

# 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.**

**H**ereditary 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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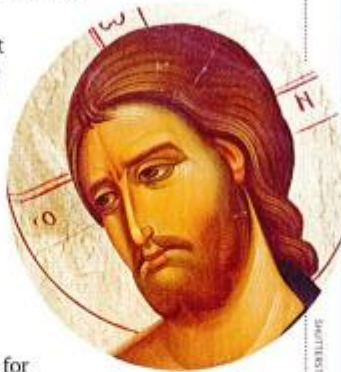


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## Calendar

### 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

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ANGELUS, NOVEMBER 25, 2018



## 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."*

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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 21, 2021

*Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe (B)*  
Dn 7:13-14 / Rv 1:5-8  
Jn 18:33b-37

## Your Majesty

**T**his 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

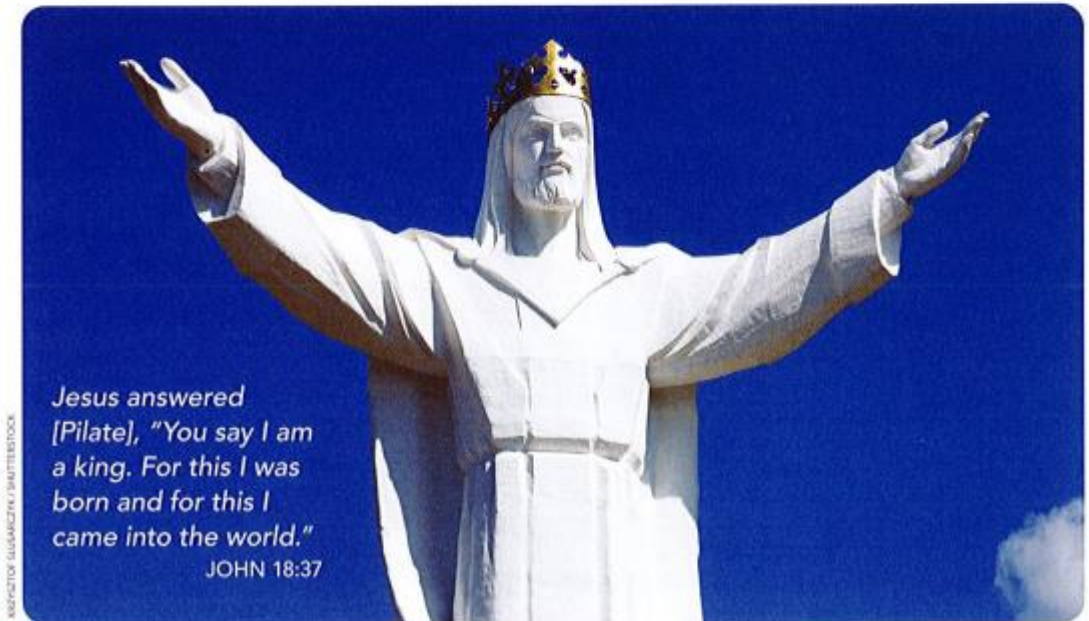
from Revelation depicts Jesus like this son of man, a heavenly being who comes "amid the clouds" (1:7) as "the ruler of the kings of the earth" (1:5).

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  
Nuestro Senor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo  
November 21, 2021**



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<b>CCD CLASSES</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> grade-12)	ST. MICHAEL, FOREST	SUNDAYS, 10 – 11:30 A.M.
<b>CONFESSIONS</b>	ST. MICHAEL, FOREST	FRIDAY, 5-7 P.M. (ring residence door bell)
<b>LIBRARY HOURS</b>	ST. MICHAEL, FOREST	Wed & Fri, 2 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Sundays during CCD (10-11:30)
<b>YOUTH GROUP</b>	ST. MICHAEL HALL, FOREST	SUNDAYS, 5:30 p.m. -

