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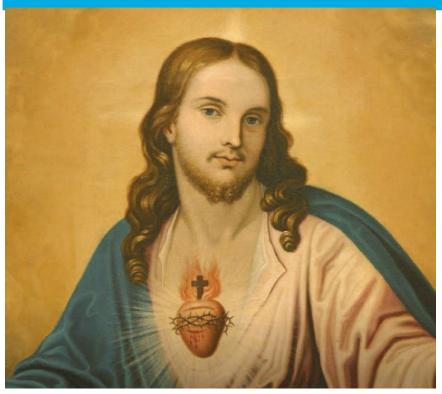
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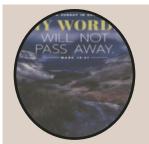
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." - Jn 18:37 Schedule of Masses 4:00 pm (Saturday Vigil) Sunday Masses 7:00 am, 8:45 am 10:30 am (Live Streamed) 12:30 pm (Spanish/Español) 5:00 pm Weekdays & Saturday 8:30 am & Wednesday 5:30 pm First Friday Mass with Anointing 8:30 am & 6:30 pm

Confessions

Tuesday 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm Wednesday 9:00 am - 9:30 am Saturday 9:00 am - 9:30 am First Friday 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm First Saturday 7:00 am - 7:30 am (or by appointment)

Holy Hour with Benediction Tuesday 9:00 am or Friday 3:00 pm Morning Prayer Monday - Friday 7:30 am Rosary Monday - Saturday 7:50 am Sacraments Anointing of the Sick 928-855-2685



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To Jesus Christ be glory and power forever and ever! His are majesty and splendor, and his kingdom is everlasting, a kingdom of cosmic dimensions.

Pastor's Corner

Reflection for All Souls

Beloved Parishioners,

Last week I rounded off the reflection on All Saints and today I wish to reflect on All Souls which is celebrated the next day after All Saints. In my reflection on All Saints, it was pointed out that the Communion of the Saints occurs on the level of santi (holy people) on the three states of the Church namely, the Church Triumphant, the Church Militant, and the Church Penitent. It was noted equally according to the teaching of CCC 947 that "Since all the faithful form one body, the good of each is communicated to the others...", it follows that just as we solicit for the prayers and support of the saints in heaven, we owe it as a Christian duty and indeed it is one of the corporal works of mercy to pray for the dead, the members of the Church penitent.

Just like the feast of All Saints, All Souls signifies to us also that we belong to a larger communion which transcends time and space and connects us with the Church penitent. Hence All Souls is a time to remember and pray for all the faithful departed, especially those in purgatory.

We Catholics pray for the dead primarily to offer intercession for those who have passed away. We believe that the souls who have died in grace but still need to be cleansed of venial sins are debarred from the Beatific vision because nothing unclean shall see God (Revelation 21:27, Hebrews 12:14). Therefore, these souls go for mortification and purification for a little while in purgatory where it now falls on us, the faithful on earth, to help them by our prayers, alms, deeds, and especially by the sacrifice of the Holy Mass to achieve a quicker passage to heaven. Our prayers for them are an expression of love and solidarity. When we pray for them, we help them on their journey toward God and when they get to heaven, they in turn pray for us.

The doctrine of purgatory is not explicitly stated in the Bible, but we Catholics find support for it in several passages and traditions. Some of these scriptural references include: 2 Maccabees 12:38-46 — This passage describes Judas Maccabeus making atonement for the dead, suggesting a belief in purification after death.

1 Corinthians 3:11-15 — Paul speaks of a person's work being tested by fire, indicating that some may be saved, yet so as through fire, which can be interpreted as a process of purification.

Matthew 12:32 — Jesus mentions that certain sins will not be forgiven "either in this age or in the age to come," implying the possibility of forgiveness after death.

Over and above the spiritual significance of this feast, we ought to always remember and honor the memories of our departed loved ones. This remembrance keeps their memories alive in our hearts and helps bring us closer and comfort from the painful goodbye we bid them. Today I invite us to take a moment to think about those we have lost, recalling their names and the impact they had on our lives. I also encourage us to express gratitude to God for the gift of our departed loved ones and for the time spent with them. We shall also think about how we can honor their memories through our own lives. I encourage that we light a candle in their honor and offer Masses for them.

In this celebration we express our hope of eternal life. We remind ourselves of the promise of eternal life and the hope that we have in Christ's resurrection. In John 14:2-3, Jesus assures us of a place in His Father's house thus we ought to find comfort in knowing that death is not the end but a passage to eternal life with God.

