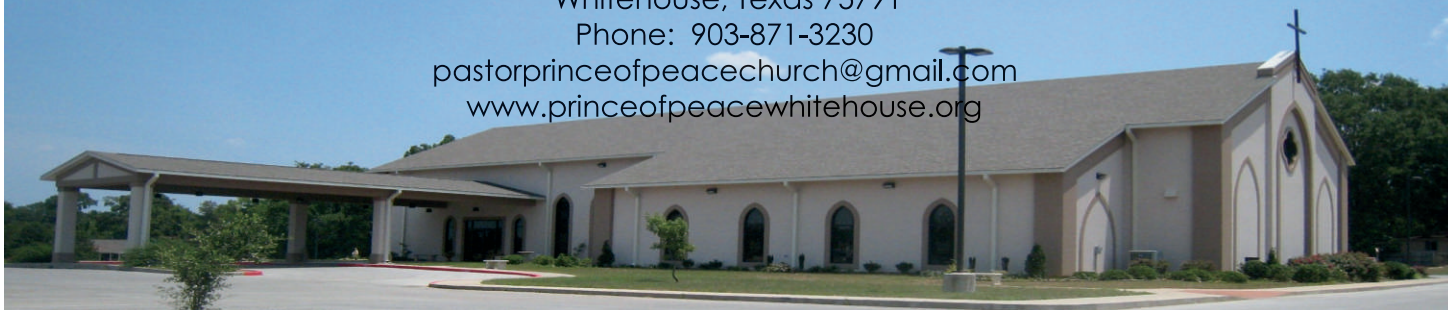


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## Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King, November 23, 2025

### 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 associate of the *Cristeros* 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!*" ("*Long live Christ the King!*") 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.

The title "*Christ the King*" has its roots both in Scripture and in the whole theology of the *Kingdom of God*. In most of the Messianic prophecies given in the Old Testament books of Samuel, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Daniel, Christ the Messiah is represented as a King. **New Testament texts:** 1) In the Annunciation, recorded in Lk 13:2-33, we read: "*The Lord God will make him a King, as his ancestor David was, and He will be the King of the descendants of Jacob forever and His Kingdom will never end.*" In fact, the *Kingdom of God* is the center of Jesus' teaching and the phrase "*Kingdom of God*" occurs in the Gospels 122 times, of which 90 instances are used by Jesus. 2) The Magi from the Far East came to Jerusalem and asked the question: (Mt. 2:2) "*Where is the baby born to be the King of the Jews? We saw his star... and we have come to worship him.*" 3) During the royal reception given to Jesus on Palm Sunday, the Jews shouted: (Lk 19:38) "*God bless the King, who comes in the name of the Lord.*" 4) During the trial of Jesus described in today's Gospel, Pilate asked the question: "*Are you the king of the Jews?*" Jesus replied: "*You say that I am a king. I was born and came into this world for this one purpose, to bear witness to the Truth.*" (Jn 18:37). 5) Today's Gospel tells us that the board hung over Jesus' head on the cross read: "*Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews,*" (Lk 23:38; see also, Mt 27:37; Mk 15:26; Jn 19:19-20), and that, to the repentant thief on the cross who made the request: "*Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom,*" Jesus promised Paradise with him that very day (Lk 23:39-43). 6) Before his Ascension into Heaven, Jesus declared, "*I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth*" (Mt 28:18). 7) Finally, in Mt 25:31-46, we read that The Son of man will come in glory to judge us on the Day of the Last Judgment.

**Life Messages:** 1) We need to accept Christ the King as our Lord, King and Savior and surrender our lives to him. We surrender our lives to Jesus every day when we give priority to his teaching in our daily choices, especially in moral decisions. We should not exclude Christ our King from any area of our personal or family lives. In other words, Christ must be in full charge of our lives, and we must give him sovereign power over our bodies, our thoughts, our heart, and our free will. 2) We need to be serving disciples of a Servant King. Jesus declared that he came not to be served but to serve and showed us the spirit of service by washing of the feet of his disciples. We become Jesus' followers when we recognize his presence in everyone, especially the poor, the sick, the outcast, and the marginalized in the society and render humble and loving service to Jesus in each of them. 3) 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, gave us his new commandment of love: "*Love one another as I have loved you*" (Jn 15:12), 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 9:25 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

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

First Friday of each Month 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. &  
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, 7:00 a.m.  
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. & 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.

### **Location of Automated External Defibrillators (AED)**

Two AEDs are on church property: one in the parish hall next to the women's restroom and the other one in the church foyer near the church entrance and bathrooms. Remember their locations, just in case you may need to retrieve one.

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

**Pray for:** Nadia Allmon, Jeff Briscoe, Barbara Dean, Adam Elliott, Steve Francis, Maria Gutierrez, Natalie Hayes, Maria Lezama, Shirley Long, Kamicia Lunceford, Julieta Marroquin, Judy LeBlanc, Dudley McKamie, Michael Miller, Leslie Payne, Donna Rocha, Fernando Rosales, Jr., Jewel Sanchez, Danny Smith, Shirley Stenklyft, Matthew Williams, Blanca Villatoro,

## *Mass Intentions*

Masses for the month of November are offered for:

Our Deceased Near & Dear Ones whose names are written in the  
*Book of Remembrance*  
placed before the Altar.

