



# Sacred Heart of Jesus

## Roman Catholic Church

Solemnity of Christ The King, November 22nd, 2015

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### RECTORY HOURS

10:00 AM to 4:00PM (M - F)

### FAITH FORMATION

**Sr. Vilma Orejola, FLP**  
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**Mr. Kalel Dennis**  
*Youth Ministry Director*  
**Mrs. Yvonne Russell-Smith**  
*Principal, Sacred Heart Academy*

### MASSES

**Monday to Saturday**  
9:00 AM in the Chapel

**Saturday Vigil**  
5:00 PM in the Church

**Sunday**  
English Mass  
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM  
Creole Mass 12:45 PM

**Holy Days**  
English Mass 9:00 AM  
Bilingual Mass 7:30 PM

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
Saturdays at 4:00 pm in the Church  
Every 1st Friday after the 9 AM Mass



### Parish Mission Statement

Sacred Heart Church, Cambria Heights is a diverse, vibrant, family united in faith. Drawing from our rich cultural backgrounds, we proclaim Christ as Lord, celebrate His living presence in the Sacraments, and serve others in his name.

# CHRIST THE KING

## A KINGSHIP THAT BEARS WITNESS TO THE TRUTH

Each year at the conclusion of the liturgical year, we fittingly celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. As the Apostle St. Paul teaches us, "In Jesus Christ, every- thing in heaven and earth was created... and continues in being" (Col 1:16-17). He is the 'Alpha and Omega', the 'Beginning and End', the 'Way, Truth, and Life'. Indeed, Christ promises to His faithful friends the gift of salvation, the pledge of everlasting life through His Resurrection. Therefore, faithfulness to Christ, our King, opens the door to our eternal happiness.

**Origin of the Feast:** In 1925, Pope Pius XI instituted the Feast of Christ the King in the encyclical *Quas Primas* (from Latin, "In the First") to respond to secularism-the adoration of 'idols' of the earthly world, such as money and fame, above God. Pope Pius XI recognized that secularism would breed hostility against the Church. In fact, during the 20th century, governments in Mexico, Russia, and Europe, infiltrated by secularism, threatened not only the Catholic Church but also civilization itself. *Quas Primas* gave Catholics the hope that while governments may crumble, Christ's Kingdom, unlike the kingdoms of this world, would last forever.

**Christ's Kingship:** Although *Quas Primas* was written almost 90 years ago, it continues to ring true today. For instance, secularism continues to separate people from God, as evidenced by the rejection of Church teachings and the denial of God Himself. In addition, recent Pew Research Center data shows the worldwide increase of religious hostilities. Now more than ever, we must celebrate that Jesus Christ is King of the Universe, including in the following ways:

**In Christ, we must preserve our fundamental rights.** Jesus Christ reveals the fulfillment of the truths of creation found in the book of Genesis: "God saw every- thing that He had made, and behold, it was very good" (Gen 1:31). Therefore, "made in [His] image and likeness," each of us possesses an immeasurable goodness (Gen 1:26). And, this goodness from Christ, given to the heart of man, calls us to fight for what is justly ours: the right to life, freedom of conscience and religious freedom.



**FOR THIS I WAS BORN,  
AND FOR THIS I HAVE COME  
INTO THE WORLD,  
TO BEAR WITNESS  
TO THE TRUTH.**

JOHN 18:37

**In Christ, we must evangelize in love.** Christ, both meek and humble of heart, is the perfect servant of God: Through His teaching and His life, Jesus intended to confirm, not to coerce, others in faith (*Dignitatis Humanae*, no. 11). Through our daily action, let us follow Christ's loving example of showing the truth to others.

**In Christ, we must proclaim the truth.** Christ's Kingship "bear[s] witness to the truth" (John 18:37). In bearing this witness, Christ acknowledges government authority, "rendering to Caesar the things that are Caesar's" (Matthew 22:21). None-theless, we are asked to speak out "against governing powers which oppose the holy will of God" (*Dignitatis Humanae*, no. 11).

Bearing witness to the truth in this age can be difficult. But Christ has shown us that 'kingship' must always be at the service of the good of mankind. Therefore, with His grace and in hope of His gift of salvation, let us bear witness to the truth, even when it is unpopular or costly to do so. In this way, we become faithful servants of Christ, preparing the way for His Kingdom, both on earth and in heaven.

## Celebration of the Sacraments

### Reconciliation/Confession

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays at 4:00 PM in church, or by appointment in the rectory.

### Matrimony

If you are planning to get married, please schedule an appointment with a priest or deacon at least six months before the anticipated wedding date. If you are not in a valid marriage (a marriage not celebrated in church by a priest or deacon), please call or write the rectory for an appointment to see a priest.

### Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated in English on the 2nd Saturday at 1:00 PM, and in Creole on the 4th Saturday at 1:00 PM. If you are planning to have your child baptized in the parish, please call the rectory.

