

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

ABOVE HIM THERE WAS
AN INSCRIPTION THAT READ,
“THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.”

LUKE 23:38

OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 20, 2022

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH ANNEX

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MASS SCHEDULE

*MASSSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED AT 6:30 AM MON/TUES/WED;
8:00 AM THUR/FRI; AND 9:00 AM ON SUNDAYS
(YOU TUBE HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH MARYLAND HEIGHTS)*

Monday thru Wednesday.....6:30am
Thursday and Friday.....8:00am
Saturday:8:00am and 5:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, and 11:00am
Holy Days: Please consult the bulletin.

Eucharistic Chapel Hours

Weekdays: 12am to 6am and 9am to 12 midnight.
Saturdays: 12am to 7am
Chapel will close at 7am Saturday until 9am Monday.
Eucharistic Adoration
1:00pm—6:50pm followed by Benediction

SPECIAL REQUESTS

COMMUNION CALLS

Please call the Parish Office to request Communion if someone is unable to attend Church.

HOSPITAL VISITS

Please notify the Parish Office concerning hospitalization.

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION

Saturday 4:00 to 4:45pm or by appointment

BAPTISMS & CLASSES:

Baptism Class for parents/godparents is normally held on the first Monday of the month at 7 PM in the Church. To register for the meeting and/or to arrange for a baptism, call the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning marriage contact the pastor at least six months in advance.

Registration

New parishioners may register at Parish Office or download a registration form, www.holyspiritstl.org.

New information, such as change of address, phone numbers or moving from the parish, please call Parish Office at 314-739-0230

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Please submit information for the bulletin by Noon TWO Fridays before publication. Include name, daytime phone number of person submitting information, and group name.
Items can be e-mailed to msaputo@holyspiritstl.org.



A Note from Father Bob

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you!

As we approach our Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, I would like to express my gratitude for all of you. You make our parish community a great place to live and worship. Blessings to all and Happy Thanksgiving!

This past week, Archbishop Rozanski announced that the decision on elementary schools has been delayed until the 2023-2024 school year. Originally, the plan was to announce the decision the week of this coming January 9th. What does this mean for our school? Like all schools, we will plan for the next school year and begin registrations with Catholic Schools week in late January.

If you have looked at the planning model options for our parish one could conclude, because of our church and congregation size, that we will remain a parish site. One could also reasonably conclude that, given our location and the stability of our parish and school, we will also continue to have a school.

Following the announcement, I attended the regularly scheduled deanery meeting of the West County Deanery. There was a great deal of discussion about the decision to delay and what comes next. Among the priests in attendance was Fr. Rich Bockskopf. As most in our parish know, Fr. Rich, led our parish through the transition from the 3 parishes of St. Mary's, St. Lawrence the Martyr, and St. Blaise to become Holy Spirit Parish. He recalled that the transition began in 1997 and was delayed by legal action surrounding the expansion of the airport. The transition was completed in 2004, seven years after it began!

He mentioned four very important lessons learned from that transition that are still important. They are: 1). There will be problems. 2). Change will occur. 3). We are responsible for making the changes. 4). God is with us through all this transition. Those are good lessons to keep in mind as we continue on this journey of transition and planning for the Archdiocese, our parishes, and our schools. May we continue to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as all things are made new. God is with us; may we rely on his grace.

Let's continue praying for each other this week.

Peace,

Father Bob

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 20

7:30am Gabi Lindner
9:00am People of the Parish
11:00am Brendan Ryan

Monday, November 21

6:30am Helen Mente

Tuesday, November 22

6:30am Evelyn Mareschal

Wednesday, November 23

6:30am Mike Rolfes

Thursday, November 24—Thanksgiving Day

9:00am Stephen Hercules

Friday, November 25

8:00am Charles Dent

Saturday, November 26

8:00am Kenneth Duchek
5:00pm Bonaventure Suares

Sunday, November 27

7:30am Terry Moran
9:00am Madonna Kirts
11:00am People of the Parish

Holy Spirit ACTS

Help continue the 20th anniversary celebration of ACTS here at Holy Spirit Parish with our next men's retreat:

"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men"

January 19th-22nd, 2023

Director: Joe Deckard
314-753-4525 or joe.deckard@sbcglobal.net

Co-Directors:
Kurt Kientzle, 314-322-8344
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Questions? Want to help?

