

SUNDAY, Nov.21, 2021
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe.

Readings: Daniel 7:13-14 Revelation 1:5-8 John 18:33b-37

FOCUS: Christ's dominion is eternal.

Today's solemnity, by which we close the liturgical year, reminds us that Christ is king and ruler of all. He is the *firstborn of the dead* in whom all power and authority has been invested. By our baptism we share in that holy and royal identity so that we might witness to his glory and kingship before the world.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Daniel has a vision of *one like a Son of Man coming, on the clouds of heaven*, receiving dominion and kingship over all creation. In the second reading, John writes of Jesus Christ as the faithful witness who *is coming amid the clouds*. In the Gospel, Pilate asks Jesus if he is *the King of the Jews*, and Jesus responds, *my kingdom does not belong to this world*.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

- 1) For the Church throughout the world, may the grace of God continue to strengthen and nourish her, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For leaders of nations, may God guide their hearts in making just and wise decisions, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For the chronically ill and all who bear the burden of sickness, may Christ, the Divine Physician, bring them healing and peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For young people in this faith community discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For our beloved dead, may they enter into the fullness of life in the kingdom of God, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: God of love, we place these needs before you and trust in your promises to love us and give us what we need. Through Christ our Lord.

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