Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

November 22, 2026

Hail Christ the King of salvation!

## Masses For The Week

**Sun 22 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

09:00 am +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)
+Jesse Adami (Patricia Adami)
+Jose I. Soto, Jr. (Maria Valles)
For the Health of Margarita Inocencio (S. Inocencio)

Thanksgiving

**Thr 26 Thanksgiving Day**

10:00 am +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandra Leyendecker)
+Juan Flores (Belia Flores)
Celia Crowder – Birthday (Zamora Family)

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

*"Since the announcement of his birth, the Only-Begotten Son of the Father, born of the Virgin Mary, was described as 'king' in the Messianic sense, that is, heir to the throne of David…for a Kingdom that would have no end. The kingship of Christ remained completely hidden until he was thirty years old, years spent in an ordinary life in Nazareth. Then, during his public life, Jesus inaugurated the new Kingdom which 'does not belong to this world,' and finally, with his death and Resurrection, he fully established it. Appearing to the apostles after he had risen, he said: 'Full authority has been given to me both in heaven and on earth.' This power flows from the love that God manifested in its fullness in the sacrifice of his Son. The Kingdom of Christ is a gift offered to the people of every epoch so that those who believe in the incarnate Word 'may not die but have eternal life'" (Pope Benedict XVI).*

## The Sanctuary Candle



**This Week will be Burning in Memory of**

+For All Souls in Purgatory (Sandra Leyendecker)

# Good News!

**November 22, 2026**

***Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A)***

Ezekiel 34:11–12, 15–17 / 1 Corinthians 15:20–26, 28 / Matthew 25:31–46

MIGUEL DULICK

For his last sermon, Jesus revisits his first. In the Sermon on the Mount, if you are poor, or in mourning, or meek; if you hunger and thirst for righteousness; if you are merciful or clean of heart or a peacemaker or even persecuted, you are blessed! Now, Jesus reframes the Beatitudes as blessings bestowed, ultimately, on Jesus himself, in the persons of his "least brothers" with very specific needs: I was hungry; I was thirsty; I was a stranger; I was naked; I was sick; I was in jail. "Whatever you did, you did for me!"

Indeed, Jesus may be anticipating the last few days of his own life, when he will himself know every need: he will be hungry, thirsty, displaced, naked, hurt, and jailed, at least for one wicked night. Who "did" for him?

Once, I visited friends with their first baby. They said, "Oh, Miguel, we admire you so much. You're always helping people." This—while they're holding their newborn!

I just laughed and quoted Jesus: "When I was hungry, when I was thirsty, homeless, naked, sick, in prison…. You do *all* of this every day with your baby—except for the jail thing! Who is more 'least' than a newborn?"

"We never thought of it like that."

"Yes! Your baby is Jesus!"

And maybe Jesus is always a baby. Even Michelangelo's *Pieta* depicts Jesus as the size of a child in a teen mother's lap. ●

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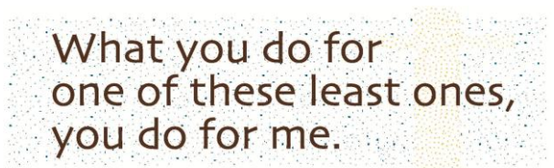


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## LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Cristina Zarate, Mina Aldaco, Ramona Alaniz, Edna Flores, Ana Maria Finley, Mary G. Finley, Margarita Inocencio, Lucia Rodriguez, Maria Teresa Cassiano, Dotty Guffey, Rodrigo Medina, Armando Colchado, Elida Aldaco, Michelle Angela Nelson, Renee Chapa and Joe Garcia, Jr.




## THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

We invite you to join us for the celebration of Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. We also ask that you bring some of the bread you will share at your Thanksgiving Day Meal so that Father Nolasco can bless it during the Mass. Let us join and thank God for His many blessings.




## MASS INTENTION BOOK FOR THE YEAR 2027

Mass Intention Book for 2027 is now open. You may choose as many dates that are available. If you have intentions you would like to offer during a Mass, please bring them to the Parish Office. **NO intentions will be accepted by phone. All intentions must be made in person (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9a-12p & 1:30p-4:00p).** Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you. Fr. Nolasco



## SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR THE YEAR 2027

Anyone interested in making a $10.00 donation to have the Sanctuary Candle burning weekly in memory of a loved one or for a special intention may do so in person in the Parish Office during regular hours on or after November.




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*Last Sunday's Collection*

*Envelopes:* **$ 1,141.00**

*Loose:* **$ 5.00**

*Children's Envelopes:* **$ 3.40**

***Total Sunday Collection: $ 1,149.40***

***Total Expenses Last Week: $ 948.52***

# Dear Padre

**November 22, 2026**

***Why do some parishes have only priests who can't speak English well?***

The short answer to your question is that in many instances, a diocese does not have enough priests to staff all its parishes. In this case, the bishop "recruits" priests from parts of the world where the number of priests is more abundant.

This is not a new practice. In the 1830s, American bishops were recruiting priests from Europe to staff the parishes in the United States. As a result, men like St. John Neumann and Blessed Francis Seelos came to the United States. They worked not only for the German immigrants, whose language they knew because they were German themselves, but also for the Irish, the French-speaking, the Native Americans, and any other Catholic group that needed Catholic pastoral service.

In the first half of the twentieth century, the American Church was able to send missionaries to Latin America, Asia, and Africa, where there were not enough Catholic priests. The Maryknoll Missionaries, for instance, were founded for this purpose.

Today, the situation has reversed. The places with the most Catholic priests are in Asia, Africa, and some Latin American countries, as well as in Eastern Europe. If these men are willing to make the sacrifice of leaving their homeland, family, and friends to serve us, shouldn't we make the effort to show some gratitude and hospitality to them? ●

*Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / DearPadre.org*

**Do you have a question for the Padre?**
Go to ***DearPadre.org*** to send your question and to learn more about ***Dear Padre***.

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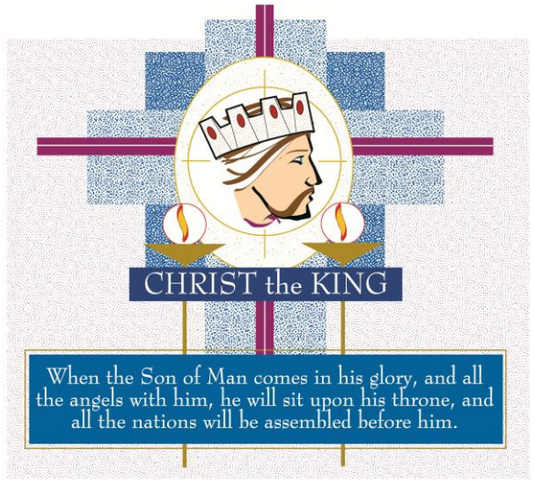


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