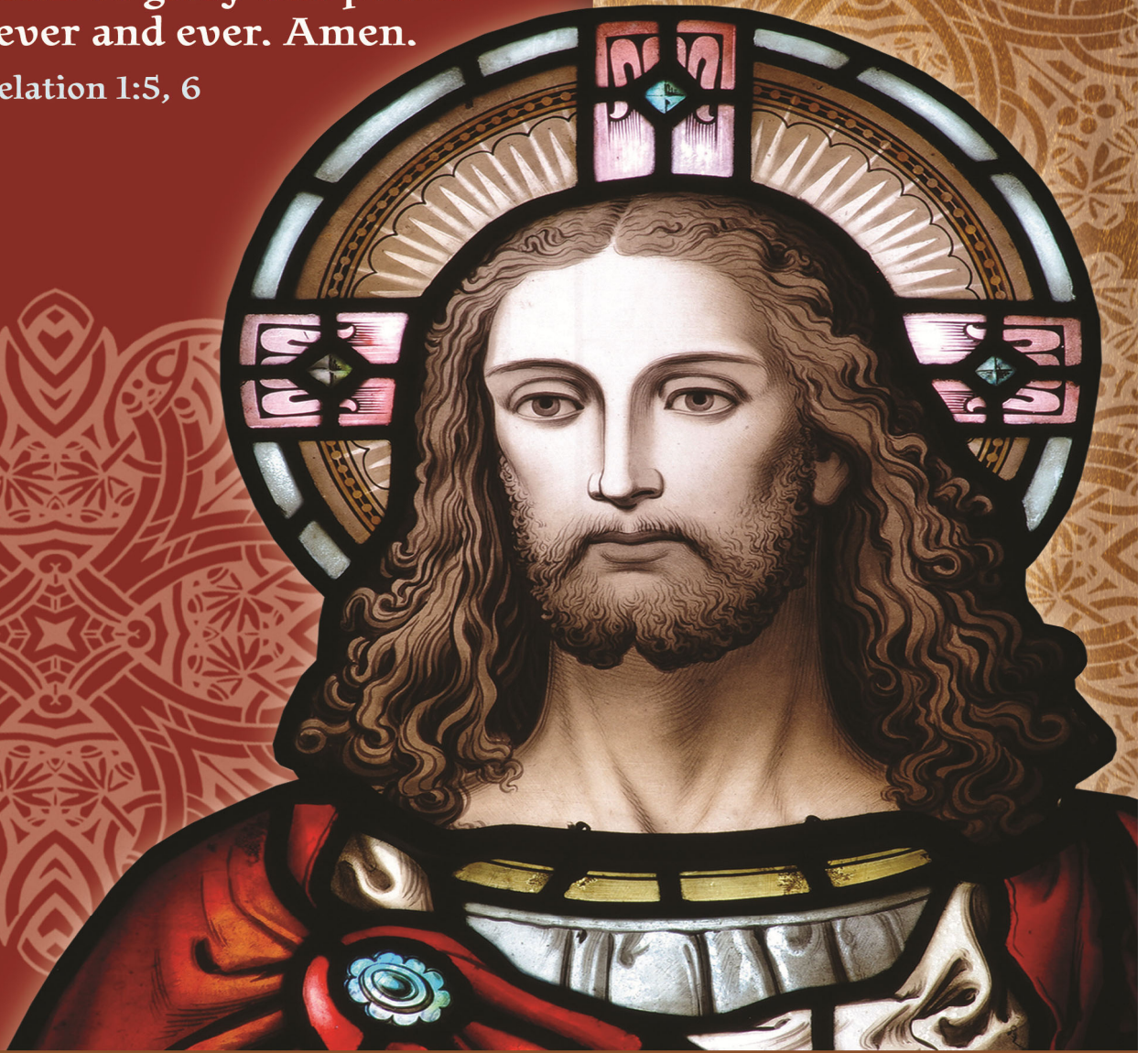


# Jesus Christ

NOVEMBER 25, 2018

is the faithful witness,  
the firstborn of the dead and  
ruler of the kings of the earth.  
To him be glory and power  
forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 1:5, 6



SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

## St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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### *From the Desk of Father Mac,*

On this final Sunday of the Church calendar we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, also known as the Feast of Christ the King or Corpus Christi. This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 in his encyclical *Quas Primas*. The pope established this feast in response to the growing secularism which was sweeping across Europe. After witnessing the horrors of the First World War, many Christians (including Catholics) had begun to doubt Christ's authority and existence, as well Church authority. The world had witnessed the rise of non-Christian (or nominally Christian) dictatorships throughout Europe, and saw Catholics falling under the sway of these earthly leaders. These dictators attempted to assert authority over the Church.

With this feast, the Holy Father hoped that nations would recognize the Church's rights, that leaders would give respect to Christ, and that the faithful would gain strength and courage from the celebration of the feast. The Feast of Corpus Christi was instituted at a time when devotion to the Eucharist was at a low point, and respect for Christ and the Church was waning. Pope Pius XI gave the world this feast just when it needed it most. I would argue that we need this feast now more than ever.

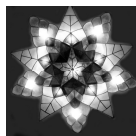
In our post-modern world, the same distrust of authority exists, although the problem has gotten worse. Government corruption and church scandals have given many people a reason to reject institutional authority. Individualism has been embraced to such an extreme, that for many, the only authority is the individual self. The idea of Christ as ruler is rejected in such a strongly individualistic system. Also, many balk at the idea of kings and queens, believing them to be antiquated and possibly oppressive. Some even reject the titles of "lord" and "king" for Christ because they believe that such titles are borrowed from oppressive systems of government. However true these statements might be (some kings have been oppressive), these individuals miss the point: Christ's kingship is one of *humility and service*.

Jesus knew the oppressive nature of secular kings, and in contrast, he connected his role as king to humble service and commanded his followers to be servants as well. In other passages of Scripture, his kingdom is tied to his suffering and death. While Christ is coming to judge the nations, his teachings spell out a kingdom of justice and judgment balanced with radical love, mercy, peace, and forgiveness. When we celebrate Christ as King, we are not celebrating an oppressive ruler, but one willing to die for humanity and whose "loving-kindness endures forever." Christ is the king that gives us true freedom, freedom in Him.

It is fitting that this feast celebrating Christ's kingship falls right before the beginning of Advent, when we liturgically wait for the promised Messiah (King).

*Fr. Mac*

YOURS IN CHRIST,  
REV. EBEN MACDONALD, PASTOR



**SIMBANG GABI** The Filipino Community of St Cyril of Jerusalem invites everyone to come, celebrate and experience Simbang Gabi on **Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 6pm**. Simbang Gabi is a Filipino tradition in preparation for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. After the Mass, join us in the Msgr. Cyril Navin Parish Hall for fellowship and light refreshments. Volunteers and donations are welcome, please contact Celita de Castro at [celita-decastro@sbcglobal.net](mailto:celita-decastro@sbcglobal.net).

**THE FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE** will have it's final meeting for this season on **Monday, December 10th** at the iconic **TAMO'SHANTER** restaurant in Hollywood, located at **2980 Los FELIZ BLVD**. Please call **Pat Kane** as soon as possible for more details. **818-784-4414**. We will return to our regular Monday routine in the New Year.



**THE PARISH LEAGUE** will meet Thursday, November 27th in the Parish Bungalow. Come at 8:15 am for coffee and stay for the meeting! This is your opportunity to join the team of hospitality volunteers that prepares the church for Christmas. All are welcome. Please call the Parish Office for more information

**MAYONNAISE SUNDAY IS TODAY.** Envelopes for your donations are available at the doors of the church. The Catholic Worker appreciates our faithful support for their important ministry of feeding the poor and hungry of our city. Thank you for your generosity



**CHAMINADE COLLEGE PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL** is having its annual **OPEN HOUSE** on **Sunday, December 2nd** from 1:00pm to 3:30pm. Families are invited to tour the campus, meet the faculty and administrators, and experience all that Chaminade has to offer. For more information call Chaminade's Admissions office at (818) 347-8300 extension 355 or visit Chaminade on the Web at [www.chaminade.org](http://www.chaminade.org).



