

The Cross: Altar and Throne

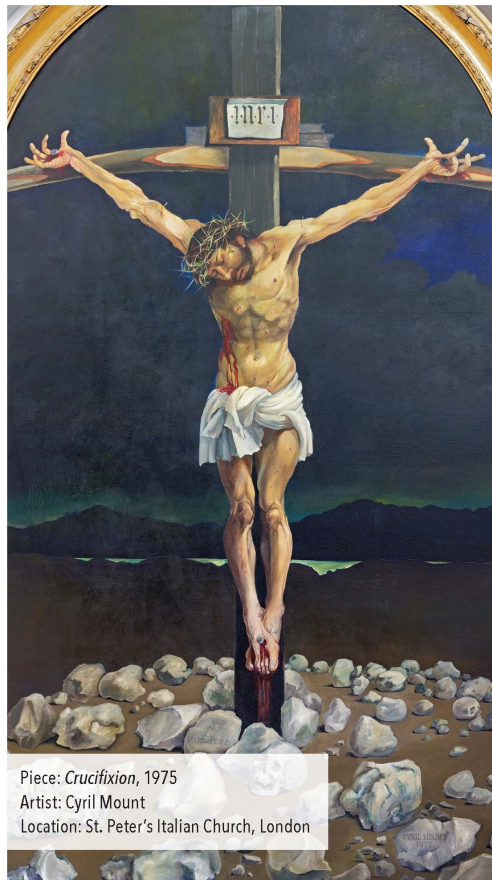
In his Gospel, St. Luke, the good doctor, often brings in kingly themes related to Christ's crucifixion. He does this to highlight that Jesus fulfilled the Jewish belief that the Messiah would unite the three important leadership roles—priest, prophet, and king. The inscription the Romans nailed to the cross above Jesus' head inadvertently supports the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy—he was indeed the King of the Jews.

He was also the priest who offered his body as a sacrifice for the Chosen People: "It was Caiaphas who had counseled the Jews that it was better that one man should die rather than the people" (John 18:14). He is both the priest offering obedience to the Father, but he is also the victim who is offered on the altar of the cross. The cross is altar and throne because, as well as priest and victim, Jesus also is the king reuniting his kingdom under God the Father. In so doing, he undoes the sin of Adam, which had been the cause of this division.

Jesus' final prophetic words, "It is finished," means he has fulfilled his mission as priest, prophet, and king from the throne of the cross. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1047) sums it up when it says that as king and high priest, his sacrifice is total, universal, and definitive. Now all of God's creatures, man and beast, both natural and in the heavens, can return to the one from whom they came forth and who declared each one good.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Editor's note: This is Fr. Mark Haydu's final reflection for Our Parish Community. He will continue as special advisor to the head of the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums. When a new liturgical cycle begins on December 1, 2019, we will welcome a new reflections writer, Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA. The people of Liguori Publications thank Fr. Mark for his three years of insightful reflections and his artwork selections and ideas. We wish him well.



Piece: *Crucifixion*, 1975
 Artist: Cyril Mount
 Location: St. Peter's Italian Church, London

For Reflection

Do I realize the amazing power of what happens at the Mass?

Do I make the good thief's act of faith and confidence my own?

Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews."

Luke 23:38

Assumption of Our Lady



November 24, 2019

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The Solemnity of Christ the King

Hay River, NT

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

Weekday Masses

Mon. Tues. & Wed .12:10 pm

Thurs. & Fri. 5:30 pm

Reconciliation time: Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45pm; Sunday, 9:45-10:15am or by appointment. Please contact Fr. Innocent for any other sacraments or funerals



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Sunday Mass 1:30 PM

Date	Readers	Collection	Gift Bearers	Eucharistic Ministers	Coffee & Snacks
Nov. 03	Marie Kopp-van E. Bea Lepine	Tony Whittle Darm Crook	Engen Family	Doris Coudron Dee Dee Lepine Andrew Cassidy	TBP
Nov. 10	Doris Coudron Andrew Cassidy	Gerry Engen Dee dee Lepine	Ramirez Family	Susan Bouchard Shirley Gutierrez Andrew Cassidy	Lilia Alcos Sheila Domingo
Nov. 17	Dee dee Lepine Marie Kopp-van E.	Darm Crook Andrew Cassidy	Whittle Family	Marie Kopp-van E. Doris Coudron Bea Lepine	Nancy Makepeace Marilyn Green Grace E.ngen Dianne M.
Nov. 24	Youth-Led Participation Mass	Youth-Led Participation Mass	Youth-Led Participation Mass	Tony Whittle Susan Bouchard Shirley Gutierrez	Shirley Gutierrez Georgina Fabian

The Announcement for the Solemnity of Christ The King; November 24th, 2019.

