

# INCARNATION OF OUR LORD CHURCH

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## November 23<sup>rd</sup> – December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

**SAT.** Confessions – 3:00PM – 4:00PM  
Vigil – Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe  
4:15PM – +Paul Bosak by daughter  
Sandy Bosak  
& +Dale & Dean Hess by Family

**SUN.** 10:00AM – Solemnity of Christ the King  
Mass in the Ordinariate Form

## HAVE A BLESSED & HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

**THURS.** 9:00AM – Thanksgiving Day Mass  
(Incarnation/Holy Infancy Choirs)  
All Parishioners  
\*\*Blessed loaves of bread will be given out  
(1loaf/family)

**SAT.** Confessions – 3:00PM – 4:00PM  
Vigil – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
4:15PM – +Joseph & +Louise Slabikosky  
By daughters Louise, Joanne,  
& Rosalie

**SUN.** 10:00AM – Advent I  
Mass in the Ordinariate Form

### SUNDAY COLLECTION

11/16/2024

\$1,156.00

E-Giving: \$370.00

Total: \$1,526.00

THANK YOU!

**RESPECT LIFE**

## THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE LAMPS

Sanctuary Lamp - In Memory of Anna Zaun by brother Francis Ezar

Blessed Virgin Mary Lamp - In Memory of Robert Cressman by Bonnie Miller

St. Joseph Lamp - In Memory of Paul Bosak by daughter Sandy Bosak

Our Lady of the Rosary Lamp - In Memory of Robert Noctor by Family

Infant of Prague - In Memory of George Yenca by nephews John, David, & Kenneth Stofanek

\*\*\*Diocesan Information: Youth Protection - To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, visit [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner. **COURAGE** - Diocesan Help Line - 610-217-5557. **Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service:** If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service @ [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 1-800-276-1562.

**Incarnation Senior Group** - NOTE: There will be NO SR. GROUP MEETING FOR DECEMBER. Instead, we will have our annual "CHRISTMAS PARTY" ON WED., DEC. 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 @ the PRIME RESTAURANT @ 12NOON! Our next regular meeting will be held on Wed., Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025! New members are always welcome and we also extend a warm welcome to any Holy Infancy Seniors who would like to join our group!! There's something for everyone to enjoy! Bingo, finger foods, and refreshments are served. Please contact one of our officers if you have any questions.



## FR. ANDY'S CORNER:

### Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

We pray everyone has a blessed Thanksgiving and can enjoy your family and friends with safe travel.

We invite everyone to come and celebrate with your parish family at the Thursday November 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM Mass at Incarnation Church before you go to celebrate with your families! Every year we are alternating between Incarnation and Holy Infancy Churches for Thanksgiving. Big thank you to Stephanie Turek and her crew for making the small loaves of bread that will be blessed at the end of Mass and distributed one per family! God bless us all!

### Solemnity of Christ the King

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever. ...

Today, religious freedom for many people means that we can believe whatever we want in private, but when we enter the public square or the marketplace, we may not speak of anything that relates to our faith. **However, the Church acknowledges the reign of Christ, not only privately, but publicly.** This solemnity encourages us to celebrate and live out our faith in public. "Thus, by sermons preached at meetings and in churches, by public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed and by solemn processions, mankind may unite in paying homage to Christ, whom God has given them for their King" (*Quas primas*, 26).

For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalized in public life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalizing our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church and of the entire universe.

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/solemnity-christ-king-background> Quas primas © 1925, Libreria Editrice Vaticana, Vatican City State. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

### 2025 MASS BOOK INTENTIONS: Here are the guidelines of the Mass Intentions for 2025:

- People are asked to email, bring to the Rectory Office, or send by mail their typed or very clearly written list of Mass Intention preferences. The intentions and preferred dates will be handled in order of receipt—first come, first serve.
- Protocol for taking intentions for Masses
  - a. Each person can have a **maximum of 3 Mass intentions for the entire year.**
  - b. If two people agree to have their Mass intentions on the **same day, we can double the Mass intentions for that Mass.**
  - c. If a person has various people they would like to offer Masses for, they can **combine their**

**intentions into one Mass and have them read in one of the following options:**

- i. Four names are able to be written for one Mass intention, or
  - ii. For the souls of the family of (John Smith)
  - iii. For the intentions of (John Smith)
- You may also call Holy Infancy Church for Mass intentions at 610-866-1121 or email [holyinfancybethlehem@gmail.com](mailto:holyinfancybethlehem@gmail.com).

**Please note:** Each Mass has the infinite power of Jesus and is offered for the entire world. So, if you are not able to set an intention on a particular date or time you desire, please know that you can always attend that Mass, offer up your particular intention personally, and that prayer is heard by God!

**PAG Monthly 50/50 Drawing Reminder** - \$5.00/entry. Since this drawing takes place electronically, please make your donation in multiples of \$5.00. Donation envelopes must be received by the LAST DAY OF EACH MONTH in order to participate in that current month's drawing.

- **2024 Church Christmas Decorating – Next Sat., 11/30/24**
- **2024 Incarnation Christmas Party – Sat., 12/28/24 after the 4:15PM Vigil Mass**
- **PAG Meeting – Thurs., 1/16/25**
- **Return of MARDI GRAS BINGO – Sun., 3/2/25**
- **Bingo Buffet – Sat., 8/16/25**

**2024 Incarnation Christmas Party** – Our annual Christmas Party will be held on **Sat., Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 after our 4:15PM Vigil Mass.** Tickets are \$20/person and will be available soon. The catered "Buffet Menu" includes: appetizers, salmon, lasagna, & chicken Cordon Bleu entrees, along w/assorted sides, desserts, and beverages. Also, games, music, & other surprises! All are welcome, including members of Holy Infancy, Holy Ghost, and the St. John Paul II congregations. Deadline for ticket sales will be **Sat., Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>!! Hope to see you there!**

**2025 "Workbook for Lectors"** – Copies are available in the Sacristy for all Incarnation Lector volunteers. Feel free to pick up your copy after our weekend Vigil Mass & **"THANK YOU"** & God bless you for your kind service throughout the year!!

### **Incarnation Gertrude Hawk Christmas Candy Pick-up -**

The Gertrude Hawk Christmas Candy order delivery date was changed to **today, Sat., Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>**. If you were not able to pick up your orders this morning, you may pick them up after Mass this afternoon in LaBuda Hall. Thank you for supporting our church and enjoy your sweet treats!!

**Holy Ghost Advent Bazaar** – All are invited to attend our 1-day Advent Bazaar @ Holy Ghost Church on **Sat., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 9AM – 2PM** in the church basement. Christmas thrift market with jewelry, veils, handbags/totes, household items, seasonal décor, winterwear, toys, games, puzzles, & religious items. Pierogies, soups, kiffles, jams/jellies, honey, and bake sale. Basket Raffle, Gift Card Raffle, and also 50/50 Raffle. See you there!