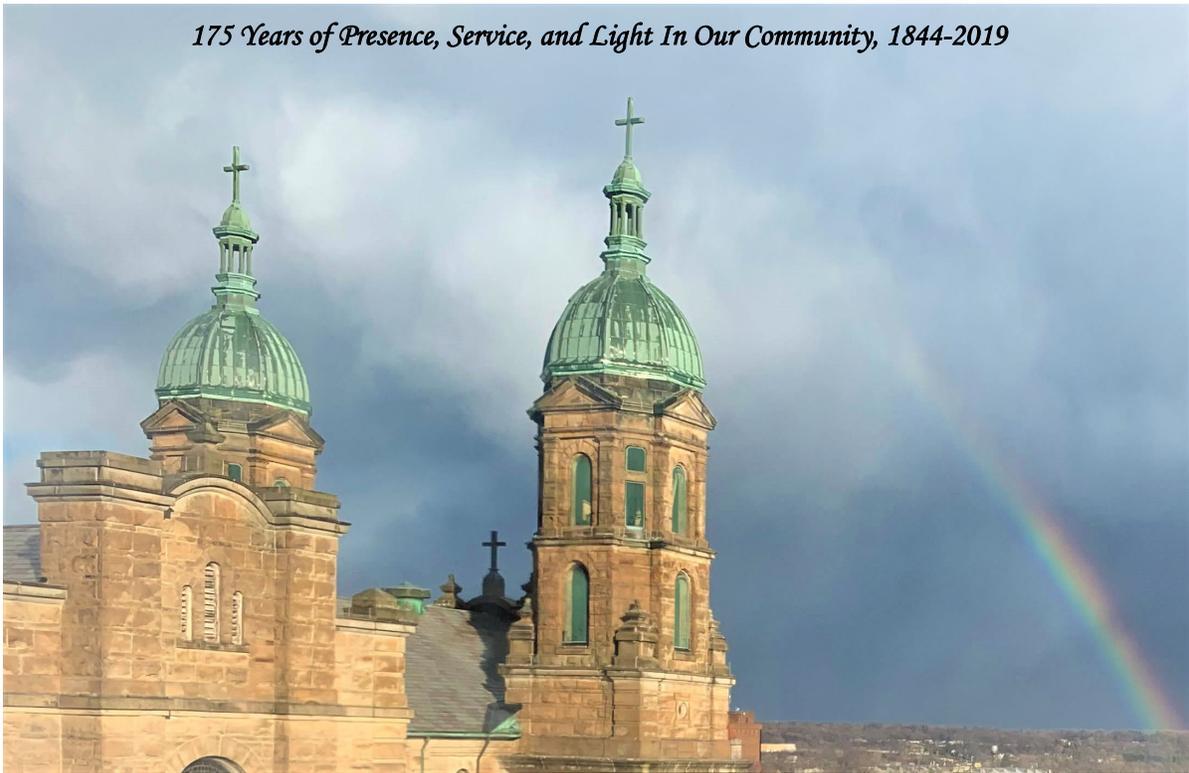


SAINT PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOVEMBER 24, 2019

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 P.M.
Sunday: 7:30 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:30 A.M.
Monday & Friday 5:30 P.M.
Tuesday - Thursday 7:00 A.M.

Spanish Mass:

Resurrection Parish, Lexington

Sunday: 6:00 P.M.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 7:30 A.M. - 7:30 P.M.
Friday: 7:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Saturday: 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Sunday Closed

Pastoral Care Contacts:

Ms. Kristi Reindl 419.524.2572
*Hospital & Follow-up
Nursing Homes/Assisted Living &
Prayer Pipeline*
Deacon John Reef 419.529.3694
Shut-ins/Homebound

Sacrament of Baptism:

Please contact the Parish Center to begin plans for the baptism of your baby or child.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:00 - 4:30 P.M.
Other times by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least ten months in advance of the ceremony. A wedding date is confirmed after the initial meeting with a priest.

Bulletin Deadline:

Friday, 12:00 noon. All requests must be submitted in writing or email and must receive prior approval.