I also wish to remind us that the Church grants a plenary indulgence to anyone who devoutly visits a cemetery between 1-8 November to pray for the departed souls or simply pray mentally for their peaceful repose in a chapel or Church. We pray for all the faithful departed asking God to grant them peace and eternal rest. May their souls rest in perfect peace. Amen.

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Theme: Jesus Says "I am the Truth"

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, November 24, 2024 First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14, Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8, Gospel: John 18:33b-37

Today is the last Sunday in the Church's calendar when we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King that Our Lord Jesus Christ is a universal King. Today's feast reminds us that Jesus is the universal king, but His kingship is different from all other kings because He rules not by power and might like the world kings, emperors, and monarchs but by love which is manifested on the Cross. His power doesn't make us slaves in the human way. It elevates us to Him and makes us share His own life. "Christ did not deny that he is a king rather he affirms he is a king but not that of the worldly kingship but heavenly kingdom. He came not to deliver people from oppression of the Romans or political institution, but from the oppression of sin and evil one, which is the greatest form of enslavement. His mission was to speak the truth through example and word." This is a call for us who follow Him to strive for truth in our words, actions, and deeds. This truth must be spoken in charity with love.

Christ is the only man in human history who has said: "I am the Truth." This profound statement of Jesus that 'I am the truth' is an indication that everything rests in Him, and everything is reconciled in Him thus Jesus offers Himself as the answer to all the questions of the human heart. He goes further to say that "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." It means that those who reject Christ reject Him not because of any other thing but because they could not withstand the truth of what He stands for or what He says. Christ is the King, a King that we must know not only with the mind, but also with the heart. Christ is the royal witness of truth because He governs upon mankind and the world in an authentic manner. "He doesn't tower above. His scepter is not a wand of command but once more the Cross, that becomes pastoral with which He guides his sheep."

In dying on the Cross, Jesus was not defeated by the world. He conquered it with His love and exhorts all those who would come after Him to be ready to give their lives for others. How prepared are we to sacrifice our lives for the good of other people as Jesus did for us?

Today's Gospel reading opens with Pilate's question to Jesus. "Are you the King of the Jews." In response Jesus replies with a question that seeks to confront Pilate with his own personal commitment as opposed to what others tell him about Jesus. The issue is no longer Jesus' guilt or innocence but whether Pilate will respond to the truth of Jesus' kingship. In a way, Pilate knew what implication the affirmation of that question would generate especially within the Roman authorities. Jesus in turn throws the question back to him and wanted his own personal commitment. In the same way, we need a personal response to who is Jesus for us not relying on what others say but your own personal response which would be born from your own personal encounter with the Lord.

Besides, Jesus states that His Kingdom is not of this world in the sense that it neither takes its origin from here, nor is it an earthly kingdom that would be a rival to political imperialism. Jesus' reign is beyond time and space and that's why He says that His kingdom is not of this world. Jesus has no design on political control and yet, His power extends over every nation of the earth. His reign goes beyond political landscape because He rules at the deepest part of the human person which is the heart. The simple question is, does Jesus' reign in your heart? Do you give Him the space to be the king and of your life?

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Mass Intentions & Readings

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Sunday	November 24	Dn 7:13-14 Rv 1:5-8	Jn 18:33b-37	8:45 am 10:30 am 12:30 pm		
Monday	November 25	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5	Lk 21:1-4	8:30 am	All Souls	
Tuesday	November 26	Rv 14:14-19	Lk 21:5-11	8:30 am	All Souls	
Wednesday	November 27	Rv 15:1-4	Lk 21:12-19	0.00 0 000000	All Souls All Souls	
Thursday	November 28	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a	Lk 21:20-28	8:30 am	All Souls	
Friday	November 29	Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2	Lk 21:29-33	8:30 am	All Souls	
Saturday	November 30	Rom 10:9-18 Jer 33:14-16 1 Thes 3:12—4:2	Mt 4:18-22 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36	0.00 0 000000	All Souls All Souls	
Sunday	December 1	Jer 33:14-16 1 Thes 3:12—4:2	Lk 21:25-28, 34-36	8:45 am	All Military Parishioners All New Deacon	S

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PARISH FAMILY

Terry Barnhart

Altar Flowers In loving memory of Lena Scavuzzo 🕆

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Christ the King Eucharistic Procession

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Today **at 3:30** pm we will have a Eucharistic Procession in honor of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King of the Universe.

