

### PRESENT NORMS AND GUIDELINES FOR CELEBRATION OF THE MASS

*We have begun the process of returning to a pre-pandemic celebration of the Liturgy.  
We will continue to follow the established guidelines we have been using, which are enumerated below.  
The remainder will be introduced gradually.*

1. Masks: **Fully Vaccinated.** Effective May 15, 2021, fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask in any setting.  
**Unvaccinated.** From ages 5 and older must cover their mouth and nose with a mask when present for any Mass or liturgical celebration.
2. Hand sanitizer: All entering the Church are asked to use hand sanitizer placed at the entrance.
3. Music Ministry: Choir may resume.
4. Lord's Prayer and Sign of Peace: We are to continue the practice of refraining from holding hands during the Lord's Prayer and shaking hands during the Sign of Peace (bow or verbal gesture is appropriate).
5. Distribution of the cup: The distribution of the cup remains suppressed for deacons and the lay faithful until further notice.
6. Ushers: resume their normal procedures/functions as it was pre-Covid-19 except for collections. We will continue to use the baskets placed in the entrance.
7. Bulletins: We will continue to distribute them electronically until further notice.

*God's blessings upon you all.*

*Father Gerry*



### DATES FOR SILENT AUCTION

*December 5 and 12, 2021*

Since we will not be able to use our new worship area until the new year, Father Gerry has okayed holding our silent auction in that space.

Talented and generous parishioners, and friends of parishioners, have already donated items including jewelry, quilts, hand-crafted pens and pillows, original wall hangings, and more!

Please consider all your **talents** (Painting? Woodwork? Pottery?) and **treasures** (Items around your home you would like to clear out and someone else could enjoy) and decide if you have something to donate to the effort.

Past auctions have raised \$1500-2200!

This year all proceeds will be used for our building fund.

Call or email Lynne Richardson for more information.  
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### *Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe*

*November 21, 2021 Year B*

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November/21/2021

Today we celebrate "Christ, The King of the Universe". What does this mean? Because understanding clearly its meaning would give us a sense of what type 'a king' Jesus is and what it means in relation to our lives. We might be tempted to think in terms of familiar structures of political power of earthly kings or leaders. No, Christ's Kingship is different. As Jesus himself puts it in today's Gospel that "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 my Kingdom is not here". This means his kingdom is not of earthly power and authority, Jesus has nothing to prove to the people to demonstrate his authority.

Jesus is a special kind of a king. His power and authority is different. He is not seeking positions. Jesus' power and authority is not dominating but enabling and empowering. It is only the weak who feel the need to dominate in order to portray authority. Jesus as a king has authority and power because he is:

a King who loves unconditionally  
a King who wants to be reconciled with the sinner  
a King who wants to help and heal the sick and the weak  
a King who is humble and not proud  
a King who wants to share his life with us – forever

What we are called to celebrate today is a recognition that Christ is the rule and norm of our daily living, that we want his values, preferences and choices be also our values, our preferences, and our choices. We want to be all in all his disciples. Jesus is our King when we listen to him, follow him, love him, and serve him in our neighbor. We are called upon today and every day to work for the Kingdom of God. To make it a reality, here and now. It is through our way of life and our actions that we make this happen.

To achieve this, to make Christ's kingdom a reality, we need to accept and surrender our lives to Christ the King as our Lord, King, and Savior. We surrender our lives to Jesus every day when we give priority to all Jesus taught in our daily choices, especially in making moral decisions. We should not exclude Christ our King from any area of our personal or family lives. In other words, Christ must be in full charge of our lives, and we must give Christ sovereign power over our bodies, our thoughts, our heart, and our will. We need to be serving disciples of a serving King. We become Jesus' followers when we recognize Jesus, present in everyone, especially the poor, the sick, the outcast, and the marginalized in society and render humble and loving service to Jesus in each of them. We need to accept Jesus Christ as the King of love. Jesus came to proclaim to all of us the Good News of God's love and salvation, gave us a "new commandment" of love: "Love one another as I have loved you," and demonstrated that love by dying for us sinners. We accept Jesus as our King of love when we love others as Jesus loves each of us unconditionally. We need to be people who live by and in truth. The truth which comes from God alone. Let us focus on being truthful in assessing how we are trying to live our faith-filled lives. Let us learn to "testify to the truth" and in so doing, be more open and accepting God's unconditional love and share it with others.



Very Reverend Gerald Kaggwa, V.F.