**SCHEDULE**

<b>SATURDAY MASS</b>	ST. MICHAEL AT PAULDING ST. ANN AT NEWTON	Dec 4 10 A.M. NOV 27, NOON
	SAN MARTIN, MORTON (SP)	5:30 P.M.
<b>ADULT STUDY</b>	ST. MICHAEL, FOREST (ENG)	8:30 A.M. before Sunday Mass
<b>SUNDAY MASS</b>	ST. MICHAEL, FOREST (ENG) ST. MICHAEL, FOREST (SP) ST. MICHAEL, FOREST (SP) ST. MICHAEL, FOREST (VIET)	9:00 A.M. 11:30 A.M. 1:00 P.M. 4:00 P.M.
<b>MASS DURING THE WEEK</b>	ST. MICHAEL, FOREST (ENG) (SP) SAN MARTIN, MORTON (SP) ST. MICHAEL, FOREST (ENG) (SP)	TUESDAY, 5:30 P.M. TUESDAY, 7 P.M. WEDNESDAY, 7 P.M. THURSDAY, 5:30 P.M. THURSDAY, 7 P.M.
<b>ADORATION</b>	ST. MICHAEL, FOREST	THURSDAYS, 9 A.M. – 5 P.M.
<b>HOLY DAY SCHEDULE</b>	ST. MICHAEL, FOREST	

**COLLECTIONS:**

St. Michael Forest: Jan. to date -- \$66,018.00;  
Vigillia-\$2,873.00,  
Morton: Jan. to date – \$9,288.00; Rent-\$1588.00

St Anne: Jan. to date - \$9,903.00  
Paulding: Jan to date – 6,266.00

## **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS, NOTES, and NEEDS**

Bulletin announcements may be emailed or called to the Church by Noon Wednesdays

- **WE ARE RE-AWAKENING!** Our brand new priest is anxious to address the problems of our Parish and with the Diocese is announcing our participation in this year's **IGiveCatholic campaign** that allows us to raise money for the goals of our own Parish. #IGiveCatholic only lasts for 2 weeks, Nov.15 – Nov 30.

All donations are accepted at the church from Nov 15-30, and online donations on Tuesday November 30. To encourage on-line participation this year, there will be gifts of money awarded to the Church recording the most participation.

Thank you for being a part of the St. Michael's family! The mission of #iGiveCatholic is to unite Catholic communities and donors throughout the country to give back in support of the organizations that have always given to us: Our parishes, schools, and nonprofit ministries. You can learn more about #iGiveCatholic and support our campaign at <https://jackson.igivecatholic.org/organizations/st-michael-catholic-church-forest> or visit iGiveCatholic .org.

- **REGISTRATION FOR CCD HAS NOW CLOSED. NO MORE STUDENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED THIS YEAR.** Deadline for turning in baptism/birth certificates is Dec 6.
- **ENGLISH ADULT PRAYER/STUDY BEGINS NOV 7, 8:30 A.M. PLEASE JOIN US.** All are welcome
- The **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** is prayed on Wednesdays at 5:30 in Forest. All the family listed in our bulletin intentions are prayed for. Everyone is invited to attend.
- **REMINDERS:** If you plan to use the hall or the Church, you must reserve the time. You may call during office hours (see above) at 601-469-1916.

Masses will continue as scheduled **WITH masks and distancing**. You may sit in your car and participate with your radio set to **FM Station channel 87.9**. We will bring Communion out to you.

**FRAUD PREVENTION HOTLINE** The Diocese of Jackson's Department of Temporal Affairs maintains an anonymous financial fraud, compliance, ethics and human resources hotline which allows for an appropriate method to report occurrences related to the temporal administration within parishes, schools and the chancery office. [www.lighthouse-services.com/jacksondiocese](http://www.lighthouse-services.com/jacksondiocese)