Please contact Alli Kleitz or Jeanne Kielhofner, Core Team Communications.
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Holy Spirit

Contemplative Prayer Group

This group meets on the **1st and 3rd Monday** of the month: **3:30—4:45pm** in the Resource Center.

NEXT MEETING ~ Mon., Nov. 21

Contemplative prayer, such as Centering Prayer, can lead one to discover the meaning of Psalm 46:

"Be still and know that I am God".

If you have an interest, please contact **Karlye Keleher at 314-291-5209**

Consider Electronic Giving Year-Round

TO SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING, GO TO
<https://holyspiritstl.org/Online-Giving>

*If you need help navigating the website, please call
Mary Saputo at the Parish Office
314-739-0230*

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Stewardship for Oct. 31 - Nov. 6, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 15,137.00
Loose Collection	\$ 623.25
Online Donations	\$ 7,727.00
Total	\$ 23,487.25
Weekly Budget	\$ 17,410.00
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	\$ 6,077.25

HandS	Parish Improv.
\$3,243.00	708.00



FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

We express our deep sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the family of

♦ **Billie Benoist, wife of Larry**

MAY HER SOUL REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST.

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

Gluten allergy? Would you like a gluten-free host?
Please contact the Parish Office, 314-739-0230.

OUR MISSION:

We, the community of Holy Spirit Parish, centered in the Eucharist, and guided by the Holy Spirit, will use our shared wisdom to be a joyful, accepting and forgiving community. We encourage all to grow in the Catholic faith by teaching and proclaiming the Gospel, serving others and praising God.

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our Nov. 7 Red & Blue Raffle winner of \$25 ~ Caitlyn Shelley
Thank you for supporting our school!

- Tues., Nov. 22:** ALL Students will receive a FREE dessert at their lunch session today!
Provided by our Home & School Association.
- Wed., Nov. 23:** 9:00am—Grandparent's Day Mass Preschool through Grade 8 led by Grade 6
Grandparent Day will be celebrated after Mass
NOON Dismissal
NO Spirit Zone Aftercare
- Thurs., Nov. 24:** **Holy Spirit Catholic School Wishes everyone a HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**
NO School
- Fri., Nov. 25:** NO School

Support Holy Spirit!—Get a head start on your holiday shopping with RaiseRight Gift Cards (formerly Scrip)

**AMAZON SMILE*—Go to smile.amazon.com and select Holy Spirit Catholic Church Maryland Heights MO as your charity and Holy Spirit will get .5% on all eligible smile purchases.*

HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH MINISTRY

FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM www.facebook.com/hsyouth AND as [hs_youth_stl](#) (HS Youth STL) on Instagram

TEACHING MASS

All are invited to join us on Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. for a Teaching Mass.

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS:

NO Eat. Pray. Discuss gathering on Thanksgiving, November 24 or Thursday, Dec. 1.

WE HAVE A GROUP TEXT MESSAGE for 8th grade/high school gatherings USING REMIND APP.

Contact Donna Eisenbath to be added to the group messages and reminders.

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS AND 8TH GRADE:

The Office of Youth Ministry for the Archdiocese of St. Louis is hosting a Generation Life event at the Chaifetz Arena from 8-3 on Friday, January 20th. The event is for 8th grade through high school youth and cost \$35. If you would like to attend with Holy Spirit YM, please contact Donna Eisenbath.

