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Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus answered, "My Kingdom does not belong to this world. If my Kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my Kingdom is not here."

So Pilate said to Him, "So then you are a King?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a King. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."
(John 18:33-37)

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST



KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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MASSES | CONFESSIONS

Masses—Saturday: 8:00 a.m. & Vigil at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

And Traditional Latin High Mass at 1:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday Masses: 6:00 and 8:00 a.m.

(the daily 8:00 a.m., the Sunday 11:00 a.m., and the weekday 7:00 p.m. Masses are **LIVE STREAMED** on Facebook AND YouTube); **Rosary: Mon-Sat after 8:00 a.m. Mass**

Masses on Monday, *Tuesday (*Spanish), Wednesday & Thursday **EVENINGS at 7:00 p.m.**—(Tues. and Thurs. are preceded by a showing of The Chosen, Season 2, from 7:00 to 7:15 p.m.); **First Friday Mass: 7:00 p.m.**

CONFESSIONS (OUTSIDE)-Wednesdays from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Saturdays from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. and Sundays from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Carmelite Cloister: 7:30 a.m., Monday-Saturday

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FROM OUR PASTOR



Happy Thanksgiving and Last Week of the Year of Grace 2021, everyone! Yes, believe it or not, we are already at the end of the (liturgical) year, and this Saturday, November 27th, will be the Church's New Year's Eve celebration for the New Year of Grace 2022. Come ring out the Old and bring in the New by joining us in a special sung Evening Prayer and Te Deum (the classic Latin Thanksgiving to God Chant) at 6:30 p.m., in our church. (We will do this again for the regular New Year's Eve on December 31st.)

Today is also Christ the King Sunday, and a reminder that YOU AND I—ALL OF US—are by Baptism kings in our KING JESUS! Yes, our Lord has given each of us, little ol' you and me, the incredible identity and authority of kings, as long as we live from that fundamental baptismal identity as beloved sons and daughters. What does that look like?

Here is a brief story: A lay woman was the leader of a team responsible for setting up a conference room for a meeting. The meeting room was across the road from where the current meeting was taking place, and the road was known to flood when any storm passed through. A storm was coming, and she realized that all the people she was responsible for would not be able to get across the road to the next meeting, so she began scrambling to figure out how to adjust. Suddenly she "heard" in some mysterious way Jesus reminding her that she has His kingly power and authority, so that she, too, can take authority over the weather. So, she decided then and there to act on that reminder, and stopped trying to change course. She prayed in the Name of Jesus and took authority over the storm. When people began worrying at her, "What are you going to do?? Why aren't you preparing a new room? Are you really going to try to take all these people across that road that is going to flood!?!?" She kept with her decision and told everyone, "The storm will stop in time." And it did. And the whole group was able to cross the road for the next meeting.

**Fraternally in Jesus and Mary and Joseph,
Fr. Thomas, OCD**

Here is the final reflection on Purgatory by Fr. Hampsch:

If we don't do this completely in this life, it will have to be done in the next, as St. Augustine reminds us. In this regard, Jesus' words in Matthew 5:25-26 are appropriate: "Settle matters quickly... do it while you are still on the way... or you may be thrown into prison. I tell you the truth, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny." This specifies and reaffirms what Jesus spoke of elsewhere (Matt. 18:34), in terms of debt payment for moral failure of the unjust steward, who was jailed "until he should pay back all that was owed." Overall, the lessons of Purgatory are encouraging: First, because its purification (not punishment) is a form of suffering that is intensely love-inflamed; secondly, it teaches us that we can accomplish the same purgation painlessly here on earth; and thirdly, it teaches us that we have, by God's goodness, a powerful means at our disposal (prayer) to assist souls now in Purgatory who are pleading for our help.



SCHOOL CORNER

Thanks Giving from the Principal, Alma Cornejo

Dear St. Therese Parish Community,

The Thanksgiving season brings an opportunity and an important reminder for us to give thanks for all of the abundant blessings we have received. Striving always to be like the tenth leper [Luke 17:11-19], we want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude on behalf of the School. First and foremost, we are grateful to God for the blessings and graces that He has given to us that allow us to carry out our noble mission of forming students in faith, academics, and virtue. His Divine Providence keeps our doors open. Every day we enjoy the beautiful smiles of our students. We witness their growth and maturity in our Faith, in their studies, and in their practice of virtue.

