

Your Majesty

This is an interesting form of address. It is not really a title like *Queen* or *Lord*. Nor does it identify a function ascribed to royalty, as does *ruler*. It refers to a status of excellence. It belongs to the position of royalty itself rather than the person in that position. Just what is majesty and why do we attribute it to some people? Originally people believed that royal individuals were descendants of the gods. This probably explains the notion of royal majesty. The readings for today's feast show that Jesus turned the ideas of kingship and royal majesty upside down.

The son of man in Daniel was a heavenly being upon whom "dominion, glory, and kingship" (7:14) were bestowed by God. The kingship of this figure is universal and everlasting. In the Gospels, Jesus frequently identifies with this title. When he does so, he is making a claim about his identity. The passage

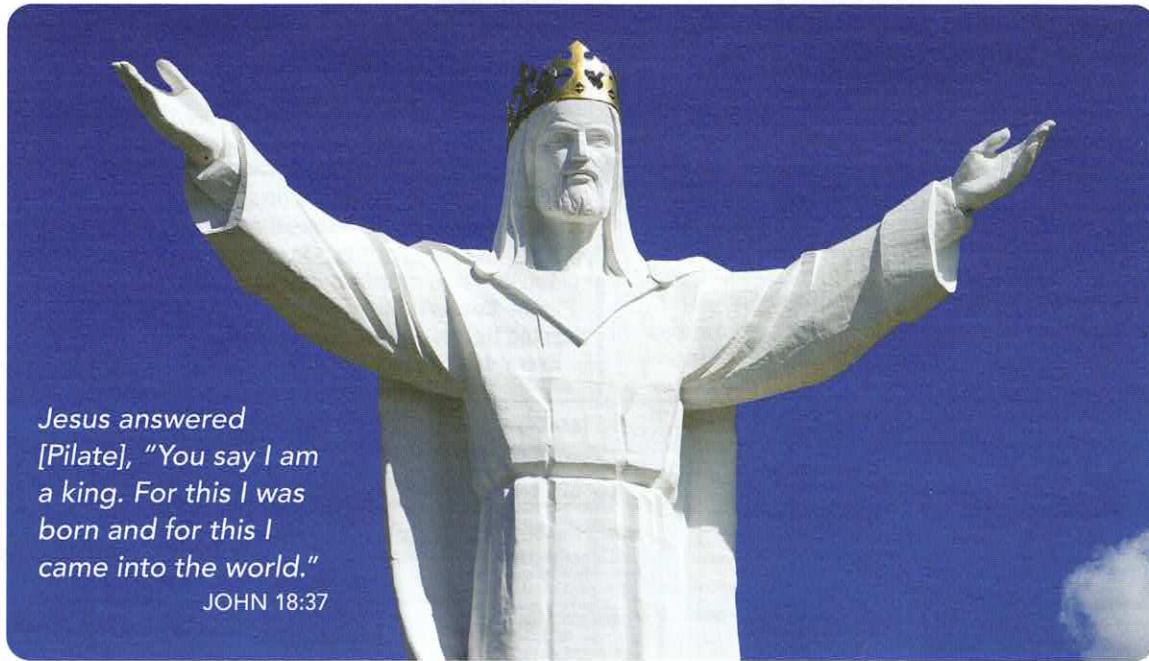
from Revelation depicts Jesus like this son of man, a heavenly being who comes "amid the clouds" (1:7) as "the ruler of the kings of the earth" (1:5).

In the Gospel scene, Jesus is interrogated about his identity. He insists that his kingship springs from love and service, not power and force. It's clear that his royal majesty flows from who he is, not from any political position he might hold. To call him king, as we do with today's responsorial psalm, was a very dangerous political statement for his early followers, for it claimed that Jesus is Lord, not Caesar.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *Do you think Jesus was naive about power politics? Why or why not?*
- ★ *What influence does Jesus exercise over your life as your king?*



*Jesus answered
[Pilate], "You say I am
a king. For this I was
born and for this I
came into the world."*

JOHN 18:37



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Contact Fr. Jason -6 Months Prior

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By appointment with the Pastor

NOVEMBER 21ST

St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

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

Daily Mass: Wednesday: 12:10pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 5:30pm Friday: 12:10pm

Honor of Our Blessed Mother Mass 1st Saturday of the Month: 10:30am

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

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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 2021**  
+ All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Members  
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|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat, Nov. 20  | +Gerry Davis<br>+Ronnie Rael<br>+Richard Arguello                                                                                                                      | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter                                                                                                                 |
| Sun, Nov. 21  | +Lillie F. Barreras<br>+Sam Britt<br>+Richard Arguello<br>(OLOG) SI Benny Bachicha<br>(OLOG) +Bernadette Trujillo<br>(OLOG) +Bernise Lamberson<br>(OLOG) +Kevin Kelsey | by Leo Ray & Lupe Gonzales & Family<br>by Rosa Lee Britt<br>by Debbie & Kirk Jesko<br>by Benny's Children<br>by Benny & Cecilia Bachicha<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long |
| Sat, Nov. 27  | +Gerry Davis<br>+Richard Arguello<br>+Jose & Elida Valdez                                                                                                              | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Rose Cardenas                                                                                                                         |
| Sun, Nov. 28  | +Sam Britt<br>+Thomas Romero Jr.<br>+Sandra Rael<br>(OLOG) +Bernice Lamberson<br>(OLOG) +Kevin Kelsey                                                                  | by Rosa Lee Britt<br>By Thomas & Elizabeth Romero<br>by Thomas & Elizabeth Romero<br>by Grant & Marjorie Long<br>by Grant & Marjorie Long                                                        |
| Tues, Nov. 30 | +Sam Britt                                                                                                                                                             | by Rosa Lee Britt                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Wed, Dec. 1   | +Richard Arguello<br>+Sam Britt                                                                                                                                        | by Debbie & Kirk Jesko<br>by Rosa Lee Britt                                                                                                                                                      |
| Thurs, Dec. 2 | +Sam Britt                                                                                                                                                             | by Rosa Lee Britt                                                                                                                                                                                |