With the Blessed Sacrament leading the way,

we will process around the Church with song and prayer as we remember and honor our

Lord as Christ the King of the Universe

followed by 5 pm Mass. *Please Wear a White top or Shirt.*





12:30 pm Christians Around the World

5:00 pm For All Those Suffering from Depression

Closing Schedule

The School & the Parish Office will be closed Wednesday, November 27th at noon, Thursday

November 28th, & Friday November 29th in observance of Thanksgiving.

In the event of an emergency, please call 928-855-2685.



Scan and Visit us on our Facebook & YouTube Pages!



Join us in St. Joseph Hall after the 5pm Mass for pizza and drinks.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

We are looking for volunteers to help organize the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration that will take place on December 11th. If you would like to help please contact Martha at the parish office at 928-855-2685.



Celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Estamos buscando voluntarios para organizar la celebración de La Virgen de Guadalupe que se llevara acabo el día 11 de Diciembre. Si a usted le gustaría ayudar por favor

llame a la oficina de la parroquia y comuníquese con Martha al 928-855-2685.

You and your family are invited! *"Christ in the Neighborhood"*

A ministry that provides an opportunity for families within our parish community to come together for a monthly meal in our homes, to build personal relationships. Families are considered 1-6+ people. After three months, participants are placed in different groups & meet for three consecutive months. Invitations for our religious is encouraged. **Registration forms are in the Parish Office and the Church Narthex. For more information call Tina Gannon at 1-706-531-8245 or email tgannon@ourladylhc.org**





Anniversary Blessings Couples that will be celebrating their Wedding Anniversary during the month of December will have an opportunity to receive a special blessing, at all

the Masses celebrated on Saturday, November 30th & Sunday, December 1st.



AIR CONDITIONERS UPDATE

Due to Early Bulletin Submission, current donation financials will be available in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your understanding.

Flowers for Christmas

Blessings Parish Family. What demonstrates "Christmas" better than a beautifully decorated Church during the Holiday Season? Christmas is right around the corner



and every year during Christmas and Easter we are blessed with the beauty of our Church. All is made possible by you, our Church family, through your generous donations.

We need your help. This year, as in years past, we will be accepting donations for Christmas flowers and decorations. You could donate: \$5, \$50, \$500, \$5000, or whatever God places in your heart to offer. The goal as always is to allow the beauty of our worship space to draw souls into deeper prayer and encounter with our Lord in the Word and in Eucharist. Please give generously. We need ribbons, appropriate fabrics and lots of flowers. Your donation may be in the name of your family, in memory of a loved one, or in thanksgiving.

You may place your monetary gift in an envelope and label it **"Flowers for Christmas"** or in the envelopes provided. Drop them in the offertory basket or drop it off at the Parish Office prior to December 16, 2024.

God Bless You and thank you for helping make our God's house beautiful for Christmas.

Our Lady of the Lake Parish Staff & Ministry Directory

Parish Office Hours Scan this QR Code to visit our website Phone Number: 928-855-2685

 Monday:
 8:00am - 5:00pm

 Tuesday:
 10:30am - 5:00pm

 Wednesday:
 8:00am - 5:00pm

 Thursday:
 8:00am - 5:00pm

 Friday:
 8:00am - 12:00pm



Administration & HR

Patti Miller - Assistant to Pastor Vicki Goodwin - Office Coordinator Liz Amaro - Accounting and HR Daniel Plane - Social Media/Communications

Liturgy and Music

Sia Toilolo - Director Martha Campos - Administrative Assistant Terri McGrath - 8:45 Mass Choir Director

Evangelization and Outreach Elliott Seidel - Youth Coordinator Laura Hernandez - Elementary Coordinator

<u>Sick, Homebound, Funeral & Hospital Ministry</u> Martha Campos

<u>Maintenance</u> Brad Reese - Supervisor Yurgen Serrano & Juan Villa - Assistants

<u>Gift Shop</u> Lorri McBrayer

928-855-2685

Soup Kitchen Columbian Hall 186 London Bridge Rd. Linda Nitschke, Supervisor 928-855-2685 Tuesday & Thursday 4:00 pm Saturday 8:30 am Catholic Daughters Sandi Garcia, Regent 951-675-5086 Knights of Columbus Gabriel Ramirez, Grand Knight 928-412-1981 Pastoral Council Dante Marinelli, Chair Person 928-855-2685 Finance Council Dan Mathews, Chair Person 928-855-2685 St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank 928-680-2874 Oremus Rosary Makers Annette Troffer 661-972-1070 Funeral Reception Ministry Diane Chichinsky 928-453-5941 School Advisory Board Paula Levensailor 928-855-0154 Christ in the Neighborhood



Virtue of the Month

The Virtue for November is <u>Moderation</u>.

