

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA-SAINT LUCY AND SAINT GILES PARISH



Above Jesus on the cross there was an inscription that read,

“This is the King of the Jews.”

~ Luke 23:38

NOVEMBER 20, 2022 • Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA - ST. LUCY CHURCH
38 NORTH AUSTIN BOULEVARD, OAK PARK

DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK: Tuesday and Wednesday at 8:30 am

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday at 5:00 pm (Confession prior to Mass, 4:00 to 4:30 pm); and Sunday at 9:00 am

ST. GILES CHURCH

1045 COLUMBIAN AVENUE, OAK PARK

DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 am; Tuesday and Wednesday at 8:30 am; Thursday (Thanksgiving Day) at 9:00 am; Saturday at 8:00 am (Confession following Mass, 8:30 to 9:00 am)

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday at 4:30 pm and Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Fr. Carl's Corner



What a weekend! We end our Church year on this, The Feast of Christ the King, and look forward to Thanksgiving this Thursday. Next weekend, we enter into Advent which marks the beginning of our new liturgical year for the Church and this community of faith.

Included in this bulletin is a letter from Cardinal Cupich lifting the general dispensation from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass. Please read the letter and know what is planned for the first weekend of Advent. We will have a ritual to renew our faith and recommit ourselves to worship God in-person and to be supportive of each other, week after week, gathering around the table of the Lord.

Today as we celebrate The Feast of Christ the King, we recall that Jesus was crucified for the crime of pretending to be – or worse, actually being – the legitimate king of the Jews. Pilate took the claim seriously enough to post it on Jesus' cross at his execution site. Soldiers and bystanders used the title to mock Jesus.

As we listen to the story, how strange and yet how wonderful that the one person who perceived the truth of Jesus' kingship was a fellow sufferer on the cross! In his final hour, this man, who had no hope for the overthrow of the Roman Empire, put his worldly aspirations behind him. The only kingdom that could influence his fate was the one that Jesus had been talking about all along. It was the kingdom always coming. If Jesus were the Lord of that kingdom, then there was still hope for someone like him.

Brothers and sisters in faith, this story is our story. Luke, whose constant theme is the forgiveness of sins, reveals that we are all condemned and die in our sins until we ask to be held in Jesus' holy remembrance. The power of the Eucharist is what makes what we remember present to us now. This is why coming to Mass, obligation or not, is so important as a people of faith. If we want a share in the kingdom of Jesus here and now, today, we will find it in this celebration of the forgiveness of sin. It is in our Eucharist that Jesus exercises his kingship, and we who are citizens of his reign come to this table. This is awesome spiritual food for the soul! I encourage you to reflect upon this for yourself and most importantly, send a copy to a loved one or friend who has stopped attending Mass, especially those who claim it's boring or they get nothing out of it. Really! When we truly understand what is happening at Mass, why would anyone stay away?

Unification news ... we will take a break during the Advent and Christmas Season. Our meetings will resume after the first of the year. As we have in the past, we will share reports of our meetings when there is information to share.

Know that I am working with Matt Brophy, our Operations Director, and Com Ed on LED bulb replacements along with getting burnt out lights replaced, soon, especially at our St. Catherine-St. Lucy worship site.

I wish everyone a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving. Know I am grateful for all the staff at our parish, dedicated and hardworking, and for each and every one of you supporting the parish with your prayers, volunteer activity and financial contributions. We are blessed!

From Teresa of Avila:

May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love.

Have a safe and blessed week ahead.

With you a Christian. For you a priest.

Fr. Carl

Please join us on Thanksgiving morning at 9:00 a.m. for Mass at St. Giles Church. What a beautiful way to begin the day, thanking God for the many blessings he has bestowed on us.

Spiritual Life & Worship

We Pray For . . .

