

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

- Presider: Our loving God pastures us, gives us rest, seeks the lost, and binds up the injured. Let us approach our loving Shepherd with our prayers for the needs of all.
- ☺ For the holy Church of God, shepherded by Pope Francis and all the bishops in the name of the Good Shepherd, we pray;  
▶ **Christ, keep us faithful to you.**
- ☺ That leaders of nations look first to caring for the needs of the most vulnerable of their people, treating them with mercy, compassion, and kindness, we pray;  
▶ **Christ, keep us faithful to you.**
- ☺ For all who are oppressed by unjust rulers, for all whose well-being is disregarded by those in power, we pray;  
▶ **Christ, keep us faithful to you.**
- ☺ For the hungry, thirsty, and strangers in our midst, for those who cannot afford to clothe themselves or pay for the proper medications, for those who find themselves in prison: May they be comforted and healed by our merciful actions, we pray;  
▶ **Christ, keep us faithful to you.**
- ☺ For those who are seeking the Lord: May they find the face of the one true King reflected in the actions of our community of faith, we pray;  
▶ **Christ, keep us faithful to you.**
- ☺ That those who have fallen asleep may know eternal rest, we pray;  
▶ **Christ, keep us faithful to you.**
- ☺ For the prayers of our baskets, Edward Levandowski, Michael Slowinski, the Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph and St. Stephen Parishes, the Diocesan Annual Appeal, and the needs of St. Joseph Parish, we pray;  
▶ **Christ, keep us faithful to you.**

*(Pause for intentions from the heart to be prayed.)*

Presider: O God of all, you judge your people justly. Give us the grace and the will to act with mercy toward all, especially those on the peripheries of our world. Graciously hear these our prayers through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who is King of the Universe for ever and ever.

**ALL: AMEN!**

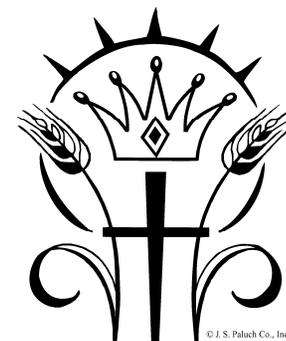
## ***SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING***

November 25-26, 2017

### **MASS INTENTIONS:**

†Edward Levandowski  
†Michael Slowinski

The Living & Deceased Members of  
St. Joseph and St. Stephen Parishes



### ***PENITENTIAL RITE:***

Lord Jesus, you summon your holy people to embrace  
you as Lord and king:  
Lord have mercy;

**.....Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, you reach out to us with a shepherd's care:  
Christ have mercy;

**... Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you will come in glory to bring salvation  
to your faithful people:  
Lord have mercy;

**.....Lord, have mercy.**

### **GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord God. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly. As for you, my sheep, says the Lord God, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

The Word of the Lord.  
**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

#21, Gather - Psalm 25  
To You, O Lord

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord.  
**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**PRAISE TO YOU LORD, JESUS CHRIST!**

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death, and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.