



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

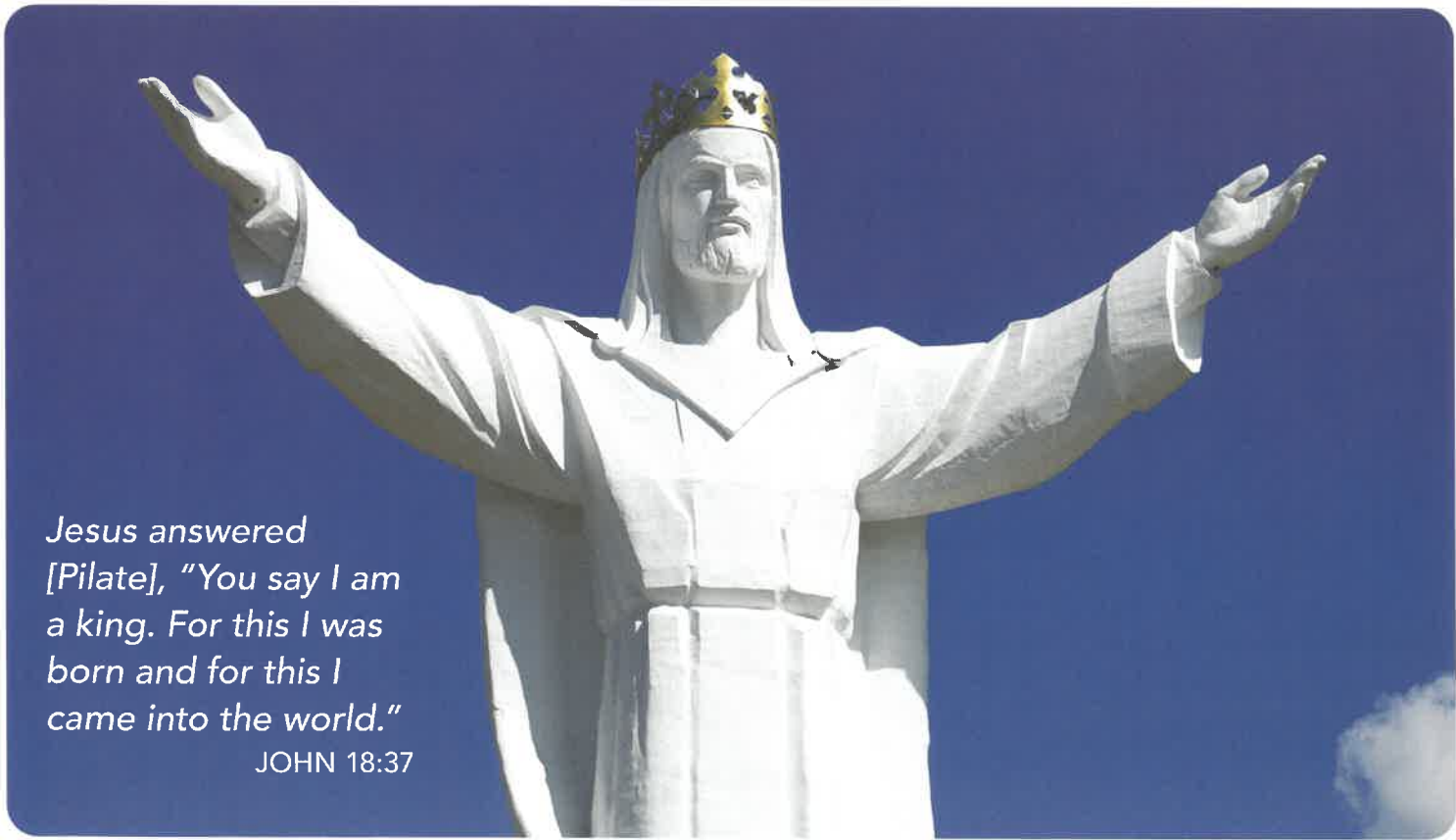
from Revelation depicts Jesus like this son of man, a heavenly being who comes "amid the clouds" (1:7) as "the ruler of the kings of the earth" (1:5).

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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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

READINGS: Daniel 7:13-14

Psalms 93:1-2, 5

Revelation 1:5-8

John 18:33b-37

MASS INTENTIONS TODAY

10:30am... ..John R. Stowe

(Bishop John's father)

Nov 24....Nick & Edna Breiner

Nov 28.....Anastacio Urrete

Dec 2.....Edna Fields

Dec 5.....Pat & Larry Pepper

Dec 9.....Harold Wilson



NOVEMBER WORD OF LIFE

Intercessions for Life



"Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society."