Through God's unfathomable Love, we are blessed to have the privilege of educating and learning every day. We are grateful for the excellent team of educators and staff members at our School and for their daily sacrifices for our students. Making a difference in the lives of children is what propels our staff daily to do their very best for our students. We are grateful for our School families and all of our students, for their cheerful dispositions, and for their spirits of service and generosity.

We are also so grateful for our Parish community. You, the parishioners of St. Therese, have been a huge source of blessings for our School children. We wish to express our most sincere gratitude to you. You have sustained us with your prayers, daily Masses, and the Rosary. You graciously support our fundraisers—donut sales, candy sales, the Jog-a-thon, festivals, formal dinner auctions, and more. You generously and joyfully give us financial support every time we need it. You offer up sacrifices for our School and you volunteer when needed. We thank you for the love that you show our School, our students, our parents, our staff, and the friars. Our Lord said, "As you did it to one of the least of my brethren, you did it to me" [Matthew 25:40]. May God reward you a thousand-fold for everything you do for our students.

As we continue to face the challenges of current times, we thank God for His loving care. We thank our Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and our patron saints for their intercession and protection. We thank God for you and the wonderful things you do in His name. Please join us as we continue to pray for and rely on God's graces and help to continue doing His work at our School. With so much uncertainty in the world, more than ever, we remain committed to teaching the Faith, strong academics, and transmitting virtues to these precious souls in our care. We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts and we ask for your prayers and support as we forge ahead. **—Mrs. Alma Cornejo**

We are
Thankful for
YOU!



SEE'S CANDY SALE: Please buy your See's candy for the holidays from Saint Therese Carmelite School. You can download the order form from the home page of the Church's website; then just return the filled-out form to the School office by November 29. Your candy will be ready for pick-up the week of December at the school office.

Get your kids out of the public schools! Call the School for information about the new diocesan \$50 million financial assistance for new families. Our school has openings in most grade levels from TK through 8th Grade; we will gladly give you a personalized tour! The classical curriculum, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Carmelites present and active in our classrooms, weekly Masses, confessions, and a strong religion program are some of the attributes that make our school special. We are blessed to have faculty members who are all knowledgeable in classical education and who all love and actively practice their faith.

SAVE THE DATES: 1) OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION on December 11 AND; 2) POKER NIGHT on February 25.

Fasting from the Sin of **RESENTMENT**...

Today, I choose to fast from the wound of rejection. Has anyone ever said something to you that made you feel like you weren't wanted or needed? You might have felt as if you were left out or shunned. All of these emotions are typical of rejection. Wounds of rejection are very common among children who have experienced death, divorce, or other traumatic separations. Even in adults, deep rejection can negatively affect our identity (thoughts and beliefs about ourselves). Rejection is a wound of belonging. We believe that we don't belong! If rejection lives in our hearts, it can bear destructive fruit in our lives, including unforgiveness, hard-heartedness, and resentment. We will also misunderstand an important part of God's mercy. Oftentimes, man's rejection is God's protection!

Take time to ask yourself...

- **When have I experienced rejection?**
- **What do I believe about myself when someone rejects me?**



Pray slowly... Heavenly Father, In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I renounce rejection and repent all the ways in which I have sinned because of it. I reject this wound in every area of my life. I renounce any lies that I have come to believe, including lies such as "I do not belong" or "I am unwanted." Send your Holy Spirit to heal, restore, and transform me. I belong to you and am loved by you. I am chosen by you and am known to you. Amen.

The above is taken from the book, *Lenten Healing*, by Ken Kniepmann—available for sale in the parish office.

Christ, OUR King

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. It is likely that when we think of a king, the image that comes to mind is of pomp, ceremony, and civic authority. Jesus is a King like no other. He is not bound by the constraints of time or place. His authority is everlasting.



He is the one "who is and who was and who is to come." Jesus does not rule as earthly kings govern. Jesus reigns in humble obedience to the will of God the Father and calls us to do the same. It is by following the truth of Christ's command and listening to His voice of love that we are made into a Kingdom, serving the One whose dominion is everlasting.

St. Joseph Consecration

The next Consecration to St. Joseph will take place on the **SOLEMNITY of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, Wednesday, December 8, at the 7:00 p.m. Holy Mass.** Prior to that, there will be five preparation gatherings on Wednesdays, (we began on November 3 and will continue meeting every Wednesday through December 8). You can choose to attend at either 12:00 Noon or 6:00 p.m. (meet in the Guadalupe Courtyard (enter through the Adoration Chapel doors).

