

**November 20, 2016**

**Feast of Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe**



**Mass Schedule:**

Sunday 10:00 a.m.  
(interpreted)  
5 p.m. Mass

**At Masses we  
remember:**

**10 am: Helen Schumaker  
5 pm: Mary Jane Lane**

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- *Are you going to be in Rochester over the holiday? Looking for a place to eat Thanksgiving Dinner? Send an email to Alice amncpm@rit.edu. We will connect you with families welcoming students!*
- *The various faith traditions in the CRL will be hosting an interfaith event second semester. We are looking for one or two students to be a representative for the planning of this effort. Looking for some leadership experience? Want to find out more? See or email Alice amncpm@rit.edu*
- *Evening of Mercy—Wednesday, November 30th from 4—7 pm in the Allen Chapel. Two priests will be available to visit or hear confessions.*
- *This weekend at the 10 am Mass, Victoria Farrell and Allison Blakeley will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.*

## RIT Nation

This is the last weekend of the church year. Next weekend, we begin the new church year with the First Sunday of Advent. But before we get there, we stop for a moment and remember Christ as our King. We now call the feast, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Interestingly enough, this feast was established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI as an antidote to secularism. It's funny, because not even 100 years later, secularism continues to be an issue in our society!

There are many reasons why the language of kingship can be problematic for 21st century Christians. For some, it might be the gender thing, others the whole notion of patriarchy. And it seems historically that Americans have had a distaste for monarchies in general (with the exception of our seemingly insatiable appetite of the latest goings on in the British Royal family!)

The question I invite us to consider is not, "How can we get around this Kingship stuff?" but rather, "Who is this King of Glory?" Is our relationship with this King something that is fed and nourished each week? The celebration of this feast is not simply encouragement to be better people, sharing our gifts and being good to others. The celebration of this feast is encouragement to do one thing: Make Christ the center of our lives.

This weekend we remember a king who came to show us how to live as a people of God in the Kingdom of God - fully aware that each of us is called to love one another in the same way Jesus, loves each of us. And this call to love is a call to love all people, those we fear as well as those we love.

The kingship Jesus offered, the love he proclaimed, was too radical, too inclusive, too dangerous to the status quo to survive without a struggle, then and now. The struggle Jesus confronts is one between love and fear—one that we can see raging all around us these days. And yet, the promise is right before us...we have been given all we need, through the example of Jesus Christ, to win the battles that rage around us and in us.

We can live in isolation and fear and get by. Or, you and I can choose to live placing Christ at the center of our lives. When we do that, we allow the King of Kings to guide us, to bring us back when we are lost. When we make Christ the center of our lives, we allow God to heal our broken hearts and heal all that we just can't seem to tackle on our own.

Let's begin today, doing all that we do with the attitude of Christ. May it be obvious to others that things and events and details are no longer the center of our energies, but rather, our center, our wholeness comes from Jesus Christ, the King.

Peace and good,