

## The Lord Is My Shepherd

The prominent image for God in today's readings is the shepherd. This might be an unfamiliar image for city dwellers, but it is a very rich religious image. The Bible tells us that early Israelites were herders, so they know a lot about shepherds. They knew that shepherds follow the wandering of their sheep and attended to their needs—not the other way around. They knew that shepherds lived with their sheep in the hills for long periods, away from family, friends, and the comforts of life. They knew that shepherds helped birthing and dying. They knew that all of this is a messy, smelly business, and no job for the fastidious.

Many nations of the ancient world, Israel included, thought of their kings as shepherds of the people—leaders who should be willing to do for their people what the shepherd does for the sheep. This explains why, on the feast of Christ the King, we represent our king as a shepherd rather than a victorious military commander, as many kings are. But more than this, throughout his life—at his passion and death, and now in his risen glory—Christ cares for us and leads us as a shepherd does. He embraces the messy, smelly reality of life. He is a shepherd-king, intent on our needs, searching for us when we seem to be lost. How comforting it is to know he carries us on his shoulders.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ★ Recite today's responsorial psalm slowly and thoughtfully.
- ★ Which images of Psalm 23 touch you the most? Why?



The lost I will search out,  
 the strays I will bring back,  
 the injured I will bind up,  
 and the sick I will heal.  
 EZEKIEL 34:16

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Hay River, NT

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Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:30 am

### Weekday Masses

Mon. Tues. & Wed. 12:10 pm

Thurs. & Fri. 5:30 pm

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Sunday Mass 1:30 PM

Date	Readers	Collection	Gift Bearers	Eucharistic Ministers	Coffee & Snacks
Nov. 01	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	Postponed
Nov. 08	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	Postponed
Nov. 15	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	Postponed
Nov. 22	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	Postponed
Nov. 29	Please volunteer during mass.	Please volunteer during mass.	postponed	postponed	Postponed

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How do I know what God is calling me to do with my life? Here are some suggestions for discerning God's call and becoming the person God created you to be. *by Father Dan Lackie, OFM*



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Psalm 71:20

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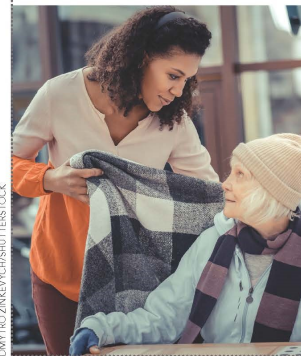
## Dear Padre,

Today we celebrate Christ the King. Why isn't this changed to "Christ the Lord"? The notion of "king" seems outdated.

**C**hrist the King is not the easiest concept to get close to and celebrate. Kings, queens, and monarchies aren't part of our cultural heritage. With the current penchant for cutting celebrities and politicians down to size, a king or queen wouldn't fare well. With the turmoil of England's royal family, we frequently witness the demythologizing of the world's monarchies.

Christ's kingship obviously cannot fall into any of these woeful categories. Christ came to establish a different kind of kingdom, the kingdom of God, and that in itself puts Jesus on a different plane than all other concepts of earthly monarchies. Jesus came to proclaim God's reign, God's rule, in the manner in which God the Creator and Maker of all wants things to be.

We, however, are fiercely independent and freedom-conscious people. We don't want anyone telling us what to do. We want to participate in all decisions. We resent being pushed around by anyone. And that's fine. But in



this case of God's kingdom, we have nothing to fear. God's power is to serve and give life, not to exploit or corrupt.

God's kingdom is the redemptive presence of God. Whenever people love one another, forgive one another, bear one another's burdens, and work to build a just and peaceful community, God's redemptive and liberating presence is being manifested. That is the kingdom and kinship we celebrate.

—Fr. Joseph Morin, CSSR  
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### A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The kingdoms of this world at times are sustained by arrogance, rivalries, and oppression; the reign of Christ is a "kingdom of justice, love and peace." For a Christian, speaking of power and strength means referring to the power of the cross, and the strength of Jesus' love: a love which remains steadfast and complete.

—ANGELUS, SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING,  
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### Calendar

**Monday**  
NOVEMBER 23  
Weekday  
Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5  
Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday**  
NOVEMBER 24  
St. Andrew Dũng-Lac,  
Priest, and Companion,  
Martyrs  
Rv 14:14-19  
Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday**  
NOVEMBER 25  
Weekday  
Rv 15:1-4  
Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday**  
NOVEMBER 26  
Weekday  
Rv 18:1-2, 21-23;  
19:1-3, 9a  
Lk 21:20-28

**Friday**  
NOVEMBER 27  
Weekday  
Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2  
Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday**  
NOVEMBER 28  
Weekday  
Rv 22:1-7  
Lk 21:34-36

**Sunday**  
NOVEMBER 29  
First Sunday  
of Advent  
Is 63:16b-17, 19b;  
64:2-7  
1 Cor 1:3-9  
Mk 13:33-37

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