Those who are hospitalized or homebound, including: Steven Acevedo, Patrick Ahearn, Coletta Ali, Jane Baker, Phyllis Baker, Joe Bigliotti, Danita Bowie, Herbert Breidenbach, Phil Calabrese, Tiffany Church, Patrick Cibula, Ray Cimms, Steve Cizmar, Lucille Dalbis, Andrea Dickson, Wanda Farmer, Mike Fenske, Katherine Fisher, Carol Frank, Mary Ellen Frank, Jim Gallagher, Earl Gallermo, Grace Gryzlo Goodman, Janice Handel, Deacon John Henricks, Bill Holmes, Phillip Jones, Rosie Julion, Donna Kanapes, Patrick King, Marie Koko, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen Kroker, Kimberly Lester, Jake Lofgren, Gabriela Machado, Jim Madden, Virginia Madden, Carlotta Madonia, Mary Mamolella, Patricia McDonald, Tom McHugh, Sr. Louise Noesen, Matt O'Connell, Phyllis Pappas; Amelia Patterson, Cary Phillips, Bob Quane, Maureen Sansone, Mary and Paul Schleitwiler, Colleen Rowley Schramm, Carole Sheehan, Sr. Carol Spiegel, Nina Stanley, Sarah Such, Phyllis Swanson, Joann Taylor, LaNedra Vaughn, Shirley Venerable, Meg Welch, Nancy Wesclitz, Fr. Leroy Wickowski.

(Names will be periodically removed from this listing in the bulletin and also from the list of recurring intercessions spoken at weekend Masses. Others have received a Prayer Shawl representing the prayers for healing by the Parish community. Please contact the parish office to include someone on this prayer list or to request inclusion in the weekend Mass intercessions, or to request a Prayer Shawl.)

And for those of our family members and parishioners who have died, especially Mary C. McSheffrey, Pete Buckingham, James P. Mulson, father of Carol Coleman, and Jane Greiff, sister of Denise Hartney.

FOOD COLLECTION FOR THOSE IN NEED

St. Giles Church weekly collection continues. Please bring your donations of canned or shelf-stable food and paper products to the St. Giles shrine in the gathering space at the church or to the covered bins located at the back door on the north side of the Parish Center.

The next **FOOD FIRST** weekend at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church will be on December 3/4. Please bring your donations of canned or shelf-stable food and paper products with you to that weekend's Masses. Donations are brought to the altar during the Offertory.

Thank you for your generosity to these collections, and thank you to the stewards for their work in delivering these items to our local pantries.



ST. GILES CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 — † The Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday, November 22

Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

8:30 — † Joseph and Helen Shaker

† Evelyn Parker

Wednesday, November 23

6:30 — † Sr. Anne Daley, OP

† Chester Hammer

† Owen Petzelka

8:30 — All Parishioners and Benefactors

Thursday, November 24

**Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Thanksgiving Day**

9:00 — † Rev. James D. Gleeson (11-24-1992)

Friday, November 25

6:30 — † The Kessler and Grassberger Families

† Owen Petzelka

† Michael Block

Saturday, November 26

8:00 — † Grace Blaho

† Marion Short

*4:30 — † All Parishioners and Benefactors

Sunday, November 27

First Sunday of Advent

8:00 — † Owen Petzelka

† Dick Buhrfiend

† Norm and Kay Muldoon

10:30 — † Thomas and Kathleen Coleman

† Peggy Lattner

† Mary Jane Griffin

**This Mass will be live-streamed from the St. Giles website, stgilesparish.org.*

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA-ST. LUCY CHURCH MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, November 22

Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

8:30 — † Luke Podraza

by Elaine and Jim Podraza

Wednesday, November 23

8:30 — † All Parishioners and Benefactors

Saturday, November 26

5:00 — † Rick Carter

by Cynthia Weaver

Sunday, November 27

First Sunday of Advent

*9:00 — † Clement Shayo

by Selina Mushi

**This Mass will be live-streamed. Please email parish@stcatherinestlucy.org to request the link to the live-stream.*

"Food First" at Thanksgiving Mass

All are invited to bring a donation of non-perishable food to donate to local food pantries during our Thanksgiving Day Mass. We will be bringing the food to the altar at the Offertory. Come and start your Thanksgiving Day in prayer! Mass will be at 9:00 am at St. Giles Church.