CONFIRMATION

• 8TH GRADE FAMILIES –

- ◇ **December 4** at 10:10 – 11:45 in the Annex we will celebrate with snacks and community, and do some discussion around Session 11

• 7TH GRADE FAMILIES –

- ◇ Don't forget to turn in your choice for the time and day you would like to attend Confirmation sessions by December 6th. You can email them to deisenbath@holyspiritstl.org, drop them off in the Parish Office, or at school or PSR.

7th AND 8th GRADE:

The next Middle School Madness is Friday, December 16 from 7-9 in the Annex. Join us for food, fun, friends!

WE NEED YOU!

PRAYER PARTNERS – The most important thing you can do for us is pray.

NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION: *In honor of All Saints and All Souls, please pray for our young people who have experienced loss in their lives.*

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Good and gracious God, we give you thanks today for the gift of creation and of life. Bless this food, that it may nourish and sustain us, and strengthen our ability to do your will. We pray in thanksgiving for all the hands involved in bringing it to our table. You tell us, Lord, that to whom much is given, much is expected. May this meal and the fellowship we enjoy not only serve as clear reminders of your love for us, but of your call to share your love and to serve others, especially those most in need. We ask this in Jesus's name. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers our
Sick and Home-Bound *Parishioners*
and those who care for them.

Don Abramovitz	Mike Graff	John Rath
Stacey Armentrout	Norma Gross	Pat Romano
Brian Bannister	Sherry Holland	Peggy Rumph
Lorraine Bath	Kenneth Jordan	Jean Schepers
Ronnie Bindbeutel	Sue Knoesel	Pete Schwaninger
Carol Bonner	Sr. Joan Kuester	Jim Smith
Becky Bonner	Rita Laurentius	Lois Smith
Jim Brockmeyer	Michael Lemp	Rudi/Brenda
Karen Clarke	Charles Medvick	Torricelli
Dorothy Dailey	Susie Meyer	Bill/JoanWeinzirl
Leon Deimeke	Glenn Mueller	Ray Woerheide
Tom DuBois	Bob/Donna Pedrotti	Tom/Jeanne
Debbie Dufaux	Karen Piskulic	Zemblidge
Ray/Betty Garvels	Bob/Tootie	
Jim Gerdes	Ponder	
Kathy Glaser	Carolyn Putnam	

Please remember in your prayers our
Sick Relatives and Friends:

Kate Allen	Michael Gill	Mike Prinzi
Bailey Family	Greg/Jane Hefley	Jan Redden
Paul Beckerle	Diane Herman	Jessica Schulte
Kendell/Tina	Ray Jackson	Alford Snowden
Bedell	Suzanne Johnson	Grace Solimando
Ann/Bill Boewer	Karen Kohler	Caroline Van Scoyk
Teagan Bracken	Jenny Lemkemann	Barbie Schlenk
Colton Christian	Steve Mashmeyer	Jerry Sutterer
Brenda Joyce	Barb McDonald	Will Vonder Haar
Crouch	Alton Mercer	Joyce Watts
Debbie Bick	Lou /Betty Merritt	Chris Wells
Byron Difani	Colin Meyer	Paul Williams
Steve Essner	John Misauraca	Michelle Wilson
Harold Feltmann	Bill Nobles	Ruby Winschel
Kathy First	Melinda Oeth	
John Garvels	Liz Prange	

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery,
may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

PSR NEWS

All are invited and welcomed to join us for a Teaching Mass on Tuesday, November 22 to celebrate Thanksgiving with the PSR Families. Mass will begin at 7pm

SEEKING DONATIONS FOR OUR THANKSGIVING MASS AND ADVENT ACTIVITY NIGHT:

We will be collecting the following items for HandS at the Mass on Nov. 22:

Hamburger Helper, Chicken Helper or Tuna Helper
Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Kleenex
Laundry Soap, Dish Soap
2-Quart Bottles of Juice, all flavors (Aldi carries these)
Kid Friendly Cereals