The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary

On this feast of Christ the King and always: May all recognize God as the author of life and give thanks for His precious gift; *We pray to the Lord.*

"The right to religious freedom has its foundation in the very dignity of the human person."

Pope Paul VI, *Dignitatis hu-*

manae (Declaration on Religious Freedom), 2. © 1965 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

We will remember the faithful departed through the month of November. You are asked to place the names of your loved ones in the basket at the back of church or after mass when it is moved to the front.

The prayer for All Souls this week is as follows:



ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD,

FROM WHOSE LOVE IN CHRIST

WE CANNOT BE PARTED,

EITHER BY DEATH OR LIFE:

HEAR OUR PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

FOR ALL WHOM WE REMEMBER THIS DAY;

FULFIL IN THEM THE PURPOSE OF YOUR LOVE; AND

BRING US ALL,

WITH THEM,

TO YOUR ETERNAL JOY:

WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST, OUR LORD. AMEN.

Reconciliation/Confession:

Thursday 5:30-6pm

Baptism: by appointment

Marriage Prep: Notify the priest six months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick & Visits

Please call the office if you know of someone in need of a pastoral visit.

Diocesan Website: www.cdlex.org

Mass times:

Sunday 10:30am

4:00pm Spanish

Thursday 6pm

Confession 5:30 on Thurs

TODAY our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. **More than thirty-eight million people in the United States live in poverty.** This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

21-Jacqueline Jones 24-Fidencio Villasana
26-Jada Cassidy 28-Daryl Montgomery
29-Cheryl Mahler 30-Joshua Barnes

NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:



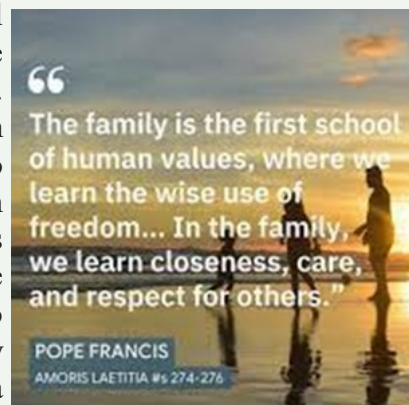
4-Greg & Robin Waters
5-John & Teri Karaus
5-Salvador Reyna Garcia & Teresa Salazar
6-Charles & Glenda Comer
28-Kevin & Erika Snyder
30-Ismael & Maria Lopez



YEAR OF THE FAMILY— Family life as an educational setting—Pope Francis says:

“The family is the first school of human values, where we learn the wise use of freedom. Certain inclinations develop in childhood and become so deeply rooted that they remain throughout life, either as attractions to a particular value or a natural repugnance to certain ways of acting. Many people think and act in a certain way because they deem

it to be right on the basis of what they learned, as if by osmosis, from their earliest years: "That's how I was taught". "That's what I learned to do". In the family we can also learn to be critical about certain messages sent by the various media. Sad to say, some television programs or forms of advertising often negatively influence and undercut the values inculcated in family life. This does not mean preventing children from playing with electronic devices, but rather finding ways to help them develop their critical abilities and not to think that digital speed can apply to everything in life.” (*The Joy of Love*, #274)



SAINT FOR THE WEEK-- St. John Berchmans

(1599-1621), “Our true worth does not consist in what human beings think of us. What we really are consists in what God knows us to be.”



St. John Berchmans patron of Altar Servers

Holy Spirit.
Saint John was an ordinary young man who desired to become a holy priest. During his preparations, he loved serving at the altar, praying the Rosary, meditating about the crucifix, and striving for holiness by following the rules of his Jesuit order. However, he died of illness while still a seminarian. He is the patron saint of altar servers, so I ask him to pray for the children who are involved in this ministry. Fill them with awe, O Lord. Teach us to help them understand what a great honor it is to assist the priest in Mass. Inspire altar boys to become holy priests and lead every child into ministry. Saint John, pray for us. Amen.

Feast Day
November 26

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL ANNIVERSARIES OF OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES

7-Marjorie Hesselbrook
11-Shirley Collins
13-Charles Koster
19-Bill Davidson,
Virginia Enoch



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.