Parish Administrative Assistant:

Ms. Kristi Reindl 419.524.2572 ext.2122

Pastoral Staff:

Fr. Gregory R. Hite, *Pastor*
Fr. Austin Ammanniti, *Parochial Vicar*
Mr. Bill Johnson,
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Ms. Lynne Lukach, *Pastoral Associate*
Mrs. Elizabeth Wurm, *Director of
Religious Ed. & Youth Minister*

Deacon:

Mr. John Reef

St. Peter's School:

Mr. Jonathan Cuttitta
High School, Jr. High School
Mrs. Ashley Rastorfer
Elementary School and Montessori

Parish Business Manager:

Mr. Evan Mumea

Director of Development:

Mr. Jason Crundwell

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MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, November 25, Weekday**

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Jim Sgambellone

Tuesday, November 26, Weekday

7:00 am Renie Family

3:15 pm Elmcroft Mass

Wednesday, November 27, Weekday

7:00 am Bob Pahl

**Thursday, November 28, The Presentation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

9:00 am Florence Kastelic

Friday, November 29, Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

5:00 pm Rosary

5:30 pm Paul Forster

Saturday, November 30, Vigil of the First Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm Jeanette Sanson

Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent

7:30 am Parish

9:30 am James Carcione

11:30 am Anton and Theresa Schroeder

LECTOR/COMMUNION MINISTER**Thursday, November 28**9:00 am **L** K Cannon, D Randall**D** M Collet, D Forster, M Joyce,
F Leitenberger, K Randall, B Scharl,
L Simmons, R Sliney**Saturday, November 30**5:00 pm **L** B Rader, J Riedl**D** D Falquette, B Nihei, M Joyce, T Hipp,
D Hipp, C Campbell, D Campbell**Sunday, December 1**7:30 am **L** D Bessemer, C Eighinger**D** L Simmons, B Danuloff, D Givens,
L Danuloff, K Reindl, K Reindl9:30 am **L** C Henrich, R Sliney**D** A Dillon, S Weitzel, K Wehinger,
M Riggelman, T Etwiler, F Schuster,
D Forster, T Frasz, J Brennan11:30 am **L** S Andrews, C Mears**D** K Yockey, T Fesler, F Leitenberger,
K Schreck, JWending, C Mears,
K Leitenberger, S Rizzo**MASS SERVERS****Saturday, November 30**

5:00 pm J Westwood, Z Keffalas, B Dix

Sunday, December 1

7:30 am S Tridico, A Saltzgeber

9:30 am S Henrich, R Henrich, J Ramey

11:30 am H Eighinger, G Farragher, E Rizzo, L Rhodes,
C Schenkelberg**THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD****December 1** Heather Angie

The Gospel reading for this coming Sunday is a fairly famous one. It is where Jesus gives the command to Peter and Andrew, "come follow me" and that is precisely what they did. They didn't think twice about it, it says they "left their nets at once" and followed him. It was just that simple, Jesus was there, he said come and they did.

I often think about this reading and wonder what would happen if this scene played out today.

Jesus says come follow me. The people say, "Let me do a Facebook recommendation first to see if others would make the same choice." Follow me, says Christ. We say, "Give me a second to finish this text first". Jesus states, "follow me". We respond, "I am not going anywhere with you until I at least do a quick Google search on your name to see who you really are."

Very few would "leave their nets at once" and go, even if they knew they were following the one who could save them. That is not the right answer and Jesus makes that abundantly clear in the Book of Matthew when he tells a would be follower that if he wants to be a disciple, he shouldn't even bury his father first, he should just come.

We live in a world where it is so very hard to follow Jesus, and without really good reason. I had the opportunity to speak to a mother not that long ago who was upset about the world that her child was living in, saying that it was a much tougher world out there today for kids to grow up in, and the choices are much harder to make.

I have to agree and disagree with her. It is a much busier, much more complicated world, but the choices are not harder. Stealing is still stealing, killing is still killing and bearing false witness couldn't be viewed as any other way. The "top ten" sins are still the top ten, and most situations, when boiled down, come back to them. There is no "harder world" because the truth is still the same.

