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Sundays

11:45 am

Weekdays & Holy Days

11:45 am

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Mass Intentions are
being honored in
private by our Priests.

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Masses for the week of November 22, - November 28, 2020

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. Nov. 22	10:00	Mary Higgins+ First Anniversary	Diane & Mike Bruno
	11:45	John Caiden & Dian Rubio (Liv.)	Linda Rubio
Mon. Nov. 23	9:30	Bill Rypkema & Family+	Vincent Pruzinsky
	11:45	Leticia Ricafrente Lawler+	Lawler Family
Tue. Nov. 24	9:30	Giuseppe & Carmela Saliturno+	Enrico & Filomena Saliturno
	11:45	Beatrice & Patrick Kenny+	Mae Kenny and Family
Wed. Nov. 25	9:30	Jan & Zuzana Balascak+	Family
	11:45	Mauricio and Rosario Llantada+	Richard & Lydia
Thurs. Nov. 26	9:30	Special Intentions Neill & Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Special Intentions Stoever & Lukchis Families	
Fri. Nov. 27	9:30	Maureen Hamill+	Sister
	11:45	Michael Peltier 3 year Anniv. - 67 th Birthday	Michelle Supper
Sat. Nov. 28	9:30	Dominador Guinto+	Family
	11:45	Edgar & Carleen Ambulo (Liv.) Josefina Martinez - Birthday	

Today's Readings: *First Reading* Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

The Lord is exasperated that those who were appointed to look after God's people have used their position for their own advantage and neglected their responsibilities: the Lord will take care of the flock from now on.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

Paul looks forward to the coming of Christ in glory at the end of time.

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

The trial scene, set at the end of time, reveals God's judgement on how we have responded to the needs of our fellow human beings.

“In so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.”

Illustration

In the year 1789, the French Revolution broke out and began the end of royal rule in Europe. In country after country, kings and queens lost their thrones, and sometimes even their lives, as angry citizens set about establishing democratic forms of government. Those monarchies which managed to survive did so by accepting the changes in society and agreeing to the role of figureheads who had no real political power: this authority now lay with the people's elected representatives. Nowadays, most people would not accept the idea that someone is entitled to a place above others simply because of an accident of birth. A person today who ruled with absolute power and tolerated no opposition would be regarded as a dictator.

Gospel Teaching

Some people may well find that they are uncomfortable with the idea of Christ as king; it suggests an archaic and outdated view of society and government. So it might be useful to think about how the Bible views the idea of what it meant to be a king. First of all, the human ruler, who, with one notable exception, was always male, was not regarded as having absolute power. The king was God's representative, and his chief function was to be a unifying force among the people, especially in matters of justice. If the king exceeded royal powers, it was the duty of the prophet to remind him that he was not above the law of God. The person regarded as the ideal ruler was David, the shepherd who was anointed as the one to govern Israel in God's name, and to be the focal point of unity for the twelve tribes.

The biblical idea of Law, or Torah, means teaching or instruction. In the Gospel writings, Jesus shows a way of life, rather than an updated set of legal rules. In today's extract from Matthew's account, we hear about the last judgement, when the Lord will hold the people to account. We might note that the basis of judgement is social justice, not keeping the rules of the religious institution. It focuses on how we have treated one another, especially those most in need. This reflects the teaching of the prophets that social justice must go hand in hand with religious observance: one without the other is incomplete. We find this throughout the teaching of Jesus. Perhaps the most intriguing detail in our story today is that the members of both groups are surprised at the king's declaring that he is the one who has been the object of their concern or their neglect.

The Living Word

A Thanksgiving Message to you!

So far, we here at the mission hold this year with gratitude. The Almighty God kept us all in good health during the Covid lockdown. The Churches were once again open. Many of you increased your support for us and the mission, despite the financial strain. And above all, our dear SMA confrere Fr. Luigi Macalli, was freed from 2 years captivity after being abducted in the Sahara Desert.

We give thanks to you our friends for your constant prayers, support and love for us. May God continue to bless us all.

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

CONDOLENCES.- The SMA Community is saddened by the death of our long time friend and member of the Guild, Jean Quinn. She passed away on November 14, 2020. Our prayers are with her family and friends.

May God Grant Her Eternal Rest.

MASS INTENTION

BOOK: The book for announced Masses is open.