## *Parish Giving*

### **November 16, 2025**

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| 1st Collection        | \$2,321.00 |
| 2nd Collection        | \$ 123.00  |
| Third Collection      | \$ 266.00  |
| Children's Collection | \$ 105.00  |

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| 2nd Collection | Nov 23 | Mission Fund                        |
| 2nd Collection | Nov 30 | Catholic Charities-Diocese of Tyler |

### **Mass Attendance**

5:00 p.m. 67  
10:00 a.m. 129 and 12:30 p.m. 93

### **Pastoral Team**

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

### **Committee Chairs**

**Pastoral Council Chair:** Theresa Cheatham  
**Finance Council Chair:** Lou Napolitano  
**Maintenance Committee Chair:** Rick Downey

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### Church Office Hours

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



The same everlasting Father who cares for you today will care for you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering or give you unfailing strength to bear it.

St. Francis de Sales

## News and Notes

### Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day is November 27. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.  
There will be no Mass on Friday, November 28.

### Temporary Change of Mass Time on Tuesdays and Fridays.

From November 25 till December 16, Masses on Tuesdays and Fridays will be at 5:30 p.m.

### Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest

The Knights of Columbus annual Christmas poster contest is for children in grades K through the 8th grade. See a Knight for an application which contains the rules and how the poster will be judged. All posters are due by Wednesday, December 17.

### Altar Society Christmas Sale

The Altar Society is having its 2025 Annual Advent and Christmas sale each weekend in the foyer of the church from November 22 through December 7. Advent wreaths, Christmas, and other gift items will be offered. Be sure to check out our items, and thank you so much for your continued support of the Altar Society and Prince of Peace Church.

### Christmas Gathering, December 7, 2025

Our Christmas gathering will be held on Sunday, December 7. There will be one bilingual Mass at 11 a.m., followed by the Christmas carols in the church. Immediately afterwards there will be the parish-wide lunch in the parish hall. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer for those who will attend and includes: family name, number attending, and the type of dish/serving size you will be bringing with you. The main dishes of fish and meat will be provided by the church and Knights of Columbus. Everyone is encouraged to participate in it.

### Gifts for Families this Christmas

This weekend the poster with the attached "Christmas wishes" is in the church foyer. Take one or more wishes, purchase and wrap the gift(s), and gently secure the wish tag on the gift. Bring your wrapped gift(s) to the church or the church office. A collection box will be in the church next weekend. All gifts must be received no later than Friday, December 12. Thank you for participating!

### Forty-six Rosaries to Our Lady

Rosaries will be prayed daily in the church at 6:30 p.m. with the exception of Wednesdays (prayed at 5:45 p.m.), Saturday (prayed at 4:30 p.m.) and Sundays (prayed at 9:25 a.m. and 12:00 noon).

### Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration on December 12

The Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration begins at 5:00 a.m. with mañanitas, then honoring dances at 5:30 a.m., and Mass at 6:00 a.m. In the evening, there will be a procession of Our Lady with mariachi and the Knights of Columbus at 5:30 a.m. The Rosary with mariachi will be at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner honoring our Blessed Mother at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

### Bible Questions and Answers

Remember to use Bible questions answer card for answering the weekly Biblical questions and place your completed answer card in the white box the following weekend. **Answers on a sheet of paper or bulletin sheet will be counted invalid.**

### Helpers Food Pantry

Thanks and gratitude to everyone who supports our food pantry. Without you the food pantry could not help those in need. The pantry is running low on meat items such as canned chicken, tuna, chili, stews, and soups, as well as cooking oil, spaghetti, rice, and dry pinto or red beans, small bags of cornmeal, and sugar.

### 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](http://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](mailto:vac@dioceseoftyler.org).



The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before each weekend Mass. Please be mindful of the need for silent reflection, both in the nave and in the church foyer, out of respect for the Rosary and in preparation for the Holy Mass. Everyone is advised to come and join the Rosary and receive its priceless benefits and graces.

### Kids and Youth/Adult Corner

#### Answers for November 9

**Kids:** a. Joseph; because he was the child of his old age.  
b. Because Er offended the Lord greatly.

Answered correctly by: Vicky Gutierrez, Zaya Monnen, Natalia Gutierrez, Elijah Rivera, Steven Rocha, Emily, Ismael, and Isabella Briones.

**Adults:** a. Because the land of Canaan could not support them because of their livestock.  
b. Joseph refused to give in to the enticement of his master's wife.

Answered correctly by: Bacilia Velazquez, Omar and Fatima Gutierrez, Amelia Tinu, Tinu John, Andrea Gustafson, Linda Rossler, Leo Rossler, Theresa Cheatham, Lars Gustafson, Mimi Plumb, Joyce Napolitano, Lou Napolitano, Lollie Zapata, Neri Gutierrez, and Jason Reed.

**Congratulations to Theresa Cheatham, Amelia Tinu, and Tinu John for answering the last 5 consecutive questions!!**

#### Questions for November 23 (Genesis 46-50)

**Kids:** a. Who was the father of Arod?  
b. In which cave was Jacob buried?

**Adults:** a. What was the reaction of Jacob when he saw Joseph after long time?  
b. What was the land Jacob gave to Joseph, captured from the Amorites?

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