We make the world harder because we choose to. When Jesus says to follow him, we can find many more reasons not to. We make things complicated by explaining them away, instead of looking for the one truth that is there. We don't follow right away, because we think we will be missing out on something if we do.

Following Christ comes down to remembering to follow him always, not just when it is convenient or popular. Following Christ means making a conscience decision to lead a Christ centered life. Following Christ means decisions we make should always point to him. Even though society has changed, the rules have not. Following Christ means to know, love and serve him.

Elizabeth Wurm

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH



Mike Payton, Bill Ruhl, Jeannie Burkhalter, Krista Marshall, Aaron Blank, Don Blank, Cindy Lassen, Dina Riley, Eliana Nelson, MaKaya Butler, Mildred Corbin, Sharon Valdry, John Henney, Paige Divelbiss, Maria Loschinkohl, Sherry Studer, John Ziegler, Marlene Ziegler, Kim Rucker, Dorothy Trinter, Marti Selby, JoAnn Marbaugh, Baby Greyden Jack, Gwen Yockey, Mary Ann and Mel Switzer, Louise Steggall, Tammy Dudley, Keith Combs, Mady Ziegler, Elaine Johnson, Cindy Jasnek Cartier, Jeannine Klotz, Marilyn B. Williamson, Paul Schopp, Tom Powell, Chief Master Sergeant Joseph Basting, Sarah Basting, Peggy Basting Taylor, Kathy Carcione, Carol Pittenger, Francis Paul Nestor, Charlie Henrich, Danny Rhea, Barb Jefferies, Amelia Moser, Ben Walker, Susan Lynn Shire, Cynthia Kalinoff Watson.

Names will only be listed for 4 weeks. If you wish to have additional time, contact the Parish Center at 419.524.2572.

IN GOD'S ARMS...



Wanda J. Benedict

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

To date, our parish has contributed **\$46,065.50 of our parish goal of \$55,000.** This represents a gift from **356 (of 1650) households.** Please consider helping us to reach our goal - **only \$8,934.50 to go.** In the big picture, your gift will help support a future pastor or associate pastor to serve at St. Peter's, Mansfield!! - Father Hite

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to be a part of one of the teams who will do light cleaning in the church once a month. We hope to have three or four teams. We would also need help twice a year with cleaning before Easter and Christmas. If you would like to help call Angie Dillon 419.524.2572, x3108 or email Dillon.angie@myspartans.org. People of all ages are welcome. This is a great service opportunity for our young people.

PRISON MINISTRY CORNER



While our parish is blessed to provide Catholic services and ministry to our brothers in the two local state institutions, ManCI and RiCI, "prison ministry" can involve so much more. Perhaps in the new year you would like to explore opportunities in other prison ministry-related areas, such as Mentoring, Re-entry, Advocacy, Community and Family Support, and Restorative Justice. Please prayerfully consider and call Lynne at the Parish Center to discuss—419.524.2572.

ANNUAL ALL SOULS MASS

At our annual All Soul's Mass on Sunday November 3 we remembered the lives of our loved ones of many people in our parish. The Mass was a meaningful celebration for those who attended and the reception was a nice opportunity to gather and continue to share the memories of our loved ones. The Candles and Crosses with your loved ones' name are available for pick up in the Parish Center.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

I would like to thank Bill Johnson and the Traditional Choir, the Bereavement Team, especially Sheryl Weber who acted as coordinator, the Eucharistic Ministers, the lectors the Knights of Columbus who were the ushers, Carol Sgambellone and the funeral lunch folks who provided the food and coordinated the reception, John Thrasher and Jon Ralph for making all the wooden crosses, Angie Dillon who labeled the candles, Fran Leitenberger who is the keeper of our All Soul's Book and Scroll, and especially all those who attended the Mass to pray together and support one another.

Kristi Reindl, Parish Administrative Assistant



GIVING TREE

Preparations have begun with efforts to organize the "Giving Tree" this year through efforts of our St. Vincent de Paul ministry and its volunteers and partners.

The tree will be up in our Church filled with gift requests on the weekend of NOVEMBER 30—DECEMBER 1, 2019.

