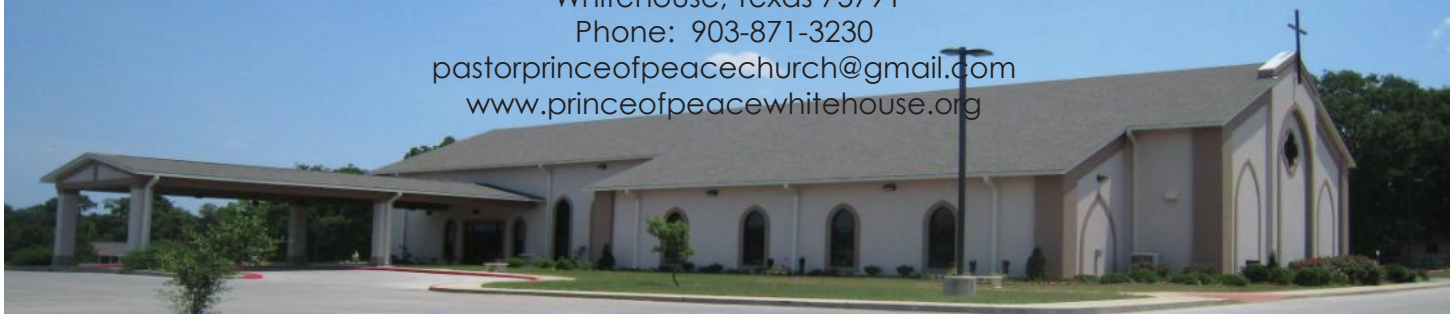


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Solemnity of Our Lord Christ the King Last Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 26, 2023

From the Desk of the Pastor

In the 1920s, a totalitarian regime gained control of Mexico and tried to suppress the Church. To resist the regime, many Christians took up the cry, "*Viva Cristo Rey!*" ["Long live Christ the King!"] They called themselves "Cristeros." The most famous Cristero was a young Jesuit priest named Padre Miguel Pro. Using various disguises, Padre Pro ministered to the people of Mexico City. Finally, the government arrested him and sentenced him to public execution on November 23, 1927. The president of Mexico (Plutarco Calles) thought that Padre Pro would beg for mercy, so he invited the press to the execution. Padre Pro did not plead for his life, but instead knelt holding a crucifix. When he finished his prayer, he kissed the crucifix and stood up. Holding the crucifix in his right hand, he extended his arms and shouted, "*Viva Cristo Rey!*" At that moment the soldiers fired. The journalists took pictures; if you look up "Padre Pro" or "Saint Miguel Pro" on the Internet, you can see that picture. Today we are celebrating that great King, "Christ the King."

The first reading from Ezekiel introduces God as a Shepherd reminding us of Christ's claim that he is the good-shepherd-king, leading, feeding and protecting his sheep. In the second reading, St. Paul presents Christ as the all-powerful ruler-king who raises the dead and to whom every form of power and authority must eventually give way. Today's Gospel describes Christ the King coming in his Heavenly glory to judge us, based on how we have shared our love and blessings with others through genuine acts of charity in our lives. Jesus is present to us now, not only as our good shepherd leading, feeding, and healing his sheep, but also as dwelling in those for whom we care. In the parable of the separation of the sheep from the goats at the Last Judgment, every person to whom we give ourselves, "whether hungry, thirsty or a stranger, naked, sick or in prison," is revealed to us as having been the risen Jesus. Our reward or punishment depends on how we have recognized and treated this risen Jesus in the needy.

Life messages: 1) We need to recognize and appreciate Christ's presence within us and surrender our lives to Christ's rule: Since Christ, our King, lives in our hearts with the Holy Spirit and His Heavenly Father and fills our souls with His grace, we need to learn to live in His Holy Presence and do God's will by sharing His forgiving love with others around us. Being aware of His presence in the Bible, in the Sacraments and in the worshipping community, we need to listen and talk to Him. 2) We need to learn to be servers: Since Christ was a serving King, we are invited to be His loyal citizens by rendering humble service to others and by sharing Christ's mercy and forgiveness with others. 3) We need to use our authority to support the rule of Jesus. This feast is an invitation to all those who have power or authority in the public or the private realms to use it for Jesus by bearing witness to Him by the way we live. Parents are expected to use their God-given authority to train their children in Christian ideals and in the ways of committed Christian living. 4) We need to accept Jesus Christ as the King of love. Jesus came to proclaim to all of us the Good News of God's love and salvation and gave us His new commandment of love: "*Love one another as I have loved you,*" (John 13:34), and demonstrated that love by dying for us sinners. We accept Jesus as our King of love when we love others as Jesus loved, unconditionally, sacrificially and with *agape* love.

