

All of us want to put 2020 behind us, even though the pandemic continues to spread throughout our country and the world. This Sunday is the end of the Liturgical year, and we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. The readings center on how we care for one another. Ezekiel and the 23rd psalm, as a response, are about the care God always offer us as 'sheep'. Matthew's 'Last Judgment' is very clear about how we will be judged by God--in whether or not we were able to see the presence of Christ in all we encountered.

Next weekend, we begin the Advent season. HOPE is always an important virtue for us as Christians. Thanksgiving is this Thursday.

We continue to pray in gratitude for the election of President-Elect Joe Biden, and Vice-President Elect Kamala Harris. We ask for the guidance of the Spirit upon them, as they begin the healing process of bringing our nation together.

Even in the midst of an administration that refuses to concede, we pray our democracy will experience a smooth transition of power.

We are grateful for the healing of those in our community who have been battling Covid results and health concerns over the last few weeks. We are grateful that we can begin again 'livestreaming' the Eucharist each Sunday.

Thanks to all who are such good and faithful stewards of our community. You help us continue to live out the Gospel message here at St. James.

Blessings to you and your family this Thanksgiving time of year. May all of us continue to be safe and make healthy choices in gatherings with family and friends.

Peace,

Fr. Mike