**THE EUCHARISTIC FACE OF CHRIST** Come spend a day with the Blessed Sacrament, December 1st, 2018, 8 am to 2 pm. Join the Divine Mercy Group of Saint Jane Frances De Chantal for this one day retreat featuring special guest speaker Father Slawomir Szkredka PhD, SSD. Light lunch and refreshments will be provided. Saint Jane's is located at 13001 Victory Blvd. North Hollywood, Ca 91606. For more information, contact Alice at 818-6429390 or Ligaya at 818-922-5727



**THE PREGNANCY COUNSELING CENTER** invites you to make a difference in the lives of families in the San Fernando Valley. There are many opportunities to serve. Join your fellow parishioners who are already volunteers! Contact Norma Cano-Client Services Director at 818-895-2500 or by email at [norma@pregnanthelp4u.org](mailto:norma@pregnanthelp4u.org)

**SAFEGUARDING THE CHILDREN**  
HOTEL SAFETY TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON



Thanksgiving and Christmas are popular travel times, as people gather with family and friends to celebrate the holidays. For many people, that means trading in the routines and established safety practices of home for time spent in a hotel. If you and your children are staying in a hotel, take a few minutes to go over the escape route in the event of a fire or emergency. Show your children how to dial out from the room –to call 911. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article “Family Travel and Vacation Safety (Are We There Yet?)” contact us.

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**FULLY RELY ON GOD (FROGs)**, our ‘little church’ program for ages 4-7, will meet during the 10 am Mass **December 3rd to celebrate the first Sunday of Advent.** . Please watch the bulletin for upcoming dates.

**BIBLE STUDY AT SAINT CYRIL’S** Classes will meet on Tuesday, November 27th, December 4th, 11th and 18th at 7 pm. . Please meet in the Parish Bungalow. Call the office of Religious Education for further information.



**CANDLELIGHT ROSARY AND PRAYER GROUP** will meet **Monday, November 26th, December 3rd, 9th & 16th at 7pm** in front of the Blessed Mother’s altar on the west side of the church. Come and begin to prepare your heart for the joyful season of Christmas. For more information, please call the Parish office.



**CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY** will have their next event on Sunday, December 9th. Year 1 and Year 2 students will take part in an Advent retreat with their Sponsor. Please meet at 9:45 am in the Parish Bungalow.

**CALLED TO RENEW CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

**AS OF NOVEMBER 15TH, 2018**

**TOTAL= 50 GIFTS**

PARISH GOAL	\$ 1,000.000	100% OF GOAL
AMOUNT PLEDGED	\$ 784,685	78% OF GOAL
AMOUNT UNDER GOAL	(\$-215,315)	- 22% OF GOAL

**Mass Intentions**

- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH**
- 4:00 pm - Rudy Garcia, *RIP*
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH**
- 8:00 am - People of the Parish, *SPEC. INT.*
- 10:00 am - Lawrence Williams, *RIP*
- 12:00 pm - Jackie Corso Watkins, *RIP*
- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH**
- 7:30 am - Viola Campagna, *SPEC. INT.*
- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH**
- 7:30 am - Dorothy Montanio, *SPEC. INT.*
- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28ST**
- 7:30 am - Joe Licata, *RIP*
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH**
- 7:30 am - Genoveva L Sempio, *RIP*
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH**
- 7:30 am - Maria Aurora Rooney, *SPEC. INT.*
- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1ST**
- 7:30 am - Dan & Marie Murphy, *SPEC. INT.*

**ST CYRIL OF JERUSALEM PARISH STEWARDSHIP**  
November 18th 2018

*“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom does not belong to this world.’ (JOHN 18:36)*

