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Polish National Catholic Church

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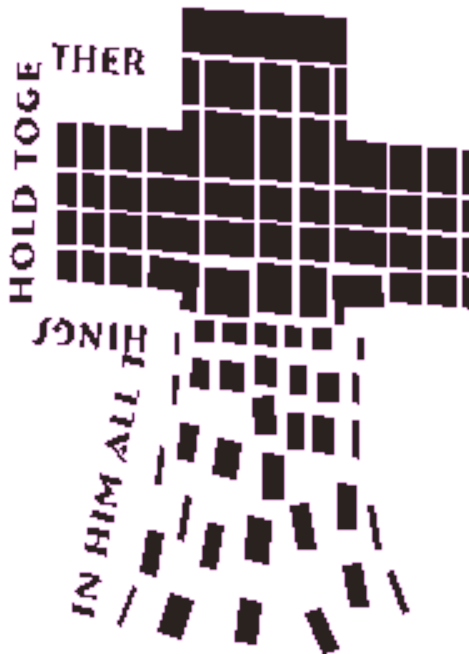
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Thirty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "C"

Solemnity – Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 20, 2016

O Lord I am not worthy to ask You, but only say a word and this parish will grow in number of really holy and dedicated people to God and to the Church.

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 10:00AM – Traditional liturgy in English.

Today, November 20th – XXXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time – Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

On the final Sunday of the liturgical year we celebrate the kingship of Christ: a fitting end to the Church's year. The liturgy for today makes clear, however, that Christ's kingship has little to do with the exercise of monarchical power in a worldly sense.

10:00AM – Holy Mass with reading of the Memorial List, intention: for Sp. **Bernard Jr.** and **Dorothy Halaburda**, of. by the Elsave family.

4:00PM – Frackville Community Thanksgiving Service – First United Methodist Church.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Zechariah 2:14-17; Matthew 12:46-50; **Tue.**, Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11; **Wed.**, Revelation

15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19; **Thu.**, Revelation 18:1-2.21-23;19:1-3.9a; Luke 21:20-28; **Fri.**, Revelation 20:1-4.11-21:2; Luke 21:29-33; **Sat.**, Revelation 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36

MONDAY, November 21st – Solemnity – Presentation of the BVM

7:25AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

TUESDAY, November 22nd – Weekday

7:25AM – Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Susan Berto-Bednarek**...(All Souls).

WEDNESDAY, November 23rd – Weekday

7:25AM – Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Patricia Abicunas**...(All Souls).

SATURDAY, November 26th – Weekday

9:00AM – Requiem Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Eugenia Tyrrell**...(All Souls).

NEXT SUNDAY, November 27th – I Sunday of Advent

10:00AM – Holy Mass with reading of the Memorial List, intention: for Sp. **Dr. Howard and Lucille Greenman**, of. by Ms. Elizabeth Greenman.

Today's liturgy

ASPERGES – **Pokropisz mnie** Panie hyzopem, a będę oczyszczony, obmyjesz mnie, a nad śnieg będę wybielony. Zmiłuj się nade mną Boże, według wielkiego miłosierdzia Twego. Chwała Ojcu i Synowi i Duchowi Świętemu, jak była na początku, teraz i zawsze i na wieki wieków. Amen.

ENTRANCE RITE (Sirach 18:3; Psalm 22:28-28)

V. The Lord guides the world with a turn of His hand, and all things obey His will. For He is King of all, and by His power He separates what is holy from what is not.

R. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; All the families of the nations shall bow down before Him. For dominion is the Lord's, and He rules the nations.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

I Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

David is chosen as the undisputed king of Israel by all the tribes at Hebron. David was God's choice; people agree that he alone is fit to lead God's people.

GRADUAL (Psalm 145:10-13)

V. Let all Your works give You thanks, o Lord, and let Your faithful ones bless You. Let them discourse of the glory of Your kingdom and speak of Your might.

R. Making known to men Your might and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom. Your Kingdom is a kingdom for all ages, and Your dominion endures through all generations.

II Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

The Son of God is the image of the unseen God, the firstborn of all creation, the one who existed before anything was created.

ALLELUIA (Isaiah 43:15)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. I am the Lord, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 23:35-43

The kingship of Jesus is recognized by the unlikeliest of people: a self-confessed criminal who admits he deserves to die for what he has done.

