



“THE CHRIST KING”

Pope Pius XI in the early nineteen hundred invented the feast of Christ the King. At his time there were kings, rulers and dictators and some were repressive and cruel beyond belief. Well I suppose it's not very different today. The pope wanted to set up a counter royalty to let them know that they were under judgement. He wanted to give them a different view of what it meant to be king. So he chose Jesus. The choice was wise because there couldn't be more of a contrast. For this king, is the image of the invisible God, first born of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him, as the second reading from the letter to the Colossians tells us. Yet he went through the jeering by the soldiers, calling out “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself”. An inscription above him read. “This is the King of the Jews”.

But what kind of king? Jesus did not have a scepter, which is a staff carried by rulers, but he did have a towel. He did not have people bowing backward from his presence but he himself bowed instead and washed their feet. He had no army but he did have disciples. He sat on no throne but rather on a donkey's back. He wore no crown of gold but one of thorns. He did not take life. He gave it. He did not set boundaries but included prostitutes, tax-collectors,

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outcasts and the poor in his kingdom.

He did not exploit people but spoke sympathetically of widow's mites, prodigal sons, good Samaritans, and raised the status of women. He did not wield the sword, but mercy as indicated in the gospel today, when he forgave the thief from the cross. He did not force. He invited.

If the disciples thought Jesus had been talking about a kingdom in which he would be, in their idea, what a king should be, they were all in for a rude shock. He had other plans. He was not what they thought him to be. Nothing remotely like a ruler. Not even a government official, senior bureaucrat, a high priest or some dictator. He had no ambition to exercise authority, or even any desire to allot positions in a kingdom, or confer favors on his friends. He was destined to wash feet and to be racked on a cross.

And this is the 'Christ King' that we claim to follow.

Reflection by Glenn de Cruz, CSSR

Novena notes



34th Sunday of Ordinary Time
 Year C
 24 November 2019

Readings & Responses for the Week

Sun, 24 November	2 Sam 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43 I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'
Mon, 25 November St. Catherine of Alexandria	Dan 1:1-6,8-20; Lk 21:1-4 To you glory and praise for evermore.
Tue, 26 November	Dan 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11 Give glory and eternal praise to him!
Wed, 27 November	Dan 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28; Lk 21:12-19 Give glory and eternal praise to him!
Thu, 28 November	Dan 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28 Give glory and eternal praise to him!
Fri, 29 November	Dan 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33 Give glory and eternal praise to him!
Sat, 30 November St. Andrew	Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22 Their word goes forth through all the earth.

WEEKDAY MASS (MON - FRI)
 Time: 6.30am, 12.15pm, 6.30pm
 Confession: Half an hour before Mass

SUNSET MASS (SAT)
 Time: 6.30pm

Time: 8am, 10am, 12noon*, 5.30pm
 *2nd & 4th Sunday - Mass in Tagalog,
 subject to the availability of priests.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY
 Time: 8am, 6.30pm

SATURDAY MORNING MASS
 Time: 7am

SATURDAY NOVENA DEVOTION
 English: 8am, 9.30am, 11am, 1pm, 4pm,
 5.30pm
 Mandarin: 2.30pm
 Confession: After every Novena Service
 except after the 11am service.

DAYS OF OBLIGATION
 Time: 7pm (Eve of Day of Obligation)
 6.30am, 12.15pm, 7pm

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Christ the King, 24th November 2019

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, formerly referred to as "Christ the King," was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925. The feast is intended to proclaim in a striking and effective manner Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations.

Today's Mass establishes the titles for Christ's royalty: 1) Christ is God, the Creator of the universe and hence wields the supreme power over all things; "All things were created by Him"; 2) Christ is our Redeemer, He ransomed us by His precious Blood, and made us His own possession; 3) Christ is Head of the Church, "holding in all things the primacy"; 4) God bestowed upon Christ the nations of the world as His special possession and dominion.

Today's Mass also describes the qualities of Christ's kingdom. This kingdom is: 1) governed in love and by love, 2) universal and inclusive of all, 3) eternal, for "The Lord shall sit a King in our midst today and will be revealed in glory when Christ comes again.

Church Canteen

Please take note the canteen will be closed on 30th November 2019.

Advent Novena

We are in the 5th week of the Advent Novena and this year theme is, "The Birth of Jesus". All are welcome. Bring along your family and friends.