## TODAY'S MASS

### First Reading:

*Daniel 7:13-14*

### Responsorial Psalm:

*The Lord is king: he is  
robed in majesty.*

### Second Reading:

*Revelation 1:5-8*

### Gospel:

*John 18:33b-37*

## ASSIGNMENTS FOR November 21st

Community Leader: Kathy Kauffman  
Altar Server: Kaylee Kirsch  
Cantor: TBA  
Eucharist Minister: Mary Sychterz  
Lectors: Mary Ellen Sherwood/John Weidner  
Collection Counter: Tutak/Harvey

## ASSIGNMENTS FOR November 25th

Community Leader: John McCormack  
Altar Server: Joe Sychterz  
Cantor: TBA  
Eucharist Minister: TBA  
Lectors: TBA  
Collection Counter: NA



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Dick Zimmerman, Rita Lecompte, Theresa LaBrier and Iris Hetzer*



### PARISHIONERS

Steve Forte, Gary Richardson, Donna Thompson, James Peddicord, Paul Pearce, Eileen O'Brien, Laurie King, Cherianne Johnson, Spike & Becky Nunn, Jim Moncure, Peggy Williams, Lois & Skip Kramb, Marianne Krop, Tom Foley, Michele Meaney, Jack & Louise Petralia, Grace Anderson, Natalie Smith, Lorie & Sal Messina, Pat Paul, Margaret Hock, Anne Dunn, Tom & Cindy Jessee, Mike Lokie, Steve Kirsch, Marilynne Cerullo, Tom Hawksworth, Mary Ann & Kenneth Gulick, Nancy Wirth, Bettie Hodge, Bob & Ingrid Borden, Bill & Linda Gray, Carol Smith, Pat & Lee Reamy, Carole McPherson, Colin Walsh.

### FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS

Emily Evans, Arnold Fahrman, John Matthews, Ramon Placiente, Jillian Messina, Karen Tatum, Lynn Messina, Dave Hersh, Mike Shea, Pam Tibbs, Sherry Newton, Aquela Parker, Bernie Smith, Virginia Talke, Phil Melancon, Doris Melancon, Dominick Perry, Kimberly Lavinder, Doug Meuse, Michele Brune, Noele & Mike Anglin, Anita Bomberger, Drinkwater Family, Kathy Shepherd, Lucy Walker, Suzanne Whelan, Jim Rundle, Rundle-Kehl family, Doris & Arthur Green, Rachel, Brian & Marcus Pittman, Robbie Beasley, Sandra Bush & Children, Mary Gray, Denis Popp, PJ Schwedler, John Calvin Barnard, Colleen O'Rollins, Michael Reamy, Natash Walsh, Ellen DeMaurez, Michele MacFarland, LC Warren, JoAnn Dwyer, Sandy Alter, Andy & Iris Hetzer.

### FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS

George Adams, Dave Cryer, Lynn & Jim Vajda, Christine & Henry Archuleta, Charles Carter, Pam Sands, Patti Sarosy, Ed Ruark, Ryan Burnette, Robert Cummins, Kathy Goyne, Michael Johnson, Doc Jones, Hunt Addison, William Scott Smith, Eddie Hall, David Smith, Sandy Bruce, Matt & Marianna Parowski, Penny Hoar, Gene Tunney Walker, Joe McInerney, The Butt Family, Greg Chambers, Bristow Family, Peg Meushaw, Dave Gunn, Chuck Taylor, Paula Harcum, Cathy Kirkland, Remy Maine Miller, Jessie Debusk, Ryan & Jeanne Norris, Donna Newcomb, Vickie Hogge, Pumpkin Brownley, Rita Blommel, Brenda Knupp, Ashely Scott & family, Elizabeth Panzer, Linda Cryer, Tyra Freed, Valerie McCarthy, John Rychtarik.

*If you would like to add someone to the prayer list please contact the office by email or phone.*

### MAIL IN OFFERTORY, AND ON LINE DONATIONS: November 14, 2021

Collection: \$ 1,890  
Second Collection:  
Total Offertory Collection Year to Date \$ 44,807  
Total Budget Projection: \$ 43,982



Our second collection today is for the **Catholic Virginian**.

We signed the following principal checks this week:  
\$275 Lawn Care; \$248 Baptismal Font; \$389 Pew Installation Deposit #2.



### BIRTHDAY'S FOR NOVEMBER

2nd-Mel Placilla, 3rd-Keith Gulick, 9th-Gary Brown, 11th Steve Forte,  
16th-Skip Kramb, 18th-Robert Wilson, 19th-Cathy Davenport, 21st-Edmund Meanley,  
22nd-James Peddicord & Lorie Messina, 24th-Dave Filippi, 27th-Laurie King,  
28th-Bill Gray, 29th-Bill Brandl, 30th-Andrea Moore & Mary Foley.



### ANNIVERSARY'S NOVEMBER

7th-Kenneth & Mary Ann Gulick, 29th-Aldo & Leisa DeCollibus.



### ANGEL TREE COMING SOON

Today is the presentation of the Angel Tree with gift tags. The gifts are due December 12th. Again this year we have committed to support 25-30 children. For those who are not able to pick up a star on the 21st, we will accept donations towards Food Lion Gift Certificates. Mary Sychterz is heading this project and can be reached at 804-815-0353. Grab your star today!

### NEW MEMORIALS

As we announced a few weeks ago, we will be installing four additional stained glass windows in the Nave. Preliminary designs have been received from the manufacturer and are depicted below.