Please DO NOT SEND peanut butter, or canned pasta like Chef Boyardee

For Advent Activity, we would like to assemble birthday bags using the following items. generic birthday cards, balloons, birthday candles, napkins, disposable tablecloth, cupcake liners, foil cake or cupcake pans
Donations can be dropped off by Dec. 4 in the Parish Hall in the boxed marked ADVENT ACTIVITY NIGHT:

FAMILIES

- November 22 is our Thanksgiving Mass and Community Prayer night. Mass begins at 7pm. Please plan to join us a few minutes early. We will take attendance for the drawing at the end of the year. You are encouraged to bring a donation for HandS. See above note.
- Remember to attend all family events with your child. I know the children look forward to having their families join in, and your family will be entered into the drawing for free family fees for PSR.
- Be sure to check out our bulletin and display boards in the hallway.
- Community Prayer will be at 7:45 on Dec. 13 led by 3rd grade.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION-IMPORTANT DATES

- ***Tues., Nov. 22** – Thanksgiving Mass at 7pm
- ***Tues., Dec. 6** – Advent Activity Night. Families of grades 1-5 are invited to attend.
- ***Tues., Dec. 13** – Community Prayer led by 3rd grade.
- ***Upcoming Family, Faith, and Fun nights** – Dec. 13 for 7th grade; Dec. 20th for 1st grade

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, November 20

8:00-11am—Scrip Sales, Parish Hall
8:00-11am—**Pancake Breakfast**, Gym
7:00pm—Al-Anon, Rigali Rm & Zoom

Monday, November 21

1:00-7:00pm—Eucharistic Adoration,
closing with Benediction at 6:50pm
3:30pm—Contemplative Prayer, Resource Ctr
6:00pm—Quilting, Annex

Tuesday, November 22

9:00am—Quilting, Annex
11:00am—Lunch Bunch, Sports Cafe

Wednesday, November 23

6:30am-9am—St. Patrick's Ctr. Casseroles
9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
7:00pm—Contemporary Music
7:00pm—Prayer Shawl Mtg., Resource Ctr.

Thursday, November 24

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Friday, November 25

Parish Office is Closed

Saturday, November 26

4:00pm—Confessions

Sunday, November 27

8:00-11am—Scrip Sales, Parish Hall
8-10am—St. Patrick's Ctr. Salad Sunday
7:00pm—Al-Anon, Rigali Rm & Zoom



Lunch Bunch!

TUES., NOVEMBER 22

our **older adult** parishioners are
invited to gather at **11 am**
for light-hearted conversation while
enjoying lunch together.

Please Call The Office to RSVP by
Mon. Nov. 21: 314-739-0230

**SPORTS CAFÉ, 3579 Pennridge Dr.,
Bridgeton, MO 63044
Bring a Friend!**



Holy Spirit Ladies Club Annual Christmas Party

TUES. DEC. 13—1:30PM
PARISH HALL

***Enjoy a catered lunch and
Some Holiday Cheer!***

**Please RSVP
by Sun., Dec. 4th
Karen: 314-291-1971**

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ST. PATRICK CENTER CASSEROLES

WED. NOV. 23

**Casserole Collection will be from
6:30am—9am** in the white bin curbside
outside of church

(In case of inclement weather, in the Parish Hall)
Pans/lids will also be available for you to pick up.
For more information, contact Mary Beth Schulte,
314-229-8067 or SpecRelEdu@aol.com.

ST. PATRICK CENTER SALADS

SUN. NOV. 27

Holy Spirit volunteers provide salads and/or
components to help feed the homeless.

**Salad and/or components will be collected
between 8 & 10 am**

The container will be in the Gathering Area. For more
information contact Ellen Staples, 314-422-2381

THANK YOU

A sincere thanks to all those who contributed to our Hands Thanksgiving baskets! 18 families were able to choose items for a wonderful holiday meal with their families. You have truly touched others with your love and generosity of food items, gift cards and financial donations. Thank you to Norma Wibbenmeyer and her committee - Jackie Haggarty and Linda DeNatale for their hard work.

LOVE BEHIND THE DEEDS

God doesn't want our deeds; God wants the love that prompts them.