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November 12, 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In so many ways—large and small—the pandemic has upended our lives together. Families and, in a special way, young people, have faced distressing struggles. The pandemic made our connections with one another challenging and difficult. Exactly in that moment when we truly needed supportive relationships with one another, we found ourselves separated. Sadly, this included the relationships and connections that we have in and through the Church.

We did our best to move forward and I am proud of our collective response to the challenges of the pandemic. When I announced a general dispensation from the obligation to participate in Sunday Mass, many parishes offered on-line Sunday Masses, and went even further and established prayer lines and reached out to those in need. The TV Mass that I celebrated helped to keep us connected as a community of faith in Chicagoland. So many of you have told me how healing and comforting those Masses have been.

In the meanwhile, we are in a new moment. With vaccinations and boosters, restrictions on public gatherings have eased up. Many people feel more comfortable returning to Church. Yet, we know there are some elderly and immuno-compromised persons who are still not ready to return. And they should not return. These vulnerable brothers and sisters have an excusing cause for being absent and for this reason I will continue the TV Mass on ABC for the present time. But for the rest of us, I have decided, in consultation with my advisors, to lift the general dispensation from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass as we begin a new Church year on the First Sunday of Advent, November 26-27.

My hope is that the First Sunday of Advent will provide us with a fresh start to take up again our life together as a community of faith that gathers to worship God. I have asked our pastors to begin the Masses on November 26-27 with the traditional lighting of the Advent wreath. After the homily your pastor will lead the community in a renewal of baptismal promises, acknowledging that we owe our obligation to participate in Sunday Mass to God but also to each other. Our common profession of faith and of our desire to turn away from sin, will be concluded by a sprinkling rite with the waters of baptism.

Let this occasion of our renewal of faith and life, which we all so much want, provide us with a fresh start as we recommit ourselves to worship God and to be supportive of each other week after week as we gather around the Table of the Lord to be nourished and renewed.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Mar. Cardinal Cury
Archbishop of Chicago

Spiritual Life & Worship

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INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Please join us as we celebrate
the season of gratitude

Sunday November 20th at 7 pm

First United Church of Oak Park
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Questions - please email oprccoc@gmail.com



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Intercultural Immigrant Ministry (IIM)


A joint ministry of the Catholic Parishes of Oak Park.

IIM will begin hosting a single woman from El Salvador in January 2023. She is currently living at Bethany House in Hyde Park and has received her work papers.

Please consider being a mentor for this woman. The Beyond Bethany Mentoring Program training will be held at the St. Edmund Campus, 188 S. Oak Park Ave, Oak Park on Saturday, December 3 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. To register, contact Darlene Gramigna at 773-213-2240 or darlenegram@gmail.com.

To make donations for the people we are hosting, there has now been a fund started at our parish. Please make out a check to St. Giles Parish and note that it is for the St. Giles Refugee Fund in the memo line. For more information, please email us at immigrantministry@gmail.com or email Margie Rudnik at margaretrudnik@gmail.com.


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Second Collection this weekend, November 19/20.

The **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** is the anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ " ... to bring glad tidings to the poor ... liberty to captives ... sight to the blind and let the oppressed go free." (Luke 4:18)

The belief that those who are directly affected by unjust systems and structures have the best insight into knowing how to change them is central to CCHD. CCHD works to break the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families and communities. CCHD offers a hand up, not a handout. Please be generous in this weekend's second collection and help those affected by poverty in the Chicagoland area!

Praying the Rosary on Zoom Fridays at 7:00 pm

Join Deacon Kevin and Marci Morgan on Zoom to pray the Rosary on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm.



[https://us02web.zoom.us/](https://us02web.zoom.us/MeetingID:86588957490)
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Parish Life

Annual Mass Book for 2023 is now open!

We have now opened the 2023 Mass Book for intentions for the St. Giles Church worship site and the St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church worship site. Those wishing to schedule a Mass for the intention of someone who has died or for a special intention may come to the Parish Center office on the St. Giles Campus during weekday business hours to schedule a Mass intention for either worship site.