Once again, our Parish is partnering with Catholic Charities and Salvation Army to assist community family's needs as well as St. Peter school families, parishioners and the Angel Tree Program (children of prison inmates). We want to extend our gratitude to our generous parishioners in advance for your past and present support with providing so many hundreds of people/families with a joyful Christmas experience throughout the years.

SUNDAY OFFERING	<i>Year to Date</i>
	<i>November 8, 2019</i>
Sunday and Holy Day Collections	
Sunday Collection & Holy Day Collection:	\$300,314
Total Budgeted Sunday Collection To Date:	\$305,900
Sunday Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$5,586)
School Collection	
Total School Collection To Date:	\$49,965
Total Budgeted School Collection To Date:	\$52,800
School Collection Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$2,835)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL UPDATE



Cash Available for Auditorium	\$391,162
Stage One Cash Goal:	\$379,000
Amount Needed to complete first stage:	GOAL REACHED!
Uncollected Pledges:	\$139,752

As of November 12, 2019

NORTHWEST OHIO SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Apply today for a scholarship for the 2020-21 school year! Scholarships are available for your children to attend a private school or for homeschool expenses for grades K-8.

Your child may qualify for a scholarship worth up to \$1,500 at the private school of your choice or for \$500 for homeschool expenses based on your family's annual household income.

- * Families who meet the eligibility requirement and reside in one of the participating counties* can apply.
- * Scholarships payments are made directly to the school.
- * Residing Counties: A;en, Crawford, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Huron, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams Wood and Wyandot.

Online application deadline for 2020-21 is Friday, April 24, 2020. <https://tinyurl.com/NOSF2021AP>

For questions, contact Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund at 419.720.7048 or visit www.nosf.org.

FATHER AUSTIN VISITS KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Baker, arranged for Father Austin to visit her kindergarten students since they have been learning about church leaders. He talked to them about being a priest and about himself. With Mrs. Baker's help students had prepared some questions ahead of time to ask Father Austin such as (a) Do you ask the church to become a priest?, (b) What does a priest do?, (c) How do you ring the bell?, (d) What is your favorite color?, and (e) Tell us about your family. Father Austin also brought some chrisms for them to smell since they learned about baptism a few weeks prior to his visit.



Thank you, Father Austin.

ADVERTISER of the week

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32ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CLASSIC



Do not forget to place your orders for poticas and kieffels! We will make kieffels beginning at 8:00 A.M. on Tuesday December 3, and poticas on December 5 and 6 at 8:00 A.M. The Christmas Classic is on December 7 and we will make butter rings early that morning. We need lots of helpers—including gentlemen.

Newcomers are very welcome and we will gladly train you! If you are able to help for any period of time, please stop by the HS Cafeteria between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. For more information call Molly Orsini at 419.512.2931.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GIVING

During the holidays we are often asked to donate to a worthy cause and we sometimes wonder how we can satisfy all of the organizations which are asking for our help. The solution is "We can't". Pray about it and choose which cause you will adopt this year. Discuss this as a family and make sure the children are involved.

Here at St. Peter's we have several opportunities for giving.

We will have our annual Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday, November 28 at 9:00 A.M. and we will collect non-perishable canned and boxed food items along with personal care items for the H.O.P.E. pantry at Catholic Charities.

The Giving Tree will be located in front of Mary's altar starting the weekend after Thanksgiving/The First Sunday Of Advent. All gifts will need to be returned the next two weekends: December 7, 8, 14, & 15 so that items can be delivered in time for Christmas. This collection benefits Catholic Charities and the Salvation Army to assist community family's needs as well as St. Peter's school families, parishioners and those whom St. Vincent de Paul has served. There is also an angel ornament for children of prisoners.

This year we will be collecting NEW socks in a program called "SOCKS FOR SENIORS" which is sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging for residents of our local nursing homes. There will be collection boxes in the main vestibule under the two tables that are there. The collection will run from November 25 through December 31, 2019.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Help is needed on Saturday, November 30 at 10:00 A.M. to swap out the 2019 hymnals in church for the new ones for the First Sunday of Advent. Help from everyone of all ages is needed. Just come to church using the ramp side door. Many hands make light work.

