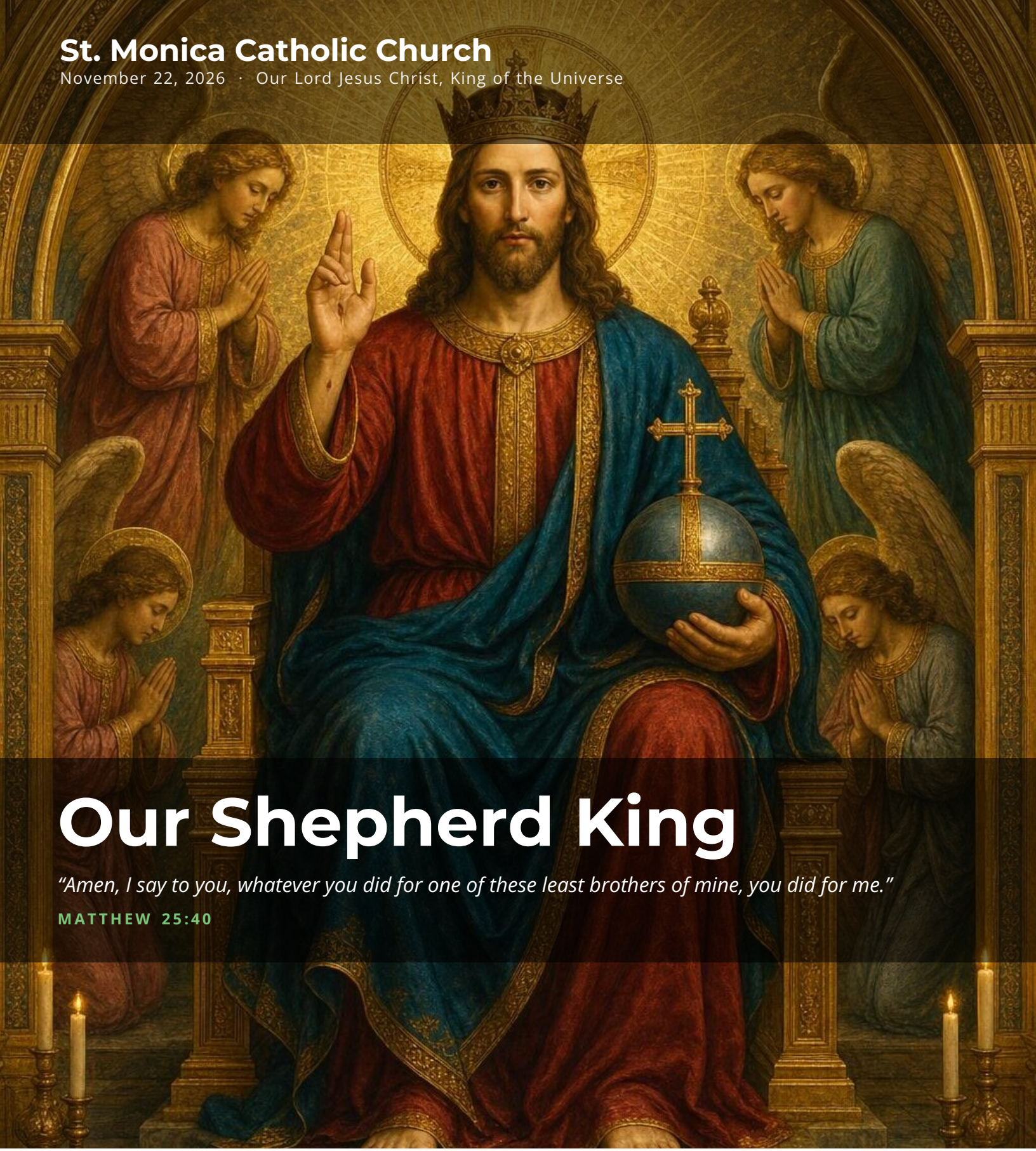
St. Monica Catholic Church
November 22, 2026 · Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Our Shepherd King

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."
MATTHEW 25:40

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FROM THE PASTOR

From Our Pastor

Fr. Michael Guadagnoli, Pastor

Dear friends in Christ,

Today we close the liturgical year by proclaiming what we have believed all year long: Jesus Christ is King. Yet the throne in today's Gospel is not what the world expects. When the Son of Man comes in glory, he does not ask how much we owned or how important we became. He asks about the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the sick and the prisoner. "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

That is a remarkable thing to hear on a feast of kingship. Our King hides himself in the very people we are most tempted to walk past. Ezekiel shows us the same heart: a God who goes looking for the lost sheep himself, binds up the injured and heals the sick. Psalm 23 puts it in words many of us learned as children: the Lord is my shepherd. Christ reigns the way a good shepherd reigns, by knowing his flock by name and laying down his life for them.

This is good news, and it is also a gentle examination of conscience. The judgment in Matthew 25 is not a test with trick questions. Both groups are surprised. The righteous did not know they were serving Christ; they were simply serving people. Holiness is usually quiet and close at hand: a meal delivered, a visit made, a phone call to someone who lives alone.

This week our nation pauses for Thanksgiving. I invite every family at St. Monica to make gratitude concrete. Bring something for our Thanksgiving Food Drive, make room at your table for someone who might otherwise eat alone, and offer a prayer of thanks for the gifts God has given us, including one another.

