

Christ the King



Adoration, Benediction & Dedication

Sunday, November 26th 2:30-3:15 PM

Our Lady of Annunciation Church

Reception following

Come adore the Lord and declare your commitment to live under the
Lordship of Jesus Christ the King.

All Catholics are invited to join us for a beautiful time of Song and Adoration.

Music begins at 2:15

Presider: Deacon Patrick Sena

Host: Sursum Corda Community

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Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father Matt 10:32

Why a Dedication on the Feast of Christ the King?

In Mark 12, Jesus tells us we must “love the Lord your God with *all your heart*, with *all your soul*, with *all your mind*, and with *all your strength*.” In Matt 28, Jesus commands us to “make disciples of all nations”. We can’t make disciples if we aren’t living as a disciple. The Feast of Christ the King is when the Catholic Church asks us to recognize that Jesus is Lord over all creation. An appropriate response to this reality is to commit ourselves to live as a disciple, and under His Lordship. Jesus invites us to respond with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

As we celebrate this Solemnity with song, adoration, and benediction, we will provide an opportunity to make a personal dedication to live under the Lordship of Jesus for the next 12 months. This annual dedication is made directly to our Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We offer ourselves completely to our God, and ask God to use us to build a life-giving culture (community) of Goodness, Truth, and Beauty. All present will be invited to kneel before the Blessed Sacrament and to pray the following dedication prayer. It should not be done lightly, and only after prayer and reflection. You are encouraged to prepare for this dedication by going to confession and spending time before the Blessed Sacrament. Meditate on the question, What am I holding back from the Lordship of Jesus: time, resources, talents, finances, relationships, or work?

This is a time of great confusion and division in the world. We need Catholic men and women living as disciples, and working to bring unity and healing. All Catholics are called to discipleship and evangelization. During this dedication, we acknowledge and accept this call. Please join us.

Dedication Prayer

Father, I offer you all my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings this year, in union with the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the sacrifice of the mass throughout the world. In my baptism, I became your adopted child, and I was anointed as priest, prophet, and king. May I live up to the dignity of this reality. Help me order this year according to your will.

Jesus, help me live as your disciple, and under your Lordship as I offer you all that I have and all that I am. I offer you my time, my gifts, my relationships, and my resources. Please order them for the building up of your Kingdom. Jesus, I love you and I trust in you!

Holy Spirit, I invite you into my life and heart. Please pour out your grace on me and give me the gifts I need to live this year as a disciple. Help me accept and understand your love and mercy for me, and to recognize my sin and turn from any sinful habits and inclinations. May I live for you by honoring and building-up each person I encounter, and may my life draw others closer to you.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I love you and I give you my whole life. Please surround me with brothers and sisters that are also striving to live as disciples, that together, we can be a visible witness of your Goodness, Truth and Beauty in the world. Amen.