

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, November 22, 2020**

“I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink.”



**THE SHEPHERD KING**

The job of shepherd and the job of king couldn't be more different from each other. Shepherds are on the lowest rung of society, kings are at the top. But God says, through the prophet Ezekiel, that the Messiah will lead in a way very different from earthly authorities who lord it over their people and cause harm with their poor leadership.

Our King takes on the job himself. Christ, like a shepherd, will give rest, seek out the lost, bring back the strayed and scattered ones. He will heal the wounded and bind up the injured. He does not delegate, but will “shepherd them rightly.” We have a king who cares for us and who is not afraid to “judge between one sheep and another” (Ezekiel 34:17).

**Second Collection in all three Parishes**

**November 22—Catholic Communication Campaign**

Today’s Gospel could be seen as an example of what St. Paul is explaining in the second reading. Since death came into the world with the sin of Adam, Christ’s death saved us from sin and his resurrection saves us from death. And since Christ had to die before he could rise, the last enemy to be subjected is death; so too do we have to die before we can rise.

When all this happens, God will be seen in all of creation. Jesus will be seen as equal to God, not just a man, but the Son of God. The Gospel gives us the image of a king on his throne, surrounded by his subjects. And then comes the final judgment.

I always thought the point of this parable was that we recognize God in the poor, the sick, the homeless, prisoners, etc. But the people in the parable who helped all those in need did not recognize Christ in the needy. That’s why he tells them that whatever we do for “these least ones,” we do for Christ.

That is actually good news, because it is not always easy to recognize Christ in others. I used to think that once I start seeing Christ in all people, I’ll be more willing to help them. But it also works the other way. When you help someone in need, you begin to see Christ there, too. Whether it is a death-row prisoner or a homeless family, we take that leap of faith to help, not because we see Christ in them but just because they need help. Remember, God forgives and saves us because we need God, not because we deserve it.

Please be generous in this week’s special collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty.

With this collection, you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

**Christ the King Sunday, November 22**

This is the end of the Liturgical Year, Cycle A. It is the Sunday of blessing all Communion Ministers, during weekend Masses at all three parishes.

**Youth, Young Adult Events**

The Youth, Young Adult and Campus Evangelization and Discipleship Office has many upcoming events. Visit [archokc.org/youth-young-adult](http://archokc.org/youth-young-adult) or [www.facebook.com/archokcYACampus](http://www.facebook.com/archokcYACampus).

**Become a seminarian pen pal!**

Our seminarians are away from home for months at a time during their formation. While at seminary, they would like to hear from people back home in Oklahoma! To become a Seminarian Pen Pal, go online to [archokc.org/penpal](http://archokc.org/penpal), find their addresses and write a note or send a Christmas card.

**New Safe Environment Training**

The archdiocese announced a new and updated training program for volunteers, staff members and clergy that will be required before working with minors in the diocese’s Catholic churches or schools. Learn more at [archokc.org/safe-environment](http://archokc.org/safe-environment).

| Collections for last week  | Families Registered | Total # of Individuals | Regular Collection | Special Collections | Building               | Insurance | Other               |
|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| St. Ann                    | 76                  | 186                    | \$899.00           |                     | \$5.00                 | \$5.00    | \$10.00<br>Mass Int |
| Our Lady of Perpetual Help | 54                  | 135                    | \$330.00           |                     | \$50.00<br>\$50.00 NPH |           |                     |
| Mother of Sorrows          | 13                  | 28                     | \$360.00           |                     |                        |           |                     |

**Mass Intentions  
for the Week of November 22, 2020**



**Saturday, November 21**  
5:00pm, AP †JB and Vera Cunningham by Patricia Shafer

**Sunday, November 22**  
8:30am, EL For the Intentions of Derral McDonald, Sr  
10:30am, ST For the People of the Parish

**Monday, November 23**  
9:15am, EL

**Tuesday, November 24**  
5:00pm, AP

**Wednesday, November 25**  
9:15am, EL

**Thursday, November 26 Thanksgiving**  
8:00am, EL

**Friday, November 27**  
9:15am, EL †All Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday, November 28**  
5:00pm, AP †Agnes Cunningham by Patricia Shafer

**Sunday, November 29**  
8:30am, EL For the Intentions of Derral McDonald, Jr  
10:30am, ST †Ruth Duesman by Lawrence Duesman

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6;  
Lk 21:1-4  
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11  
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19  
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5;  
Lk 21:20-28  
Thanksgiving Day (suggested):  
Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9;  
Lk 17:11-19  
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a;  
Lk 21:29-33  
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36  
Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7;  
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9;  
Mk 13:33-37

**Rother Shrine Webcam**

A live webcam allows viewers to watch the building of the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine! The webcam will be live-streaming throughout construction.  
Watch at [archokc.org/shrinewebcam](http://archokc.org/shrinewebcam)

**START WITH GRATITUDE**

“Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.”  
—Henry Van Dyke

**Please Remember These People in Your Prayers:**

Jana Rowe, Doris Stoner, Lee Kurk, Cody Ensley, Dennis Brandt, Diana Emmert, Roy Nickell, Katie Larson, James Lindsey, Gabriel McCracken, Mary Prowell, Bonnie Zimmer, Debbie Benton, Debra Shaw, Elizabeth Sanders, Meta Tate, Aaron Warner, Tim Cunningham, Mrs. Variner, Shane Clarkson, Mya Shafer, Helen Mansel, Annette Rhodes, Chris Cunningham.

**Nursing home or homebound:**

Helen Pryor, Terry Etter, Ann Abner, Locetta Harrelson, Barbara Santos

**LECTORS**

**Sunday, November 22**

AP: Mike

EL: Mark

ST: Darryl

**Sunday, November 29**

AP: Dennis

EL: Racette

ST: Barbara

**An Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

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**OLPH CHURCH & HALL CLEANING:  
November—Shelly P, Courtney L, Crista D**