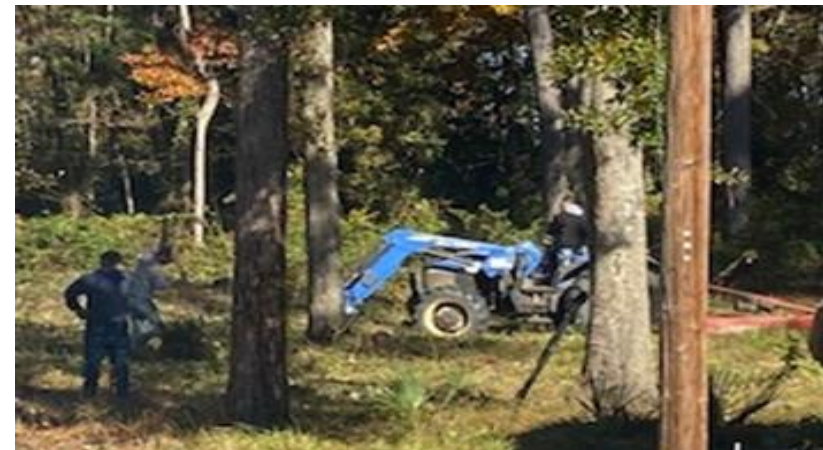
English speaking USA: 888-830-0004. Spanish speaking USA: 800-216-1288

**IGiveCatholic starts Nov 15 and goes through Nov 30!!** Let's everyone help us get our parking lot and classrooms up to standard...

Check us out at : <https://jackson.igivecatholic.org/organizations/st-michael-catholic-church-forest>



***WE BEGIN!***



## **NECESIDADES, NOTAS Y ANUNCIOS DE LA PARROQUIA**

Los anuncios de Boletín pueden enviarse por correo electrónico o llamarse a la Iglesia antes de los miércoles del mediodía

- **¡ESTAMOS VOLVIÉNDO A DESPERTAR!** Nuestro nuevo sacerdote está ansioso por abordar los problemas de nuestra Parroquia y con la Diócesis está anunciando nuestra participación en la **campana IgiveCatholic** de este año que nos permite recaudar dinero para las metas de nuestra propia Parroquia. #IgiveCatholic solo dura 2 semanas, del 15 de noviembre al 30 de noviembre. Todas las donaciones se aceptan en la iglesia del 15 al 30 de noviembre, y las donaciones en línea el martes 30 de noviembre. Para fomentar la participación en línea este año, habrá donaciones de dinero otorgadas a la Iglesia que registra la mayor participación.

¡Gracias por ser parte de la familia de San Miguel! La misión de #iGiveCatholic es unir a las comunidades católicas y a los donantes en todo el país para retribuir en apoyo de las organizaciones que siempre nos han dado: nuestras parroquias, escuelas y ministerios sin fines de lucro. Puede obtener más información sobre #iGiveCatholic y apoyar nuestra campaña en [enlace a su página de perfil] o visite iGiveCatholic .org.

- **LA INSCRIPCIÓN PARA CCD YA SE HA CERRADO. NO SE ACEPTARÁN MÁS ESTUDIANTES ESTEAÑO.** Fecha límite para entregar los certificados de bautismo / nacimiento para ccd: 6 de diciembre.

- **RECORDATORIOS:** Si planea usar la sala o la Iglesia, debe reservar el tiempo con Diane. Puede llamarla durante el horario de oficina (ver arriba) al 601-469-1916.

A menos que se notifique lo contrario, las misas continuarán como se programó **con máscaras y distanciamiento**. Todavía puede sentarse en su coche y participar con su radio establecida en el canal **87.9 de la estación de FM**. Te traeremos la comunión. Para aquellos que vienen dentro, **POR FAVOR, PARK SU COCHE EN EL 2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup> Y 4<sup>TH</sup> ROW DE LOTS**

**LÍNEA DIRECTA DE PREVENCIÓN DE FRAUDE.** El Departamento de Asuntos Temporales de la Diócesis de Jackson ha contratado a Lighthouse Services para proporcionar una línea directa anónima de fraude financiero, cumplimiento, ética y recursos humanos. Esta línea directa permite un método adecuado para reportar sucesos relacionados con la administración temporal dentro de parroquias, escuelas y la oficina de cancillería. [www.lighthouse-services.com/jacksondiocese](http://www.lighthouse-services.com/jacksondiocese)