In addition, the St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Rectory office is open on Saturday from 9 am to 4:30 pm and on Sunday morning from 8:30 am until 12:00 pm for scheduling Mass intentions for St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church worship site.

You may also send your requests to us by contacting Rachel at stgiles@stgilesparish.org.

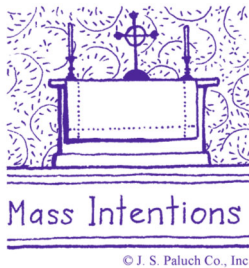
Mass intentions will be scheduled on a first-come basis. The suggested donation for a Mass intention is \$10.00.

At this time, as we continue to progress through the unification of our respective faith communities into one new Parish entity, we are opening up the Mass book for each site only through June 30, 2023. Once future Mass schedules are determined at each worship site, future dates will be available for Mass intercessions.

Please be advised that the Mass Book fills up quickly. Therefore, if specific dates are important to you, you should schedule them as soon as possible. (If you have already sent in date requests, please know that they have been held and will now be entered in the Mass Book.)

There are three intentions open for each Mass (except where the intention of the parish "All Parishioners and Benefactors" appears).

All Holy days and all holidays are designated for the intentions of the parish; no individual intentions may be added to those days.



Time for Caring and Sharing: CCW Sharing Tree at St. Giles Church



For many years, the CCW has coordinated a Christmas tradition, the Sharing Tree. Through this ministry, we are given the opportunity to think about the needs of families, who are very much like us, however face significant financial needs. Our hope is to make this Christmas season a little brighter for them. Again this year, we will provide gift cards for families to purchase gifts and/or food or other needs. For those who are able, we are asking for donations of gift cards to Jewel, Walmart or Target. You can also make a donation (checks payable to St. Giles CCW) in any amount which we will apply towards purchasing gift cards. Mail or drop off your donation at the Parish Center, 1025 Columbian Ave., Oak Park, IL 60302 or drop it in the Offertory collection at weekend Mass at St. Giles Church. You can also visit www.stgilesparish.org to make your monetary donation through GiveCentral, or just scan the QR Code that is shared here. So that we have sufficient time to purchase and allocate the gift cards to those needy families, please respond by Monday, November 28.



We are sure you agree that the Sharing Tree is one of the traditions that makes our Parish so special. Anything you can offer will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your generosity. If you have any questions, please contact Madeleine Butler at 708-267-7572 or Pat Micucci at 773-237-4691.

The Giving Tree at St. Catherine of Siena -St. Lucy Church

As you shop this season, please remember the children whose wishes go unanswered by bringing an unwrapped toy or children's book to put under the Giving Tree at St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church.

The gifts will be delivered to Catholic Charities on Austin Avenue in Cicero for their annual Celebration of Giving in December.

We will have the Giving Tree up in the welcoming area of the church on the weekends of November 26/27 and December 3/4. All gifts will be delivered to Catholic Charities on Monday, December 5.

Questions? Please email Rachel at the parish office at parish@stcatherinestlucy.org. Thank you!



*The Peace & Justice Committee
of the St. Catherine of Siena and St. Lucy Community*

RETREADS ADULT MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Join us for our 48th Season! **Retreads** is a charity basketball league open to all men of the parish.

We draft equalized teams and play Sunday nights from early December through March. We focus on fellowship, faith building, and having clean competitive fun.

If you are interested, please contact Pat Carew at pat@enerstar.net for details or to sign-up before November 21.

Lifelong Formation



Advent Wreath and Candle Fundraiser for Religious Education Programs

*Lord God, let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light be a sign
of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord
Amen*

Advent Wreaths and Candles will be sold at the end of all Masses at St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church, St. Giles Church and at the St. Giles Family Mass Community on the weekends of November 19/20 and November 26/27

Advent Wreath \$12.00
Advent Candles (a pack of 4) \$8.00
Cash and Check only

All proceeds will go to support our Religious Education programs.