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT

Adult Faith opportunities are held in Assisi Hall, 4th floor Parish Center. Enter thru Parish Center entrance, 104 West First Street.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We meet each **Monday at 6:15 P.M.** Our study is the Jeff Cavins video series "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible." Open to all women. Contact Dianne Randall - 567.241.6608 diannecreamer@yahoo.com or Kelly Wurm - 419.884.7785 / kmwurm@yahoo.com.

THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY—A JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE

Open to all. Come even if you have not been able to attend thus far. We meet each Thursday at 6:30 P.M. This week's topics are "The Promised Mother" and "Mother Crowned in Glory." Make this a part of your faith journey through Advent.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE SERVING IN THE US MILITARY

Do you know someone serving in the US Military or someone who gave their life for our country while serving in the armed forces? These people can be honored by submitting their names to St. Peters. They will then be placed on bulletin board by the cry room at the main entrance to St. Peters. These people will then be remembered by many parishioners prayers. What a great gift to be given to these serving our country.



SPARTAN WEAR ONLINE STORE



If you are interested in purchasing Spartan wear, our line store is open until 11:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 24. All proceeds from these sales go to benefit our Athletic Boosters. Items to be purchased can be found at the following website: <https://stpetershsathletics19.itemorder.com/>

All items ordered will be delivered in time for Christmas.

ST. PETER'S PARISH GIFT SHOP

If you haven't visited the St. Peter's Parish Gift Shop in a while, you should! We have a nice selection of gifts, cards, books and so much more for every occasion. If we don't have it, we can order it for you. The Parish Gift Shop is open during regular Parish Office Hours.

PARISH REGISTRATION FORMS

Can be obtained either in the Parish Center office during normal business hours or online at parish.mansfieldstpeters.org/parishioner-registration.



RECYCLING—NEXT DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2019

BLUE BARRELS: December 14 & 15

175TH ANNIVERSARY NOTES

When Father Tony Borgia was transferred to Toledo St. Michael's and St. John's Point Place in the summer of 2011, he was succeeded by Father Gregory R. Hite, who became the thirteenth Pastor of St. Peter's. Father Hite was renewed for a second term as Pastor in 2017.

The celebration of the 175th Anniversary takes place this weekend, the 23rd and 24th of November. For nearly all of our 175 years St. Peter's Parish has occupied the corner of West First and South Mulberry. We have been light and presence and service to our community for that entire time. God has blessed our Parish over the years and we are grateful for the community we have become.

Please try to take advantage of the events we have scheduled. There will be historical exhibits on display in the High School on the ground floor on Saturday afternoon and again, after the 5:00 Mass, on Saturday evening. We will also be celebrating with a Birthday Party for the Parish on Saturday evening in the School Cafeteria. Please join us for those events.

On Sunday, November 24, Bishop Daniel Thomas will preside over our anniversary Mass at 11:30 a.m. He will be joined by former associate pastors and pastors in the celebration. After the solemn Mass, there will be a tour of the Church, followed at 2:00 p.m. by our Banquet at the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center at 890 West Fourth Street.. A limited number of tickets are still available. They will be \$20 at the door. Don't miss it!

COCOA LADIES

The rule for fasting to receive Holy Communion for Catholics many years ago was more than the one-hour fasting now in place. In the early 1900's, since elementary school students attended Mass every morning during the school week, they could not eat breakfast before arriving to school. A group of women parishioners—the St. Rita's Sodality who were later called the "cocoa ladies" - served hot cocoa after Mass to the children in the church basement. Children would bring their breakfast and top it off with the delicious hot drink. This continued for many, many years.



WERE YOU A COCOA LADY WHO SERVED HOT COCOA TO OUR STUDENTS HERE? Or a relative of a "cocoa lady"? OR WERE YOU A STUDENT WHO REMEMBERS BEING SERVED HOT CHOCOLATE BY A COCOA LADY AFTER MASS? If so, we would enjoy talking with you about that. At your earliest convenience, please contact Kathy Morris at 419.524.2572, x 2110 or at morris.kathy@myspartans.org. Thank You!