----- We are always delighted to welcome each and everyone who has come to worship with us here at Assumption parish. If you're a new member, please take time to introduce yourself to the pastor and fill out a registration form found at the bulletin board at the entrance of the church..

-----With the solemnity of "Christ the king" we have come to the end of the church's liturgical year 2018---2019, Cycle C. The new church's liturgical year , Cycle A, begins with the first Sunday of advent next Sunday. Hence, all our readings during mass will be gotten in the Cycle A of the lectionary.

----- With the end of this Liturgical year, we will be discarding the old missals we use here in the church and replace them with new ones. So, parishioners are encouraged to feel free to take home a copy of the old missal if they want.

----- November is the month we remember our departed brothers and sisters by reflecting on the fullness of the communion of saints. Christians [Catholic] are also encouraged to offer masses and pray for their departed family members and friends.

----- Youth Club: There will be Faith based crafts, games, music and friendships for all the youth starting from age 7 to 12 in the church's basement every second Friday; Time is 6:30 to 8:00pm. For the remaining part of this year, 2019, it will be held on October 11th and 26th; November 8th and 22nd and December 13th. Parents are encouraged to mark their calendars and help make their kids available. For more information, please contact: Brigitte Stephen @ 305-714-7530 or Diana Smith @ 867-875-2855.

----- Parishioners are encouraged to recite the 'Our Father prayer' in their native languages whenever it is intoned during mass; if it makes them connect more to the creator who is the Father of all

----- The CWL devotional rosary for the sick and the needy every Tuesday is still ongoing. More members are encouraged to participate and the time is 11:45am.

----- Communion to the sick and home bound: Do you know of anyone who is sick and/or home bound and would like to be visited and given communion by the church, please let us know.

Rachel's Corner

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Fr. John Bartunek

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Expenses are based on 2018 Q1	

Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 25

Weekday

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20

Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 26

Weekday

Dn 2:31-45

Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 27

Weekday

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14,

16-17, 23-28

Lk 21:12-19

Thursday

NOVEMBER 28

Weekday

Dn 6:12-28

Lk 21:20-28

Friday

NOVEMBER 29

Weekday

Dn 7:2-14

Lk 21:29-33

Saturday

NOVEMBER 30

St. Andrew,

Apostle

Rom 10:9-18

Mt 4:18-22

Sunday

DECEMBER 1

First Sunday

of Advent (A)

Is 2:1-5

Rom 13:11-14

Mt 24:37-44

Dear Padre,

Why was the notion of kingship so important to Jesus and his disciples? Didn't the rulers of the day oppress Israel? You'd think they would have distrusted the Jesus-as-king idea.

Although the idea of kingship is not very important to our modern thinking, it was very important to Israel. In the early years of the Hebrew nation, the population wanted to strengthen itself politically and militarily. The people went to Samuel, their leader, and begged him to appoint a king so that Israel could be the same as other nations (1 Samuel 8:4-5). In response, Samuel appointed Saul as Israel's first king. In Israel, the king became the prime instrument of God. David, the shepherd, was considered Israel's greatest king.

Later, that area came under the harsh domination of foreign powers—the Persians, the Macedonians, and ultimately, Rome. Many of these empires exercised their power by appointing a king, often a foreigner, to rule locally.

Since both the people of Israel and the early Christians understood the notion of kingship and recalled the glory days of David and Solomon, they developed a divinely inspired theology of the king as God's saving instrument. The theme of Jesus as king and prime instrument of God runs through the New Testament, reaching its fullness in Jesus' victory over death and his ascent to power at the right hand of the Father.

In the Gospels, Jesus preaches that the kingdom of God is now in our midst. The good news is that all of us can enter this kingdom (Mark 1:15).

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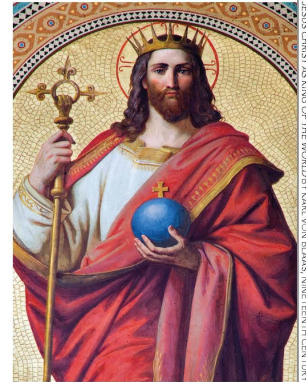


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JESUS CHRIST AS KING OF THE JEWS BY CARLO CRIVELLI, 1501, WILSON ARTS CENTER



A Word from Pope Francis

[Jesus] shows us that he enjoys dominion because he is a servant, glory because he is capable of abasement, kingship because he is fully prepared to lay down his life. By his passion and death, he takes the lowest place, attains the heights of grandeur in service, and bestows this upon his Church.

—Homily, October 18, 2015



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