Fr. Luke



Mass Schedule

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday
Rosary at 4:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Rosary at 9:30 a.m.
Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Rosary in Spanish at 12:00 noon
12:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Weekday Liturgies

Tuesday and Friday - Mass at 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
at 5:00 p.m. followed by Mass
Wednesday - Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Oakbrook Healthcare

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each Month 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
By appointment other times

Holy Day Masses

6:00 p.m. English
7:00 p.m. Spanish

Masses at Wellspring

Monday - Friday, 6:45 a.m.; Sunday, 5:00 p.m.



Thursday Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the church or by telephone conference call. Mass immediately follows. If you wish to join by telephone, call the church office for details.

Children's Rosary

The Rosary will begin at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays when Faith Formation classes are in session.

Join us in prayer for the needs of our families and community.....

Pray for Lucile Cook, Steve Francis, Natalie Hayes, Mike Jackson, Fr. Joseph Jacobi, Judy LeBlanc, Adam Elliott, Diana & Al Leonhardi, Shirley Long, Kamicia Lunceford, Julieta Marroquin, Marcela Montenegro, Mimi Plumb, Fernando Rosales, Jr., Jewel Sanchez, Amalia Saucillo, Shirley Stenklyft, and Manuel Yañez.

Mass Intentions

Sat	Nov 25	5:00 p.m.	Deceased Near & Dear Ones
Sun	Nov 26	10:00 a.m.	Deceased Near & Dear Ones
		12:30 p.m.	Elizabeth John Kalarickal+
Tue	Nov 28	12:30 p.m.	Deceased Near & Dear Ones
Thu	Nov 30	5:00 p.m.	Deceased Near & Dear Ones
Fri	Dec 01	12:30 p.m.	Veronica Lake+
Sat	Dec 02	5:00 p.m.	David Barnes+

Parish Giving

November 19, 2023

Collection Information was not available at the time of printing.

2nd Collection	Nov 26	Mission Fund
2nd Collection	Dec 03	Emergency Fund

Mass Attendance

Mass Attendance was not available at the time of printing.

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. Luke Kalarickal, M.S.F.S.
Deacons: Ruben Natera; Clarence Blalock
Acolytes: Rick Downey; Felipe Segura;
Alberto Robledo
Bookkeeper: Noelia Gonzalez
Office Assistant: Linda Rossler

New Finance Council Members

Lou Napolitano, John Williams, Lars Gustafson,
Mark Curry, and Mike Yeates



It is right that you should begin again every day. There is no better way to complete the spiritual life than to be ever beginning it over again.

St. Francis de Sales

The administration and pastoral care of Prince of Peace Parish is entrusted to the Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales (M.S.F.S.), also known as Fransalian Missionaries, an international religious order with headquarters in Rome and the Provincial House in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information, visit www.fransaliansusa.com or www.wellspringcommunity.net.



Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Office closes for lunch between noon and 1:00 p.m.

New Pastoral Council Members

Carolyn Barrett
Neri Gutierrez
Oralia Rosa
Long Tran

Theresa Cheatham
Mike Lutmer
Linda Rossler
David Williams

Rick Downey
Mike Rivera
Sharon Tornes
Edgar Yanez

News and Notes

First Friday, December 1, 2023

Mass at 12:30 p.m. - Holy Hour: 1 - 2 p.m. and 6 - 7 p.m. Come and Spend an Hour with Our Lord.

Advent Retreat, December 7, 2023

There will be an Advent Retreat on Thursday, December 7, at 6:15 p.m.
Everyone is invited and recommended to attend this spiritual renewal opportunity.

Holy Day of Obligation - Friday, December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8: 6:00 p.m. in English & 7:00 p.m. in Spanish

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe - Tuesday, December 12, 2023

On December 12, the celebration begins with mañanitas, Rosary, and breakfast at 5:00 a.m. - Mass begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner. As a way of fundraising for the celebration, desserts & Mexican food will be sold after all Masses this weekend.