Faith & Fellowship

Thursday Mornings – People Look East!

The Renew My Church vision for “St. Catherine-St. Lucy campus as a base for powerful ministry outreach to the West Side of Chicago” has been in place for many years: a ministry to two residential facilities for adults with mental illness located in Austin. Faith & Fellowship invites you to join this genuinely evangelizing effort of accompaniment by becoming a part of our Thursday Morning Faith Sharing Group (9:30-11:30 am). This small group would like to grow larger, and we need volunteers from each of the four Oak Park parishes to make that happen. RMC has given us a mandate to “look east” to our Austin neighbors; F & F gives an opportunity to do just that. Email – faith_fellowship@hotmail.com; phone – 708-383-9276; Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/443501773383504>

“You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.” – 2 Corinthians 9:11

Thank you! Thank you, PREP families for entrusting us with your children on Sunday mornings. We appreciate you and thank you for the opportunity to share our faith with your families. Your children enrich our lives!

Miss Janet, Miss Cindy, and I are all so thankful for our PREP friends. Our friends come eager to hear messages from the Bible, participate in Miss Cindy's plays and enthusiastically craft away with Miss Janet's Bible theme crafts. This month we have learned about Baby Moses, David and Goliath and Thanksgiving.

--Kelly McCreary, PREP Coordinator



Parish Life

SENIOR CORNER

Last Tuesday we had a wonderful breakfast with Fr. Carl and he shared with us information about our parish's Advent theme, "Preparing In Hope Together." Thank you, Father Carl.

Now looking forward to December... All Seniors are invited to a *fun-filled* afternoon on St. Nicholas Day, Tuesday, December 6, for our annual **Christmas Party** in St. Giles McDonough Hall. The party will start at noon with a warm catered lunch followed by special entertainment and, as always, interesting conversation and fellowship. So join us and get into the "Christmas Spirit". Make your reservation now, by contacting **Joan Wojcik at 708-771-4783**. Reservations must be in by Friday, December 2. That day is fast approaching, so don't delay. For this gathering there will be a \$15 fee.

As in the past, at Christmas we always collected children toys or books to be delivered to Catholic Charities. We are happy to tell you that the tradition will continue. If you would like to donate an item please bring your unwrapped gift on December 6 and know that you will help make a child's Christmas brighter!!



St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy
and St. Giles Parish
Holiday Art and Craft Fair
Saturday, December 3
11:00 am ~ 4:00 pm
Sunday, December 4
10:00 am ~ 2:00 pm
McDonough Hall (2nd floor)
on the
St. Giles Campus
1101 Columbian Avenue
Oak Park
(directly north of the church at
the corner of Greenfield and Columbian)
Free Admission



ST. GILES FAMILY MASS COMMUNITY 40th 5K TURKEY TROT

NOVEMBER 24, 2022, 9:30 AM START
St. Giles Gym 1034 Linden, Oak Park, Illinois
SIGN UP IS ONLINE ONLY!

1. Scan the QR code with your smartphone.
2. Select "Register" to sign up or "Volunteer" to volunteer.
3. Registrants will create a password and pay a \$15 fee. T-shirts are available for purchase. Supplies are limited in adult sizes S, M, L, & XL.
4. Volunteers can browse the roles available and sign up or contact Jack at jack0329@comcast.net
5. Please read all the information. Sign up ends 11/22/2022



Parish Life



St. Catherine-St. Lucy and St. Giles Women's Christmas Party!

CCW WILL BE HOSTING OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9 AT 6:30PM IN McDONOUGH HALL.

ALL WOMEN OF ST CATHERINE-ST LUCY AND ST. GILES
ARE WELCOME.

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES OUTSIDE OF OUR PARISH ARE
WELCOME TO JOIN AS WELL!