### Communion for the Homebound

Anyone unable to attend Mass because of illness may receive Holy Communion at home on a regular basis. Please call the rectory.

## Weekly Reading

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28 Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, November 21st, 2015

5:00 pm Lydia Gobourne (B)

### Sunday, November 22nd, 2015

8:00 am Kettly Souffrant (*In thanksgiving*)

10:00 am Vada Chevry (D)

12:45 pm Phamhell Jean Poix (D)

### Monday, November 23rd, 2015

9:00 am Ian Cajoux (B)

### Tuesday, November 24th, 2015

9:00 am Josephine Alfred (D)

The deceased of the St Firmin Family (D)

### Wednesday, November 25th, 2015

9:00 am Elina & Pierre Ligonde (D)

### Thursday, November 26th, 2015

### Friday, November 27th, 2015

9:00 am Wily Dauphin (D)

### Saturday, November 28th, 2015

9:00 am In honor of St. Andre (*In Thanksgiving*)

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## Pray For

Myriam St Louis Juste, Yolande Pierre, Hubert Mills, Mythe Ste Rose, Rosa Wright, Irma Ali, Saintecile Joseph, Sade Jean-Raymond, Jahlil Nahser, Mrs. Kenneth Baptiste, Brenda Alleyne, Elliot Haynes, Ann Gutman, Candie Olmstead, Augustina Pitt, Gloria John, Clarence Hoggard, Lela Moton, Narque and Patrick Jean, Carolyn Keller, Carolin Edith, Steve Ste Rose, Raymonde Bertrand, Carmene Muscad, Genevieve Morin, Marie Kernisant, Cecilie Campayne, Monarque Jean, Ucile Pierre-Louis

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**The Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception** will be on **Saturday, December 5th 2015** Sponsored by **Groupe Miséricorde.**

The bus will leave the Church at 5:30 am.

**Contribution: \$55**

To register please call: Evelyn Ricot: 347-682-3644 OR Marie Presandor: 718-479-4153

## SUNDAY READINGS AND BACKGROUNDS

### SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

In response to Pope Francis' urgent call to the new evangelization and his challenge to families to love according to Gospel values, each week in the bulletin our parish will offer a great opportunity to involve the entire family. There will be a short explanation of the three reading with possible questions to help us reflect on and apply the Gospel message to our lives. There are suggested questions for children, the youth and adults. May this parish endeavor help all of us deepen our relationship with the Lord.

#### Reading 1 ***Daniel 7:13-14*** The Son of Man will come on a cloud.

Once again we share the visions of the prophet Daniel. He sees "one like a son of man" coming from the heavens into the presence of God. This Messiah king receives from God the Father power and kingship over all nations. His rule is universal and it lasts forever. No one can take it away from him.

"Son of Man" later became a title of the Messiah. Jesus applied this title to himself. The Messiah was also thought of as a king. When Jesus was on trial before the high priest, he quoted the vision of Daniel to describe himself.

#### Reading 2 ***Revelation 1:5-8*** Jesus is the faithful witness.

We are delighted whenever someone we love is honored. In this reading from the beginning of the Book of Revelation, the inspired author has a vision of the second coming of Jesus Christ. He comes in the clouds as the "ruler of the kings of earth." He is the "First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." He is the faithful witness to God's promises and the first to rise from the dead. Now he is honored as a crucified and risen King.

On this triumphant feast day we rejoice in Christ's kingship. And we give thanks that Jesus has made of us a royal priesthood to serve our God and Father.

#### Gospel ***John 18:33b-37*** My kingdom does not belong to this world.

What kind of king is Jesus? In this reading from the passion story in John's Gospel, Jesus provides us with his own answer. Pontius Pilate was the Roman official who held power in Palestine. He asks Jesus if he is the king of the Jews. Pilate really wants to know whether Jesus might be part of a Jewish revolt against Roman rule. Jesus assures Pilate that his kingdom is not of this world. He is not one who rules by force. However he is a king who came into the world to "testify to the truth." All who recognize him as "the way and the truth and the life" will hear his voice (John 14:6).

As the Church year comes to a close, we are grateful for the ways in which we have heard our King's voice in the liturgy this year. We consider how to live the words of Jesus more faithfully as the circle of the new liturgical year begins.

## Questions of the Week

Theme: **Jesus reigns over us in truth.**

Breaking Open the Word Suggested text for faith sharing:

Today's Gospel

Step One: Listen to the Word

**As you hear this reading from the Passion of Christ, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?**

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: **Is it difficult or easy for you to tell the truth? How does Jesus help you?**

Question for Youth: **Today we celebrate Christ the King. How much do you let Jesus' truth rule your life? How difficult is it for you to follow Jesus?**

Question for Adults: **What is the truth for you? How do you live the truth everyday?**

## POPE FRANCIS 'SADDENED' BY PARIS ATTACKS, CALLS FOR PRAYER

The attacks, Pope Francis said, were an "unspeakable affront to the dignity of the human person."

