

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 5:1 - 3

Because David was so loved as leader, the elders of all the tribes anointed him king of Israel at Hebron. King David shepherded the people from then on.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:12 - 20

God's Son brought the people into the reign of forgiveness and love. He heads the body, the church, and has primacy in all things, making peace through the blood of His cross.

GOSPEL: Luke 23:35 - 43

The soldiers made fun of Jesus on the cross, offered him bitter wine, told him to save himself if he was the Christ, and put an inscription over his head: "This is the King of the Jews."

How appropriate that at the conclusion of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, we hear the Gospel in which the Good Thief asks Jesus to remember him when Jesus comes into his kingdom. As we listen to these words, can we too come before the Lord Jesus and ask for mercy in our sinfulness?

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):

6:00 PM: Deacon Austin Medina (deceased).

Deacon Roy Bruney (deceased).

Sunday Masses:

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Paula Andrew rb The John family.

10:00 AM: Elizabeth Michael (d) rb Viola E. Smith.

6:00 PM: God's continued blessings for the Haitian Community.

Daily Masses:

Mon. Nov. 21, 6:00 PM: **Presentation of Mary**
God's guidance and protection for Judith Jno Baptiste in her new job.

Tues. Nov. 22, 7:00 AM: **St. Cecilia**
Birthday blessings for Paula Andrew rb The John family.

Wed. Nov. 23, 7:00 AM: **Blessed Miguel Augustin Pro**
Deceased Extension Society volunteers rb The Hunt family.

Thurs. Nov. 24, 9:00 AM: **St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions**
Rose & Richard Cook (d) rb Estelle Farro.

Fri. Nov. 25, 7:00 PM: **St. Catherine of Alexandria**
Birthday blessings for Alicia Doute rb The John family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: This week's second collection goes towards **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. Next week's second collection will go towards **Catholic Education**. As always we thank you for your generosity.

This collection for the Catholic Campaign of Human Development (CCHD) provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. CCHD's grants improve education, support economic development, and create affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us continue to defend human dignity and build communities of solidarity. Please give to the CCHD Collection.

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for **birthday blessings for Paula Andrew requested by the John family**. You can request Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly Francois and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to Helen Bruney and family on the passing of her husband, **Reverend Mr. Roy Bruney**, who died on **Monday, November 7, 2016**. The funeral mass of the late **Reverend Mr. Roy Bruney** will take place at Holy Family church on **Monday, November 21, 2016** at 11:00 a.m. Viewing will precede the mass at 10:00 a.m. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

SYMPATHY: On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Kerly Francois and Rev. Neil Scantlebury extend sincere sympathy to Jurin Chitolie and family on the passing of her son, **DeJani Chitolie**, who died on **Tuesday, November 8, 2016**. The funeral service of the late **DeJani Chitolie** will take place at Holy Family church on **Friday, December 2, 2016**. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

CCD PARENTS' MEETING: There will be a meeting with the parents and guardians of ALL CCD students this **Sunday, November 20, after the 10AM mass** this weekend. Parents and guardians are kindly asked to take note and to make every effort to attend this meeting.

SAINTS FEST 3: Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School is proud to present **SAINTS FEST 3**, on **Saturday, December 3, 2016**, from 12noon to 5pm at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School courtyard. Games for the whole family, activities, food and drinks for sale and much more! Come dressed as your patron saint or favorite saint and enter a special contest! Prizes awarded! You don't have to be a child to come dressed as a saint.

BISHOP THOMAS RELOCATON: Bishop Thomas has relocated to the address below. We wish him all the best at his new home.

MOST REVEREND ELLIOTT G. THOMAS
C/O JEANNE JUGAN FACILITY
186 HIGHLAND AVENUE
SOMERVILLE, MA 02143-1507

POWER RAFFLE: Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral announces its Power Raffle. Drawing will take place on **Sunday, November 27, 2016**. **1st Prize: \$10,000; 2nd Prize: Caribbean cruise for two; 3rd Prize: \$1,000 gas credit; 4th Prize: 3 days/2 nights stay at Marriott's Frenchman's Reef; 5th Prize: \$500 gas credit; 6th Prize: VI jewelry gift; and 7th Prize: sunset dinner cruise for two on the "Cat" at Marriott's Frenchman's Reef.** Tickets are available from the church office, \$10.00 per raffle or \$100.00 for a book of 11 raffles.

LITURGY AND WORD

When Samuel was becoming old the people came with a demand for a king. In his old age he appointed his sons, Joel and Abijah as judges in Beersheba, but the people protested that his sons did not walk in his ways and took bribes and perverted justice. It was in this context that the people asked for a king to rule over them. Their argument was that the nations around them were already having kings and so why can't they too have kings to rule over them (1 Sam 8:5-6). Samuel was displeased by their demand, but the Lord told him to grant their request and to warn them concerning the way of a king and so Saul was anointed as the first king of Israel.

The two books of Samuel deal with the establishment of kingship that threatened the theocratic ideal but go on to show how this ideal became a reality under David. It is heartening to notice that the decline in the institution of kingship set in motion already with the reign of Solomon, son of David. In the history of Israelite kingship that lasted about five centuries there were only a handful of kings who were faithful to God, namely, David, Hezekiah and Josiah. In fact, the last king of Judah was apprehended by Nebuchadnezzar and was blinded after being forced to watch the execution of his own sons. After this there were no kings in Israel. So we learn that an institution of kingship that was granted against the wish of God ended in a bitter way.

But the people still kept expecting that God would send them a righteous king to deliver them from their miseries. Some thought that the Messiah promised by God would be a king in the line of David. But when the Messiah came he did not lay any claim to be a king. Of course, the main thrust of Jesus' preaching was about the establishment of God's kingdom. But God's kingdom did not have territorial connotations. It is a spiritual kingdom.

This being the case what can we say about the kingship of Jesus? Kingship was very much alive during Jesus' lifetime. Jesus was born when Herod the great was king over Israel and Caesar Augustus was emperor in Rome. Jesus began his ministry when Tiberius succeeded Augustus as emperor of Rome. As we already mentioned, Jesus' preaching in terms of the kingdom of God could have given the impression to his listeners that Jesus was after all a king. Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem was like a welcome given

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Every week the report on stewardship will include our gifts of time, talent, and treasure. In gratitude to God, we give of our first fruits to help fulfill God's mission of love here on earth.

Attendance: Last Weekend: **674**

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$5,689.00

SECOND COLLECTION:

Haitian Relief: \$1,895.90

Our Bishop's Appeal contribution amounted to \$42,948.00, 107% of our goal of \$40,000.00. As always we thank you for your continuous contribution towards our Bishop's Appeal. Once again, thank you.

LITURGY AND WORD CONT'D

to a king. The charges leveled against Jesus by the Jewish authorities before Pilate was about Jesus' kingship. Pilate entered the praetorium again and called Jesus, and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "My kingship is not of this world." To Pilate's repeated question about Jesus' kingship, Jesus finally gave the answer. Yes, Jesus is king, but he is king that rules people's heart.

Jesus is the universal king whose feast we are proud to celebrate. But he is a king that rules the hearts of people and not their territories. But Jesus rules with totally different notions of kingship. Jesus wants to save people from their miseries and from their perils. The work of saving that Jesus has been carrying out throughout his ministry has been carried out also from his cross. To the good thief who implored Jesus for remembrance when he came in his kingly power, Jesus rewarded him with instant offer of salvation, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise (Lk. 23:43).

