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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe—November 26 2023



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Daily Mass: 8:45am Mon.—Sat.

**Sunday Masses: Sat. Vigil at 5pm,
Sundays at 8am, 10am, and Noon (Chinese)**

All Masses Livestreamed except Sunday 8am

**Confessions: 20 minutes before
Saturday Vigil and each Sunday Mass**

Office Hours: Mon.—Fri., 9am — 4:30pm

**Baptisms: 2nd Sat. of month, 12:30pm
(Registered Parishioners only)**

**Baptismal Prep: 3rd Sat. of month, 10:00am
(Registered Parishioners only)**

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**I myself will pasture my sheep;
I myself will give them rest, says the Lord.**

—Ezekiel 34:15

Shepherding with Christ the King

Today's first reading for the Solemnity of Christ the King from Ezekiel emphasizes God as a Shepherd King. God commits to actively seeking out, caring for, and restoring his "scattered sheep." This image of God as a shepherd is deeply comforting and creates a sense of a hands-on God, one who is fully involved in the well-being of His people. It makes us ponder how we are being shepherded in our lives today and how we can extend that shepherding to others.

The reading also highlights God's commitment to justice and righteousness. God states that He will differentiate "between one sheep and another, between rams and goats." This presents a God who is discerning and fair, caring especially for the "lost," "strayed," "injured," and "sick," while holding the "sleek and the strong" accountable. This challenges us to align ourselves with God's sense of justice. Are we doing enough to reach out to those who are marginalized or suffering?

In reflecting on this reading, we are reminded that our role as followers of Christ the King is not passive. We're called to be active participants in God's shepherding. Whether it is by seeking the lost or binding up the injured in our own communities, we share in the work of our Shepherd King. Doing so not only brings us closer to God but also makes us instruments of His divine care and justice.

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Pastor's Column

Is Christ Your King? – At a Confirmation meeting held recently with teens and their parents, I showed them a video of the actor Denzel Washington as a Commencement Speaker at a University graduation. Denzel is a well-known and beloved actor in movies such as *Courage Under Fire*, *Remember the Titans*, *Flight*, and *The Equalizer*. In his speech, he congratulated the students for their success in achieving this milestone in their life. But he reminded them that they didn't succeed all by themselves. He laughed at himself, sharing with the crowd, in a conversation he had with his mother. He asked her, *Aren't you proud that I'm now a successful actor and how I did that all by myself?* She immediately responded, *If you only knew how many prayers were said for you by me and my prayer group, how often your picture was blessed with Holy Water! So don't think your success was all through your own efforts.* Denzel admitted that after high school, he didn't know what he was going to do and was flunking out of college. He was lost. But while visiting his mom at her beauty salon, a lady who was having her hair done had this prophecy about him: *He will one day travel the world and speak with millions of people. He has been protected; he's been directed and even corrected. He has kept God in his life, and that has kept him humble. He hasn't always stuck with God, but God has stuck with him.* And he encouraged his listeners, if they would like to succeed, then to put God first in their lives. In the 10 commandments, the 1st one we are taught is to have no other gods before Him. That means, to put God first above everything else, above sports, family and work. But the paradox is, when we put Him first, He'll direct our lives so that in all we do, our work, our family & sports will bear abundant fruit. As we celebrate today's feast, let us humble ourselves and strive to put God first in our lives and Honor Christ as our King.

Parish Calendar for December:

- **Sat, Dec 2 @ 9:45am** – Advent Decoration in Church; Giving Tree Set up for Catholic Charities.
- **Sun, Dec 3** – Wreath Sales by our Scouts following the 8am & 10am Masses in vestibule.
- **Fri, Dec 8** – Volunteer Christmas Party in Rectory.
- **Sun, Dec 10 @ 11am** – Parish Christmas Party in the Hall. Free pictures with Santa, Arts & Crafts projects & Food. Sponsored by the St Anne PTO.
- **Friday, Dec 15–23** - Christmas Novena, Masses on weekdays at 6pm and on weekends at 5pm.
- **Sat, Dec 16 @ 9:45am** – Decorate & Clean Church for Christmas. Lunch provided.
- **Sun, Dec 24** – Christmas Vigil Family Mass @ 5pm; Vigil Mass in Chinese @ 8pm.
- **Mon, Dec 25** – Christmas masses at 12am Midnight, 8am, 10am & 12pm in Chinese.

—Fr. Dan



Saint Anne Parish
MASS INTENTIONS
WEEK of November 26, 2023

Sunday, November 26

- 8:00am** Fr. Ed Bohnert (D)
10:00am People of the Parish
Winefreda Conji (D)
Florencio Lozano (D)
Noon People of the Parish

Monday, November 27

- 8:45am** Eddie Conji (D)
Don and Bea Torres (D)
MaryAn Sinclair (D)

Tuesday, November 28

- 8:45am** Sylvia Navarro (D)

Wednesday, November 29

- 8:45am** Iluminado Sangalang (D)
Andy Kwong (D)

Thursday, November 30

- 8:45am** Angel and Angelo Eng (D)

Friday, December 1

- 8:45am** Roque Navarro (D)
Chester Mahlmeister (D)

Saturday, December 2

- 8:45am** Confraternity of Saint Anne
5:00pm People of the Parish

Please Note that in 2024, we will go back to offering only one intention per Mass. This is the not only the norm , but what Canon Law requires, as our Archbishop has recently reminded us. Thank you for your understanding.



**Simbang Gabi
Commissioning
Mass**

Cathedral of St. Mary
Wed, December 13,
6:30pm to 9:30pm

Website : filipinoministrysf.org/events-and-activities
Contact: Estelle Oloresisimo | 415-595-9248 |
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His Eminence, **Cardinal Robert McElroy**, will be the main celebrant. This event heralds the beginning of Simbang Gabi, a novena of Masses being held in various parishes across the Archdiocese of San Francisco as a spiritual preparation for Christmas. During the Mass, participating representatives carrying their "parol" are blessed by the celebrant and "commissioned" to share the "Light of Christ" with their parish community.

Refresh and Renew at Mercy Center!

Mercy Center Retreats and Events, Burlingame

Mercy Center, 2300 Adeline Dr., Burlingame
Contact: Retreat Center | 650-340-7494 |
mc@sistersofmercy.org

More info at [Website: https://mercy-center.org](https://mercy-center.org)

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No Second Collection This Week

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