

# WELCOME TO PAX CHRISTI WE ARE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR NOVEMBER 24, 2019

## NEW HERE?

### MASS TIMES:

Saturday ~ 5:00pm

Sunday ~ 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

Mondays ~ 8:30am

Tuesdays ~ 8:30am

Wednesdays ~ 6:00pm

Thursdays ~ 8:30am (Word/Communion Service)

Fridays ~ 8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Private) ~ Saturdays 4:00-4:30pm

*Interpreter for hearing impaired at 11:00am Mass.*

*Nursery provided for infants through age 4 during Sunday Mass times.*

### SACRAMENTS AND PRAYER:

**Baptism** ~ registration and info at [www.paxchristi.com/baptism](http://www.paxchristi.com/baptism)

**Confirmation** ~ info at [www.paxchristi.com/confirmation](http://www.paxchristi.com/confirmation)

**First Eucharist** ~ registration and info at [www.paxchristi.com/eucharist](http://www.paxchristi.com/eucharist)

**First Reconciliation** ~ registration/info at [www.paxchristi.com/reconciliation](http://www.paxchristi.com/reconciliation)

**Marriage and Wedding Prep** ~ [www.paxchristi.com/marriage](http://www.paxchristi.com/marriage)

**Rosary** ~ Rosary prayed following weekday morning Masses.

Questions? Contact Andrea in the parish office, 952-405-7207.

### WEDDINGS AT PAX CHRISTI:

Couples wishing to get married at Pax Christi should be registered members of our parish for at least one year prior to the wedding date. This encourages a couple to practice their faith, share their gifts, and participate in the life of the community at Pax Christi before they are married. The actual marriage preparation should begin a minimum of six months before a couple's wedding date. Additional information at [www.paxchristi.com/marriage](http://www.paxchristi.com/marriage).

### CHECK OUT "SERVE" FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

We invite you to share your enthusiasm, faith, and talents to make an impact at Pax Christi and the community. Whether you are new to Pax Christi OR are ready to try a new ministry, visit the website to view all the opportunities on the "SERVE" page. Wanting to SERVE short-term? Immediate needs are also posted. Questions? Contact Maura Schnorbach, Director of Development and Engagement, 952-405-7220, or [mschnorbach@paxchristi.com](mailto:mschnorbach@paxchristi.com).

## A NOTE FROM FR MIKE BYRON



Dear Friends:

Today's liturgical feast is a profound paradox for me. In the Church's calendar it is officially named, "Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe." Few may be aware that it is a very recent creation in our Church, declared by Pope Pius XI not even a century ago. We used to just call it "Christ the King." The "of the Universe" part was added to the prayer books within the past several years. And the paradox is that the title of "King" is one that Jesus expressly declined to accept for himself in the scriptures when He was given the opportunity to do so—most notably in a direct question from Pontius Pilate. He implicitly allowed Peter to get away with calling Him "Messiah" in answer to the question, "Who do you say I am?" And He was willing to be known as "Lord" and "Master" among His friends on the night of the Last Supper in John's gospel. But not "King." One can only speculate on the reason for that, but I have my own suspicions why, informed by the bible.

It's because of our associations with the idea of kingship. Kings (and Queens) tend in our imaginations (and in our historical experience) to be aristocrats of privilege, aloof, removed from the drama and dust of the everyday lives of actual people. They wield weapons of destruction and march off to war against adversaries. And they relate to their own citizens as "subjects" rather than as peers or friends. They are benevolent autocrats at best, and brutal dictators at worst. They live in palaces and castles and they don't respond to emails. Our concerns are not much theirs.

It is not that the title of "Christ the King" is incorrect. It is rather that we are very, very likely to misunderstand the implications of that title. There was, in fact, the inscription over Jesus' head while hanging on the cross that read, "Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews." But that inscription was not put there by Jesus. It was, in fact, meant to be a sarcastic insult from His executioners, mocking the claims of His followers that He was descended from royalty. If you Google up images of Christ the King on your computer, you will find, overwhelmingly, portraits of a man wearing not a crown of thorns but a crown of gold, not dressed in a loincloth but often dressed in liturgical vestments or regal robes, not with open hands but with hands clutching swords, not suffering but gloriously seated on a throne. This is where we go wrong. Jesus is, in fact, our King, but He spent His whole ministry among us trying to cure us of the misunderstanding of what real power looks like in practice on earth. He is not our King because He is the embodiment of the Windsors of England multiplied by twenty. Exactly the opposite, in fact, if scripture is to be believed.