~ St. Teresa of Ávila

Holy Spirit Parish
Advent by Candlelight
Sunday, December 11, 2022

Contact information for this event:

Lisa Ahern – lisaahernathome@gmail.com – (314) 605-4346-cell phone

Ann Allman – anncallman@gmail.com – (314) 724-2124-cell phone

**Please join us for Advent By Candlelight this year
in the third week of Advent celebrating **JOY**.**

5pm – Doors open.

5:30pm – We are providing a catered meal in the parish hall.

Must have a reservation for the meal. Reservation deadline is December 5, 2022. If you have not already been contacted by a hostess, please contact Lisa Ahern or Ann Allman for reservations.

7pm – Move into the church for music and a speaker. No reservations are required to attend at 7pm in the church.

Our guest speaker is Archbishop Rozanski focusing on:

The **JOY of Christ In the Eucharist.**

Donations to Charity

Our charity this year is: **Catholic Charities**

Your table hostess will be contacting you with the list of items needed for donations. If you would like a list sent to you via email, please contact Lisa Ahern.



Hands Food Pantry

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER REQUESTS

chili - with beans
chili - no beans
Canned chili beans
regular coffee (can-not pods)
decaf coffee (can-not pods)
beef soups
potato side dishes (au gratin,
scaloped etc)
spaghetti sauce without meat
spaghetti sauce with meat

crackers
cookies
peaches
applesauce
cereal (please no plain cheerios or
corn flakes)
bathroom cleaner
sugar
flour

vegetable oil
pancake or baking mix
cake mixes and icing
canned salmon
canned ham
canned pears

NO peanut butter or canned pasta like Chef Boyardee ravioli



HandS Giving Tree 2022

We will begin collecting gifts for The HandS Giving Tree this Weekend, **Nov. 19 & 20** and continue through **Sunday, Nov. 27** in the Gathering Area of Church.

Purchase one of the suggested gifts from the list below for St. Augustine's Wellston Center.

DO NOT wrap it and include the price of the item - if possible.

Suggested Gifts: (please no puzzles, crafts or gifts for children under age 3)

Toys: cars, trucks, ethnic dolls, games for teenagers, remote control vehicles, and sports items.

For All Ages: clothes, sleeper blankets, sweaters, jackets, underwear, socks, sweat suits (Large & X-Large & 2X).

Household: sheets (full and queen size), kitchen and bath towels, dishes, glasses, pots and pans, toaster ovens, electric skillet, coffee maker, flatware, flashlights, wall clocks and storage containers

Other: men and women fragrance or soap gift sets, hand lotion, holiday food gift packages (example: Hickory Farms), popcorn tins, jewelry, radios, cameras and watches

OR

Make a monetary gift to HandS and place in the collection basket (in a labeled envelope) at Church, or donate through online giving or drop off to the Parish Office. **Please no gift cards.** Due to the ongoing Covid-19 concerns we will not be collecting children's toys for Community Helping Ministry again this year.

Return all gifts to Church no later than Sunday, November 27.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry

Jesus' clothing had miraculous healing powers. The woman who suffered from hemorrhage for 12 years, was healed when she simply touched Jesus' garment (Matthew 5:28). People begged to touch the fringe of Jesus' cloak and were cured of illness when they did. (Matthew 14:36)

Pocket Prayer shawls (also called mini prayer shawls) and Prayer Wristbands are available in the gathering area in a basket on the desk near the door. The pocket prayer shawls are great to have with you in a pocket or purse as a reminder of God's love. The wristbands are the same, but are especially nice for people who are in the hospital or those having medical procedures.

With the doctor's permission they can often be worn during procedures.

Full sized Prayer Shawls are available for women, men and children. All of the items are hand made by parishioners. Full sized shawls and lapghans are available upon request at no cost.

**To my crafters. We are in need of more pocket prayer shawls and wristbands.
If you need a pattern, please call or text me.**

Next Meeting is Wed. Nov. 23 at 7pm in the Resource Center upstairs meeting room.

