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Sunday, November 26, 2023 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Mass Schedule @ Main Church

Saturday Evening, 5:30 pm Sunday Morning, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am Confessions, Saturday 4:15 - 5:00 pm or anytime by appointment

Weekday Morning Mass

Monday – Friday 8:30 am @ MAIN CHURCH Monday 8:30 am Mass with Miraculous Medal Novena

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Sacrament of Baptism

Celebrated *usually* the first Saturday of the month. Parents are required to meet with Father Jim Ferry. Please call RECTORY.

Sacrament of the Sick

Administered in an emergency at any time. Please call RECTORY when someone is ill or admitted to the hospital.

Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples are asked to make their arrangements one year in advance of their wedding. Please call RECTORY for an appointment with a priest.

First Friday

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. There is 1st Friday Adoration during the "Fall" months of September, October, November and December and the "Spring" months of March, April, May and June.

Peace and Good Corner Gift Shop

Religious articles, books and cards are available for purchase inside the church before and after all Masses or by appointment. Contact RECTORY.

New Parishioners

Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes. Please register at RECTORY or call for registration forms.

MISSION STATEMENT The people of God in West Orange were called by the Holy Spirit in 1914 to form Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, a community centered on Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit remains with us today as we continue our journey to God. We are inspired by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, nourished by the Eucharist, called to respect life and proclaim our Catholic faith. We serve God by providing spiritual, educational, and social activities for our parish family as well as extending God's love and compassion to serve the greater community.



Dear Brothers and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes, I share with you this article / reflection based from Crossroads Initiative about the Gospel this Sunday:

(Source: https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/christ-the-king-last-judgment-and-sins-ofomission/)

CHRIST THE KING, LAST JUDGMENT & SINS OF OMISSION

Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio

The Feast of Christ the King reminds us that Jesus will judge the living and the dead. Matthew 25 hints that the pious, decent folk may be in for a surprise . . . sins of omission, failing to love, may figure more prominently in the last judgment that we may think.

On the final Sunday in the Roman Catholic liturgical year, it is time to remember things that we'd prefer to forget.

For starters, we recall that there is an infinite qualitative difference between us and God. He is immortal and infinite. We are not. Each one of us will come to our individual end. But so will our society, our world, even our universe.

CHRIST COMES AS KING & JUDGE

Another thing to call to mind on this day is that while the Son of God came the first time in a way both lowly and hidden, he will come one day in a way both public and glorious.

Yes, he is the Lamb of God. But He is also the Lion of Judah. He takes away the sin of those who let him. But he is also will bring things hidden into the light, call a spade a spade, and insist that all bear the consequences of their choices.

That is what any judge does. And Christ the King will come in glory, says the creed, to judge the living and the dead.

But what will the Last Judgment be like? By what criteria will we be judged?

MATTHEW 25 & THE LAST JUDGMENT

Only one passage in the Gospels provides a sneak preview of that day of reckoning–Matthew 25:31-46. First of all, note that most of Jesus' parables have a jarring punch line. They tend to upset the preconceived notions of just about everyone, especially the most religious, whether they be Pharisees or disciples.

Clearly, all of us expect that the Judge will condemn evil and impose sentence on the guilty. And we tend to think of evildoing as stepping over the line and infringing on the rights of others, taking their possessions, maybe even taking their lives. The language of the Our Father lends itself to this interpretation of sin when it says "forgive us our trespasses."

The problem with this understanding of sin is that it is incomplete, even shallow. Lots of people think that as long as they don't lie, cheat, and steal, but just keep to themselves and mind their own business, they deserve big rewards from God.

The story of the Last Judgment addresses these "decent folks." Imagine their shock as they swagger smugly up to the judge's bench expecting praise only to be sent off to eternal punishment!

CONDEMNED FOR SINS OF OMISSION

Why? Because they neglected to do the good that God required them to do. They did not "commit" offenses or infractions of the law; they did nothing positively destructive. No, but in the presence of suffering, they just heartlessly did nothing. Their sin was not a sin of "commission" but a sin of "omission."

But note-these sins of omission are the very thing that ultimately seals the fate of the damned.

There are lots of negative commandments, often expressed as "thou shalt not's." But the two most important commandments are positive "thou shalt's." "You shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul, and strength and you shall love thy neighbor as yourself."

THE TWO GREATEST COMMANDMENTS

These two commandments require an interior disposition that issues in outward actions. If you are hungry, you love yourself enough to go to the fridge. If you truly love your hungry neighbor as yourself, you don't just say a prayer and offer sympathy (James 2:15-17). Loving God with all your heart doesn't mean giving a respectful nod to God and then going on your merry way. It means going out of your way, passionately seeking to love him and serve him in all that you do.

In this Last Judgment scene we see how these two commandments, these two loves, are really one. Jesus makes clear that loving God with your whole heart is expressed in loving your neighbor as yourself. And whenever you love your neighbor in this way, you are actually loving the Son of God.

So ultimately, the judgment is simple. It all comes down to love. The judge happens to be the King of hearts.

(Source: https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/media/articles/christ-the-king-last-judgment-and-sins-of-omission/)

In Christ's Peace,

Father Jim Ferry







SATURDAY, 25 NOVEMBER

5:30 pm Gabrilla Miller

SUNDAY, 26 NOVEMBER CHRIST THE KING

7:30 am People of the Parish 9:30 am Catherine Gascovne

11:30 am Julie Okeke (Special Intention)

MONDAY, 27 NOVEMBER

8:30 am Patricia Landers

TUESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER

8:30 am Kyla Dahlin

WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER

8:30 am Marita Camba (28th Ann.)

THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER

8:30 am Jose Matias, Jr. (2nd Ann.)

FRIDAY, 1 DECEMBER

8:30 am Eugenie Ferrus

SATURDAY, 2 DECEMBER

5:30 pm Thomas & Claire Bradley

SUNDAY, 3 DECMBER

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:30 am Janet Carden

11:30 am Co-Uniiena Melencio

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Today is the last Sunday of the liturgical year before Advent. We take this Sunday to reflect on Christ's kingship over our lives and the entire universe. It's place at the end of the liturgical year also reminds us of His Second Coming at the end times.



SUNDAY, 26 NOVEMBER CHRIST THE KING

7:30 am Mass

9:30 am Mass

10:30 am Children's Choir (OLLC)

11:30 am Mass

MONDAY, 27 NOVEMBER

Miraculous Medal Novena following 8:30 am Mass on Monday.

8:30 am Daily Mass will be held Monday thru Friday of each week in church.

THURSDAY, 30 NOVEMBER

10:00 am Deadline for News & Announcements for the Dec 10th Bulletin. Call the Rectory at 973-325-011.

FRIDAY, 1 DECEMBER

5:30—7:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration

(OLLC)

SATURDAY, 2 DECEMBER

3:00—5:30 pm Fam Cat GRADES 1-5 (Hall)

4:15—5:00 pm Confessions in Church

5:30 pm Mass in Church

SUNDAY, 3 DECEMBER 1st Sunday of Advent

7:30 am Mass

9:00 am Recitation of Rosarv

9:30 am Mass

9:30—11:30 am Rel Ed: Grades 7-12 (OLLC,

Hall)

9:30—11:30 am 1st Penance (OLLC, Chapel)

10:30 am Children's Choir (OLLC)

11:30 am Mass





This week's Bread & Wine, a gift from Jim & Eileen Reilly is in memory of KYLA DAHLIN.

DEC 2 - DEC 3, 2023

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic	
5:30 pm	Pat Sigalas	Judy Albore	
7:30 am	Bless Bernardo	Mary Cassels	
9:30 am	Carol Ford	Espie Cain	
11:30 am Choir	Rachelle Brown	Carmelita Dizon (Choir)	



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If you wish to have a friend or loved one prayed for, please call the Rectory at 973-325-0110.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH December 1, 2023 5:30-7:30 pm in Church

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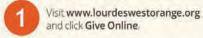
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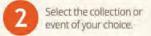
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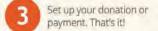


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Sunday, 10th of DECEMBER 2023

8:30 am - 11:30 am **CONNOR HALL**

\$10 DONATION - ADULTS AND CHILDREN 13 & OVER \$5 CHILDREN 6-12 (No charge for any child 5 & under)

Pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, and coffee will be served.

Please make plans for you and your family to attend. All proceeds will go towards supporting local charities in the West Orange area.

St. Vincent DePaul Society

St. Vincent DePaul Society is hosting Christine's Soup Kitchen on Saturday, 12/16/2023 for Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. As of now the soup kitchen is operating on a to-go-lunch basis. Lunches are prepared ahead of time and will be



dropped off at Holy Trinity on the morning of 12/16/2023 so you will not have to serve at the soup kitchen itself. If anyone is interested in preparing or purchasing needed items please call Rosanne Bruno at 973-243-0679, or e-mail at travisb23@juno.com.



The Rosary Altar Society's December meeting and Christmas Luncheon will be held on:

> Tuesday, December 5, at 11:00 am in the Rectory.

All Rosarians: don't forget to bring a gift for an elderly man or women which will be placed under the Giving Tree. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Carol Ford, President



Thanksgiving - Advent - Christmas Calendar 2023



Thanksgiving Day Mass at 8:30 am, (11/23)

Your gift of food for the poor gratefully accepted at Mass. Also: Fresh baked bread, gift of Gaeta Family / C&C Catering blessed and distributed to you at Mass!

Immaculate Conception Mass, Holy Day of Obligation

Friday December 8:

Morning Mass, 7 am AND 8:30 am

Evening Mass, 7 pm



Advent & Christmas Choir Concert

Saturday Dec. 9 with Children and Adult Choirs! 6:30 pm (immediately after 5:30 pm Mass)

Simbang Gabi Mass & Blessing of Outdoor Nativity Scene

Saturday December 16: Morning Mass @ 8:30 am

Confessions, Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation ("Advent Hours")

Saturdays (usual time)

4:15-5 pm

Saturday December 2 Confessions after Mass, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Monday December 4 6:45-7:45 pm

➤ Or call 973.325.0110 for Appointment ◀

Christmas Eve (12/24) 4 pm MASS (Children's Choir) 5:30 pm MASS (Adult Choir)

7 pm Misa en Español (Misa de Nochebuena) 10 pm mass

Christmas Morning (12/25) 7:30 am MASS, 9:30 am MASS, 11:30 am MASS

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (Jan. 1, New Year's Day)

+ Mass at 5:30 pm (Dec. 31) + Mass at 9:30 am (Jan. 1)

Children's Epiphany Pageant (Sun. January 7, immediately after 11:30 am Mass

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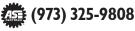
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