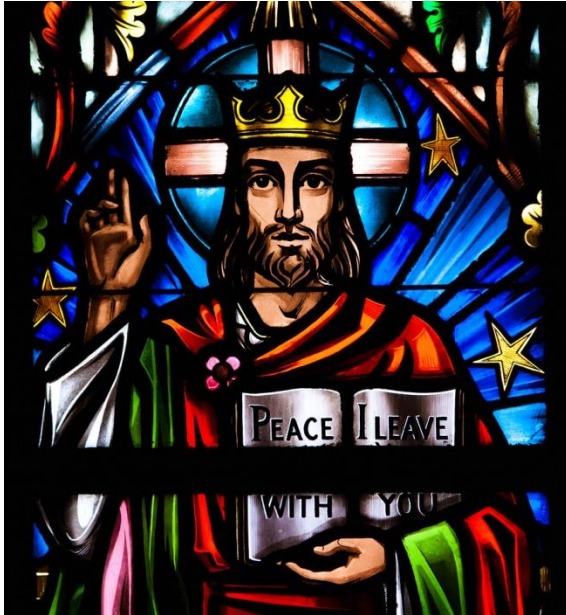




# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

**THIS SUNDAY November 25 & BEYOND”**

**“Reminded gladly, He IS the King!”**



As we get past Thanksgiving Day and closer to the season of Christmas (which seems pretty obvious at this point from the perspective of retailing, in case you weren't sure from the Christian calendar), it is kind of jarring to hear the Gospel lesson for Sunday, November 25, 2018. This is the Sunday that ENDS the Church calendar year, headed into our season of preparation for the coming of Christ. The Gospel begins like this,

*“Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?”*

Most who know the story of Jesus know that this conversation with Pontius Pilate, Roman governor of Jerusalem, is just hours away before Jesus is crucified. Doesn't seem quite appropriate for after Thanksgiving and before Christmas, when Jesus was born. But this is in fact a follow-up conversation due to the fact that Jesus WAS born into this world. And that the King who was coming, has come. And that the King must suffer at the hands of those who are only in control of things because it's God's world in the first place. At the end of the Church year, all things leading to the proclamation that Jesus Christ is Lord of Lords, and King of Kings, we are reminded why he needed to be born – and to die for us -- in the first place. And that's illustrated by the prayer he taught his disciples: “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.” Even though our world is created by God, He still has yet to be honored and respected and accepted as the King of all Creation.

Pilate asks the question, Are you in fact the King of all Creation? And Jesus says basically in reply, Yes, I am. How did you figure that out?

Have you figured that out yet?

I think the longer we are followers of Jesus, being mindful of who He is and of where we want to be with Him, the more we understand that there is a kingdom, and there is a King, and He didn't get generated from THIS side of things. In other words, Jesus is not King from out of his own creation. And he said that to Pilate, "My Kingdom is not FROM this world." So, we keep looking and hoping in the midst of terror and hardship and calamity and destruction, for that other Kingdom to come, and as soon as possible.

This is why Christians do and should be coming to worship together all the time. Because there has got to be a different kingdom out there besides this one. And every time we come together to celebrate the King of Kings, that is, every time we hear and are thus reminded that he is in fact that King, and every time we gather to hear of his kingdom, we gain in hope and faith to continue living here, now. And how do we know this? How do most Christians get this? Because, unlike Jesus's question to Pilate, as Christians we have chosen to believe that Jesus is in fact the King of the Jews, and the King of all Creation. Its not a rumor; it's our believe and faith. We know where He came from; and we know where we also want to be forever.

This Sunday not only will we hear of the Kingdom to come, and of our great and glorious and humble and sacrificial King, Jesus, we will also be presenting ourselves in a very tangible way as a response. Through cards we have marked and place in the offering plate, making an offering of our material lives by our intentions for sharing financially, we are recognizing the King who needs to come. We already know it was all his in the first place, and that he has given us such provision. But in this way, we continue our desire to say that even OUR kingdom is not the one we ultimately want, and HIS kingdom is the one we desire.

While we wait for His coming again, we work and pray and give for His Kingdom to be here on this earth. Even the slightest bit of His Kingdom will be immeasurably profound in making a difference in the world we live in.

Fr. Robert G. Eaton, Interim Rector

Readings for this Sunday – The Last Sunday after Pentecost – Christ the King  
Daniel 7:9-14 Psalm 93 Revelation 1:1-8 John 18:33-37

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY: **The Last Sunday after Pentecost – Christ the King**

8:00a Low Mass (Church)

10:30a Solemn High Mass (Church)

—*The entrance to the church is on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue*—

*Note: Coffee Hour & Fellowship follow the Mass in the Parish Hall.*

MONDAY: 7:00p (AA) Doctors' Group (Fireside Room)

TUESDAY: Noon Mass (St. Mary's Chapel)

FRIDAY: AA Meetings

8:00p Ladies' Group (Fireside Room)

8:15p Men's Group (Parish Hall)

SATURDAY Societies of Mary Day of Devotion

11:00a Rosary (St. Mary's Chapel)

11:30a MASS

Noon Potluck Luncheon (Parish Hall)