Those preparing will need the book, **CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father**, by Fr. Donald Calloway, which contains 33 days of preparation and may be purchased in the parish office for \$15 (also available on Amazon and other websites). For more info, contact Maria Alejandra at (626) 993-4236 or ale3767@yahoo.com.

To view a short video of Fr. Thomas and Fr. Steve Watson, OCD, talking about St. Joseph, go to: <https://santacruzchurch.flocknote.com/>

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you for giving from your heart! Below you will find the total collection for last weekend, as well as for the previous four weekends. Note: There is a second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH for our School.



The totals for the weekend of November 13/14 will be available next weekend. The bulletin was printed before that weekend as the editor went on vacation.

October 16 / 17.....	\$11,603.00
October 23 / 24.....	\$17,657.00
October 30 / 31.....	\$12,554.00
November 6 / 7.....	\$16,829.00

CHECK USERS: Please use a donation envelope in order to more easily credit your account.

THANKSGIVING DAY

This Thursday, November 25, is Thanksgiving. Start the day off giving thanks to God at Holy Mass (the word “Eucharist” means “thanksgiving”!). Normally, we have only one Mass on that day, but—to allow for greater social distancing—we will instead celebrate TWO Masses: at 8:00 a.m. and at 10:00 a.m. (NO Masses at 6:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.).

HAPPY THANKSGIVING to all our parishioners and visitors! May God bless you and protect you!



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

As announced at last week’s Masses, this weekend, **November 20 and 21, before the Masses** we will be collecting non-perishable food and turkeys in the Hall. These items will be given to those in need in the surrounding area.

Please bring your donations to the Hall by 5:00 p.m., on Sunday, November 21. If necessary, you may also drop off items in the Hall on Monday evening, November 22, at about 6:00 p.m., which is an hour or so before the distribution of the food begins at 7:00 p.m.



God bless you for caring for others!

IF YOU PLACED AN ORDER, DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR TAMALES ON THANKSGIVING!

All those who placed a tamale order may pick them up either before or after the 10:00 a.m. Mass this Thursday, Thanksgiving! **Any problems, call Maria Alejandra at (626) 993-4236.**



A Prayer in Thanksgiving

Lord, on this special day of thankfulness, we thank you not only for the delicious food, lovingly prepared and presented, but also for special gifts you’ve given to this family — loved ones we cherish dearly, a comfortable place to live, the beauty that surrounds us, material pleasures, health, spiritual wealth, and so much more. How can we show our gratitude for the countless blessings you’ve provided? We thank you for giving us clear direction, through your holy word on how to show our appreciation, by obeying Your commands and by loving and serving our neighbors. Thank you, Lord.

O God, when we have food, help us to remember the hungry; When we have work, help us to remember the jobless; When we have a home, help us to remember those who have no home at all; When we are without pain, help us to remember those who suffer, And remembering, help us to destroy our complacency; bestir our compassion, and be concerned enough to help, by both word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted. Amen.



THE CREATIVE COURAGE OF ST. JOSEPH'S FATHERHOOD

By John Clark*



The Year of St. Joseph continues through the 8th of December.

In his recent Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde (With A Father's Heart)*, Pope Francis has called on the Faithful to ponder the wondrous life of St. Joseph. It's a beautiful reflection of St. Joseph's life and an echo of the previous pontiffs who had much to write about the foster father of Jesus. In the course of his letter, Pope Francis highlights one quality in particular that grabbed my attention. He calls it "**creative courage.**" It is no secret that today's world is one of infidelity, where sacrificial love commonly cedes to selfish pride and inordinate pleasure. Even for us Catholic men—especially as our chosen callings become increasingly fraught with difficulty—

temptations can be both strong and ubiquitous. There's not a single devil in Hell who wants to see your marriage succeed, nor is the devil lacking anti-marriage minions on Earth. As someone once put it, the devil's not after your family—he's after your marriage. Knockdown the matrimonial domino, and the rest is child's play.

