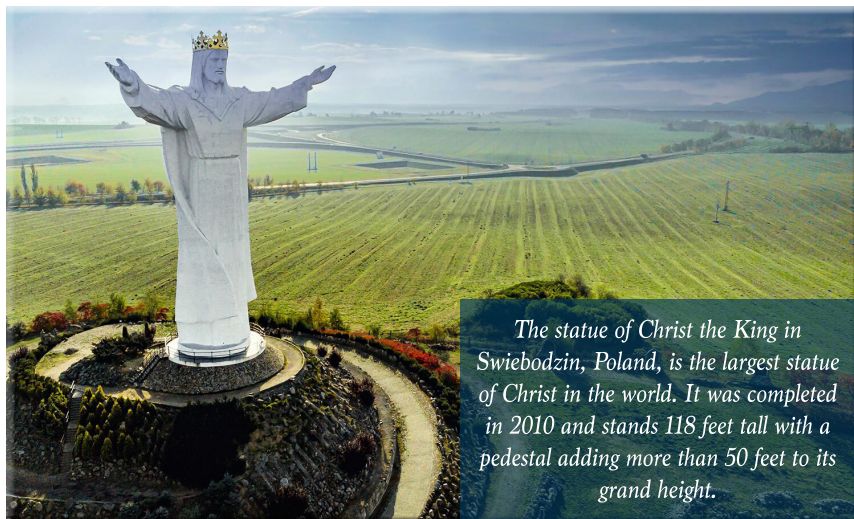




CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Nov. 21st



The statue of Christ the King in Swiebodzin, Poland, is the largest statue of Christ in the world. It was completed in 2010 and stands 118 feet tall with a pedestal adding more than 50 feet to its grand height.

Let Christ reign in our hearts and minds. Let him bring peace to our world.

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe is a great reminder we can't just honor Christ on Sunday and then throw Him and His teachings out the rest of the week. We must acknowledge proper honor and glory to God, and work each day to become closer to Jesus. God doesn't need pomp and circumstance. He wants genuine sincerity and humility. Christ accepts our imperfections and shortcomings and loves us unconditionally.

To acknowledge Christ as King of the Universe is recognizing him as the king of kings, while seeking Him and praying that He brings healing to our broken world.



"Once men recognize, both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace, and harmony (Quas Primas 19)," said Pope Pius XI, who instituted the feast day, originally called the Feast of Christ the King, in 1925, following World War I and the rise of communism and atheism.

He went on to say, "If to Christ our Lord is given all power in heaven and on earth; if all men, purchased by his precious blood, are by a new right subjected to his dominion; if this power embraces all men, it must be clear that not one of our faculties is exempt from his empire.

"He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ.

"He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God.

"He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone (Quas Primas, 33)."

In 1969, the feast was elevated and renamed by Pope Saint Paul VI to the current title – the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – and moved from its original date (the Sunday before All Saints) to the Sunday before Advent, which is the last Sunday of the liturgical year. As part of his evangelization, Pope Saint Paul VI asked the faithful to continually ask themselves, "Do you really believe what you are proclaiming? Do you live what you believe?"



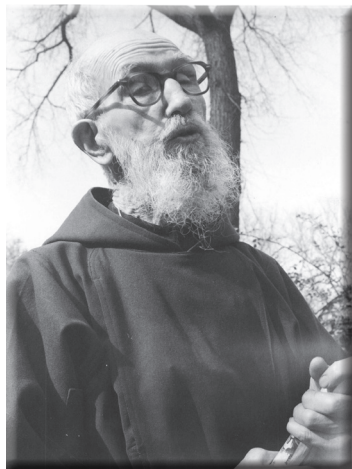
If we keep Christ the center of our world, we will make it a habit to keep Him in our thoughts, words, and actions, Pope Francis said in a homily given on the feast day in 2013.

"The kingdoms of this world at times are sustained by arrogance, rivalries and oppression; the reign of Christ is a 'kingdom of justice, love, and peace,'" Pope Francis said in 2015.

BE INSPIRED BY BL. SOLANUS CASEY THIS THANKSGIVING

“BE THANKFUL AHEAD OF TIME”

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Today is a day to put aside our challenges and burdens to focus on what we are grateful for – but don’t let it stop there! Blessed Solanus Casey would tell us to keep that mindset every day. Then he would take it a step further and tell us to “Thank God ahead of time” for the blessings to come and the crosses we will be given to carry.



Blessed Solanus Casey was an American priest who brought hope and peace to countless people of all faiths and all walks of life. This Capuchin friar, who served in Detroit, Harlem, Yonkers, and other bustling cities, was called a rescuer of souls. He was blessed with a gift to know exactly what to say to give comfort, confidence, and

hope to those who sought his counsel.

“Worry is a weakness from which very few of us are entirely free,” he said. “We must be on guard against this most insidious enemy of our peace of soul. Instead let us foster confidence in God, and thank Him ahead of time for whatever he chooses to send us.”

Sure, it is easy to give thanks and have a grateful heart, when you are content and things are going your way, but thanking God in times of suffering, while it may be difficult, is necessary. We need to “appreciate” more, he said. Throughout his life, conversations, and teachings he demonstrated the importance of sadness and struggles. He said those moments quickly make us recall simpler and easier times, and have us on our knees begging for them to return. However, in those times we need to thank God for those earlier days as well as present challenges, and have faith that God will prevail, when we keep Him in focus.