You are welcome to come and craft with us or just stop by to chat.

If you have any questions, or want a shawl, don't hesitate to call or text Mary at 314-497-5048. OR email dalebannister@sbcglobal.net.

Quilt Bingo News

Thank you to all who supported Quilt Bingo this year! What a wonderful afternoon!
Congratulations to the winners of the raffle:

1. Queen Size Quilt - Lois Frein
2. Picnic Quilt - Tonya Hovis
3. Baby Quilt - Chris Rivers
4. Lottery Prize - Diana Schenk
5. Lap Afghan Basket - Carol Albert

6. Wine Basket - Miriam Woodruff
7. Baby Basket - Lyn Gath

***We hope to see you next year!
Sharon Silver & Jean Martin***

Our Lord Christ the King

2 Samuel 5:1-3
Ps 122:1-5
Colossians 1:12-20
Luke 23:35-43

Monday November 21
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Revelation 14:1-3,4b-5
Ps 24:1b-6
Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday November 22
St. Cecilia
Revelation 14:14-19
Ps 96:10-13
Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday November 23
Revelation 15:1-4
Ps 98:1-3b,7-9
Luke 21:12-19

Thursday November 24
St. Andrew Dung-Lac & co.
Rev. 18:1-2,21-23;19:1-3,9a
Ps 100:1b-2,3,4,5
Luke 21:20-28

Friday November 25
Revelation 20:1-4,11-21:2
Ps 84:3-6a,8a
Luke 21:29-33

Saturday November 26
Revelation 22:1-7
Ps 95:1-7b
Luke 21:34-36

In the Gospel reading, one of the criminals hanging next to Jesus on the cross represents us. Jesus is our king and we want to spend eternity with him in his kingdom. As long as we have this attitude, there is no reason to doubt that when we die we will join Jesus in Paradise.

As the king of heaven, Jesus has the right and the authority to choose who is allowed into his kingdom. And as this Good Friday thief shows us, Jesus says, "Yes, come in, welcome!" to anyone who recognizes his authority.

Let's look at what the authority of Jesus is like. At the Last Supper, when he washed the feet of his disciples, he made it clear that the heavenly king exerts his authority by serving those who belong to his kingdom.

The next day, he took a crown of thorns instead of a

crown of gold, because the glory of his kingship is not represented by earthly treasures but by riches that are given to others, the personal sacrifices that are motivated by love, even for those who don't deserve it.

After his resurrection, although he'd been healed from the destruction of death, his five crucifixion wounds were not healed. To this day, he still bears those wounds as a continual reminder to us that he does not



use his authority for his own benefit, but for ours. Earthly kings wear expensive rings on their hands; our heavenly king wears the marks of sacrifice.

We belong to God's kingdom when we lovingly serve others with Christ because we understand the glory of giving generously to others, of making personal sacrifices, and of loving those who don't deserve our love.

If we offer to Jesus our sufferings because we realize that they have value, we wear the five wounds of Jesus in our souls. Of course we will join Jesus in Paradise – we have already united ourselves to him!

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Reflect on a time when you submitted yourself to Christ's authority by obeying a difficult teaching of the Church or by doing something Christ-like that you didn't want to do. Did you feel loved by God? Did you feel served?
2. What will you do to become more aware of his service to you? What are you holding onto today that does not belong to his kingdom? What will you do this week to allow Jesus to be your king in every area of your life?
3. Name some of the ways that Jesus serves us. Does he do it directly to you or through other people in his kingdom? When you serve others, how is this a recognition of the kingship and authority of Christ?

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT—(NOVEMBER 27, 2022)
Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44



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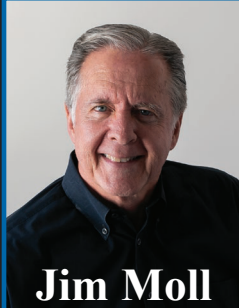
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