

The Lord Is My Shepherd

The prominent image for God in today's readings is the shepherd. This might be an unfamiliar image for city dwellers, but it is a very rich religious image. The Bible tells us that early Israelites were herders, so they know a lot about shepherds. They knew that shepherds follow the wandering of their sheep and attended to their needs—not the other way around. They knew that shepherds lived with their sheep in the hills for long periods, away from family, friends, and the comforts of life. They knew that shepherds helped birthing and dying. They knew that all of this is a messy, smelly business, and no job for the fastidious.

Many nations of the ancient world, Israel included, thought of their kings as shepherds of the people—leaders who should be willing to do for their people what the shepherd does for the sheep. This explains why, on the feast of Christ the King, we represent our king as a shepherd rather than a victorious military commander, as many kings are. But more than this, throughout his life—at his passion and death, and now in his risen glory—Christ cares for us and leads us as a shepherd does. He embraces the messy, smelly reality of life. He is a shepherd-king, intent on our needs, searching for us when we seem to be lost. How comforting it is to know he carries us on his shoulders.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

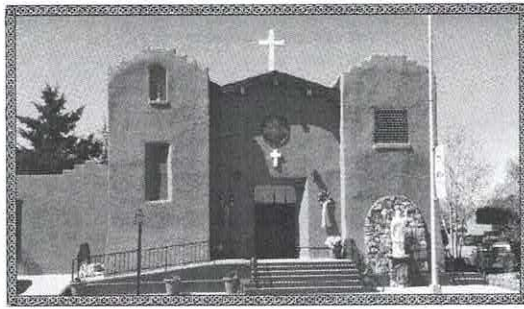
- ★ Recite today's responsorial psalm slowly and thoughtfully.
- ★ Which images of Psalm 23 touch you the most? Why?



*The lost I will search out,
the strays I will bring back,
the injured I will bind up,
and the sick I will heal.*

EZEKIEL 34:16

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(Classes and Couple Interview)

Contact Fr. Jason -6 Months Prior

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

By appointment with the Pastor

NOVEMBER 22ND

St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 10:30am

Daily Mass: (Wed-Spanish)-Fri at 12:10pm

Thurs at 5:30pm

Adoration /Confession: Tue 5:30-7:30pm Thurs 6:00-7:00pm

Honor of Our Blessed Mother Mass: 1ST Sat 10:30am

Confession: Saturday 4:00-5:00pm OR By Appointment

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines

Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00am (Oct 1 - May 31)

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

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Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00 am (Jun 1 - Sept 30)

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

NENM Detention Facility, Clayton (For Residents/Staff)

1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday's Mass 2:00PM

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*This is my body, which will be given up for you.  
 This is my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
 It will be shed for you & for all... so that sins may be forgiven.  
 Do this in memory of me.*

**Masses will be offered November 2020**

+ All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Members

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SI Good Health & Well Being of all Parishioners & Families

|              |                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wed, Nov.18  | SI Britt & Agnes Fisk                                                                      | by Chip & Sammie Wood                                                                                                          |
| Thur, Nov.19 | SI Britt & Agnes Fisk                                                                      | by Chip & Sammie Wood                                                                                                          |
| Fri, Nov. 20 | SI Britt & Agnes Fisk<br>SI Intentions of All Parishioners<br>And Missions of SFX Church   | by Chip & Sammie Wood                                                                                                          |
| Sat, Nov. 21 | SI Britt & Agnes Fisk                                                                      | by Chip & Sammie Wood                                                                                                          |
| Sun, Nov.22  | SI Celedon & Eloyda Gutierrez<br>SI Britt & Agnes Fisk<br>+Betty Fogarty<br>+ Gladys Jesko | by Julian & Colleen Gutierrez<br>by Chip & Sammie Wood<br>by Julian & Colleen Gutierrez and Families<br>by Sam & RosaLee Britt |
| Wed, Nov.25  | SI Britt & Agnes Fisk                                                                      | by Chip & Sammie Wood                                                                                                          |
| Thur, Nov.26 | SI Britt & Agnes Fisk                                                                      | by Chip & Sammie Wood                                                                                                          |
| Fri, Nov. 27 | SI Britt & Agnes Fisk                                                                      | by Chip & Sammie Wood                                                                                                          |