Then, next weekend, a new year of grace begins with the First Sunday of Advent, and we will bless Advent wreaths at all Masses. Let your wreath be a small sign in your home that the King we honor today is the same Lord we wait for: the One who came in humility at Bethlehem and who will come again in glory.

Thank you for the many ways you already serve Christ in one another. It is a joy to be your pastor.

In Christ our King,

Fr. Michael Guadagnoli, Pastor

Sunday Readings & Order of Mass

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Order of Mass

Introductory Rites
Entrance Chant · Greeting · Penitential Act · Gloria · Collect

Liturgy of the Word
First Reading · Responsorial Psalm · Second Reading · Gospel Acclamation · Gospel · Homily · Profession of Faith · Universal Prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist
Preparation of the Gifts · Prayer over the Offerings · Eucharistic Prayer (Holy, Holy, Holy · Mystery of Faith · Great Amen) · The Lord's Prayer · Sign of Peace · Lamb of God · Holy Communion · Prayer after Communion

Concluding Rites
Announcements · Blessing · Dismissal

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD.

The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly.

As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

R. (1) **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose.
R. **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.
R. **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
R. **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM · PSALM 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 · CONTINUED

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.
R. **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man.

For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power.

For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mark 11:9, 10

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!
R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?

When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?

When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

GOSPEL · MATTHEW 25:31-46 · CONTINUED

For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
At the words that follow, up to and including "and became man," all bow.
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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Welcome to St. Monica

Whether you are a longtime parishioner or visiting Dallas for the holidays, we are so glad you are here. New to the parish? Please stop by or call the parish office at (214) 358-1453 to register; we would love to get to know you.

Parish Announcements



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Help us share the Lord's abundance with our neighbors in need. Please bring non-perishable foods such as canned vegetables and fruit, canned meats, boxed stuffing, rice, pasta, cereal and peanut butter. Kindly check expiration dates and avoid glass jars. All donations will go to. As Christ reminds us today, what we do for the least, we do for him.



Advent Wreath Blessing

All Masses, Sat, Nov 28 (5:00 PM Vigil) and Sun, Nov 29 · Church

Advent begins next weekend! Bring your family's Advent wreath to any Mass on the weekend of the First Sunday of Advent, and it will be blessed at the end of Mass. Light it together each evening with a short prayer as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

Youth Group

All high school students are invited to Youth Group for food, fellowship, prayer and honest conversation about living the faith. New faces are always welcome, so bring a friend! Parents, please make sure your teen's registration and permission forms are on file.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thu, Nov 26, · Church

Begin your Thanksgiving with the greatest prayer of thanksgiving, the Holy Eucharist. All are welcome to join us as we give thanks to God for our families, our country and the many blessings of this year.

Parish Office, (214) 358-1453

Parish Office Holiday Hours

Parish Office

The parish office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday so our staff can spend time with their families. For a pastoral emergency or a sacramental need such as Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish office number and follow the instructions to reach a priest.

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This Week at St. Monica

Sun, Nov 22 All Masses	**Solemnity of Christ the King** Church Food Drive collection
Mon, Nov 23 – Fri, Nov 27 6:45 AM & 8:00 AM	**Weekday Mass** Church
	Youth Group High school students
Thu, Nov 26	**Thanksgiving Day Mass** Church
Thu, Nov 26 – Fri, Nov 27	**Parish Office Closed**
Sat, Nov 28 3:30–4:30 PM	**Confession** Church
Sat, Nov 28 5:00 PM	**Vigil Mass – First Sunday of Advent** Church Advent wreath blessing
Sun, Nov 29 All Masses	**First Sunday of Advent** Church Advent wreath blessing

Mass Intentions

Mon, Nov 23 Weekday (Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro)

6:45 AM

8:00 AM

Tue, Nov 24 St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc & Companions

6:45 AM

8:00 AM

Wed, Nov 25 Weekday (St. Catherine of Alexandria)

6:45 AM

8:00 AM

Thu, Nov 26 Thanksgiving Day

Fri, Nov 27 Weekday

Sat, Nov 28 Vigil – First Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM

Sun, Nov 29 First Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

2:00 PM (Español)

5:00 PM For the People of St. Monica Parish

Readings for the Week

Mon, Nov 23 Weekday
Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5 · Luke 21:1-4

Tue, Nov 24 St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc & Companions
Revelation 14:14-19 · Luke 21:5-11

Wed, Nov 25 Weekday
Revelation 15:1-4 · Luke 21:12-19

Thu, Nov 26 Weekday / Thanksgiving Day
Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a · Luke 21:20-28

Fri, Nov 27 Weekday
Revelation 20:1-4, 11—21:2 · Luke 21:29-33

Sat, Nov 28 Weekday
Revelation 22:1-7 · Luke 21:34-36

Sun, Nov 29 First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 · 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 · Mark 13:33-37

Please Pray For

In this month of the Holy Souls, we pray for all our beloved dead, and we hold in prayer the sick and homebound of our parish and those serving in the armed forces. To add or remove a name, please call the parish office.

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekend Offertory – Nov 14–15	
Online Giving	
Total	
Weekly Budget Need	

Thank you for your faithful generosity to St. Monica. As we give thanks this week for all God has given us, please prayerfully consider how you are called to return a portion of those gifts in gratitude.

"At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love alone."

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS (QUOTED IN THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1022)