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OF KINGS AND KINGSHIP

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. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

When we think of Christ the King, we usually do not think of Jesus hanging on the cross, but rather the risen Christ, seated at the right hand of the Father, wearing the crown bestowed upon him by the Father. But Luke presents us with an image of Christ whose reign begins on the cross with his promise of Paradise to a thief hanging at his side. Jesus brings about the kingdom even in the last moment of his life, extending the mercy of God to yet another nameless outsider, a thief "condemned justly" to death (Luke 23:41). This man recognizes Jesus both as a man who "has done nothing criminal," but also one who is about to "come into [his] kingdom" (23:41, 42). The kingdom of God that Jesus proclaimed as being "already in your midst" is present in Jesus on the cross, extending mercy by asking God to forgive those who have crucified him, for "they know not what they do" (23:34). To the thief who asks Jesus to remember him when he comes into his kingdom, Jesus promises, "Today you will be with me in Paradise" (23:43). What wonderful words to bring the church year to a close. We might think of this dying thief as one who stole heaven at the last moment, but perhaps that is inaccurate. How

could it be a theft when Paradise was there for the taking? The crucified One himself being the king of hearts, the shepherd king lifted up one last time a beloved sheep who had wandered far astray but unexpectedly found himself at heaven's door. If we call him king, it is because he was faithful to his calling, not to save himself but to save us.

—James A. Wallace, C.S.S.R.

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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: Dn 7:15-27; Ps Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
 Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9;
 Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

FOOD DRIVE

The parish will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to one of our local food pantries. You can bring your donations to any of the Masses during the month of November. Let us share what we have with those in need.

God Bless you – Thank you!

COLECTA DE ALIMENTOS

La parroquia recolectará alimentos no-perecederos para donar a una de nuestras despensas de alimentos locales. Puede traer sus donaciones a cualquiera de las Misas durante el mes de noviembre. Compartamos lo que tenemos con los necesitados. *Dios lo Bendiga- Gracias!*

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES in the surrounding area beginning at 6:30pm

- December 03 – St. Vincent, Abilene
- December 09 – Holy Family, Abilene
- December 10 – St. Mary, Brownwood
- December 11 – St. Francis, Abilene
- December 16 – Sacred Heart, Abilene
- December 17 – Sacred Heart, Coleman
- December 18 – St. Ann, Colorado City
- December 19 – Holy Spirit, Sweetwater

COLLECTION DATA – 11/15-16/2025

ENVELOPES/CHECKS.....\$4395.00
 LOOSE PLATE.....1448.00
 BUILDING FUND.....843.50
 TOTAL COLLECTION.....\$6686.50

Thank you for your generosity!

“THANKSGIVING POT LUCK”

Next Sunday, November 30th – Bring something for yourself and to share with your parish family!

Saturday, November 22nd -5:00PM-IHM-

+Maria Morales & Carlos C. Guerrero,
Rodolfo Morales; +Ruben Gutierrez
For our seminarian, Martin Luna



11:00AM – For the People of Nolan County

Tuesday, November 25th 9:00AM - HF

Mr. & Mrs. Esteban Velez, Sr. and deceased members of their family

Wednesday, November 26th 6:00PM-IHM

+Margarito, Socorro, Pedro, Margarito, Jr., Eluterio,
Alfredo y Florentino Gutierrez;
Joe Angel y Brandon Ceballos

Thursday, November 27th 9:00AM IHM

“Thanksgiving Day”

+Sara Gomez, Ysidro & Elvira Navarrette,
Eulalio & Sarita Olvera

Friday, November 28th 9:00AM- HF

Communion Service

Saturday, November 29th -

5:00PM-IHM- +Daniel Grimaldo; +Gloria Castro, Delia
Sparkman, Rudy Torres, Nellie, Dolores, Francisco,
Frank, Jr., Velia, Juana, Tony y Patricia Gomez; In
Thanksgiving for the birthday of Anna May McBride

Sunday, November 30th -

“First Sunday of Advent”

8:00AM – En acción de gracias por el cumpleaños de
Megyn Kelly; +Ezequiel, Albina, Delia y Teresa
Gonzalez; Rafael y Concha Acevedo

