

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.

Hereditary 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.

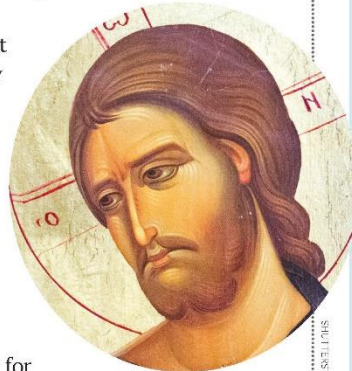
Throughout the New Testament runs the theme that Jesus, a descendant of the royal Davidic line, is a ruler or king. The Magi first proclaimed Jesus king, saying they were looking for the "newborn king of the Jews" (Matthew 2:2).

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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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 Dũng-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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Holy Spirit Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of November 20–November 26

Sat 6:00 pm †Robert Driggs, Jr.
Sun 11:00 am †Leonard Sumter
Sun 6:00 pm Parishioners Living & Deceased
Mon 8:00 am NO Mass
Tue 8:00 am †James Runkel
Wed 8:00 am Daniel Keck, I & Daniel Keck, II
Thr 9:00 am Parishioners Living & Deceased
Fri 8:00 am †Charlie Brenke

Christ the King Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of November 20–November 26

Sat 4:00 pm †Jared Radich & Elaine Letort
Sun 9:15 am †Ann Newman
Tue 4:00 pm Pat Fast (Birthday)
Thr 9:00 am Parishioners Living & Deceased



*Christ the King
Altar Flowers
In Honor of
Pat Fast for her 90th Birthday*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before and after daily Mass, and by Appointment

1st Friday Adoration – 8:30am- 6:00pm

at Holy Spirit in St. Patrick's Chapel

Adoration at Christ the King

Tuesday 3:30pm-4pm



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."

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