



November 20, 2022

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Upcoming Dates

Nov 24, Thanksgiving Day Mass, 9:30am
 Nov 27, St. Colman Guild meeting 12pm
 Dec 11, Parish Christmas Dinner 6pm
 Jan 4, St. Elizabeth Guild meeting 1pm
 Feb 15, Finance Committee meeting 4pm

Readings

2 Sm 5: 1-3
 Ps 122: 1-2. 3-4. 4-5
 Col 1: 12-20
 Lk 23: 35-43

Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

Who are ill or in pain: Marty Tierney

Parish Donations

Scan the QR code to make a donation.

November 12-13	1 st Collection	2 nd Collection
St. Elizabeth	\$351.00	\$509.00
St. Catherine	\$372.00	\$229.00
St. Colman	\$51.00	\$130.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		\$1,642.00

Spiritual Revolutions

Courtesy of John Foley, SJ, St. Louis University

In the western world there was once a king named Arthur. He was the one who invented the famous Round Table and had Lancelot as his knight and Guinevere as his wife.

Long before Arthur became a king—in fact when he was just an infant in the cradle—a strange thing happened. The nurse stepped out for a moment and quick as a wink Merlin the magician appeared.

Then disappeared and took the little boy with him.

This was not really a kidnapping, because Merlin was a kindly old magician. Alright it was a kidnapping, but it was for a fond purpose. This magician did not want this boy to grow up in a sumptuous court, spoiled, pampered

St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting	1 st Wednesday, 1 pm	St. Hubert Hall
Finance Committee Meeting	3 rd Wednesday*, 4 pm	St. Hubert Hall
St. Colman Guild Meeting	4 th Sunday, 12 pm	St. Colman

and “royal.” Rulers can be miles above the tiny precious specks of beauty in life.

So Merlin whisked young Arthur to a bedraggled castle of a third-rate Lord, Sir Ector.

Ector’s castle was coarse and dirty but the people were ordinary and nice, and the nooks and crannies were perfect for a little boy to run around in and to hide in. All the servants and lords and ladies were his friends. Naturally.

There was no jealousy about Arthur’s being heir to the throne because, thanks to Merlin, no one knew that he was. Even the boy did not know! He was now the foster-son of Sir Ector, and he was given the unpresumptuous name Wart (which in those days rhymed with Art, which is short for Arthur).

Merlin, funny old character, decided to educate Wart in an odd, special way. Merlin’s idea was to transform him into various and sundry animals so that the Wart would find out first-hand the wonders packed into, say, the life of a hawk. Or of a fish. In fact, especially of a fish, because fishes go around in schools, and Wart the fish could go to class!

Now, Jesus was not called Christ during his whole lifetime any more than Wart was called King. He was called “Jesus,” a name that in Hebrew was Joshua, which probably meant “God is salvation.” He was a normal Jewish boy, playing with toys, helping his dad, getting his hands dirty and watching birds fly.

Like the Wart, Jesus identified with the lowliest, most ordinary people in the world. Granted, there was no Merlin to turn Jesus into a fish or a hawk, but there was someone better, the Holy Spirit.

At the last, Pilate asked Jesus if he were a king. Jesus was a King, but not in any way a Pilate could understand.

Smallness was his power.

Christ the King.

I almost forgot to tell you: I typed a wrong key when I began writing this reflection and hit a “d” instead of a

“g” at the end of the word King. It came out “Christ the Kind”!

Why should Christ the Kind, one of the people, have to suffer? Because he was one of us.

Why do we have to suffer? Because that is the way of the world.

And why didn’t Christ the King change the world and make things perfect? He did, but not in the way we had expected.

He did it as Christ the Kind.

Announcements

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thanksgiving Day Mass (11-24-22) at 9:30 am at St Elizabeth's. Please bring a nonperishable food donation for St Vincent de Paul. Fr. Luis will say a blessing over a food item that you will be serving at your Thanksgiving meal, so please bring something to be blessed.

2022 Christmas Dinner at the Highland Dell

Sunday December 11th, 2022 at 6 pm.

Tickets \$67.50 per person. Kids Entree 6-12 years of age \$19.50, Kids 5 or younger- no charge.

Choice of entree: Prime Rib, Grilled Wild Sockeye Salmon, Grilled Portabella Mushroom. Kids Entree: Macaroni and Cheese with Grilled Chicken Strips.

Come enjoy a fun-filled, festive holiday gathering with your fellow church community members!

See's Candy Christmas Treats 2022

The deadline for ordering online is December 2, 2022. So, don't delay if you want to purchase online. This year, the church has pre purchased best sellers from 2020 and 2021 seasons and will have them available for purchase the weekend before Thanksgiving. We will also have a Storefront online for individual purchases, which will include items available after Mass in addition to other best sellers that could not be purchased in advance. Our link is https://www.yumraising.com/secure/stecc_st_elizabeths_christmas_treats45/Mic_McD9043/candy (we will get this out via a church trac email). Our goal is to raise \$2,500.

Confessions

Fr Luis is available to hear Confessions after 9 am Mass on Fridays and before weekend Masses. Please call the rectory at 707-869-2107 to confirm with him, so that he knows to arrive early on the weekend, or stay late on Friday. Alternatively, a more convenient time can be scheduled with him by calling the rectory.

How can I help during these hard times?

You can now easily donate online *by scanning the QR code with your smartphone* or using the donate button at stelizabeth.churchtrac.com. Another great way to help is by selecting us as your charity when shopping online at Amazon -a small percentage of each purchase will benefit our parish. Just visit smile.amazon.com/ch/82-4690577 to get started! Please also remember St. Elizabeth Parish in your will and estate planning.

Discussion Questions

Courtesy of Anne Osdieck, St. Louis University

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

1. Compare Jesus and David as shepherds, anointed ones, and kings. What is the difference between their kingships?

2. On the cross Jesus was publicly proclaimed King, in the three spoken languages of the area (Hebrew, Latin and Greek). Does this relate to God’s plan to bring all nations together in Jesus?

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

1. “For him all the fullness was pleased to dwell.” What does fullness mean to you in this context? Do you see part of such a fullness in this or that neighbor? What part do you want to dwell in you? Think of all the places you find goodness. Are they sacred? What is the goodness and beauty in your life saying to you about God?

2. “He is the image of the invisible God. All things in heaven and earth were created in him, through him and for him.” How can we heal, in him, the wounds of the environment?

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

According to Pope Francis, from the beginning of his life to his last act, Jesus revealed himself as Mercy. What does that mean to you? What does his assurance to the good thief confirm?

The good thief finally addresses Jesus directly, invoking his help: “Jesus, remember me ... ” There is so much tenderness in this expression, so much humanity! It is the need of the human being not to be forsaken; that God may be always near.

On the Cross, [Jesus’] last act confirms the fulfillment of this plan of salvation. From beginning to end, he revealed himself as Mercy, he revealed himself as the definitive and unrepeatable incarnation of the Father’s love. Jesus is truly the face of the Father’s mercy. And the good thief called him by name: “Jesus.” It is a short invocation, and we can all make it several times during the day: “Jesus.” Simply, “Jesus.” Let us do so throughout the day.

General Audience of September 28, 2016

