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Solemnity of Christ the King

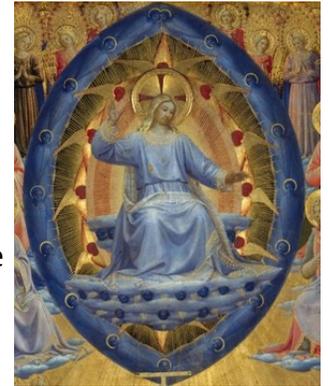
November 21, 2021

The Final "Last Thing": Heaven

John Lennon's song *Imagine* is foolish. "Imagine there's no heaven ... it's easy if you try..." Shallow and smug it is the wimpy refrain of a modern adolescent bored by too much pleasure. "Imagine all the people, living for today" – YOLO – "you only live once". Grab on to the day with clenched fists – for you are the only queen or king in your life – an imaginary king or queen ... of nothing more than today.

"Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him" (Rev. 1:5)

Heaven – The word summons us to look up high
Not to a fantasy place – but to a Person who has come in history,
who is the deep gift that comes today, who is the Temple of
the Final Age in which Creation's groaning is done and all is fulfilled.
Heaven is Christ, the New Jerusalem,
the One who has brought us His sisters and brothers into the
very existence of God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Not a "place", not a "state", but a Person:
the Christ who pours Himself out in Love to the Father –



Heaven has begun when we are baptized into Christ and singing "it is no longer I who live but it is Christ who lives in me" (Gal. 2:2) pour ourselves out in worship to the Father –
EUCHARIST!

No more shadow-living
– Heaven is each of us immediately filled with the fulness of God – God "all in all"
No more boundaries to limit love.

This love does not destroy our "I" - we do not dissolve into a vast energy that cannot love because there is no other to love. Each person meets God loving them and sees God with their unique way of love. "To everyone who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give a white stone, and on the white stone is written a new name that no one knows except the one who receives it." (Rev. 2:17)

Christ is Alpha and Omega to each of our unique life-stories
– and Heaven is God speaking intimately our new name.
Heaven is never alone – for we are One with the Body of Christ and the Body of Christ is the union of all the Saints – and we are Kings and Queens in Christ the King.
– and Saints "possess" heaven only as Lovers "possess" – by giving ... no boundaries anymore to our giving – our barns become the storehouse of the wealth of God – inexhaustible gift.

Dear Mr. Lennon, it is union in a song
but not of one-note of our one insignificant voice failing to hold its thin sound
Heaven is a chorus of absolutely unique and necessary voices swelling in the One Christ -Song of Creation fulfilled, of each of our lives fulfilled, of Joy.

Now this sets imagination free – for this is the voice of Truth.

"You say that 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)

MONDAY, November 22, 2021

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
 12:10 pm - Mass (*SI Neil Pitzel*)
 6:30 pm - Medjugorje Prayer Group

TUESDAY, November 23, 2021

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
 12:10 pm - Mass (*† Shelby Bilideau*)
 7:00 pm - Marriage Preparation
 7:00 pm - Father Penna's Reading Circle

WEDNESDAY, November 24, 2021

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
 12:10 pm - Mass (*† Marie McEwan*)
 5:30 pm - Children's Choir Practice
 6:30 pm - Sacramental Preparation
 7:30 pm - Choir Practice for 8:00 and 10:00 am
 8:30 pm - Choir Practice for 8:00 pm

THURSDAY, November 25, 2021

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
 12:10 pm - Mass (*SI André LeBlanc Family*)
 7:00 pm - RCIA
 7:00 pm - Lector & Welcomer Workshop
 8:00 pm - Christ the King Prayer Group

FRIDAY, November 26, 2021

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
 12:10 pm - Mass (*SI Pat Kalyniuk*)
 5:30 pm - Santo Nino Prayer Group

SATURDAY, November 27, 2021

11:00 am - Confessions, Adoration & Rosary
 12:10 pm - Mass (*† Souls In Purgatory*)

SUNDAY, December 5, 2021 2nd Sunday Advent

8:00 am - Mass
 10:00 am - Mass
 7:15 pm - Divine Office - Vespers
 8:00 pm - Mass
 Compline (*following Mass*)

Live Stream every Sunday at 10 a.m. at
<http://www.stpaulscc.com/>

LECTOR/WELCOMER TRAINING

In order to best prepare ministers, St. Paul's will be hosting **one night of training** in which the Lector and Welcomer ministries will be engaged. Our Parish is growing and the liturgical celebration is being renewed so it is **vital that all those who have signed up attend** this session:

Thursday, November 25, 7:00

Fr. Penna's Reading Circle

Tuesday Evenings, 7:00 pm, beginning Nov 23
 Book being studied is
Leisure: The Basis of Culture
 Copies available to purchase

THE MASS AT THE END OF THE WORLD

An Advent Mission to close the year of St. Joseph
 with Fr. Stefano Penna at St. Paul's Co-Cathedral

December 7, 8, & 9 at 7:00 pm

Confessions offered throughout

Also each day

"Preparing for a Holy Death" at 1:00 pm after 12:10 pm Mass

On **Friday, December 10 at 7:30 pm**, the St. Paul's music program is pleased to present an Advent Lessons and Carols led by our newly formed Children's Choir. Admission is free, but donations will be welcomed to raise



LITTLE SISTER PARISH



For the week of **Nov 21 - 28** we are asking for **SKIM MILK POWDER**. Guadalupe Parish always needs Ziplock storage bags. Drop-off bin is in the welcome area.

OFFERING FOR November 14, 2021

Loose	\$ 620.55
Envelopes	\$ 1627.00
Renovations	\$ 505.00
Evangelization of the Nations	\$ 10.00