

# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." - Jn 18:37

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MASS: Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m.

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#### **ST. BRENDAN CHURCH**

#### **NOVEMBER 24, 2024**

## Those Most Curious Critters

Perhaps we should have known, when we bought a house 17 years ago just a couple of hundred feet up from a creek that flows past our wooded acre, that we'd be visited sooner or later by critters who were not especially welcome in our yard and certainly not in our home.

I'm not speaking of the parade of deer that come out of the woods and make themselves comfortable in our backyard. Nor the squirrels that delight us with their tree-climbing antics. Not even the chipmunks burrowing beneath our lawn and filling us with amazement at their speed. They're all welcome. We have gotten along fine through the years.

But lately we have discovered a most unwelcome group of visitors that we have not seen much of because they are largely nocturnal. They are also downright nasty, dangerous and, as we have discovered, highly destructive when they end up where they should not be.

I'm speaking of raccoons, those most curious critters that one sees crawling out of storm sewers and, all too often of late, the large holes below our garage where they have apparently been living for a while now. The holes were dug by groundhogs who have moved on. It's the raccoons that are the problem now.

We heard them on the roof a while back and assumed they were the squirrels we were so used to hearing through the years. Unfortunately, what we had heard was the sound of raccoons seeking shelter for their young in a crawl space just under our roof.

A professional "wildlife removal" company has been setting traps in cages and removing the animals, humanely relocating and releasing them in woods about 15 miles away. Once they are gone, the crew will clean and seal the invaded area so we can get on with our lives.

It was the Rolling Stones, as I recall, who once famously sang that "you can't always get what you want." That is surely true concerning the trapping of animals. In addition to the ones we have targeted, we have also had removed several opossum and (twice) a neighborhood cat of dubious intelligence.

I used to say that, should I be blessed to see God in the next life, my first question will be, "So why mosquitos?" Now I need to add raccoons to that list. Sometimes, God's marvelous creation can leave us humans mighty baffled.

Lou Jacquet

## Thanksgiving Mass Schedule

Mass will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Day at the following locations and times: 8:30 a.m., St. Christine 9:00 a.m., St. Brendan 10:00 a.m., Our Lady of Sorrows

### Second Collection Today for RFR

The second collection today is for the Retirement Fund for Religious that funds healthcare for retired women religious, brothers and religious order priests in our Diocese.

# Volunteers Needed 11/26-27 for 'Dorothy Day House' Meals

Parishioners from our three churches are being asked to consider helping to cook the Dorothy Day House of Hospitality Thanksgiving Meal on Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 5 p.m. at St. Christine's.

The meal will be served by parishioners from our three parishes on Wednesday Nov. 27 at 4 p.m. at the Dorothy Day House on Belmont Avenue near Mercy Hospital. Your help is appreciated!

**December Ministry Schedule** 

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Dec. 1, 8: Di Daltra, Charlie Griffith Dec. 15, 22, 29 Di Daltra, Deborah Zalovcik **Lector** 

Lou Jacquet

#### Sunday, November 24

**9:00 a.m.** Tiffani Joy for Health and Blessings by Barb Dunlap

Wednesday, November 27

**9:00 a.m.** John Kodash by Bernie Bolha **Sunday, December 1** 

**9:00 a.m.** Judy Lazar by Family

Please Pray For Our Sick

Phil Conti, Tiffani Joy, Mary Pavlak, Beverly Detate, Sr. Marjorie Haidet, Frank Lightner, Michelle Smith, Ken Mains, David Deihl, Barbara Bonninsegna, Mary Beth Celio, Fr. Richard Brobst, Charles Slivkoff, Harold and Debra Brown, Rita Thomas

# The Crucifix and the Sacred Host

"When you look at a crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now."

St. Theresa of Calcutta



# Sunday's Scriptures: Two Types of Coronations

Revelations 1:5-8; Gospel of John 18:33-37

On May 6, 2023, the world watched and experienced the coronation of King Charles III at scourged and sentenced to death. The soldiers Westminster Abbey in London. It was a grand ridicule the kingship of Jesus by crowning Him display of pageantry and tradition. After a decla- with a crown of thorns, clothing him in a purple ration of his kingship, the royal crown with 400 robe, and striking him with blows while mocking gemstones worth an estimated 4-6 billion dol- Him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" lars was carefully placed on his head. Hail, King Charles!

Today we celebrate the feast of Jesus Christ, devil and wins salvation for us. King of the Universe. Our gospel reading describes the beginning of the earthly coronation the rest of the story: "Therefore God highly exof Jesus. Pilate asked Jesus if He is the king of alted Him and bestowed on Him the name which the Jews. "Jesus replied, "my kingdom does no is above every name, that at the name of Jesus belong to this world. If my kingdom did be- every knee should bend, in heaven and on lona fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here."

ship ushers in the reign of God. Pilate questions Jesus Christ is King of the Universe this Sunday Him one more time. "Then you are a king?" Je- and forever! sus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to

Today's readings are from Daniel 7:13-14; testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Within hours of this trial, Pilate has Jesus

Instead of a royal throne, Jesus receives a cross from which He claims victory over the

In his letter to the Philippians, Paul tells us to this world, my attendants would be earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Charles' kingship will only endure until his Jesus' kingdom is not earth-bound. His king- death. The kingship of Jesus will endure forever.

# **RFR** Collection Today

Today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps thousands of elderly religious individuals retire with dignity. Your donation will provide essential care, medicine, and other necessities for nearly 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have served for decades, usually for little or no pay. We show our appreciation by donating generously in the specially marked envelope in your parish packet or mark an envelope with the words RFR Collection to support religious communities who do not have enough retirement savings. If you have forgotten your envelope, please bring it next week.

# Prayer to St. Miguel Pro

"Our God and Father, who conferred on your servant Blessed Miguel Augustin Pro the grace of ardently seeking your greater glory and the salvation of others, grant, through his intercession and example, that by faithfully and joyfully performing our daily duties and effectively assisting those around us, we may serve You with zeal and ever seek your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever." Feast Day: Nov. 23; martyred 1927

# **Your Sacrificial Offering**

Amount needed monthly	to meet expenses
For November 2024	\$29,440.00
Week of November 10,	2024
Sunday Collection	\$4,105.00
Increased Operating	Exp. \$305.00
Rentals	\$1,050.00
Maint. Support	\$1,110.00
Total	\$6,570.00
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\$16,374.00 short	
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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We are called to be disciples, faithful to Jesus and empowered by the Spirit. We are committed to building the kingdom of God by living the Gospel, celebrating the sacraments and loving our neighbor as ourselves.

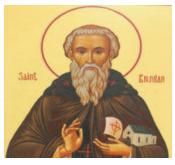
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### Wednesday 9:00am





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