Timothy 3:2-3

"A church leader must be without fault. He must have only one wife, be sober, self-controlled and orderly; he must welcome strangers in his home; he must be able to teach; he must not be drunkard or a violent man, but gentle and peaceful, he must not love money."

Dear Jesus,

Help me to keep a balance in my life, using created things properly and in the right amount that is best for me. I need Your help to set limits for myself in doing things that I enjoy, such as using the Internet, leisure activities, and eating. Please lead me on Your way of happiness.



Mary's Kitchen

The Hispanic community will be selling food after the Spanish Mass in St. Joseph Hall. Tamales with rice & beans will be served. *All proceeds are to benefit the construction of the new school building.*

Cocina de Maria

La comunidad hispana estará vendiendo comida saliendo de la misa de español en el salón de San José. Van a servir plato de tamales con frijoles y arroz.

Acompañado de bebida, y postres. Todo lo recaudado a beneficio de la Construcción de la Escuela.



SAFE ENVIRONMENT RENEWAL 2024

The deadline is November 30, 2024

Anyone that has not renewed as of July 1, 2024 is required to renew by November 30, 2024.

Website: <u>phoenix.cmgconnect.org</u> Please call Laura at the Parish Office 928-855-2685, if you have any questions.

706-531-8245

Tina Gannon

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School Staff Directory

<u>Principal</u> - Ms. Fatima Mu <u>Admin. Assistant</u> - Mrs. Barbara Palmieri Phone Number: 928-855-0154

<u>School Office Hours:</u> Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

School Faculty

Pre-K 3/4 - Mrs. Annette Troffer Kindergarten - Mrs. Tina Whitehouse 1st Grade - Mrs. Maria Warner 2nd Grade - Mrs. Barbara Larrivee 2nd Grade Student Teacher - Ms. Cassandra Betancourt 3rd Grade - Mrs. Katelyn Stanley 4th Grade - Mrs. Julie Standal 5th Grade - Mrs. Brittney Delgado 6th Grade - Ms. Julia Rose Wojtkun 7th/8th Grade - Mrs. Jacqueleine Siracusa Enrichment - Mrs. Jane Jorgensen Music - Mrs. Kathryn Gricar & Mrs. Julie Becker PE - Mrs. Margaret Bradley

<u>Maintenance:</u> Phil Pikosz <u>Substitute Teachers</u>: Tina Gannon, Sandra Talmadge, and Mary Tebo

<u>School Support Staff:</u> Lesli Allsup, Luz Martinez, Alexia Monroy, and Jesusa Piojo

Funeral Ministry Needs You!

The Funeral Reception Ministry provides a reception after services for a deceased parishioner; a ministry greatly appreciated by our church family. We are seeking new volunteers to help with set-up and serve and/or with providing side dishes and desserts. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry and how you might help, please call Diane Chichinsky at 928-453-5941.

Thank you for your consideration.





Santo Niño Novena

The Santo Niño Novena will continue for nine consecutive Fridays. They began on Friday, November 22, 2024 until Friday, January 17, 2025. This is hosted by different families starting at 7:00 pm. The Santo Niño celebration

will be on Sunday, January 19, 2025 at the 10:30 am Mass followed by the Sinulog Celebration in St. Joseph Hall.

Addresses for the scheduled Novenas will be available at the Parish Office. For further details please contact Maria Oyas 928-486-3106.



Did you know that a donation at Albertson's can help Our Lady of the Lake Soup Kitchen?

Yes! When Albertsons' ask if you would like to donate \$1, \$3, \$5, \$10, or other amount to a local charity during the months of November and December, that money stays right here in Lake Havasu City!

All donations (100%) are converted into Albertson's gift cards which are given to local food banks, including the Our Lady of the Lake Soup Kitchen. We share these gift cards with our guests and also use them to purchase necessary food to prepare our meals.

