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[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form [] We've Moved, here is our new information

Saturday, November 23

8:00 a.m. Special Intention 8:30-9:00 a.m. Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession 4:35 p.m. Rosarv 5:00 p.m. Steve Wagner + Sunday, November 24 7:10 a.m. *Rosary* 7:30 a.m. Parish Family 9:40 a.m. Rosary 10:00 a.m. Rose Mary Helm + Monday, November 25 No Public Mass **Tuesday, November 26** 7:00-8:00 a.m. Adoration 8:00 a.m. Donnajeanne Wahman + 8:30 a.m. Confession Wednesday, November 27 6:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration 6:00-6:45 p.m. Confession 7:00 p.m. Fr. Maurice O'Connell + Thursday, November 28 **Thanksgiving Day Mass** 9:00 a.m. All Priests Living & Deceased Friday, November 29 8:30 a.m. Beth Kaiser + Saturday, November 30 8:00 a.m. Special Intention 8:30-9:00 a.m. Confession 4:00-4:45 p.m. Confession 4:35 p.m. Rosarv 5:00 p.m. June Gazdik + Sunday, December 1 7:10 a.m. *Rosary* 7:30 a.m. Parish Family 9:40 a.m. Rosary 10:00 a.m. Raymond Helm +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Nov. 25 - Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time - St. Catherine of Alexandria - Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 / Ps 24:1-6 / Lk 21:1 -4

Tues., Nov. 26 - Rv 14:14-19 / Ps 96:10-13 / Lk 21:5-11

Wed., Nov. 27 - Rv 15:1-4 / Ps 98:1-3, 7-9 / Lk 21:12-19

Thurs., Nov. 28 - Thanksgiving Day - Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a / Ps 100:1b-5 / Lk 21:20-28 or Sir 50:22-24 / Ps 138:1-5 / 1 Cor 1:3-9 / Lk 17:11-19

Fri., Nov. 29 - Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2 / Ps 84:3-6a, 8a / Lk 21:29-33

Sat., Nov. 30 - St. Andrew, Apostle - Rom 10:9-18 / Ps 19:8-11 / Mt 4:18-22

Sun., Dec. 1 - First Sunday of Advent -Jer 33:14-16 / Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14 / 1 Thes 3:12—4:2 / Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - November 24, 2024

The term "*Eucharist*" originates from the Greek word *eucharistia*, meaning "*thanksgiving*." What better way than to begin our Thanksgiving celebrations then to join together in giving thanks to God at Mass. Join us for a special **Thanksgiving Day Mass this Thursday, Nov. 28th, at 9 AM**.

This weekend (November 23rd/24th), the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**. This solemnity marks the end of our liturgical year as we prepare to enter into a new year of God's grace with the beginning of Advent next weekend. The liturgical year is meant to be like a whole catechesis of the Christian faith, taking us from the birth of Christ and His baptism to His final anointing, death, and resurrection.

Just as the liturgical year is a catechesis of our Faith, so it is meant to be a mirror of our lives, we who are called to be imitators of Christ (*Eph. 5:1-2*). In this way, by ending the liturgical year with the **Solemnity of Christ the King**, we are reminded that our own lives are meant to end in Christ as well. For, at the end of this earthly life, we will find ourselves before Christ the King, He who will pass His final judgment on all that has been done in this life.

Though the end of the liturgical year (*and the first two weeks of Advent*) focus our attention on the end of time and the final judgment, this Solemnity of Christ the King also directs our hearts and minds toward the present reality of His reign. As we reflect on His kingship, we are called to acknowledge Him as the true ruler of our lives, not just in the future, but in the here and now.

This solemnity challenges us to examine how we are living our lives under the kingship of Christ. Are we allowing His teachings to shape our actions? Are we serving others as He has served us, in humility and sacrificial love? Christ the King invites us to a deeper relationship with Him, a relationship that transforms our hearts and calls us to be His witnesses to the world. Let us renew our commitment today to live anew under the reign of Christ.

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

As a reminder, our **Forty Hours Devotion** is quickly approaching. One way that we express our devotion to the reign of Christ the King is by giving to Him so freely of our time. I would strongly encourage each of us to sign-up for an hour of adoration throughout the **Forty Hours**. If you have never had the opportunity to spend time in adoration, now is the time. You will be amazed at how the Lord will speak to you in the quiet of your heart if you but make this time for Him.

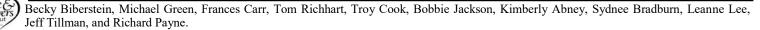
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST TO THE CONCLUDING RITE

With the **Concluding Rite**, it seems that we're practically at the end of the Mass. A closing prayer from the Priest, a closing hymn, and Mass is over. Not quite! The **Concluding Rite** is so much more than just the '*ending*' of Mass. In fact, it is not the end, but only the beginning. The Concluding Rite is truly a '*sending forth*' of the Body of Christ (*us*!) back into the world.