11:00AM – For the People of Nolan County

● **PROJECT RACHEL** Hope and Healing after Abortion
Safe and Confidential Helpline (432) 236-9883

Email: projectrachel@sanangelodiocese.org
Website: HopeAfterAbortion.com

● **PROYECTO RAQUEL:** Esperanza y Sanación
después del Aborto

Línea de Ayuda Segura y Confidencial (432) 236-9883
Correo electrónico: projectrachel@sanangelodiocese.org
Sitio web: HopeAfterAbortion.com

CCD Thanksgiving Holidays:

- ◆ No Sunday Classes -- November 23rd & 30th
- ◆ No Wednesday Classes -- November 26th

CLASSES RESUME:

Wednesday, December 3rd, Sunday, December, 7th



FUNDRAISER - Este domingo, 23 de noviembre,
miembros de los ministerios de la iglesia están vendiendo
Platos de Asado y Platos de Posole en el salón, de las
9:00am a los 2:00pm. Todos los fondos serán para la
celebración de la Virgen de Guadalupe.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS - Thursday, Nov. 27th
will be celebrated at Immaculate Heart @ 9:00am. The
parish office will be **CLOSED** on Thursday & Friday,
November 27th & 28th.

2025 POSADA NOVENA FOR CHRISTMAS - Two
more spots, and our Posada Schedule will be complete.
Friday, December 19th and **Tuesday, December 23rd.** If
you can host either in your home or the hall, please sign
up on the list at the church entrance.

WEDNESDAY – Confessions begin at 5:15pm followed
by Mass at 6:00pm & Adoration until 8:30pm at IHM.

WHY AM I CATHOLIC? Deacon Bill’s sharing
session is every Tuesday at his home, @6pm. All are
invited!

ULTREYA meets -- **Sunday**, November 23rd, @**3:00pm**
(English) & **Monday**, November 24th, **7:00pm**
(Spanish). Both meetings are at IHM Hall. All are
welcome! You don’t have to be a cursillista to attend. For
information on the Cursillo movement, please visit
<http://www.sanangelocursillo.com/home.html>

PARISH MOVIE GROUP – will not meet this Sunday.

GUADALUPANA SOCIETY – is accepting new
members. For more information please call (940) 256-
3747, (325) 455-6311 or you may call the office – 235-
3318.

HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE

Nov. 29 Youth Group Dec. 6 Cursillo

2025 Christmas Share-a-thon

December 1st through December 5th, 2025

Call 1-800-476-3311

Help keep Catholic radio going strong all across the WTX
listening area and surrounding: (the triple play!)

- Pray - please pray for us and all the GRN family of
listeners
- Pledge - call in, text in, or go online to make a generous
donation
- Promote - tell others about it because ALL help is vital to
our shared mission

Want to make your donation early this year? Call 432-682-
5476 option 4 to speak with Norma. Lastly, you are
invited to tune-in to your LOCAL Station, KQOS 91.7FM,
online at GRNOnline.com, or download the FREE
Guadalupe Radio Network App.

-Your WTX GRN Family



Prayer to Christ the King

Lord, Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King
the beginning and end of all things,
you have made your Church to be a people
that bears witness to the goodness and
beauty of your kingdom.
By your Holy Spirit, you have united us as
one body,
called to live as one family of God.
Fill our hearts with your grace,
that we would be close to you
by being close to the vulnerable and
marginalized.
Give us the patience to share one another's
burdens,
and give us the courage to always be friends
of the truth.
May we remain with you always.
Amen.

Oración a Cristo Rey

Señor, Jesucristo, nuestro Rey Soberano
el principio y el fin de todas las cosas.
Has hecho de tu Iglesia un pueblo
que da testimonio de la bondad y belleza
de tu reino.
Por tu Espíritu Santo, nos has unido como un
solo cuerpo,
llamados a vivir como una familia de
Dios.
Llena nuestros corazones de tu gracia,
que estemos cerca de ti
estando cerca de los vulnerables y
marginados.
Danos paciencia para compartir las cargas de
los demás,
y danos el valor de ser siempre amigos de la
verdad.
Que estemos contigo siempre.
Amén