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JOHN 18:37



His Life as Truth

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We are bombarded by many statements professing to be true. Advertisers seek our endorsement, political parties seek our allegiance, and friends seek our agreement. Each purports to offer truth. In the Gospel this week, Pilate asks Jesus whether he is a king. Jesus replies, “You say I am a king. For this...I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice” (John 18:37). What is Jesus’ truth?

We tend to go through life taking stands on various issues: how to raise children, what kind of exercise is best, which political approach to endorse, and countless others. Once we decide, we often make that stance one of life’s truths and proclaim all others

false. Jesus, on the other hand, offers his life as truth, much bigger than our petty truths. His truth stretches us beyond what we already are, more than life issues that change daily. His life’s truth declares that meaning is found only by living for others, that loving someone can heal their pain, that wisdom is found in the struggle, that less is more. Jesus’ ultimate truth is doing his Father’s will. The fact that it is difficult or that we tend not to live it very well makes it no less the truth. ●

Reflect

***How does your life witness to the truth
Jesus’ life reveals?***

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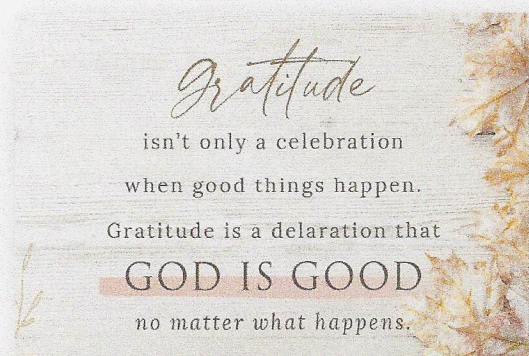
There are many people who feel they have no blessings, that their lives are devoid of reason to give thanks. Sometimes this results from challenges in life but just as often it happens in people with sufficient financial resources and good health. All depends on perspective. Often it is negative attitude and not actual fact which overwhelms us. What is at stake is not a lack of material goods as a lack of positive attitude, an **Attitude of Gratitude**.

If honest, every one of us can point to positive and negative realities in our lives. That's life. But attitude determines how we interpret reality. We choose to be controlled, positively or negatively, by external events, but this is choice, not something forced upon us. Every one of us can succumb to negative attitude on occasion. Who gets unconditionally all they want or feel they need? Life doesn't work that way. But one can choose to be focused through the lens of thanksgiving. It doesn't help to compare ourselves with others – we become depressed if we have less or smug if we have more. Obtaining things never brings happiness. Material things are not bad; it is one's attitude toward things that can lead to sin.

Thanksgiving Day is a secular holiday and although it is possible to view it through a religious lens, I suspect many people will elect to view it as just another holiday. Christians, however,

can choose to recognize that blessings are not self-generated but originate with God, beginning with life itself. This Thanksgiving, take time to reflect on and give thanks for your blessings; then share those blessings. That's an **Attitude of Gratitude**.

From Father Ken



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are entering the Thirty- Fourth Week in Ordinary Time. Today, November 24th, we celebrate the **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe**. His kingdom is everlasting. This coming Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, it is important for us to spend time during this special day to thank God for our many Blessings.

On Tuesday November 26th, we will gather in the PAX Center at 7:00 PM to assist the Knights of Columbus in making 500 sandwiches for the Presbyterian Night Shelter. Please Join the Knights in this important ministry.

If you plan to attend Father Ken's Advent Retreat: **The Abiding Presence Of God** after the 9:00 AM Mass on Monday December 2nd, please sign up on the sheet at the Chapel entrance. Lunch will be provided in Activity Rooms A & B at 11:45 AM.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena begins Wednesday December 4th. We will meet in the Video Room from 4:30 – 5:30 PM through Wednesday December 11th. The final Rosary will be said on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Thursday December 12th, in the Chapel at 8:30 AM, followed by a procession with roses and Mass at 9:00 AM. After Mass we will have Breakfast in the Lounge.

When requesting Mass Intentions for 2025, please limit your requests for an individual to one request per month. This will enable more people to request Mass intentions.

As mentioned in last week's bulletin, donations for memorial candles around the statues in the Chapel have increased to \$15.00 per candle per month. Bill Humm will take all requests for memorial candles.

Your continued support for our Giving Tree Ministry is appreciated. Many individuals will benefit with joy from your generosity in this Christmas ministry.