Since December, 2021 up until February, 2024, we have received \$62,500.00 in gift cards from Albertson's! So, just say YES, to even a \$1.00 donation. *Thanks in advance from the Soup Kitchen!!!*

<u>Thanksgiving Meals</u>

Our Lady of the Lake Parish and the Knights of Columbus are blessed to provide a delicious Thanksgiving meal to be served at the Columbian Hall, located at 186 London Bridge Road on **Thanksgiving day from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm**. Please call the Parish office at 928-855-2685 for homebound delivery **before 12:00pm on Monday November 25th.**

Please leave your name, home address, phone number and the number of meals you need.



Piano Accompanist - Part time Position Thursday Evening/Sunday Morning - no benefits Our Parish seeks to employ a piano/keyboard accompanist for the Choir at the 8:45 am Mass. A part-time position, the candidate

Choir at the 8:45 am Mass. A part-time position, the candidate should be competent at reading piano music, willing to follow

instructions from the Choir Director, supporting both skilled and lesser-skilled singers, as well as attending all Choir Rehearsal practices (currently scheduled for Thursday evenings) and 8:45 am Sunday Masses (arriving at 8:15 am). Compensation will be measured upon the applicant's skill level. Interested applicants may contact Choir Director,

Terri McGrath at tmcgrath@ourladylhc.org.

Christmas Choir

Our Christmas Eve "Midnight" Mass will be here in a mere 5½ weeks! We would like to invite, include, and encourage parishioners from all the Mass time slots to

be included in our Christmas Choir for this liturgy. The "Midnight Mass" will actually be celebrated at 10:00pm, December 24th, and Music Ministry desires to offer a Christmas Concert prior to the liturgy, beginning at 9:30pm. In order for this to happen and to be successful, we invite men and women, high school age

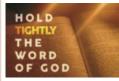


and up to join us.

Rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30pm in the Choir Area. Questions? Please contact our Choir Director, Terri McGrath at tmcgrath@ourladylhc.org.

The Unity Praye

My Adorable Jesus, May our feet journey together. May our hands gather in unity. May our hearts beat in unison. May our souls be in harmony. May our thoughts be as one. May our thoughts be as one. May our ears listen to the silence together. May our glances profoundly penetrate each other. May our lips pray together to gain mercy from the Eternal Father. Amen



Break Open the Word

Fridays after mass at 9:30 am join us as we gather in the John Paul II Garage to prepare and read the upcoming Sunday readings. This is

a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith with others and also enjoy some treats and coffee!

Catholic Daughters Bake Sale!

The Catholic Daughters, Court #2213 will be holding a



bake sale before and after all masses on **December 7th & 8th**. We will be in the grassy area outside the Church, weather permitting.

Baked good donations are appreciated and we will accept them on <u>December 7th from</u> <u>9:00 am to 12:00 pm</u> in the <u>St. Thomas More room</u>, in the Church.

Please come and buy some goodies or make a donation to support our education fund!

