Solemnity of Christ the King — November 23, 2025

From the Desk of Fr. Leo

Sometimes we Americans wonder why the English bother with their monarchy. The fact is that the King, it seems to us, is little more than a figure-head with almost no authority. And yet within us there is some kind of wish for a person whom we can look up to, someone who personifies dignity and wins our respect, a person who makes us feel better than ourselves.

Many Americans found that kind of person in the election of the late John F. Kennedy as President of the United States. He was young, handsome, intelligent, and articulate. He was married to a beautiful woman who, it seemed to us, had become his Queen and who had presented him with beautiful children, a prince and a princess. The White House became known as Camelot. The United States had a family to whom many Americans attributed the title of royalty.

But on Friday, November 22, 1963 the dream was shattered. During four days Americans sat stunned before their television sets, watching again and again the picture of the unbelievable assassination and the woeful funeral ceremonies which helped to convince us that the President's death was real. Since the stories have gradually been unfolded which reveal that all was not perfect as we had imagined. The dream of Camelot was shattered and the illusion of royalty was dimmed.

All along we had been looking in the wrong direction toward the White House in Washington D.C. As if it were a palace. We should have been looking back to Calvary because the cross is truly the throne of Christ the King. His death was not a tragedy, as was that of John F. Kennedy. It was a triumph over our twin enemies, sin and death. Above the head of Jesus on the cross, Pilate the Governor had placed an ironic inscription: "This is the King of the Jews." We replace that inscription with our profession of faith: "Christ is Our King," To him we pray: "Remember us when you enter upon your reign."

God has done much more than make us subjects of Christ the King. He has transformed us through his gift of grace into his brothers and sisters. The brothers and sisters of a king are prince and princesses. We are royal people, possessed of a dignity and worth which only God can grant.

We do not need an earthly sovereign to give us self-respect. Our King is truly royal. His kingdom is not an imaginary Camelot. It is an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace. Our King is Christ the Lord.

Fr. Leo Alban Asuncion

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues.	**November 18**	**11:00AM**
Minas Buenaflor		Buenaflor-Roth Family
Wed.	**November 19**	**11:00AM**
Flor Combong †		Ed & Mae
Thur.	**November 20**	**9:00AM**
People of the Parish		
Fri.	**November 21**	**11:00AM**
Sr. Deanna (birthday)		Ed & Mae
Sat.	**November 22**	**4:30PM**
Sid Jensen Sr. †		Trudi
Sun.	**November 23**	**9:00AM**
Jorge, Tomasa, Jose & Manuel †		Your Family
Port Costa		**11:00AM**
People of the Parish		

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