With this societal backdrop, Pope Francis posits that "in the face of difficulty," we have two basic options: "we can either give up and walk away, or somehow engage with it." In a time and place when the world walks away, we are all called to engage—to be true to our engagements. This requires courage—that much is sure, but it is incomplete. Saint Joseph chose to engage with difficulty, but that was only the beginning of the story. He rose up to protect Jesus and Mary, but when he stood on his feet, he needed all the creativity that God had given him. St. Joseph creatively outsmarted and outmaneuvered all of those who sought to harm his family. When his home was under the threat of danger, Joseph found another home. As Pope Francis writes, "Joseph took a stable and, as best he could, turned it into a welcoming home for the Son of God come into the world."

The pope continues, "Joseph was the man chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true 'miracle' by which God saves the Child and His Mother." **As Saint Joseph's fatherhood illustrates, when courage and creativity meet, worlds can be conquered.** Pope Francis writes that "difficulties bring out resources we did not even think we had." Of course, that's true not only for St. Joseph, but also for us. And if you think about it, you discover that St. Joseph's mission in life is much like yours and mine. "Rise up, take the Child and His Mother..." And certainly implicit in this is to protect, nourish, and love them. In a myriad of wonderful ways, the Holy Family was very much like yours and mine. Pope Francis notes: "The Gospel does not tell us how long Mary, Joseph, and the Child remained in Egypt. Yet they certainly needed to eat, to find a home and employment. It does not take much imagination to fill in those details. The Holy Family had to face concrete problems like every other family..." Of course, none of this is to say that your and my duties as husband and father are easy—they can be very hard. But that only serves to highlight another reality; namely, that in some sense, God believes in me. The proper response I can have to this gift is to love with creative courage.

We men can mistakenly believe that virtues such as courage and fortitude are confined to the actions of war. We Catholic fathers are members of the "Church Militant," and that terminology can cause us to desperately hunt for both battles and battlefields. But it's worth recalling the words of Sun Tzu, one of the greatest military strategists in history, who wrote, "A general who fights a hundred battles and wins a hundred battles is not a great general. The great general is one who finds a way to win without fighting a single battle." **St. Joseph found that way. In the struggle to protect our wives and children, Saint Joseph's life reminds us that the greatest protection is neither sword nor shield. The greatest protection is love.**

*John Clark is a homeschooling father, a speechwriter, an online course developer for Seton Home Study School, and a weekly blogger for The National Catholic Register. His latest book is "How to be a Superman Dad in a Kryptonite World—Even When You Can't Afford a Decent Cape."



Mass Intentions

November 20–November 27, 2021

Saturday:

5 p.m.: Jack & Louisa Day, 39th Anniv.

Sunday

*7:30 am: Th'gyg for St Teresa of Calcutta

7:30 a.m.: Patrick Hummel, INT

9:00 a.m.: Ysatis Vargas, INT

11:00 a.m.: Parishioners

1:00 p.m.: Gabriel Anyanwu & Fam., INT

5:00 p.m.: Laura Solórzano, RIP

Monday:

6 a.m.: F.X. Mukyat Hardjasmita, RIP

*7:30 am: Maria Elena Paredes, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Frank & Joann Brodzik, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Sunarto Rusali, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 am: Ignatia Ghozali, B-Day INT

*7:30 am: Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Daisy Thompson, B-Day INT

7 pm: Jaime Gomez, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Carolina Toohey, RIP

*7:30 am: Joseph Can Dang/Maria Hai, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Christian Esteban, B-Day INT

7:00 p.m.: Honor of St. Jude for Souls in Purgatory

Thursday–THANKSGIVING DAY:

*7:30 a.m.: Piedad Lakindanum, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Private Intention

10:00 p.m.: Otto Lacayo & Family, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Lauren Cheah, INT

*7:30 am: Daniel Rosenthal, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Daisy Thompson, INT

Saturday:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Maria Concepcion Aguilar, RIP

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LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

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Links to those two sites are on our website's home page (in the top left column).

Quiet Listening Prayer

By Fr. Thomas Koller, OCD

Part II



**Continuing my response
to a parishioner's question,**

"What do you, Father Thomas, do during the quiet time after Holy Communion?":)

...Sometimes I'm silently praying, "Come, Lord Jesus, please help each person here to receive what You want to reveal to him/her... I invite You, I expect You, I love You, because You love me first....Jesus (while I'm breathing in).... thank You (while I'm breathing out).

Towards the end of the quiet time, I ask, "Jesus, what would You like to do with me later tonight, as a little action to help spread Your Kingdom?" And even if I don't "hear" anything, I decide on something to do later on together with our Lord.



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