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come Thou Creator Spirit blest. And in our souls take up Thy rest. Come with Thy grace and wondrous aid. Fill now the hearts which Thou hast made. Come with Thy grace and wondrous aid. Fill now the hearts which Thou hast made. Amen.

May the peace of God, which is beyond all understanding, be with you this day and in the week ahead.

COMING EVENTS

FRACKVILLE – Each **First Friday** on the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5:00PM – 6:00PM)

Dec. 3 & 17 – First Holy Communion Catechism Class (10:00AM)

Dec. 11 – Cover Dish Christmas Party

Dec. 24 – Christmas Vigil Mass – 4:00PM; Christmas Eve Mass – 10:00PM

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Mass – 10:00AM – Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special **Thanks** go out to:

- to **Mrs. Janina Plichta** preparing the altars, and the church for services;
- to **Mrs. Cindy Eickhoff** and to the Choir members;
- to **Mr. James Abicunas** for being a lector;
- to **Joe** for his help at the altar last Sunday;
- to **Mr. Julian Bednarek** for his help with candles and taking collection;
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

DIOCESAN CHURCH DUES – has been increased to \$25.00; therefore beginning January 2017, our church dues will be **\$137.00** per adult member.



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2016 – covered dish, will take place on **Sunday, December 11 after the Mass** in the hall.

Everyone are welcome! If you decide to join us at this celebration, please sign up the list in the vestibule and

what kind of food you would like to bring for the party. Please, bring one inexpensive gift also.

Parents and guardians are responsible to provide gifts for their children. The deadline to sign your

name is **November 30**.

2017 HOME BLESSING – if anyone wishes their home to be blessed, please sign the list in the vestibule, or contact Fr. Robert personally. The deadline is: **November 30, 2016**. Thank you for your cooperation.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Rev. Maj Stanley Jasiurkowski** (US Army Chaplain Corps) and his family.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: November 20 – Julian Bednarek.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski – Father Raymond Drada - Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko - Flossy Bulcavage – Carolyn Boychak – Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Carl Guzik. At **Nursing Homes: NY** – Cecelia Pyzowski. **Frackville Nursing Home** – John Etcho (303). **H & R Center Tremont:** Dolores Halaburda.




HOSPITAL VISIT. If you, or a member of your family, are hospitalized or enter a long-term nursing facility, please personally or through a closest family member contact Fr. Robert. I will visit a sick

member upon his or his family notification.

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: Nov. 27 – Sp. Howard & Lucille Greenman; Dec. 4 – Sp. Eugenia Tyrrell; Dec. 11 – Sp. Susan Berto Bednarek; Dec. 18 – Sp. James Dean.

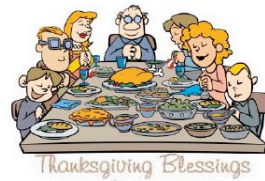
ATTENTION PARISHIONERS – in case of your inability to come to church on any particular Sunday, please mail or submit your Sunday offerings and donations to our parish. Your church needs your financial support in order to pay utilities and expenses.

 **WELCOME OUR VISITORS** – We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! If you are new to our parish, please submit your name, address and telephone number to **Father Robert**. Father will contact you regarding parish membership and answer the questions you may have regarding our church. WELCOME! You are always welcome to join us in worship. **Come as a Guest – Leave as a Friend.**

PNCC Future Direction Message - If you know of parishioners or friends who are not a part of our monthly email updates – please have them email us at FutureDirection@pncc.org to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

Give Thanks and Share the Blessings of the PNU

November is a time to be thankful for all the blessings we've been given. When you count your blessings make sure you can count 100% family coverage with Life Insurance through the Polish National Union as one of them. Be sure your loved ones, young and old, have the coverage they need. Contact your PNU Branch Secretary or call the PNU Home Office at 1-800-724-6352 for more information.



TODAY IN PARADISE

Flower gardens were almost nonexistent in ancient times. Arable land was used for growing food. Only the most wealthy could enjoy the luxury of purely ornamental planting. Typically this meant that only a king could afford such a space. In Persia (Iran) the royal garden was enclosed with a high wall, kept behind locked gates. It was secured for the private enjoyment of the ruler and those in his favor. The Persian word for this enclave was "pairi-daiza" or enclosed park. The English word is "paradise".

One of the two thieves crucified with Jesus recognizes the special nature of Jesus. Our Lord promises that he will soon be with him in paradise. It is an admission of kingship by Christ and a promise for all admitted sinners.

Happy Thanksgiving!