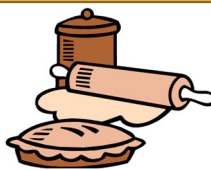
THE EVENING WILL INCLUDE AN ITALIAN DINNER,
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Thanksgiving Bake Sale

The Fraternité Sisters of Notre Dame will be back at St. Giles Church selling their French tarts, breads, cakes and cookies this weekend, November 19 and 20, after the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday and both morning Masses on Sunday. Stop in the gathering space of Church to find delicious desserts for your Holiday entertaining. All proceeds support their ministry to the homeless on Chicago's Westside.



An Evening of Reflection at Ascension Church

The Ascension Women's Cooperative invites you to attend an ADVENT Evening of Reflection on Thursday, December 1, in Ascension Church at 7:00 pm.

Our one-hour presentation by Sr. Roberta Popara, OP will focus on "Having a *Mary* Christmas: inviting trust and faith into your heart and home this Advent"

Sr. Roberta, a Dominican Sister of Sinsinawa, is a dynamic retreat leader and has returned to the Chicago area after 17 years of retreat ministry in Florida.

Please grab a girlfriend/your sister/your neighbor and begin your Advent with a memorable evening -- light refreshments will be served after the presentation.



A Saint's Devotion to Mary

The book that made a decisive turning point in the spiritual life of John Paul II, originally written in 1712 but lost until it was discovered 130 years later, and considered the greatest book on Marian spirituality ever written – St. Louis de Montfort's *True Devotion to Mary* is the Spiritual Classics choice for December 6. The Lifelong Learning and Adult Faith Formation Committee at Ascension-St. Edmund invites you to join the discussion over Zoom on Tuesday, December 6 at 7:30 pm.

Montfort believed that by praising, loving, and honoring Mary, one was truly loving and honoring God and Jesus Christ. *True Devotion to Mary* is St. Louis de Montfort's classic statement on the spiritual way to Jesus Christ through the Blessed Virgin Mary. Beloved by countless souls, this book sums up the entire Christian life, showing a way of holiness that is short, easy, secure, and perfect—a way of life chosen by Jesus.

To participate, just send an email to llaaffc@ascensionoakpark.com with the name of the book in the subject line. You'll receive a return email before the discussion with a link for the Zoom meeting. For more information and links to obtain the book, go to www.ascensionoakpark.com/apps/pages/athome. Reading the book is not required in order to join the discussion – feel free to just come and learn more about St. Louis de Montfort and his inspiring devotion to Mary.

Food For Thought King of the Universe

*"God has rescued us from the power of darkness,
and transferred us into the Kingdom of his beloved Son,
in whom we have our redemption, the remission of our sins.
...It has pleased God the Father that in him all his fullness
shall dwell...making peace through the blood of his cross."
(Colossians 1:12:20)*

He hung dying, nailed to a wooden cross,
his crime on a sign above him:
"This is the King of the Jews."
Rejected by Romans;
A threat to religious elite ;
A danger for his disciples.
He was innocent;
God sent no one to rescue him;
He was abandoned,
except for the women.

The lamenting women
who saw something in him,
had followed him to Calvary,
giving him the only thing they had:
Their loving and broken-hearted presence.
A saving grace in the scene,
joined by the God-fearing criminal,
who asked Jesus to remember him.
Jesus shared with him his death,
and his life in Paradise.

"King of the Universe!"
The Feast title is superlative:
Royalty; High Priesthood; Grandeur.
On a Christian Feast like today,
the mode might be to recall
Christ the King as the ultimate
happily ever after story.
But that flies in the face of Scriptures;
It strips Jesus' death
of its depth.

On this celebratory day,
we remember the real Jesus:
Rejected, mocked, powerless
to stop the violence.
We remember he reigned
through active love,
even as he suffered and died.
When God raised him,
he still bore the marks of brutal suffering,
but the love continued to reign.

Faith insists that love is the only power
capable of overwhelming evil.
As living images of our God,
it is love alone we are called
to remember
and make present again.

Tom Lynch. tgl7714@gmail.com.
Feast of Christ the King, November 20, 2022

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a spouse, child, family member, or friend

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Beginning January 18, 2023
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