We can consider the **Concluding Rite** as a blessing for our journey ahead, stepping out of the Church, the sacred, and entering back into the world, the secular. During **Ordinary Time**, this rite is fairly simple. During special seasons, it may be done with more solemnity, including offering a three-fold blessing as we "bow our heads and pray for God's blessing." The **Concluding Rite** then ends as the Mass itself begins: With the sign of the cross.

The **Concluding Rite** literally dismisses us from Mass. But, more than that, we are sent forth—on mission—by the priest. What we have just heard and experienced in this hour, we must now in turn do for the world, which is to become '*the bread of life*' and '*cup of blessing*' for others. Whenever we leave the church building after Mass, we know that our mission has begun.

As Jesus commanded so succinctly to His disciples, He says again to us too: "Go forth into all the world and preach the gospel to all nations." Let us go forth rejoicing in the Lord! ~Faithfully in Christ, Fr. David





Come and give thanks to God Thanksgiving Day Mass! Thursday, November 28th at 9:00 AM





Monday, Dec. 2nd-Wednesday, Dec. 4th Mon., Dec. 2nd: 7 PM Opening Mass Tue., Dec. 3rd: 6:30PM Vespers 7 PM Talk Wed., Dec. 4th: 7 PM Closing Mass (Adoration ongoing between Opening and Closing Mass) Sign Up in the Narthex

PARISH CALENDAR

- Sat., Nov. 23 Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Nov. 24 Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Nov. 24 Religious Education Classes 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- Mon., Nov. 25 Children's Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.
- Tues., Nov. 26 Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confessions 8:30 a.m.
- Wed., Nov. 27 Adoration 6-7:00 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., Nov. 27 Optional Adult Choir Practice following 7:00 Mass., approx. 7:35 p.m.
- Thurs., Nov. 28 Thanksgiving Day Mass 9:00 a.m.
- Thurs., Nov. 28 & Fri., Nov. 29 Parish Office Closed
- Fri., Nov. 29 Mass 8:30 a.m.
- Sat., Nov. 30 Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30
- Sat., Nov. 30 Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 1 Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Dec. 1 No Religious Education Class Thanksgiving Break.
- Mon., Dec. 2 40 Hours Adoration Opening Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., Dec. 3 40 Hours Adoration Mass 8:00 a.m. / Sung Vespers 6:30 p.m. / 7:00 p.m. Talk
- Wed., Dec. 4 40 Hours Adoration Closing Mass 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., Dec. 5 Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Thurs., Dec. 5 Catholicism Explained 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- Fri., Dec. 6 Mass 8:30 a.m.
- Sat., Dec. 7 Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30
- Sat., Dec. 7 Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 8 Mass 7:30 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.
- Sun., Dec. 8 Religious Education Classes 8:30-9:45 a.m.

Weekend of November 30th & December 1st

Teresa Smith

Mike Morrissey Adult Choir

Stacey Coulardot

Sarah McCorkle

Mike Dunn





5:00 7:30 10:00

Volunteer Dale McCorkle Tammi Helm, Kevin Seago, Volunteer

5:00 Alex/Audrey Mechling, Volunteer 7:30 Jacquelyn Mayer, Charlene/Anna Lynn Felger 10:00 Grant Reifsteck, Ellie Coyne, Volunteer

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of November 16th & 17th Adult Envelopes- \$3,290.00 Loose- \$226.00 Repair/Rainy Day Fund-\$226.73 Religious Ed. Fund- \$110.00 General Bequest- \$4,602.90 Memorial Candle- \$20.00 Farmland Rent (Donation)-\$5.250.00 Total- \$13,725.63

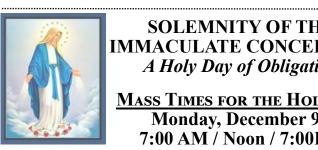
Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$10,458.81 ahead of our budget for the month of November.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund-\$1.934.00

Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

To set up Online Giving through Our Sunday Visitor, please visit: https://www.osvhub.com/stjosephchurchbluffton/giving/funds



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION A Holy Day of Obligation

MASS TIMES FOR THE HOLY DAY Monday, December 9th 7:00 AM / Noon / 7:00PM

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is the patronal feast day of our nation. Due to the Second Sunday of Advent, this Holy Day of Obligation is celebrated this year on Monday, December 9th.



RRELIGIOUS EDUCATION ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE Grades 3-12th will have the opportunity to attend the Sacrament of Reciliation on Sundays, Dec. 8th and 15th during our normal Religious Education Classes.



