Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 23, 2025

First reading: 2 Sm 5:1-3 Second reading: Col 1:12-20

Resp. 122: " Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."

Gospel: Lk 22:35-43

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

BAPTISM

Henry Jagodzinski Abigail MacKenzie Teichman

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Marian Jozef Jaszczyszyn Władysława Panek Eternal rest grant them, Lord

THE PASTOR'S REFLECTION

On the last Sunday of the liturgical year, each reading speaks of Christ's kingship, but each does so in a different way. The Old Testament text, recounting David's anointing as king, presents him as the shepherd of the people. This terminology concerning the king stems from an ancient, even extra-biblical, tradition in which the ruler was called the shepherd of the people, and reigning was identified with the duties of a shepherd. The Evangelist Luke portrays Jesus as the King saving the world from the height of the cross. Christ's kingly dignity is met with ridicule from the soldiers and from one of those hanging with him. However, the second, whom Tradition calls the Good Thief, rebukes the first and asks Jesus, hanging in the middle, to remember him when he reaches his kingdom. In return, he receives a promise: today you will be with me in paradise.

SOLEMNITY OF JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Today's Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, was added to the liturgical calendar by Pope Pius XI in 1925, at the conclusion of the Jubilee Year that was then taking place. In the renewed liturgy, the Church celebrates this Solemnity on the last Sunday of the liturgical year to emphasize that everything has its beginning and will culminate in Christ.

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF CHRIST THE KING

Today's celebration is also the patronal feast day of the Missionary Sisters of Christ the King for the Polish Diaspora. We assure the Missionary Sisters of our prayers and extend our warmest wishes.

RENOVATION FUND

Next Sunday, we will be taking a second collection for the Renovation Fund, in our case to cover the cost of restoring the pews in our church. As for restoring the pews, it's a very slow process, but we're making progress and hope to complete the renovation soon. A Polish company is performing the work, and the cost of restoring all the pews in the church, including taxes, is \$62,150. We sincerely thank all donors.

ADVENT

It's time to prepare for Advent—a period of joyful and devout expectation of the coming of the Lord Jesus. Next Sunday, November 30, we will begin this beautiful season.

YOUTH MASS

Next Sunday, November 30, we invite young people to the Youth Mass at 7:00 PM.

THE ADVENT RETREAT IN POLISH

The Advent retreat in our parish will be held from November 30 to December 2, at the very beginning of Advent. The retreat will be preached by Fr. Anton Litvinov, OMI, from Turkmenistan. Anton Litvinov was born on September 26, 1989, in Turkmenistan on the shores of the Caspian Sea to a family of Polish descent. As he says of himself, "My story of faith and vocation is the fruit of the proclamation of the Word of God by the Missionary Oblates." He was baptized on Easter Eve, March 27, 2005. A year later, he was accepted into the Missionary Oblates' postulancy in Ukraine, where he also studied philosophy. He completed his novitiate and theological studies at the seminary in Obra. After ordination as a deacon, he was assigned to missionary service in Ukraine. After a year of pastoral internship in Kyiv, he was ordained a priest on May 7, 2016. He received the sacrament of Holy Orders from Bishop Radosław Zmitrowicz, OMI, at St. Nicholas Church in Kyiv. He has been preaching the Word of God in Ukraine for ten years. Within the delegation, he is responsible for vocations, altar servers, youth, and Friends of the Mission in Ukraine.

HELP FOR MISSIONARIES IN CUBA

We are organizing a parish dinner to help missionaries in Cuba. Two Polish Oblate missionaries are working in Havana. The needs are enormous, and we can help. On Sunday, December 7, we invite you to the parish hall for a meal. You can purchase and eat items such as cabbage rolls, pierogi, sausages, and salads.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES 2026

The Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2026 are available at the parish hall. Registered parishioners who do not currently use weekly donation envelopes but would like to, may contact the parish office. Parishioners using envelopes for their donations are eligible to receive a tax receipt at the beginning of February.

RENOVATION OF THE PEWS

The church pews are being renovated. We are slowly approaching completion. We sincerely thank everyone who financially supported this project. God bless you!

PARISH DINNER OPLATEK

The parish Oplatek, along with a delicious dinner, will take place on Sunday, January 4, at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the parish office.

CHRISTAMS OPLATKI & CARDS

Christmas Eve wafers can be purchased at the parish office. I also have Christmas cards. Calendars will be available soon.

MASS INTENSIONS

We inform you about possibility of ordering Mass intentions at the Oblate Missions in the parish office. All mission intentions that were given in the parish office have already been fulfilled. We encourage you to give intentions that help missionaries in their work of evangelization.

We thank you for ordering the Gregorian Masses. Anyone who wants to order Gregorian Mass please contact the parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS AT THE OBLATE MISSIONS

In thanksgiving for 60 years in Canada asking for God's blessing for further years – Janina Stoklosa For health, God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for God daughter Izabela – God mother For + parents Stanislaw & Stanislawa Jaworski & husband Jerzy Kozlowski – daughter & wife For + Krystyna Walkowska - Wiktoria

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

Our Lord Christ, King of the Universe Sunday, November 23

- 8:00 For + Halina & Krzysztof Irla sister Janina Wicik with family
- 9:30 For deceased from the Zdulski family daughters, grandchildren & great grandson
- 11:00 For parishioners
- 13:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Krzysztof Jakub on his 15th birthday parents
- 19:00 For + Rozalia Bodzon & deceased from the family Wieslawa with family

MONDAY, November 24 – St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions Martyrs

- 8:00 For souls in purgatory
- 19:00 For deceased from the Kaminski, Rakowski, Sejnowski & Olszewski families Alina

TUESDAY, November 25

- 8:00 For + Marian Sapkowski wife Bronislawa with family
- 19:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing for Kasia Pliszka & her family Halina

WEDNESDAY, November 26

- 8:00 For + Agnieszka
- 19:00 For + Marta, Krzysztof & Andrzej sister & brother

THURSDAY, November 27

- 8:00 For + Bazyli & Helena Michalski
- 19:00 For + Antonina, Maria & Piotr Lukaszewski daughter

FRIDAY, November 28

- 8:00 For + Jadwiga
- 19:00 For + Czeslaw Kulesza & Jozef Klimas Alicja & Jerzy with family

SATURDAY, November 29

- 8:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing & gifts of the Holy Spirit for Joanna on her birthday mother
- 19:00 For + Stanislaw & Sabina Kaminski daughter

First Sunday of Advent Sunday, November 30

- 8:00 For God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for children & grandchildren parents & grandparents
- 9:30 For + Antonina & Bronislaw Hyc, Maria & Karol Iglar, Danuta & Wladyslaw Majka children
- 11:00 For parishioners
- 13:00 For + Joanna Bojanowska sister with family
- 19:00 For + Marian Brzozowski wife & children