Why does any of this matter? Because it directly affects how we think about what it means to be a church in service to this King. It does not mean being bigger, more powerful, more dominant, more esteemed, more violent, and more wealthy than the lesser king next door. You will search the gospels in vain for any such witness. So by all means, let us acknowledge and celebrate the supreme power of Christ our King, but let us not forget what that really means and what it demands of us.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TWELVE BASKETS ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MEAL DRIVE

**DROP-OFF WEEKEND: November 23/24**

### PARISHIONER ART EXHIBIT IN PACEM IN TERRIS GALLERY

**EXHIBIT RUNS NOVEMBER 24–DECEMBER 15; ARTIST RECEPTION DECEMBER 8**

### COLLEGE PLANNING STRATEGIES WORKSHOP

**Sunday, November 24, 3:15–4:45pm, Room 212 RSVP**

### THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

**Thursday, November 28, 9:00am in the Sanctuary**

### TWELVE BASKETS SHARE THE JOY

**STOP BY SIGNUP DISPLAYS IN DOROTHY DAY SOCIAL HALL**

**Weekends November 30/December 1 and December 7/8 FOLLOWING Mass**

### FARE FOR ALL

**Tuesday, December 3, 3:30–5:30pm**

### FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

**Friday, December 6, beginning with Mass at 8:30am**

### BAKE SALE: BAKED GOODS NEEDED TO BENEFIT YOUTH

**DROP-OFF: December 6, 4:00–8:00pm or December 7, 7:30–8:45am**

**Bake Sale: Saturday, December 7, 9:00am–3:00pm**

### HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

**Saturday, December 7, 9:00am–3:00pm**

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

**Mass Monday, December 9, 8:30am in the Chapel**

### MOMS ROCK: SPEAKER LORI VANDER POEL

**Wednesday, December 11, 9:30–11:30am, Room 212, \$10 RSVP**

### HONORING OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

**Patroness of the Americas and Queen of Mexico**

**Saturday, December 14, beginning with 5:00pm Mass**

### CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT CARE CENTERS

**Sunday, December 15, 2:00–4:00pm RSVP**

### SOULCOLLAGE

**Wednesday, December 18, 6:00–8:30pm RSVP**

### PRAYER CORNER

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE LOVED ONES:**

Juli, Mike, Maureen, Liz, Wayne, Kris, Greg, Amanda, Sherry, Ira, Steve, Calvin, Carmen, Martin, Alann, Ana Marie, Kathryn, Mark, Steve, Mary Jane, Bob, Joyce, and the R Family.

Pax Christi offers, as a community, the gift of prayer. If you would like to have your name listed in this Prayer Corner during a time of need, contact Care and Support, 952-941-3150.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Monday, November 25

**8:30am MASS**

6:30pm Pack 348 Mtg.

6:30pm Troop 370 Mtg.

### Tuesday, November 26

**8:30am MASS**

6:00pm 50+ Basketball

7:00pm Al-Anon

7:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous

7:00pm Handbell Rehearsal

### Wednesday, November 27

11:00am Tai Chi

**6:00pm MASS**

### Thursday, November 28

**BUILDING CLOSED FOLLOWING MASS**

**9:00am THANKSGIVING DAY MASS**

### Friday, November 29

**NO MASS/BUILDING CLOSED**

### Saturday, November 30

**SHARE THE JOY DISPLAYS IN DOROTHY DAY HALL**

9:00am Environment Changeover

9:00am Women's AA Group

9:00am Overeater's Anonymous

4:00pm Private Reconciliation

**5:00pm MASS - FR. McMICHAEL**

### Sunday, December 1

**SHARE THE JOY DISPLAYS IN DOROTHY DAY HALL**

**9:00am MASS - FR. BYRON**

**11:00am MASS - FR. BYRON**

**5:00pm MASS - FR. BYRON**

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### RING THOSE COLORED BELLS - RSVP ONLINE

**1st through 6th graders invited!**

Children, grades 1 through 6, are invited to be a bell ringer for the Christmas Eve 2:00pm Family Mass. Rehearsal is scheduled for Sunday, December 15, 10:00am in the chapel. If you can be at the rehearsal and present at 1:15pm on Christmas Eve, please register online at [www.paxchristi.com](http://www.paxchristi.com). Deadline is December 6. Come ring the bells!

## REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### Week of November 10:

Basket Collection \$15,381

Online Giving 3,606

Other 11,317

**Total Week #19 30,304**

**Budget 36,000**

**Variance -5,696**

**YTD Actual 878,159**

**YTD Budget 859,000**

**YTD Variance 19,159**

Other contribution methods include grants from donor-advised funds, stock donations, IRA distributions, payroll deductions, and online bill payments.

