

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

26 NOVEMBER 2023

Readings for Sunday, November 26: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46.

The Lord is our Shepherd. At the end, at his coming, he will hand over the kingdom to his Father. He will “judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats,” between those who have lived lives for others, and those who have lived for themselves.

Readings for Sunday, December 3: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37.



St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Special Day of Prayer is Wednesday. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday after 9:00 A.M. Mass to 5:00 PM in the Church. Benediction at 5:00 PM.



<u>Date</u>			<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
27 Nov.	MON.	9:00 AM	In Honor of Catherine Sands 100 th Birthday	St. Gabriel Women' Society
28 Nov.	TUE.	9:00 AM	Joseph Donnelly	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
29 Nov.	WED.	9:00 AM	Michael Giglberger	Tony & Theresa Vitacco
30 Nov.	THU.	9:00 AM	John Kennedy, Jr.	St. Gabriel PREP Staff & Students
2 Dec.	SAT.	4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	
3 Dec.	SUN.	9:00 AM	Those Enrolled in St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Memorial Fund	



ETERNAL REST grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.
PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING of the parish especially those in homes and hospitals.
REMEMBER OUR TROOPS: Pray that God will bless and protect our young men and women in the military.



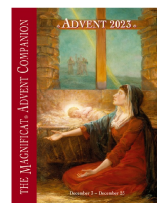
NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL on Mondays after the 9:00 AM Mass. All are welcome to join in this special Marian Devotion.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES on December 4 and 18 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

THE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP leads the recitation of the Rosary before the 9:00 AM Mass every Sunday. They also pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM weekday Masses. All are welcome to join in these special Marian Devotions.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS available beginning Tuesday, December 5. 5 wafers per packet. A donation of \$3.00 per packet or \$5.00 for 2 packets is requested.



MAGNIFICAT ADVENT COMPANION BOOKS - Copies are available at the church entrances. There is no charge for the books. Feel free to take a copy home with you.

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DEPOSIT FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2023......
 2023-2024 Year to Date Collections.....
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections.....
 Figures for the November 19 Collection will be printed
 in the December 3 bulletin.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO SEMINARY APPEAL - Thank you to everyone who has participated in this year's St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal. Your gift supports a shared spiritual mission that impacts each of us. If you have not yet donated, please consider making your gift today using the envelope found at the church entrances or the envelope mailed to your home.



CHURCH MAGNETS are available at the Parish Office. They can be placed on your car or refrigerator. Cost is \$5.00 each.



APPAREL ALERT! We are now accepting orders for our parish apparel: T-shirt (small logo on upper left) - \$10; Hoodies - (small logo on upper left) - \$25; 1/4 Zip (small logo on upper left) - \$35; Men's & Women's Polo Shirts (small logo on upper left) - \$25.

Current colors offered are: Kelly Green or Sunburst Yellow (logo is black and gray just like the photo). Sizes: S to XL - larger sizes are available (just add \$2) and we have youth sizes too! **PROMOTE YOUR PARISH!!!** Complete the order form in the vestibule of Church and return to the parish office along with payment or contact Maria Boyer (mboyer@sgsm62.org).



2024 MASS BOOK - The 2024 Mass Book is open. Requests for Masses can be made at the Parish Office. There will be a limit of one Mass on the weekends per person and five Masses per person on weekdays.

PARISH LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET based on the PA Pick 3 Evening Number. Winning ticket number must be the exact number drawn for the PA Pick 3 Evening Number. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are sold on a monthly basis. The prize for the winning ticket is \$50.00 on weekdays and \$100.00 on Sundays and one specially-designated weekday. **This is our major fund raiser for the parish. We encourage each family to purchase at least one ticket each month.** Your support is greatly appreciated.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY NEWS

JEWELRY SHOPPING - The Women's Society is once again planning a Sunday afternoon of jewelry shopping. Gather any jewelry that you are tired of or never wear and drop off to the parish office for our sale. Don't worry, we'll also have plenty of new to choose. Drop off to office by January 10 then plan for a ladies afternoon of fun on January 21. Details to follow.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY on Sunday, December 17 at 1:00 PM at Shorty's Sunflower Café. 3 course dinner includes Roasted Corn Chowder, Choice of Slow Cooked Beef with potato and veg, Chicken breast with apples, mushrooms in brandy cream with veg or Butternut squash lasagna. Dessert and all cold and hot beverages. BYOB. \$30 for members; \$35 for non-members. All invited. Payment and dinner choice to Lori by December 10.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED to stop the leak. The liners inside the large vases have some small holes that may be fixed by soldering. Anyone who is able to help with this, please call Lori (610-326-6030).

EAGLES BASKET - Beginning November 17, we will be selling chances for a large EAGLES basket. Some items include an autographed ball with authentication from Jake Elliott, \$50 gift card to Frank Smith, sweatshirts, lawn flag, tailgating food and supplies and more. Chances are \$1 each, 6 for \$5 or best value 15 for \$10. Winner will be pulled on December 17.

BAKE SALE PLUS on weekend of December 9 and 10. Everything \$5.00. Pizzelles, cookies, candy, brownies, anything and everything. Anyone wishing to donate items you wish to make, please label and drop off before Masses. Remember EVERYTHING \$5.

OUR ADVENT GIVING TREE will be in the vestibule of church until Sunday, January 7. We are collecting items for Birthright of Pottstown. Decorate our Giving Tree by placing an ornament on the tree for every gift you give. Ornaments are in a box next to the Giving Tree.



ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

OFFICE of the ARCHBISHOP

December 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For many generations, the Catholic Church has been richly blessed by the ministries of consecrated men and women in religious congregations.

They have tirelessly dedicated their lives to helping others in the fields of education, health care, social services, and more. The number of those in need has grown in our city and nation over the years and our religious have been there at every turn to provide comfort and care while sharing the pure love of Jesus Christ. Our local Church has been emphasizing the importance of Missionary Discipleship over the past few years. I ask that you join me in commending these men and women religious as shining examples of that ideal.

The annual appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be held in our Parishes during the weekend of December 2-3, 2023. This special collection is taken up in all parishes nationally. Thousands of elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, parishes, and organizations — often for a small stipend. Their sacrifices leave their religious communities without adequate funds for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the **Retirement Fund for Religious Collection** helps provide prescription medications, nursing care and health related assistance in these later years.

Please support the Retirement Fund for Religious Collection scheduled in our parishes **December 2-3, 2023**. It is an opportunity for us to give back to those who have selflessly given so much. Every gift helps no matter the size.

I also ask that you please continue to keep our men and women religious in your prayers. Thank you in advance for your kind contributions and continued support of our elder religious. Be assured of remembrance in my prayers. May God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.

Archbishop of Philadelphia

The Corner

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 in response to growing secularism and atheism. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever, not only privately but publicly. We are encouraged to celebrate and live out our faith in public.

—from USCCB (the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - December 2/3

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Nester

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, George & Vitacco; Choir, Durante

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - Bell

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - Boyer

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Carr & Bernhard

Altar Servers - Francis & Nagel

Greeter - Neiman