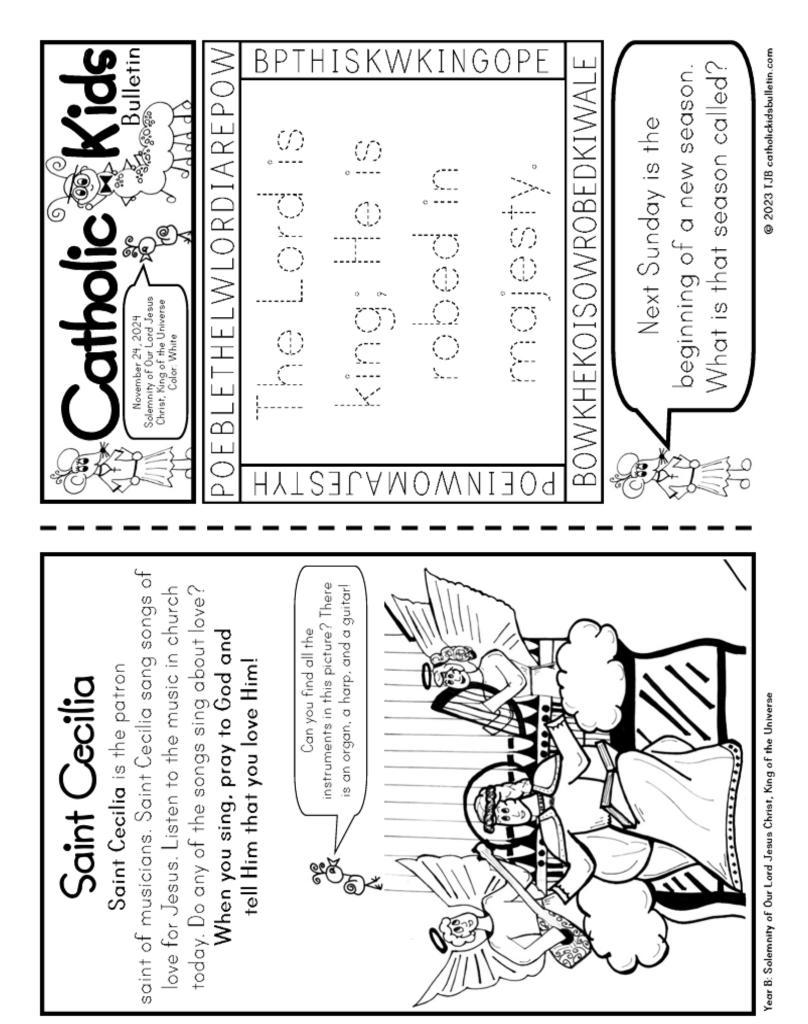


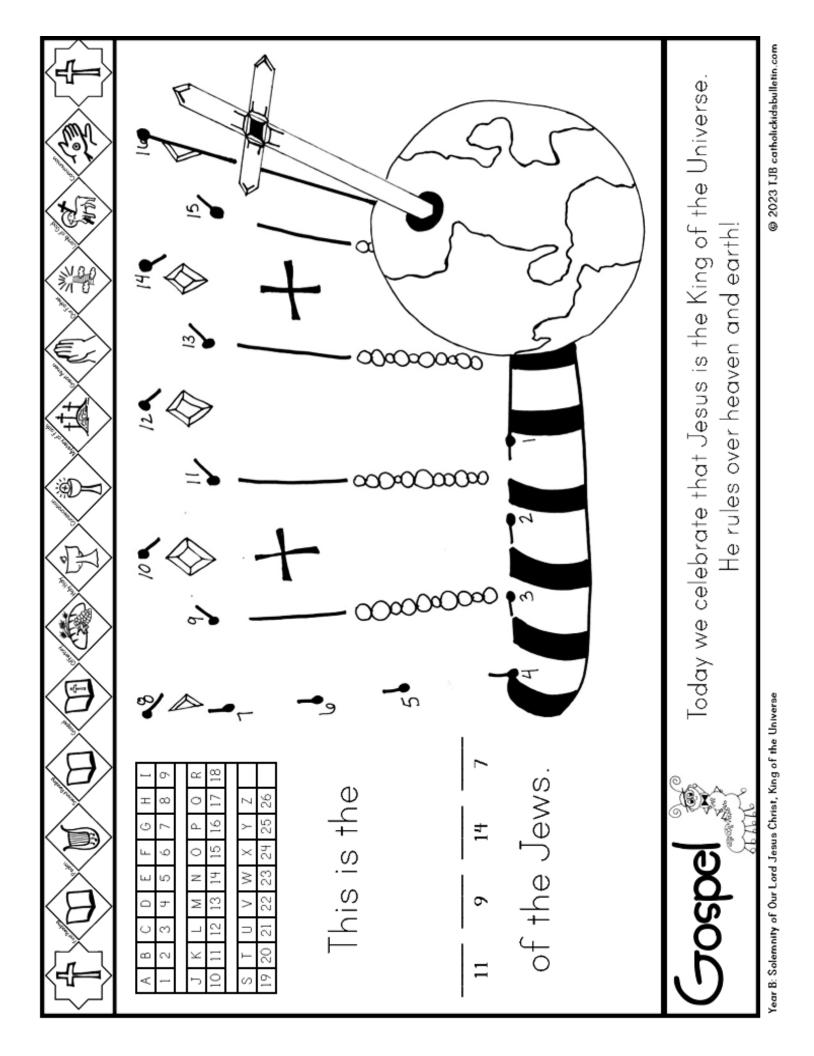
OREMUS ROSARY MAKERS

The Oremus Rosary Makers next meeting is December 5th at 3:00 p.m. in the John Paul 2 Garage.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who generously supported our recent bake

sale! Your contributions will directly impact missions across the globe. We are deeply grateful for your kindness. If you would like more information on becoming a member or would like to donate to our cause of making mission rosaries, please contact *Annette Troffer at 661-972-1070*.









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