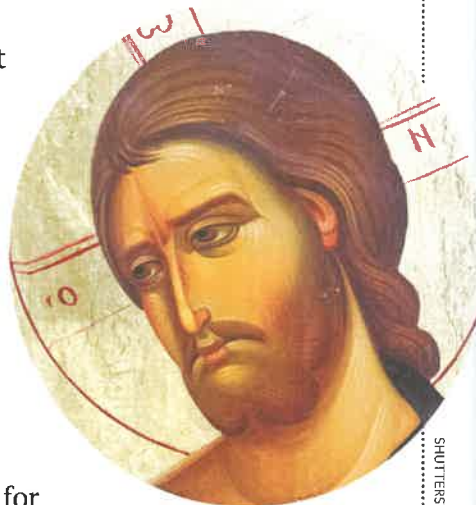
Throughout the New Testament runs the theme that Jesus, a descendant of the royal Davidic line, is a ruler or king. The Magi first proclaimed Jesus king, saying they were looking for the "newborn king of the Jews" (Matthew 2:2).

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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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 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

Daybreaks inspires during our Church's holiest seasons.
Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections & prayers for Advent and Lent. Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at Liguori.org.

Christ is the King!

Every year on the last Sunday before Advent, we celebrate the feast day of Christ the King.

Jesus is a good king who loves His people so much that He died so we could go to Heaven.

What can you do to show Jesus that He is the king of your life? What can you do to show other people that Jesus is your king?

What is something special that you can do today to celebrate the feast of Christ the King?

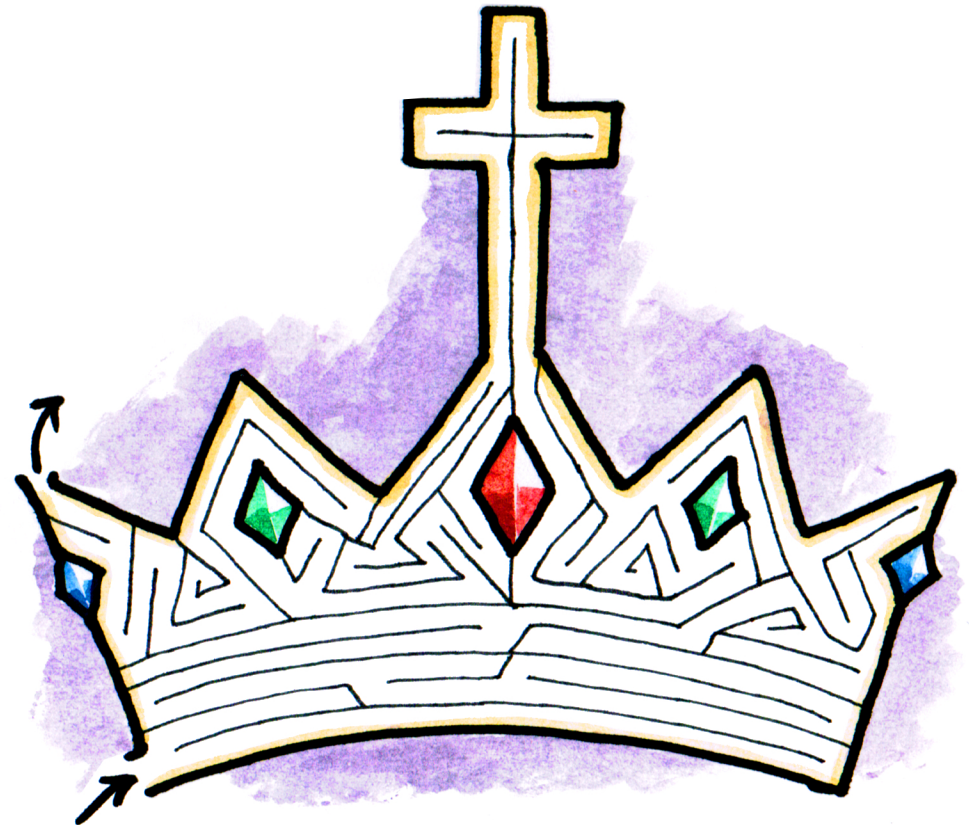


Answers to the crossword puzzle:
Down: 1. faithful, 2. king, 3. Jesus, 5. kingdom, 6. be, 11. of
Across: 4. witness, 7. sins, 8. freed, 9. God, 10. glory, 12. him