COLLECTION FIGURES FOR THIS WEEK  
WERE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF  
THIS PRINTING

**HOW OFTEN DO WE GIVE UP ON STEWARDSHIP, PUTTING ALL OUR TIME AND ENERGY INTO BUILDING A KINGDOM HERE ON EARTH, FORGETTING THAT LIFE HERE IS SHORT? THE REAL KINGDOM IS IN THE NEXT LIFE. YET, HOW MUCH TIME AND ENERGY DO WE INVEST IN WORKING FOR THAT ETERNAL KINGDOM?**



PLEASE JOIN US IN THE GROTTO FOR COFFEE AND DONUTS AFTER THE 8 AND 10 AM MASSES THIS WEEKEND. COME MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

*Pray For*



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|---------------------|--------------------|
| Frank Ivancie       | Bob Farina         |
| Regina Hagan        | Sheldon Payne      |
| Anne Galli          | Jose Ramirez       |
| Tio Galli           | Christopher Browne |
| Mickey Pappas       | Antonio Almonte    |
| Barbara Bick        | Dolores Genova     |
| Mary Shartzter      | DeNardis           |
| Sandra Osorio       | Maria Rooney       |
| Dorothy Montanio    | Dan Stoppole       |
| Shelia Hartman      | Dolores Cardelucci |
| Fr. Verne Boutilier | Ali Rich           |
|                     | Giovanna Cortese   |

# Saint Cyril of Jerusalem Church

## SUNDAY & WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays	4:00 PM
Sundays	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM
Vigil of Holy Days	7:00 PM
Holy Days	7:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM
Weekdays (MON-SAT)	7:30 AM

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 8:00-8:30 AM & 3:00-4:00 PM

## MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday: 8:00 AM

## HOLY ROSARY

Daily after the 7:30 AM Mass

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

2nd Sunday of each Month at 2:00 PM

## WEDDINGS

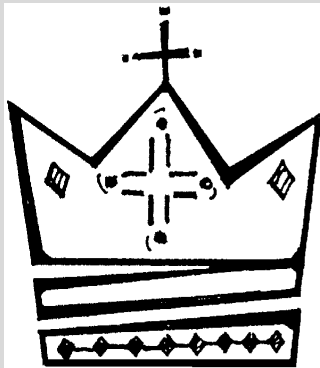
*Must contact the priest at least 6 months in advance*

## BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

Open Monday–Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

1st Friday of each Month after the 7:30 AM Mass



The Lord  
Shall  
Reign

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Does it seem to you that each year the holiday season gets busier and busier, and we get further and further away from the true meaning of Advent and Christmas? The best way to combat this tendency is to adopt or renew Advent traditions in the home.

**Here are 15 ways to celebrate Advent like a Catholic:**

1. **Have an Advent Wreath in your home**
2. **Have Sunday Advent Dinners**
3. **Prepare Seasonal Foods**
4. **Advent Devotional Reading**
5. **Adopt Special Prayers** during the Advent season.
6. **Use an Advent Calendar:** This is another popular way to celebrate the Advent season, especially popular with children.
7. **Listen to Advent Music:** Make your own playlist of music appropriate for Advent which anticipates Christ's birth.
8. **Set up your Nativity Scene during Advent**
9. **Set up a Jesse Tree:** If you have kids, this is a fun biblical activity during the Advent season which prepares for the birth of Christ and his mission.
10. **Make your Christmas Confession:** St. Cyril's Advent Penance Service will be on Mon. Dec. 17 at 7PM.
11. **Small Sacrifices for the Christ Child:** Because Advent is known as the "little Lent," prayer, alms, and sacrifices are also a part of Advent season.
12. **Almsgiving:** Advent is a great time to practice spiritual and corporeal acts of mercy.
13. **Celebrate the Advent Saint Feast Days**
14. **Christmas Tree Blessing:** When you finish decorating the Christmas tree, bless it. You can find a Christmas Tree blessing at [www.USCCB.org](http://www.USCCB.org).
15. **Adopt a Cultural Tradition:** such as the Oplatki Christmas wafer from Eastern Europe, La Posada from Latin America or Simbang Gabi from the Philippines.

**Let's make this the best Advent Ever!**