Bishop Olson asks that we continue to promote the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal. The 2025 appeal goal is \$5 Million. All monies collected support numerous Catholic Charities and the Seminarians in our Diocese. Envelopes are available at the entrance to the Chapel. Please deposit envelopes in the collection baskets.

A very special thank you goes out to Ann Welch who has served as our Music Director for a number of years. Ann has blessed us with the music at our Masses without financial compensation and always with a smile. She will continue to provide music for Adoration and other occasions.



Ann, we appreciate and thank you for your generosity and faithfulness over the years.

Pope Francis has asked that all Dioceses of the World spotlight November 9th of each year to honor all the Saints who have lived amongst us. This commemoration will begin during the 2025 Jubilee year on November 9th.

He asks that we think of the saints we meet in everyday life and those 'next door' ... those ordinary people who humbly live the Christian virtues of faith, hope, and charity.

This is a way for us to remember and honor those figures in our Diocese each year for their holiness.

May Christ's will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

*God Give You Peace
Mike Pierson*



| Mass Intentions | |
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| Nov. 24, 2024 | SFV Catholic Chapel Community |
| Nov. 25, 2024 | Repose of the Soul of Father Paul Juniet By Deacon Howard Herring |
| Nov. 26, 2024 | Father Bob Strittmatter |
| Nov. 27, 2024 | Repose of the Soul of Father Bob Thames By Father Ken Robinson |
| Nov. 28, 2024 | SFV Catholic Chapel Community |
| Nov. 29, 2024 | Repose of the Soul of Mable Groh By Jim Groh |
| Nov. 30, 2024 | SFV Catholic Chapel Community (5:00 PM Vigil Mass) |

Dear Padre,

When receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, I feel the need to respond, “Thank you, Jesus. Amen.” Is this OK or should I just stick to “Amen”?

“Amen” is an appropriate response, in and of itself. An emphatic, heartfelt “Amen” is an affirmation of faith meant to capture our feelings of profound gratitude and awe in the presence of God. It’s also a statement of belief, roughly translated as “truly,” “most assuredly,” or “so be it” to what has been said.

For example, when we conclude the Creed with “Amen,” it repeats and confirms the first words “I believe.” “To believe is to say ‘Amen’ to God’s words, promises and commandments; to entrust oneself completely to him who is the ‘Amen’ of infinite love and perfect faithfulness” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1064). “Jesus Christ is...the definitive ‘Amen’ of the Father’s love for us. He takes up and completes our ‘Amen’ to the Father.... That is why we utter the Amen through him, to the glory of God” (CCC 1065).

Sharing in the one bread and the one cup is a time of unity with God and with God’s people. Each individual communicant’s “Amen” is also meant to be an expression of our unity together in receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. Responding with something other than “Amen” may serve to disrupt that unity and draw attention to yourself. So, yes, stick with a sincere, mindful “Amen!” ●

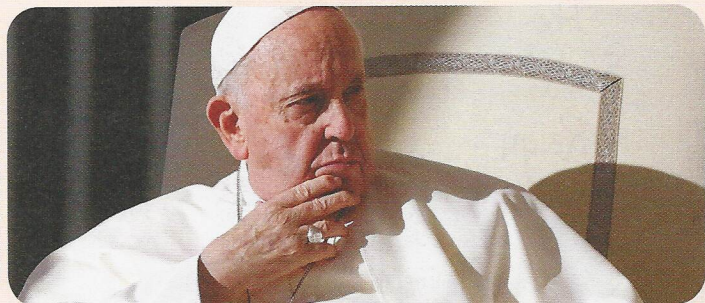
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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The best proof that Christ is our king is detachment from what pollutes life, makes it ambiguous, opaque, sad.... When we live under the lordship of Jesus, we do not become corrupt, we do not become false, inclined to cover up the truth. We do not live double lives. Remember this well: all of us are sinners, yes; corrupt, never.

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Monday

November 25

Weekday

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5

Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

November 26

Weekday

Rv 14:14-19

Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

November 27

Weekday

Rv 15:1-4

Lk 21:12-19

Thursday

November 28

Weekday

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23;

19:1-3, 9a

Lk 21:20-28

Thanksgiving Day (US)

Sir 50:22-24

1 Cor 1:3-9

Lk 17:11-19

Friday

November 29

Weekday

Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2

Lk 21:29-33

Saturday

November 30

St. Andrew, Apostle

Rom 10:9-18

Mt 4:18-22

Sunday

December 1

First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16

1 Thes 3:12-4:2

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36