

# *Saint Paul the Apostle Church*

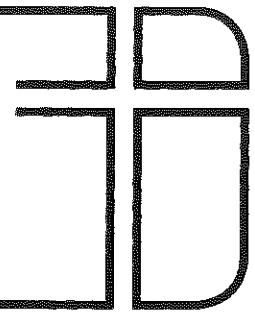
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**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**  
**Sunday, November 22, 2020**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

***Que Viva Cristo Rey! Long live Christ the King!*** This was and is still the battle cry of those martyred during the Mexican Civil War of 1910 – 1929. This is a very new feast in our liturgical calendar instituted by Pope Pius XI with his encyclical ***Quis Primas (On Christ the King)***, December 11, 1925. Even though the theology of the Church and Sacred Scriptures give clear evidence of Christ as King, this encyclical was created due to the turbulence taking place in the world and in the church going as far back as Pope Pius XI's two immediate predecessors, Pope Benedict XV (1914 – 1922), St. Pope Pius X (1903 – 1914) and Leo XIII (1878 - 1903).

All four of these Holy Fathers witnessed during their Pontificates how the secularist and modernist forces of the world were in danger of infecting the church and its faithful. ***Quis Primas*** was a reminder that we cannot shut Jesus Christ and his Holy Law out of our lives.

Considering the fact that this is the final Sunday of the liturgical year, the readings remind us of the end of time and Christ's role as king and judge. Ezekiel's Prophecy describes the sheep God tends and then judges. ***The shepherd – king seeks the lost and heals the injured (Ezekiel 34: 11 – 12, 15 – 17)***. I hope and pray we are all comforted by the words of ***Psalm 23: "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want"***. Great hope in the resurrection comes to us from Paul's Letter to the Corinthians where he explains how at the end of time all will be brought to life and death will be destroyed (***1 Corinthians 15: 20 – 26, 28)***. Matthew's account of the Last Judgement is a familiar passage describing how the Son of Man separates the sheep from the goats, explaining to them that what they did (or failed to do) for the least of their neighbors, they did (or failed to do) for him (***Matthew 25: 31 – 46)***. Let us pray that we can have the grace to see the face of Jesus in our needy brothers and sisters.

As we prepare for the Holy Mass this Sunday, it is with a heavy heart on my due to the fact that for the third time this year, our church has had to shut down for public Masses and celebration of the Sacraments due to the high rise positive Covid-19 cases in our local area. Closing the church after Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday evening was painful and pain and sadness is unfortunately with me as I write to you. Please note that my commitments, duties, and

responsibilities to you as your Pastor have not been nor will they be diminished. For a short amount of time as we have experienced twice before things are going to be different, but no Pastoral needs are going to ever be neglected. What I am able to accomplish I will do and whatever I cannot due to restrictions will require patience and understanding from all of us.

Until further notice, our Sunday Masses will take place outside in the back parking lot behind the Parish Hall at 10:30 AM and the Traditional Latin Mass at 3:30 PM. You will need to bring your own chairs and personal items for the outdoor weather conditions like you did from July 19<sup>th</sup> – September 20<sup>th</sup>. Before being admitted into the seating area, your temperatures will be taken and please be advised that everyone over the age of two, **MUST** wear a mask. The physical distancing of six is to be observed at all times except for married couples and family units as long as there is six feet of distance between families.

Please note that the Dispensation from the Obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still in place until further notice and the Sunday Mass is still available online via our You Tube Channel **St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church-Pismo Beach BEGINNING EVERY SATURDAY AT 5:30 PM**. Our Daily Mass is live streamed over the same You Tube Channel Monday – Friday at 8 AM.

Finally, our parish website [stpaulspismo beach.com](http://stpaulspismo beach.com) contains the most recent weekly bulletin, links to the Online Mass on Sundays, as well as links to my weekly message to you, updates from Bishop Garcia and myself as they become available, and a safe user-friendly option for online giving. If you need assistance with the online giving system, please contact our Parish Administrative Assistant Christopher Garza at [admin@stpaulspismo beach.com](mailto:admin@stpaulspismo beach.com) as well at his direct telephone extension **(805)773-2219 Ext. 102**.

For those of you unable to make it to Mass at this time and wish to continue sending in your weekly contribution you may continue do so by the US Mail, dropping it off at the Rectory using the Rectory door mail slot, or using the online giving option described above. In order to keep an accurate record of your offerings, please include your weekly contributions envelope as well as write it on the check. No donation is too small and all are joyfully received with great gratitude.

On behalf of our local Franciscan Community, a blessed Sunday and week ahead to everyone.

Truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Jacob Carazo, OFM Conv." The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Fr. Jacob Carazo, OFM Conv.  
Pastor