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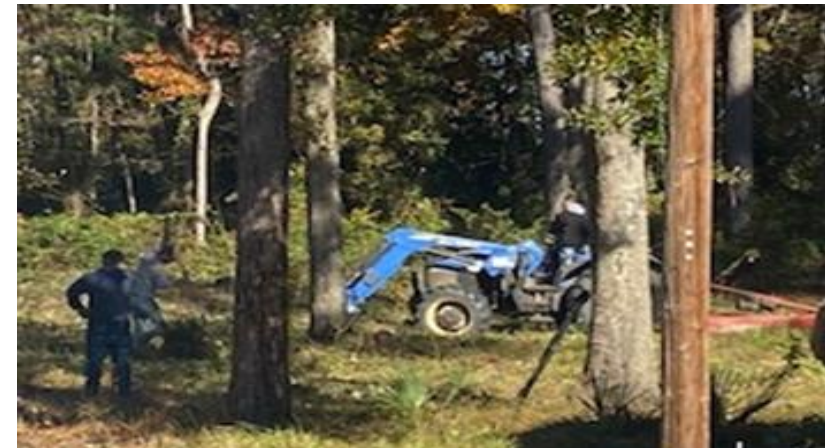
**¡IgiveCatholic comienza el 15 de noviembre y se remonta al 30 de noviembre!** Ayudemos a todos a poner nuestro estacionamiento y aulas a la altura ...

Conséchanos un vistazo en :

<https://jackson.igivecatholic.org/organizations/st-michael-catholic-church-forest>



**EMPEZAMOS!!!**





### Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits, who roam about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



*Please pray for the sick and shut-ins, and those serving in the military and*

*law enforcement and all afflicted with the covid virus, especially in our church family, and our healthcare workers.*

*Por favor oren por los enfermos y encierros, y los que sirven en el ejército y la aplicación de la ley y todos los afligidos con el virus covid, especialmente en nuestra familia de la iglesia, y nuestros trabajadores de la salud.*

## CLEAN UP DAY-WEEK-MONTH AT ST. MICHAEL'S



**IN THE MILITARY:** TJ Cochran, Andrew Moncrief, Brad Edmondson, Miranda Green, Yvonne Green McNair, John Johnson, Ronnie Thrash and Julien Matlock

**FOREST:** Brandon Moore, Kathy Byrd, Ronald Mercado, Grant Gatlin, Faith Tucker, Lindsey McInnes, the Lewis Family, John Pender, David Vincent, Wesland Reynolds, Randall Cheatwood, Debbie Walters, Gail Lee, Lewis Joseph, Hannah Gibbs, Charlotte Reed, Juanita, Sherry Pender, Paula Chambers, Landon Byrd, Flo Chambers, Mitch & Mary Nichols, Tresea Cheatwood; Diane Hopton; Kevin Devore, Vicky Russell Stokes, RoseAnn Lynn, Brigido Perez, Max Moya, George Edward, Carra Barr, Peggy Thornton, Alice Burns, Theresa Francisco, Mildred Guyse, for the spiritual and physical healing of 2 women whom we will call Jane Doe in order to protect their privacy, Nyssa & Kristen Cheatwood, TJ, Adam Ashland & Family

**NEWTON:** Fern Hawkins, John Munn, Mark Dyer, Eileen Wooley, Don Therrin, Lonnie Green, and Iona Leslie

**PAULDING:** Kathy Sheperd, Sonny Gross, Ricky McDevitt, John Paul McDevitt, Martha Smith, William Earl Smith, Chris McDewitt

### **PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING DECEASED IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Juliette, Marie Kitchens, Ron Mercado, Guadalupe Chan Tello, Mary Kelty, Ron Thrash, Milton Medina (Fr Odel's brother), Brian Caskey, Bradley Young (Diane's father-in-law), Joan Hammons, Mr. & Mrs. Barton, Al Beltran, Mary Matlock, John Park, Lois Helbert, Ronnie Thomas, W. F. Finnegan, Frank Santos. (Los nombres permanecen durante un año.)

**GRACIAS A TODOS LOS QUE AYUDARON!!**



**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED!!**