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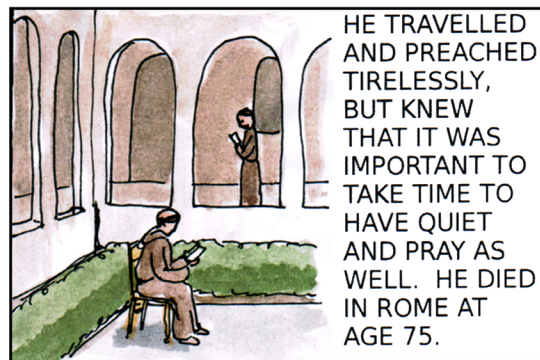
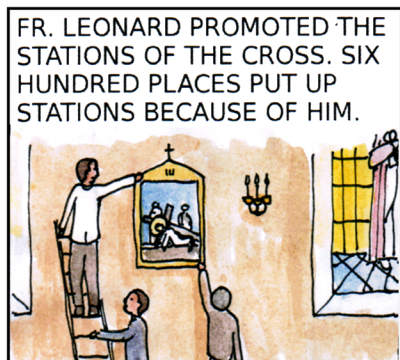
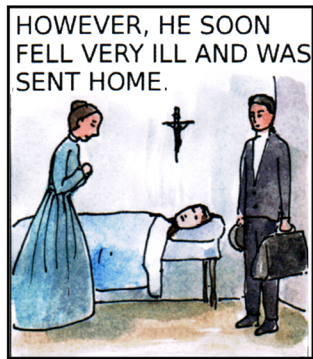
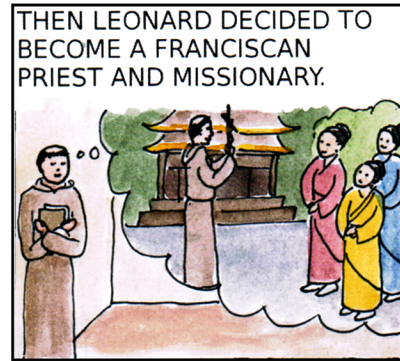
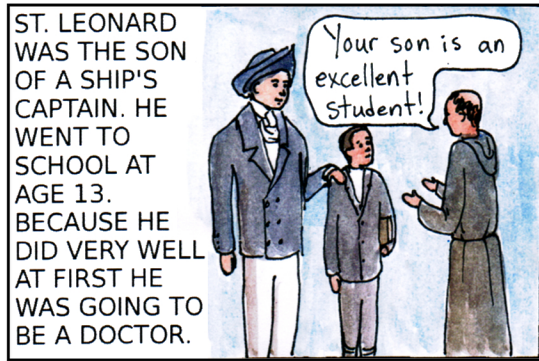
Jesus is Our King!

*Today we celebrate Jesus as the great Lord
and King of Heaven and earth.*

The crown is a symbol of Jesus' kingship.

Saint Leonard of Port Maurice

November 26



SAINT LEONARD PREACHED TO OTHER PEOPLE TO DRAW THEM TO JESUS AND BROUGHT HIMSELF CLOSER TO JESUS BY TAKING TIME TO BE QUIET AND PRAY. WE CAN GROW CLOSER TO JESUS BY PRAYING TOO. TAKE SOME TIME EVERY DAY TO THINK ABOUT JESUS ON THE CROSS AND TALK TO HIM!

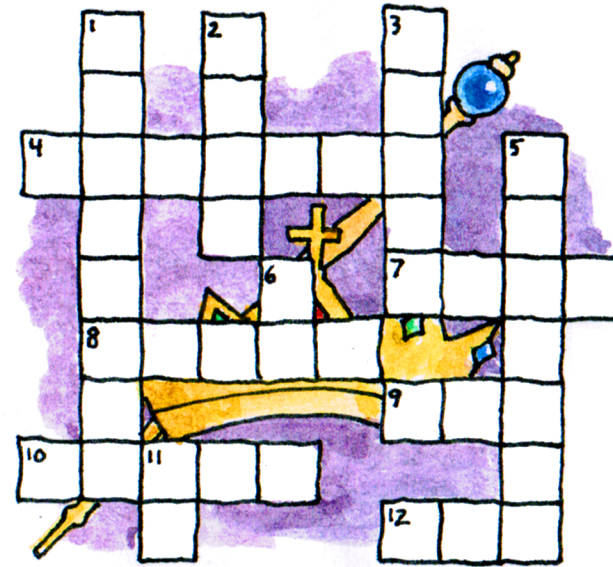
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Christ the King Crossword

Revelation 1:5-7

Here is a part of today's second reading. Use the words at the bottom to fill in the blanks and the puzzle.

D=down
A=across.



(3D) _____ Christ is the (1D) _____
 (4A) _____, the firstborn (11D) _____
 the dead and ruler of the (2D) _____s of
 the earth. To (12A) _____ who loves us and
 has (8A) _____ us from our (7A) _____
 by his blood, who has made us into a
 (5D) _____, priests for his (9A) _____ and
 Father, to him (6D) _____ (10A) _____
 and power forever and ever. Amen.

OF GLORY BE HIM WITNESS
 GOD FAITHFUL SINS KING
 FREED KINGDOM JESUS