"The path of violence and hatred cannot resolve the problems of humanity, and using the name of God to justify this path is blasphemous," he said.

Pope Francis asked the thousands of people who gathered at St. Peter's for the Sunday midday prayer to observe a moment of silence and to join him in reciting a Hail Mary.

"May the Virgin Mary, mother of mercy, give rise in the hearts of everyone thoughts of wisdom and proposals for peace," he said. "We ask her to protect and watch over the dear French nation, the first daughter of the church, over Europe and the whole world."

"Let us entrust to the mercy of God the innocent victims of this tragedy," the pope said.



### *A Note to the Newly Confirmed from Sister Alice Michael, SUSC*

*I feel compelled to write this note to tell you what an incredible witness you were to God, to the Church, to all who were present at your Confirmation celebration. It touched me deeply that you all prayed and sang so beautifully. The entire celebration was so reverent and prayerful. Your parents and families, your sponsors, your parish sacramental companion, your catechists, and the entire Parish Staff of Sacred Heart and the entire community must have been bursting with joy and gratitude.*

*My hope and prayer is that each of you may continue growing in your faith and find a way that you may serve God in the life of your parish of Sacred Heart. Your presence, your energy, and your commitment are so needed in the Church so that together, we may continue Jesus' mission here on earth. You are the new disciples on mission! God bless you.*

*Sister Alice Michael is the Diocesan Coordination of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult) and Children's Catechesis.*

## Ministry of Consolation and Bereavement

The Ministry of Consolation is a group of caring and compassionate volunteers who assist you and your family in planning the funeral liturgy of your loved ones. If you have recently lost someone, we invite you and your family to join us for prayerful support on the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in Father Nolan's Unity Room. WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

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### Save the Date

#### Life in the Spirit Seminar for the Youth

will be held on **Saturday, December 12th, 2015**  
in the school auditorium.

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### Generations of Faith

If you have already submitted your pledge card for the Campaign, please send all future payments directly to the Generations of Faith office at :

Generations of Faith  
Diocese of Brooklyn  
P.O. Box 7356  
Berlin, CT 06037

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### Join the Children's Choir

and invited guests at the

#### **"CHILDREN BENEFIT CONCERT"** on Sunday, November 22nd at 5:00 PM

All proceeds will go towards making Christmas extra special for children living in the Bateys of the Dominican Republic and other poverty stricken areas.

**Donation: \$10.00 and a toy**  
**(\$5.00 and a toy for children under 12)**

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### LESSONS AND CAROLS will be held on

Sunday, December 6, 2015 - 5:00 PM

Join us in the parking lot of the church to decorate the parish grounds for this special event. Every Saturday starting at 10 am.  
All help is appreciated!!!

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### Facility

Wish to reserve a room for your next function?  
Please call Fritz Kernizan at 718-406-5277.

## Thanksgiving Food Drive

It is that time of the year when we appeal once again to your generosity to help families in our community with a care package for Thanksgiving. Next Sunday, we will be passing out cards with food items that you may choose to purchase and donate during your own Thanksgiving shopping, and envelopes for monetary donations. You can bring your donations in church and leave them on the table in the vestibule or drop them in the rectory during the week. Thank for your continued generosity and your love and care for each other.

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### Sacred Heart 55 and over Jazzy

Will be going to a

Country Music Christmas show on  
Monday December 21st, 2015

At Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Dinner Theatre in NJ

**Tickets: \$80**

The bus will leave the church at 9 AM

For more information

Contact: Suna Hunter 718-468-5830

Uris McKay 718-949-0868

Joseph Lester 347-548-0063

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### Gwoup Konsolasyon

Gwoup Konsolasyon la pou sipòte w ak fanmi w lè nou gen lanmò. Nou ede w prepare litiji antèman an, e nou gide w pandan sèvis yo. Nou la tou pou sipòte w ak fanmi w menm apre antèman an. Nou rankontre chak dènye Jedi nan mwa a anba presbitè ya a 7è diswa. NOU PAP LAGE W!

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### Rituel de L'initiation Chrétienne Des Adultes

Si vous voulez devenir Catholique, ou si vous avez été baptisé et n'avez pas encore reçu les sacrements de la Sainte Communion et la Confirmation, inscrivez-vous au programme «RCIA ». Durant ce processus, les candidats et les catéchumènes se rapprochent du Seigneur et se joignent à la communauté chrétienne. Les cours sont offerts chaque mercredi soir à 7:00. Pour plus d'informations ou pour vous inscrire, appelez ou écrivez au presbytère et quelqu'un vous rappellera.