**Weekly Collections Summary: Oct. & Nov. 2021**

|                | <u>SFX</u> | <u>OLOG</u> |
|----------------|------------|-------------|
| November 13-14 | \$1,979.00 | \$ 200.00   |
| November 6-7   | \$9,208.15 | \$ 469.00   |
| October 30-31  | \$1,927.00 | \$ 292.00   |
| October 23-24  | \$1,834.27 | \$ 388.50   |

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There will be no Weekday Masses at the SFX church:  
November 23rd, 24th, 25th & 26th

**ATTENTION!!!**

We are in need of volunteers for the Church Bazaar.  
We need volunteers to help in the kitchen and as cashiers.

The Bazaar is Saturday, December 4, 2021. Our fundraiser will be from 11am to 7pm.  
**Take-Out ONLY!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

After almost two years of no singing or music at Mass, I would like to try and bring it back. But need volunteers to work the organ and sing at their discretion parts such as: the entrance hymn, Kyrie, Gloria, (Holy, Holy or Sanctus), the Mystery of Faith, (Lamb of God or Angus Dei) and closing hymn. All at volunteers' discretion.

Fr. Jason Pettigrew

"The meaning of a consistent ethic is to say in the Catholic community that our moral tradition calls us beyond the split so evident in the wider society between moral witness to life before and after birth. Does this mean that everyone must do everything? No! There are limits of time energy and competency. There is a shape to every individual vocation. People must specialize, groups must focus their energies. The consistent ethic does not deny this" (Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, Address at Seattle University, March 2, 1986)

**Lectors for Masses**

- Sat, Nov. 27- Sammie Wood
- Sun, Nov. 28- Chase Carter
- Sat, Dec. 4- Effie Walker
- Sun, Dec. 5- Raymond Saccoccia

# Dear Padre,

**Why does the Church continue to use the image of a king to describe Jesus? He didn't act like a king or expect his followers to treat him like one.**

**H**ereditary kings ruled most nations in the ancient Near East. In Egypt, the king was actually recognized as a god. In Israel, God was considered the one true king, and God's covenant was the treaty that united God and the people.

But the time came when the Israelites thought they needed to strengthen themselves militarily and politically. Then the elders came to Samuel and asked him to appoint a king to govern them like other nations (1 Samuel 8:5). The three great kings of Israel (Saul, David, and Solomon) were considered instruments of God but were also subject to existing legal codes.

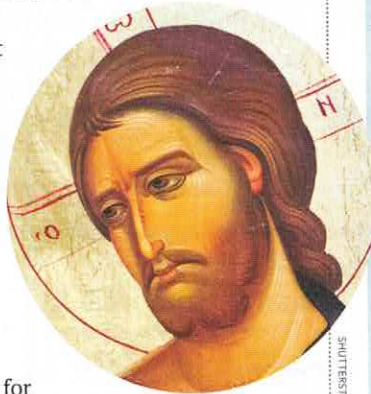
Throughout the New Testament runs the theme that Jesus, a descendant of the royal Davidic line, is a ruler or king. The Magi first proclaimed Jesus king, saying they were looking for the "newborn king of the Jews" (Matthew 2:2).

At the heart of Jesus' message was the good news that all people could enter the kingdom of God if they rejected sin. Jesus used the parable of the mustard seed (Mark 4:30-32) to show that his kingdom will grow until everyone can be embraced within its branches. This kingdom, first manifested in simplicity and love in the Galilean countryside, is to reach its fulfillment in a great love among all people. Jesus as king is an image that should lead us to recognize our commitment to love and service to others in his kingdom.

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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Jesus asks us to allow him to become our king....But we must not forget that Jesus' kingdom is not of this world. He will give new meaning to our life—at times even put us to difficult tests through our mistakes and our sins—merely on the condition that we not follow the logics of the world and of its "kings."*

ANGELUS, NOVEMBER 25, 2018

## Calendar

### Monday

NOVEMBER 22

St. Cecilia,

Virgin and Martyr

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20

Lk 21:1-4

### Tuesday

NOVEMBER 23

Weekday

Dn 2:31-45

Lk 21:5-11

### Wednesday

NOVEMBER 24

St. Andrew Dŭng-Lac,

Priest, and Companions,

Martyrs

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17,

23-28

Lk 21:12-19

### Thursday

NOVEMBER 25

Weekday

Dn 6:12-28

Lk 21:20-28

### Friday

NOVEMBER 26

Weekday

Dn 7:2-14

Lk 21:29-33

### Saturday

NOVEMBER 27

Weekday

Dn 7:15-27

Lk 21:34-36

### Sunday

NOVEMBER 28

First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16

1 Thes 3:12-4:2

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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