St. Peter's Elementary is looking for a volunteer crossing guard Monday—Friday 7:15—8:00 A.M. If interested, please email Ashley Rastorfer at rastorfer.ashley@myspartans.org.

PSR Teacher Needed to fill the role of a catechist for our PSR Program. The program meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 P.M. and the opening needs to be filled quickly. It is for an elementary grade. If you love little ones and love your faith and sharing it (or know someone who does) please contact Elizabeth Wurm at wurm.elizabeth@myspartans.org as soon as possible.

Upper Room Youth Group is for all Middle School (6-8 grade) and HS (9-12 grade) youth in the deanery and around the area. Missionaries from Damascus Catholic Mission Campus (CYSC) will be at Resurrection Parish, 2600 Lexington Avenue for Spiritual and fun-filled evenings twice a month running October through April. Middle School will meet November 24, and the HS grades will meet December 8. Call or text 614.989.2724 for more information.

St. Mary's Senior Citizen Luncheon at 1630 Ashland Road on Tuesday November 26, 2019. The luncheon will be at 12:15 P.M. and the cost is \$3, the menu is hot ham and cheese sandwich, green beans, applesauce, cake and beverage. Reservations are required please call 419.589.2114.

Before the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, the Sisters of Notre Dame invite women ages 20 - 45 to step away for prayer and reflection at a FREE retreat! Our Come & Be weekend is a chance to learn about the life, spirituality and mission of the Sisters of Notre Dame, while taking time for personal prayer and rest. The retreat is being held in Chardon, OH from December 6 - 8, 2019. Please contact Sister Jenny Zimmerman, SND at vocations@snd1.org for more information!

Open Teaching Positions St. Peter's School is looking for qualified substitute teachers for all grade levels. Substitute teachers require a Substitute Teaching License from the Ohio Department of Education. This requires a minimum of a Bachelor's degree as well as BCI and FBI background checks and completion of the Diocese of Toledo VIRTUS program. Interested candidates should contact the appropriate building principal: Jon Cutitta, Acting HS/JH Principal, at cutitta.jon@myspartans.org or Ashley Rastorfer, Acting Elementary Principal at rastorfer.ashley@myspartans.org.

"Great occasions for serving God come seldom, but little ones surround us daily."

~Saint Francis de Sales~

OF KINGS AND KINGHIP

Americans have an uncomfortable relationship with kings. The American Revolution was fought for independence from King George, after all. Nonetheless, today every Catholic church around the world celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Today's feast invites us to look beyond our national loyalties and rejoice in our primary identity. We are children of God in Jesus, Christ the King. Our readings help us consider what it's like to belong to God's kingdom. The book of Samuel captures the deep longing of the Israelites for a king to shepherd them. Saint Paul reminds the Colossians that we belong to the kingdom of Christ, whose power he praises in a beautiful hymn. Finally, Luke's Gospel calls to mind the kind of king Jesus chooses to be--a suffering servant, a man for others. By sacrificing his life for us, Jesus throws open the gates of Paradise.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's solemnity, the final feast of the Church year, is a youngster as feasts go. In 1925, Pope Pius XI was distressed by global political upheaval and the de-Christianizing of society. That year was a Holy Year, keyed to the sixteen hundredth anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, when the words and of his kingdom there will be no end were added to the Creed. The Pope explained that although most feasts had developed over many centuries, the Church sometimes provided a new feast to address new needs. He pointed to the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, showing Christ's love and compassion in a time when many people embraced a cold and gloomy spirituality. Originally on the last Sunday of October, in the late 1960s the solemnity of Christ the King was moved to the last Sunday of the year.

Fresh from baptisms waters, we are anointed with chrism as Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king. This feast is a key to our identity. On this feast, we recognize Christ as a king who breaks the usual mold of kingship, and who shapes his kingdom with our hands, our words, our deeds of love and service.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- The Lord said to David, You shall shepherd my people Israel (2 Samuel 5:1-3).
Psalm -- Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading -- Thanks to the Father who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light (Colossians 1:12-20).

Gospel -- Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom (Luke 23:35-43).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28
Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11;
 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14;
 Mt 24:37-44

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