23 Nov: Jesus and the Manger

30 Nov: Jesus and the Shepherds

7 Dec: Jesus and His Family

14 Dec: Jesus - Saviour, The Light of the World

21 Dec: Jesus - The King

Advent Prayer Reflection and Musical Presentation



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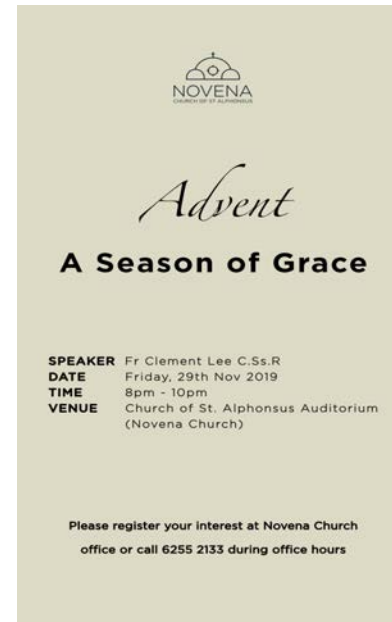
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AN ADVENT PRAYER REFLECTION
Risen Christ Youth Symphony
conducted by Dr. Aloysius Leong
DATE : 10th Dec 2019
TIME : 8.00pm - 9.30pm

CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE AGES
A Musical presentation by
Boni De Souza & Friends
DATE : 20th Dec 2019
TIME : 8.00pm - 9.30pm

All happening at Novena Church.
Free Admission.
A love offering would be greatly appreciated.

Advent - A Season of Grace

We are organising a formation session to help us prepare for advent and Christmas. Please register at the Church Reception. All are welcome.



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Advent

A Season of Grace

SPEAKER Fr Clement Lee C.Ss.R
DATE Friday, 29th Nov 2019
TIME 8pm - 10pm
VENUE Church of St. Alphonsus Auditorium (Novena Church)

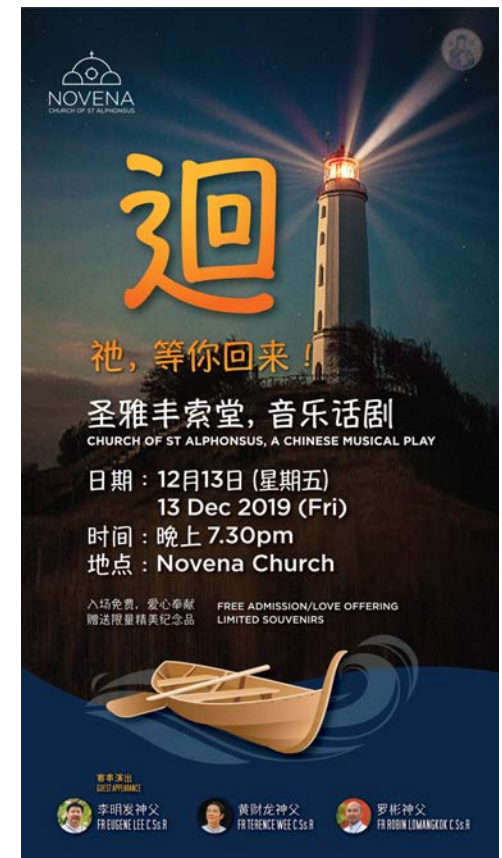
Please register your interest at Novena Church office or call 6255 2133 during office hours

Novena Church 70th Anniversary Celebrations

The Novena Church will be celebrating its 70th Anniversary next year. We invite your submission for a contest to design a logo for the celebrations.

The winning entry will be awarded a cash prize. If you are interested, please pick up a copy of the form at Church Reception or email to secretariatcssr@novenachurch.com, and the Contest submission form and specifications will be emailed to you. Closing date is [30th November 2019](#).

Advent Chinese Musical Play



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祂, 等你回来!

圣雅丰索堂, 音乐话剧
CHURCH OF ST ALPHONSUS, A CHINESE MUSICAL PLAY

日期: 12月13日 (星期五)
13 Dec 2019 (Fri)
时间: 晚上 7.30pm
地点: Novena Church

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CAST APPEARANCE

李明发神父
FR EUGENE LEE C.Ss.R

黄财龙神父
FR TERENCE WEE C.Ss.R

罗彬神父
FR ROBIN LOMANGKOK C.Ss.R

We will be organizing a Chinese Musical on the theme: Homecoming Pilgrims @ Novena (He is waiting for you) It will be held in Novena Church on 13th December 2019 at 7.30pm and admission is free. All are welcome!