**Weekly Collections Summary: October /November 2020**

|                  | <u>SFX</u> | <u>OLOG</u> |
|------------------|------------|-------------|
| November 14-15   | \$2,863.00 | \$391.00    |
| 2nd Week of Nov. | \$ 741.00  | \$ 0.00     |
| 1st Week of Nov. | \$ 360.00  | \$ 275.00   |
| October 24-25    | \$1,752.35 | \$ 198.00   |

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- [v2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html](http://v2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html)
- [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)
- [www.catholic culture.org](http://www.catholic culture.org)

**Announcement**

**Please Note The New Office Hours Listed!**

**Adoration /Confession: Tue 5:30-7:30pm Thurs**

6:00-7:00pm

**No Weekday Masses at this time**

**The Church opposes abortion, but embraces with mercy those who have made this mistake. Let's all take encouragement from these words of Pope John Paul II: "I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To the same Father and to his mercy you can with sure hope entrust your child."**

**Announcements**

**SFX Celebration Raffle Tickets**

We will start selling the

2020 "The Birth of CHRIST!!!"

Raffle Tickets early this year at \$5.00 a ticket or

\$20.00 a book.

You can get them at the office during office hours, the church after mass, or call the office and we will mail them if need be.

**Lectors for Masses**

|              |          |                 |        |
|--------------|----------|-----------------|--------|
| Sat, Nov, 21 | 5:00pm-  | Shelley Carter- | Lector |
| Sun, Nov. 22 | 10:30am- | Effie Walker-   | Lector |
| Sat. Nov, 28 | 5:00pm-  | Ross Carter-    | Lector |
| Sun, Nov, 29 | 10:30am- | Pat Crisp       |        |

All Ministry schedules are updated monthly and posted on the church website.

If you need to know when you serve, check **www.sfxclayton.org!!**

# Dear Padre,

**Today we celebrate Christ the King.  
Why isn't this changed to "Christ the Lord"?  
The notion of "king" seems outdated.**

**C**hrist the King is not the easiest concept to get close to and celebrate. Kings, queens, and monarchies aren't part of our cultural heritage. With the current penchant for cutting celebrities and politicians down to size, a king or queen wouldn't fare well. With the turmoil of England's royal family, we frequently witness the demythologizing of the world's monarchies.

Christ's kingship obviously cannot fall into any of these woeful categories. Christ came to establish a different kind of kingdom, the kingdom of God, and that in itself puts Jesus on a different plane than all other concepts of earthly monarchies. Jesus came to proclaim God's reign, God's rule, in the manner in which God the Creator and Maker of all wants things to be.

We, however, are fiercely independent and freedom-conscious people. We don't want anyone telling us what to do. We want to participate in all decisions. We resent being pushed around by anyone. And that's fine. But in this case of God's kingdom, we have nothing to fear. God's power is to serve and give life, not to exploit or corrupt.

God's kingdom is the redemptive presence of God. Whenever people love one another, forgive one another, bear one another's burdens, and work to build a just and peaceful community, God's redemptive and liberating presence is being manifested. That is the kingdom and kinship we celebrate.

—Fr. Joseph Morin, CSSR  
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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*The kingdoms of this world at times are sustained by arrogance, rivalries, and oppression; the reign of Christ is a "kingdom of justice, love and peace." For a Christian, speaking of power and strength means referring to the power of the cross, and the strength of Jesus' love: a love which remains steadfast and complete.*

—ANGELUS, SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING,  
NOVEMBER 22, 2015



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## Calendar

### Monday

NOVEMBER 23  
Weekday  
Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5  
Lk 21:1-4

### Tuesday

NOVEMBER 24  
St. Andrew Dũng-Lac,  
Priest, and Companion,  
Martyrs  
Rv 14:14-19  
Lk 21:5-11

### Wednesday

NOVEMBER 25  
Weekday  
Rv 15:1-4  
Lk 21:12-19

### Thursday

NOVEMBER 26  
Weekday  
Rv 18:1-2, 21-23;  
19:1-3, 9a  
Lk 21:20-28

### Friday

NOVEMBER 27  
Weekday  
Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2  
Lk 21:29-33

### Saturday

NOVEMBER 28  
Weekday  
Rv 22:1-7  
Lk 21:34-36

### Sunday

NOVEMBER 29  
First Sunday  
of Advent  
Is 63:16b-17, 19b;  
64:2-7  
1 Cor 1:3-9  
Mk 13:33-37

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