN SUS ORACIONES:

Keith Pinney, Rudy Calo'oy, John Ko-**Pray for** lakoski, Ron Price, Jr., Red and Nancy Goodman, Pat & Jerry Nolte, Richard Painter, Deborah Shorter, Maxine DiMarino, Isaias Fuentes,

Melanie Patterson, Lillan Arthur, Mary Helen Sohaski, Thomas Whitehead, Esperanza Godinez, Shirley Hughes, Sherry Wright, David Stull, Otts Miskimon, Dan Mages, Austin Okoli, Jr., and Georgina Gerhardt.

The item being collected for **FISH** for **November Instant Potatoes**

En el mes de **noviembre** necesitamos Papas o puré de papas instantáneas



"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 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." -Mt 25:34-36

Readings for the Week of November 26, 2017

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-3, 5-6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/

Mt 25:31-46

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52-56/Lk 21:1-4 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57-61/Lk 21:5-11 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62-67/

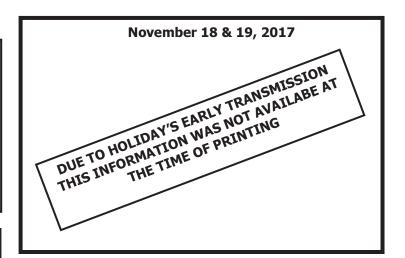
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22 Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75-81/Lk 21:29-33 Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82-87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: 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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Happy Feast day of Christ the King, King of the Universe!!! I love that title. It is so triumphalistic, which I love. He is the only one who is worthy of that title. Jesus Christ is the only one worthy of being called King of the Universe because that is what he truly is. He is the King of everything. As the scripture says, 'every knee shall bend in heaven, on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.' I like to think that it's good we kneel at Mass because we are just keeping our knee joints loose for the great day we kneel to our King in Heaven.

Here in America we are not used to thinking about having a king. We are a democracy where we elect people to represent us. The population basically chooses the direction of things. But for most of human history, this was not the case. During the majority of human history, people who governed and ruled by a monarch, by a king.

You probably recall the Old Testament readings about how the Jews, who were once governed by a number of Judges, decided that they wanted to be like the other surrounding nations and be led by a king. The prophet Samuel warned them about this and said it wouldn't turn out well for them because any person they appoint as king is going to be corrupted by the overwhelming power and authority. And the prophet was right.

And that's why we today, when we think of governing structures, why we hate the idea of having a king. We think about the king of England (George III) who we as a nation rebelled against in the American Revolution. Or we think about a bad king from ancient Egypt or a bad king or ruler in Asia. So we don't like the idea of having just one person who can say anything and order anything and is absolutely above reproach. We don't like the idea of having one person in change who has absolutely no one over them to keep an eye on them. We like democracy because we can vote out who we don't like.

But democracy is slow and full of bureaucracy. It has many problems. Many people do not even vote. And then when they vote they are ill informed or don't themselves know what is best for the country. And corruption and the corruptive influence of power is still fully alive in those elected...it's just that there are term limits and so they can be voted out...which is a good.

A monarchy is really the way to go. It is efficient. There's no debating. Things get done and they get done fast. The only problem is that, unless you have a true saint, who has perfect integrity, perfect intelligence, perfect wisdom and perfect discernment for justice, it's going to be a big problem.

The good news for the day is that not just our country, or other countries, or the whole planet earth...the good news is that the entire universe, every star, galaxy and solar system is ruled by one king, one monarch. He makes every decision as to the ultimate course of all events. There is nothing beyond his privy and nothing is too challenging for him to handle. He is perfectly above reproach. He is perfectly just in absolutely every decision. He is incorruptible and is perfectly wise. He is aware of all extenuating circumstances. His name is Jesus Christ. He is the king of the Universe. This is a great comfort to us.

Fr Rossi



"Our Blessed Mother Virgin Mary's Baby Shower" and Breakfast with Saint Nicholas



Please mark your calendar for the baby shower dedicated to our Blessed Mother Virgin Mary on Sunday, December 10th, from 10:00 am to 11:45 am in the social hall. We will celebrate the blessings of life with a breakfast in which we will have a special visitor, St Nicholas. There

is no cost but a donation will be greatly appreciated. All are welcome.

At the baby shower we will collect items to benefit the East End Pregnancy Center. Your presence and your presents will be greatly appreciated.

BE SURE AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS — COMMUNITY PENANCE SERVICE IS TUESDAY DECEMBER 5 AT 6:30 PM

Because of everyone's generosity **St. Peter** now has plenty of winter cloths for the homeless. There are now accepting food donations. A box is on the counter for your convenience.

NOTICE!! The Christmas Flower offering envelope in your sets does not have the usual line space on the back for the names of all your deceased. Please add the names on the back as best you can.

St. Patrick Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 17th, at 4:00 pm.

Vocalists Needed – Christmas Concert Lectors Needed – Christmas Concert

Anyone interested in helping should contact Angie Pometto at 703-772-6866 or apometto@gmail.com.

CONDOLENCES

St. John's family extents deepest sympathy to the family and friends of parishioner Mary McKann on the loss of her father Eugene Cooley who died this past week. Please keep Mary in our prayers.

As we have in the past the **Knights of Columbus** will sponsor the Appalachian Giving Tree. This is an opportunity to share the gifts with which God has blessed you with those who are less fortunate. This year we only have 4 families which is hopefully a good sign. However there are many other families also in need. Since we have so few families we will in addition to their tags include others for children and adult articles of clothing to be shared with other families in Appalachia who may not have registered but whose needs will become apparent in the coming days. Also there will be tags for food giving. Should we receive enough food the extra will be donated to FISH to assist local families during this holiday season who also are in want during Christmas and New Years. As always your help is greatly appreciated. All gifts must be back by 12/3 so we only have a couple of weeks. Thank you.