



### CHRIST, THE KING

The selection from the book of Daniel presented in today's first reading was part of an attempt to weave a vision of ultimate success for the Jews under persecution. Exactly whom the author had in mind when he refers to "one like a Son of Man" is hotly disputed by scholars today. The fact is, we simply do not know if the author meant anyone in particular or if this is a collective, figurative image of Israel's triumph. What we do know is that the early Christian community seized upon this passage and recognized it as a messianic prophecy, a foretelling of the ultimate triumph of Jesus as the Christ of God. The Lectionary's juxtaposition of this text with today's Gospel narrative of Jesus before Pilate is a wonderful example of how the liturgy "layers" passages with new meaning by inserting them in a particular context. The celebration of Christ the King allows us to hear these passages with a new depth of meaning in light of our contemporary understanding of how, in Jesus and his resurrection and ascension, we have seen the fulfillment of Daniel's vision of ultimate deliverance. The veiled admission of Jesus before Pilate that he did indeed have a kingdom "not here" takes on new meaning against the cosmic vision of Daniel, who allows us to glimpse the "Ancient One" on his heavenly throne.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:13-14).

**Psalms** — The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93).

**Second Reading** — Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (Revelation 1:5-8).

**Gospel** — For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b-37).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4  
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11  
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19  
 Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; 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: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33  
 Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36  
 Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK † MISAS DE LA SEMANA

November 23-29

Saturday/4:30pm/All Souls †

6:30pm/All Souls †

Sunday/8:00am/All Souls

10:00am/All Souls

11:30am/All Souls †

Monday/9:00am/All Souls †

Tuesday/9:00am/All Souls †

Wednesday/9:00am/All Souls †

Thursday 9:00am/All Souls †

Friday/9:00am/All Souls †



### Advent Reconciliation

Monday: Nov. 25, from 4:00-6:00 pm

Tuesday: Nov. 26, from 4:00-6:00 pm

Wednesday: Nov. 27, from 4:00-6:00 pm



### SOLEMNITY IMMACULATE CONCEPTION/ INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN

MONDAY/LUNES - DEC. 9

9AM & 5:45PM ENGLISH

7PM ESPAÑOL

*I would like to wish our family of St. Christopher's a blessed Thanksgiving filled with love and good health. The parish office will close on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. We will return on Monday, December 2. God bless you, Father Miguel and parish staff.*



**Collection for Sunshine Food Pantry**, is This weekend. *Collection bins will be available in the vestibule of the church.* Needed are current dated can goods of meat, fish, fruit, vegetables, cereal, pasta.

We are excited to invite the children of the parish to participate in the celebration of the Feast of St. Nick



at all weekend masses on **December 7th & 8th**. This advent custom will be offered by our Grandmas' Guild Ministry. The children who attend mass on that weekend will be asked to take off one of their shoes when they enter the church.

And if they have been good this year, they will find their shoe filled with sweet surprises after mass! The story of St. Nicholas will be read aloud during mass to the children. St. Nicholas was full of goodness and kind deeds and expressed his care for those in need. He helps us remember Christmas is a feast of love, hope, kindness and generosity. All of us are invited to imitate his good deeds and may his example make us always mindful of the needs of others.

**St. Christopher Parish**

**Budgeted Offertory Collection**

<b>Week 10/12/2024</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$ 6,259.35</b>
<b>Actual</b>	<b>5,616.00</b>
<b>Over/(Under) Weekly Goal</b>	<b>(643.35)</b>
<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>82,154.03</b>
<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>80,653.35</b>
<b>YTD Difference</b>	<b>(1,500.68)</b>

**Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo**

Gracia y paz a ustedes, de parte de Jesucristo, el testigo fiel, el primogénito de los muertos, el soberano de los reyes de la tierra. — *Apocalipsis 1:5*

**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** — Uno como un Hijo del hombre recibió dominio, gloria y realeza (Daniel 7:13-14).  
**Salmo** — Señor, tú eres nuestro rey (Salmo 93 [92]).  
**Segunda lectura** — Jesucristo es el testigo fiel, el primogénito de entre los muertos (Apocalipsis 1:5-8).  
**Evangelio** — Por esto vine al mundo, para testificar de la verdad (Juan 18:33b-37)..

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

Lunes: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lc 21:1-4  
 Martes: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lc 21:5-11  
 Miércoles: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lc 21:12-19  
 Jueves: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lc 21:20-28  
Día de Acción de Gracias (sugerencia):  
 Sir 50:22-24; Sal 145 (144):2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lc 17:11-19  
 Viernes: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lc 21:29-33  
 Sábado: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lc 21:34-36

Domingo: Jer 33:14-16; Sal 25 (24):4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Tes 3:12 — 4:2; Lc 21:25-28, 34-36

**CRISTO REY**

La selección del libro de Daniel para la primera lectura de hoy forma parte de un intento de tejer una visión del éxito final de los judíos perseguidos. Exactamente qué tenía el autor en mente cuando se refiere a “uno semejante a un Hijo de hombre” es muy disputado por los eruditos de hoy. El hecho es que, simplemente, no sabemos si el autor quiso decir a alguien en particular o si se trata de una imagen colectiva, figurativa del triunfo de Israel. Lo que sí sabemos es que la primera comunidad cristiana se apoderó de este pasaje y lo reconoció como una profecía mesiánica, un anuncio de la victoria final de Jesús como el Cristo de Dios. El contraste que hace el leccionario de este texto con la narrativa del Evangelio de hoy de Jesús ante Pilato es un maravilloso ejemplo de cómo la liturgia da a ciertos pasajes nuevas “capas” de significado mediante la inserción en un contexto particular. La celebración de Cristo Rey nos permite escuchar estos pasajes con una nueva profundidad de significado a la luz de nuestra comprensión contemporánea de cómo, en Jesús y su Resurrección y Ascensión, hemos visto el cumplimiento de la visión de Daniel de la liberación final. La admisión velada de Jesús ante Pilato que, efectivamente, él tenía un reino, pero “no aquí” toma un nuevo significado con la visión cósmica de Daniel sirviendo de fondo, que nos permite vislumbrar al “Anciano” en su trono celestial.



**Bienaventurada Virgen Maria De Guadalupe**

**Martes, Diciembre 12, 2024**  
**5:00 a.m. Las Mañanitas**  
**6:00 a.m. Misa en Español**  
**9:00 a.m. English Mass**  
**2:00 p.m. Las Mañanitas**  
**3:00 p.m. Misa en Español**