If you have an interest in purchasing one of the windows, please contact Lisa Forte @ 804-399-7766. The price of the windows is as before \$12,00.00 each.



### Other remaining memorials from Stage 2

Electronic votive candle holder (1 left)-\$10,000 #1 Moses parting the Red Sea  
Memorial Narthex Bench-\$650 each #3 Jesus praying in the Garden  
Round Woven Offertory Baskets-\$450  
Live stream camera & accessories-TBD



Upon reflection about the sale of Memorials, they have had the most significant impact in reducing the size of the loan which we will eventually have when the final bills are received. Initially, we faced a \$300k loan, but thanks to our parishioners' generosity and interest in honoring their loved ones, that final number will be reduced dramatically. To pay the most recent contractor's bill, we took our first construction draw for \$125k. One more construction bill awaits us, and we will be able to fix the final loan amount. At that time we will be more specific about monthly loan payments, etc.



Baptismal Font



Station of the Cross

Holy Water Font





## WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?

Members of our church gather each week around the communion table, reciting the words of Christ and participating in the sacred meal “in remembrance: of Jesus. That gift has been handed down generation to generation.

As we recall the names of those who have died, our minds are filled with precious memories. We are their legacy, and much of what we have in both material and non-material things have been handed down to us from them. But what will we hand down to those who follow? How will we be remembered? Will we leave more than an empty spot in a pew?

As you plan for the distribution of your assets at your death, consider a charitable bequest to our church.

This is one way your faith can be transferred to the next generation. This, and other types of planned gifts, can undergrid our congregation’s ministry in perpetuity, providing resources that will allow future generations of Disciples to worship, serve others and continue the vital ministries of the church.



*Potential, Purpose, Promise*

## OYSTER FESTIVAL

The COV Oyster Festival booth was a BIG SUCCESS!!

Thank you Peg Williams for manning the booth for 2 days, Joe & Mary Sychterz, Ed & Debby Harriman for setup of tent & electricity. Thank you to all parishioners who baked bread, Lisa

Forte who donated themed gnomes, Joe & Mary who donated lighted bottles, Eileen O'Brien who donated an oyster table runner, and those who helped at the booth, Carol Smith, Barbara Smith, Kim Rector and Debby Harriman during the event.

*Thank you COV parishioners for sharing your time, talent & treasure.*



## RESPECT LIFE



It is wonderful to receive such enthusiasm for our Baby Bottle campaign for “Mary’s Choice”, a new Maternity home in Richmond! Updates and future plans as they arise!

For those who picked up a baby bottle in support of “Mary’s Choice”, you may return its contents at anytime to the office. As announced last week, a representative from the maternity home will visit and discuss their needs and provide us with more information at a later date.

*Carol Smith*

## COV IN BOOK

Daniel Markham, the author of the upcoming book, 52 MASSES, will visit Church of the Visitation for Mass on Sunday, Dec. 5th. Daniel is profiling the parish’s successful efforts to construct the school building in Uganda as part of the book project that will take him to Mass in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico over the course of the year. He welcomes the opportunity to meet with any and all parishioners who are interested, whether for him to learn more about our parishes or to share his experiences and hopes for his book with the Church of the Visitation community. We are honored that

Daniel chose COV to profile in his book, the only church so honored in the Commonwealth of Virginia. To celebrate his visit, we will have a social hour after Mass (our first since the pandemic) in order for him to converse more easily with parishioners. We will also take the opportunity to display our new worship area for his viewing.



## NEW WORSHIP AREA UPDATE

Things changed dramatically this week. The sound system suddenly arrived and was installed minus one of the microphones. The stations of the cross are in place and framed. The Baptismal font was installed by its creator, our own Tom Shoemaker. It’s a magnificent creation, and we are deeply indebted to Tom and his ingenuity. Please take a moment after Mass to view all the new improvements. On Tuesday, parishioner Matt Sherwood, another talented individual, will deliver the altar and ambo which he has built for us. Many exciting moments await us in the ensuing months.

## CHRIST THE KING

Christ the King Sunday is celebrated on the last Sunday of **Ordinary time** (last Sunday after **Pentecost**), before the beginning of **Advent** that starts the new Church Year. As the last Sunday of the **Christian Church Year**, Christ the King Sunday is the climax and conclusion of the Church’s liturgical journey through the life of Christ and the Gospel message. Its purpose is to celebrate the coming reign of Christ as King of the Earth and his completion of the renewed creation that marks the fullness of the Kingdom of God. That hope is born from the entire life of Christ and his teachings that have been celebrated in the seasons of the Church Year during the past twelve months. In celebrating the Reign of Christ the King, this Sunday also provides an appropriate bridge to the new Church Year that begins the following Sunday on the first Sunday of Advent with an emphasis on hope and expectation, the longing for the coming of the Kingdom of God amid the darkness of a sinful world (see **Advent**).