“Courage, therefore, and with the soul’s eye fixed on the goal of eternity, struggle on,” he said, while reminding people to be clear about their priorities, and be strong in their will to attain heaven despite the fears they face. So, “Do not pray for easy lives; pray to be stronger people. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers; pray for powers equal to your tasks.”

Today is his birthday. He was born Bernard “Barney” Casey on Nov. 25, 1870, in the farming town of Oak Grove, Wisconsin. He attended high school at St. Francis High School Seminary in Milwaukee with hopes of being a diocesan priest, but he struggled with the German classes the seminary required. He was advised to consider a religious order. So, in 1897, he entered the novitiate of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin in Detroit. He was ordained in 1904 as a “simplex priest,” and was happy with that even though it meant he was restricted from preaching sermons and hearing confession. He took on the role of “doorkeeper” at the Detroit monastery he was assigned. He was the first person visitors to the parish and monastery would see, and quickly became a well-loved friar, consoler, and counselor, because of his sincere and compassionate character. He served for more than 50 years in New York, Detroit, and Indiana.

Blessed Solanus Casey shared with his brother friars and religious that his one wish in life was to be conscious at the time of death. The wish came true, for at the moment of his death at 11 a.m. on July 31, 1957, he was able to say, “I give my soul to Jesus Christ.” Notice we shared with you not only the date, but also the hour he died. That’s because it was the exact 53rd anniversary of his first Mass that was said at 11 a.m. More than 20,000 people attended his funeral.

His story is impressive and will be featured in an episode of EWTN’s “Miracle Hunter” hosted by Michael O’Neill, entitled: “They Might Be Saints: Blessed Solanus Casey.” The program will feature different aspects of the life, ministry, and spirituality of Blessed Solanus Casey. It will premiere at 9:00 p.m. November 25. It will re-air at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 26 and at 2:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 28.

For more on Bl. Solanus Casey – his life and road to sainthood – visit the Solanus Casey Center, online at: WWW.SOLANUSCENTER.ORG.

Blessed Solanus Casey continually reminded people that our attitudes and good works can change our lives and change the world. Choose to be kind and grateful. Blessed Solanus Casey, pray for us!

CCHD: SUPPORTING INSTITUTIONAL AND SOCIAL CHANGE

By Susan Hollis, Diocesan Director, Catholic Campaign for Human Development

One in eight people in the United States lives in poverty. One in six West Virginians lives under that same strain. Along with the physical struggles of poverty, the poor may not know how to make change happen in their lives.

Seeking to create positive change, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) was started by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops in 1969. CCHD strives to break the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families, and communities. Through funding community and economic development projects, CCHD helps people take hold of new and good things in their lives to help bring themselves up out of poverty.

Currently in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, CCHD is working with HOH Share, Inc. HOH Share, located in Wheeling, promotes positive change for those who are poor and live without housing. "We invest in innovative, people-driven projects that have unique approaches to giving voice, validity and dignity to the marginalized," says Kate Marshall, Executive Director of HOH Share.

With funding from CCHD, HOH Share is developing an advocacy arm of the organization. In the early stages they are starting by conducting listening sessions to better understand the core struggles that people are dealing with. From this intentional listening, HOH Share is creating a platform from which to fight for institutional and social change for people in our state.

Lauren Kotz, a Peer Recovery Coach with HOH Share, said, "After the first listening session I already feel more excited, more empowered and like we really can create change in our community. I went home so fulfilled and actually really believing that we are going to do good stuff in our community!"



HOH Share continues to empower those who are most vulnerable with this proactive approach to community organizing.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is proud to partner with amazing grassroots organizations to eradicate poverty and offer the poor a hand up, not a hand out.

To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia, visit www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org.

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Monday, November 22nd
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THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

First Reading DANIEL 7:13-14

As the visions during the night continued, I saw one like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; when he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, the one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.

Responsorial PSALMS 93:1, 1-2, 5

R. (1a) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The LORD is king, in splendor robed; robed is the LORD and girt about with strength.

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

And he has made the world firm, not to be moved. Your throne stands firm from of old; from everlasting you are, O LORD.

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Your decrees are worthy of trust indeed; holiness befits your house, O LORD, for length of days.

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Second Reading REVELATION 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, " says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."

Alleluia LUKE 21:36

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel JOHN 18:33b-37

Pilate said to Jesus,

"Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?"

Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that we may listen to the voice of our Savior as he testifies to the truth, and that inspired by the Holy Spirit, we may discern the truth and apply it to our lives, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That all around the world rulers may strive for justice and peace as they lead their nations with humility and benevolence, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For those who have died this last year, ones we know and ones we never knew, but yet are our brothers and sisters in Christ, may they be joyfully reunited with You, our loving creator, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That those seeking the source of all goodness may find the face of Christ the King reflected in the witness of our faith community, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



LET US GO *Rejoicing* TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.

PSALM 122

UPDATED GUIDELINES RELEASED

Bishop Mark E. Brennan released updated guidelines for our churches and facilities.

- New Norms for Reopening Parish Facilities for Meetings and Gatherings
- Updated Liturgical Guidelines
- Music Protocols for Liturgical Celebrations

These are available online at www.dwc.org.

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Pray the prayer for this day, this hour!

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Below are four options for enriching your spirit through daily Mass online.

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