The Oblates of the Virgin Mary at
SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL
Encountering the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Boston
The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe — November 25, 2018

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses:
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM, 7:00 PM (en español);
Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:15 AM, 10:30 AM, 11:45 AM, 1:15 PM (en español), 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM

Weekday Masses:
Monday - Friday 8:00 AM, 12:05 PM, 4:45 PM; Saturday 9:00 AM, 12 PM

Confessions:
Monday - Friday 11:15 - 11:50 AM, 12:45 - 4:15 PM; Saturday 9:45 - 11:45 AM, 12:45 - 3:30 PM

Devotions:
Mon. - Fri. after 4:45 p.m. Mass: Rosary; Tues. after Mass: Our Lady, 5:30 p.m. Vespers; Thurs. after Mass: St. Jude

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Mon. - Fri. 8:30-11:45 AM, 1:00-4:30 PM; Sat. 9:30 - 11:30 AM, 12:30 - 3:30 PM; Sun. 2:30-3:30 PM
**THE KING OF KINGS**

*A Reflection for the Solemnity of Christ the King*

*By Fr. Jim Doran, OMV*

Are you the king of the Jews?

Jesus answers this with a question, not because He refuses to answer but because He wishes to make it clear that His mission is a spiritual one. Pilate’s question was not an easy one to answer because to a Roman, a king of the Jews simply meant a subversive of the Roman empire. To the Jewish nationalist, the king-messiah was a political-religious liberator who would liberate them from Rome. But Jesus’ kingship is way above all that. *My kingdom is not of this world.* Pilate was not able to understand that, even His disciples were confused. After the multiplication of the loaves and fish, He refused to be made king because they were thinking of an earthly kingdom. Earthly food.

When He entered Jerusalem, He did enter in triumph and accepted acclamation as king-messiah. Blessed is He…Hosanna! Now in front of Pilate He acknowledges that He is a true king, not an earthly one. Above all earthly kings and presidents. Those who expected the Messiah to have visible temporal power were mistaken. The kingdom of God does not mean food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. The preface of today’s Mass describes the kingdom as a kingdom of Truth and Life, Holiness and Grace, the kingdom of Justice, Love, and Peace.

Pope Pius XI said that the majority of men had thrust Jesus Christ and His holy law out of their lives. They exclude Him from their public life and politics. He said there could be no lasting peace among nations without submission to Christ and His law of love. *Thus the empire of our Redeemer embraces all men.* "His empire includes not only Catholic nations, not only baptized persons, have been led astray by error, or have been cut off from her by schism, but also all those who are outside the Christian faith; so that truly the whole of mankind is subject to the power of Jesus Christ; for all men, whether collectively or individually, are under the dominion of Christ. In him is the salvation of the individual, in him is the salvation of society He is the author of happiness and true prosperity for every man and for every nation. ”For a nation is happy when its citizens are happy. If the rulers of nations wish to preserve their authority, to promote and increase the prosperity of their countries, they will not neglect the public duty of reverence and obedience to the rule of Christ. When men recognize, both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace and harmony.

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If princes and magistrates duly elected are aware that they rule, not by their own right, but by the mandate and in the place of the Divine King, they will exercise their authority piously and wisely, and they will make laws and administer them, having in view the common good and also the human dignity of their subjects.

The Pope wrote about this 80 years ago when, already, some governments of traditionally Catholic countries were excluding God from their constitutions. So the Pope wrote to the bishops around the word and said we must celebrate Christ the King rather than just talk about Him or make an official pronouncement.

Such pronouncements usually reach only a few and the more learned among the faithful; feasts reach them all; the former speak but once, the latter speak every year—in fact, forever. The church's teaching affects the mind primarily; her feasts affect both mind and heart, and have a salutary effect upon the whole of man's nature. Man is composed of body and soul, and he needs these external festivities so that the sacred rites, in all their beauty and variety, may stimulate him to drink more deeply of the fountain of God's teaching, that he may make it a part of himself, and use it with profit for his spiritual life.

Feast day are important and have a purpose. The Pope pointed out that the in a time when reverence to the Blessed Sacrament had grown cold, the feast of Corpus Christi was instituted so that by means of solemn processions and octaves Catholics would again render public homage to Christ.

We firmly hope, however, that the feast of the Kingship of Christ, which in future will be yearly observed, may hasten the return of society to our loving Savior. It would be the duty of Catholics to do all they can to bring about this happy result. Many Catholics do not have a position in society nor the authority which should belong to those who bear the torch of truth. This state of things may perhaps be attributed to a certain slowness and timidity in good people, who are reluctant to engage in conflict or oppose but a weak resistance; thus the enemies of the Church become bolder in their attacks. But if the faithful were generally to understand that it behooves them ever to fight courageously under the banner of Christ their King, then, fired with apostolic zeal, they would strive to win over to their Lord those hearts that are bitter and estranged from him, and would valiantly defend his rights.

While nations insult the beloved name of our Redeemer by suppressing all mention of it in their conferences and parliaments, we must all the more loudly proclaim His kingly dignity and power, all the more universally affirm his rights.

Pope Pius XI wrote this encyclical in 1925. In 1927 Fr. Miguel Pro was placed before a firing squad by the communist Mexican government. He knelt and prayed for his persecutors, he stood and forgave them. Then he stretched out his hands and said “Viva Cristo Rey”. Long Live Christ the King.

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Mass Intentions This Week

Sunday, November 25
8:00 AM  + Frank, + Geneveive & + Heidi Palermo
9:15 AM  + Chun Eung Kim
10:30 AM  Joshua Salvaggio — anniversary of Baptism
11:45 AM  Regan Family
1:15 PM (esp)  + Ovelia Garcia
4:00 PM  Widows & Widowers
5:30 PM  Ana Maria Posada — health

Monday, November 26
8:00 AM  + In Woo Kim
12:05 PM  + Bridget Kissane
4:45 PM  + Gary J. Bowen

Tuesday, November 27
8:00 AM  + Thomas Decrescenzo Jr. and all veterans
12:05 PM  + Julia Troy
4:45 PM  + Areti Kiara

Wednesday, November 28
8:00 AM  + Josep & Florence DiMaina
12:05 PM  + Felicita Matos Elescano — 2nd anniversary
4:45 PM  + David Casavant

Thursday, November 29
8:00 AM  + Mary McDevitt
12:05 PM  + Lourdes Guerrero
4:45 PM  Jude Villanova — 1st birthday

Friday, November 30
8:00 AM  + Gina Gordon
12:05 PM  Deacon Rick Martin and all pancreatic cancer survivors
4:45 PM  Intentions of Lauren Baldou

Saturday, December 1
9:00 AM  Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:00 PM  + Josephine Altieri
4:00 PM  Health and Welfare of the Albert Family
5:30 PM (esp)  Ana Berta Mendoza — salud

Feast Days This Week

November 25: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 30: St. Andrew, Apostle
The Oblates of the Virgin Mary is an international religious community of priests and brothers serving in Italy, France, Austria, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Nigeria, the United States and the Philippines. The Oblates are involved in retreat and parish missions, spiritual direction, parish work, the mass media, clergy formation, and the foreign missions.

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