Penance Service and Confessions, December 14, 2023

On Thursday, December 14, at 6:15 p.m. there will be a Penance Service and Individual Confessions. Priests from other churches will be coming to hear Confessions.

Gift Giving for Deserving Families

This weekend, we begin our annual gift-giving program. The board with Christmas wishes is in the church foyer. Participate by taking one or more gift tags. Then, purchase and wrap the requested gift. Bring the wrapped gift to the church or church office before December 15. Remember that the gift has to have the tag attached, as it identifies the recipient. But do not anchor the tag. It will be removed, and a name tag will replace it.

Altar Society

Celebrate the Liturgical New Year with an Advent Wreath on December 2, 2023

For those who signed up, next Saturday, December 2nd is the Advent Wreath Event. Please go to the parish hall from 1 to 3 p.m.

Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale, December 2-3 and 9-10

The Altar Society will also have its annual Christmas Bazaar and Bake sale on December 2-3 and December 9-10.

Knights of Columbus

Pork Loins for Sale

The Knights are now selling tickets before and after all Masses through December 2nd for 4-pound smoked pork loins that will be ready for pick-up on December 9, 2023 between 4 - 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. The price is \$25.00 per pork loin.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a parish Christmas poster contest for kids in Kindergarten through 8th grade. The theme is "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS." The suggested poster size is 11 x 17", but any size poster will be accepted. To enter, pick up an entry form on the table in the front of the church, fill it out, and attach it to your poster. The entry form will contain the guidelines for this contest. You may drop off your poster before or after Mass at the Knights table in the church foyer. The contest ends on December 13.

Helpers Food Pantry

We will be celebrating the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays in just a short time. Here are some special items that will be needed: corn meal, cranberry sauce, and canned sweet potatoes. For the routine daily items, the pantry could use peanut butter, jelly/jam, all purpose flour, sugar, cooking oil, soups, canned meats, and stews. We are thankful and grateful to God for you and your generosity.

Safe Environment

Parental supervision of children keeps them safe, including when they are in church or on church grounds. If need be during Mass, escort your children to the restroom, wait for them, and return to your seat with them.

If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently being abused or is in danger, immediately report it to state/local law enforcement or the TX Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or txabusehotline.org. The Diocese of Tyler is committed to respecting the dignity of all persons and to helping anyone who may have been hurt or abused by a priest, deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the Church. Any current or past cases of abuse involving Church Personnel should be reported to civil authorities and also to the victim assistance coordinator at (903) 266-2159 or vac@dioceseoftyler.org.

Summary of Pastoral Council Meeting of 10/26/2023 presided by Father Luke Kalarickal, M.S.F.S., Pastor

Father Luke summarized the role of the Pastoral Council as a consultative role to the pastor for the good of the church community, which relates to the corporal and pastoral aspects of parish life. Father Luke covered all items contained in the meeting agenda, especially Mass times about the upcoming holy days and feast days of All Saints, All Souls, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Immaculate Conception, Christmas, and Mary, Holy Mother of God.

Members from the Youth Group, Altar Society, and Knights of Columbus provided updates to the Council. The Altar Society and Knights of Columbus updated the Council on future planned fundraisers during Advent. The Youth group has approximately 10-15 youth who participate. During the meetings theme-based games are played, and there are scripture readings.

Father Luke announced that Noelia Gonzalez is the parish's new bookkeeper and updated the Council that the Holy Land Pilgrimage was canceled.

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12) is in its planning stage and a committee is being established for this. The Advent retreat will be on December 7 at 6:15 p.m. and a Penance Service with Confessions will follow on December 14, at 6:15 p.m.

On Sunday, December 17, a parish Christmas gathering is planned with a bilingual Mass at 11 a.m., followed by a pot-luck dinner and other activities.


Sunday, December 24, is both Christmas Eve and the 4th Sunday of Advent, Father Luke explained how to meet the Mass requirements for both the Sunday and the Christmas Day requirements. Most of the decorating for Christmas will take place before Sunday, December 24, due to time constraints between the end of the 12:30 p.m. Mass and the beginning of the Christmas vigil Mass.

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