

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and authority for ever and ever.

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:13-14.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 93.

RESPONSE:

The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty.

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.
The Lord has robed himself with might;
he has girded himself with power. **R**
2. The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **R**
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time. **R**

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:5-8.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 18:33-37.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord sits as King forever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

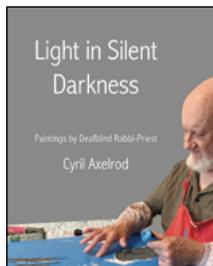
Books from Redemptorist Pastoral Publications

A book of paintings by deafblind Rabbi-Priest Cyril Axelrod with reflections on each painting by friends who know him.

Fr Cyril celebrated 50 years as a priest in November 2020 and this book has been compiled as a tribute to him and his amazing life.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 22 Nov St Cecilia, VM

Daniel 1:1-6.8-20; Daniel 3:29-31.33.32.34; Luke 21:1-4
Jesus teaches us about giving from our personal poverty. Of course, he was referring to whatever we consider to be meager about our ability to share. Give, trusting that God will provide us with enough to share.

Tue 23 Nov (St Columban, Ab)

Daniel 2:31-45; Daniel 3; Luke 21:5-11
In your faith life do not put off until tomorrow what you can do today. We do not know what will happen in the future. We only have the present moment. Use it well.

Wed 24 Nov Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, Pr & companions, Ms

Daniel 5:1-6.13-14.16-17.23-28; Daniel 3; Luke 21:12-19
What pain and suffering do you bear because you follow Jesus? What is your Christian faith costing you today? Jesus, help me to bear the cost of discipleship.

Thu 25 Nov (St Catherine of Alexandria, VM)

Daniel 6:11-27; Daniel 3:46-52; Luke 21:20-28
To recognize what God has done for us in Jesus and to give thanks is to enter into God's saving grace. Do you recognize and give thanks for the wonders that he has done for you?

Fri 26 Nov Liturgy of the Day

Daniel 7:2-14; Daniel 3: 53-59; Luke 21:29-33
Here and now, in the present pain and suffering of humanity, we can receive new life, freely given to us in the Beloved One. Even now, on earth, God lives among his people.

Sat 27 Nov Liturgy of the Day

Daniel 7:15-27; Daniel 3:60-65; Luke 21:34-36
Tomorrow we begin the season of Advent – a perfect time to pray and to stand vigilant against the parts of our lives that allow our hearts to become weary or drowsy. A time to renew one's conviction and focus.

Sun 28 Nov 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25; Luke 21:25-28.34-36
While it is not always easy, it is important to be present to the moment. Who of us knows when we wake in the morning that we will be here to to say "good night" at the end of the day? *Be watchful! Be alert!*

(KEY: **SOLEMNITY**; **FEAST**; **Memorial**; (Optional **Memorial**)
V=Virgin; M=Martyr; Ab=Abbot; Pr=Priest

Catholic Link

BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL

Christ the King • Year B
Divine Office: Week II • 21 November 2021

Christ the King

Over the past twenty-two Sundays, *Catholic Link* has offered a series of summaries of and reflections on Pope Francis' encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti* – *Brothers and Sisters*

All. In that letter Pope Francis made special mention of two saints who saw themselves as "brothers" to all of humankind: Francis of Assisi and Charles de Foucauld. Today, on the Feast of Christ the King, conscious of the statement in *Fratelli Tutti* that politics can play a role either in the advancement of human fraternity or in its destruction, we take a cue from another great saint, Thomas More. Declared "patron of politicians" by Pope St John Paul II, St Thomas More was a man of integrity. Compare him with his contemporary, Cardinal Wolsey, who on his death bed declared: *I wish I had served God half as well as I had served my king.* Conversely, Thomas More, as he was led to the gallows said: *I die the king's good servant – but God's first.*

Instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as a Catholic challenge to communism, the Feast of Christ the King should spur us to get more involved in civic responsibilities as "salt of the earth" to flavour society with the values of the Kingdom of God. This is faith in action against the deceptions of the power of evil, often manifest in the empty promises that politicians make. Pope Francis in *Fratelli Tutti* calls for "a better kind of politics" – one that promotes social friendship.

The Feast of Christ the King is a reminder that God's Kingdom is inaugurated in the death and resurrection of Jesus and that we need already

to be living the values of that Kingdom "on earth as it is in heaven". The Preface of today's Mass gives a list of those values:

(1) *Truth* – not just telling the truth but living the truth: in our dealings with people, in business and all human relationships.

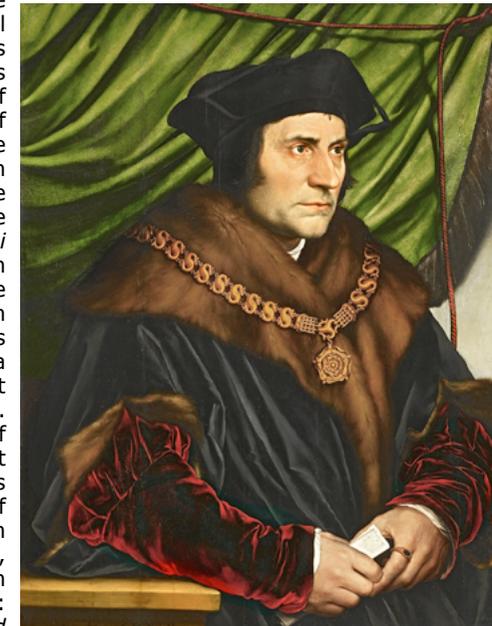
(2) *Life* – St Irenaeus says that "the glory of God is a person fully alive". Pope St John Paul is remembered for his frequent call to promote a "culture of life", where social and economic structuring results in better quality of life for all, thereby giving glory to God.

(3) *Holiness and Grace* – Holiness is not the monopoly of those who are canonised. God calls everyone to achieve the full purpose for which we have been put on earth. But that requires grace. By opening ourselves to God's grace and working with it in our lives we can achieve holiness.

(4) *Justice* – At the heart of Gospel justice is a demand that we guarantee the unique yet equal value of every person created in the image of God, which means there is no room for discrimination of any kind, whether against race, gender, creed, or sexuality.

(5) *Love* – Christ as King rules by love. Love is patient, kind and gentle. The politics we too often see is about control over people. Nonviolent power is different. It is authority that comes from the integrity and goodness of the individual. Jesus manifested that power in his encounter with Pontius Pilate: *Yes, I am a king ... to bear witness to the truth.*

Lord, show your loving power through the witness of our lives!



St Thomas More – patron of politicians