



Saint Joseph's, Saint Anne's & Holy Family And Saint Patrick's
Feast of Christ the King, Year A - 26th November 2023

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Sunday Mass Readings for 26 th November 2023, Feast of Christ the King 2023	
1st Reading	Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Alleluia	Mark 11:9, 10
Gospel	Matthew 25:31-46

1st Reading - Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep.
 12 As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark.
 15 I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD.
 16 The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly.
 17 As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
 1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 2AB In verdant pastures he gives me repose.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2C Beside restful waters he leads me;
 3 he refreshes my soul.
 He guides me in right paths
 for his name's sake.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

5 You spread the table before me
 in the sight of my foes;
 you anoint my head with oil;
 my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

6 Only goodness and kindness follow me
 all the days of my life;
 and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
 for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Brothers and sisters:
 20 Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
 21 For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man.
 22 For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,
 23 but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ;
 24 then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power.
 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.
 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.
 28 When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

Alleluia - Mark 11:9, 10

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
 9 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

10 Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples:
31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne,
32 and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.
33 He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.
34 Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.
35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me,
36 naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'
37 Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?
38 When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?
39 When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?'
40 And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.'
41 Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.
42 For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
43 a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.'
44 Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?'
45 He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.'
46 And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Saint of the Day

We celebrate his feast day on 26th November every year in the Catholic Church.

Date of Birth	December 20 1676
Place of Birth	Porto Maurizio, Italy
Profession	Franciscan priest
Place of Work	Italy
Date of Death	26 th November 1751
Place of Death	Rome, Italy
Feast Day	26 th November
Beatification	Beatified by Pope Pius VI on 19 th June 1796
Canonization	Canonized by Pope Pius IX on 19 th June 1796 at Saint Peter's Basilica, Italy

Patron Saint of Imperia, Italy Parish missions

St Leonard of Port Maurice's Life History

St. Leonard of Port Maurice, originally named Paul Jerome Casanova, was born on 20th December 1676 in Porto Maurizio, Italy, situated on the Riviera di Ponente. He was the son of Domenico Casanova, a sea captain, and Anna Maria Benza. At the age of thirteen, he was placed under the care of his uncle Agostino to prepare for a medical career. However, young Paul Jerome decided against pursuing medicine, which led to his uncle disowning him. He attended the Jesuit College in Rome, Italy, and later embraced the Franciscan way of life as a member of the Riformella, a branch of the Franciscans of the Strict Observance. On October 2 1697, he took the name Brother Leonard. He received ordination in Rome in 1703 and briefly worked as a teacher. While initially expected to become a missionary in China, an illness, a bleeding ulcer, kept him in his native region for several years while he recovered and regained his strength. In 1709, he was sent to Florence, Italy, where he gained recognition as a prominent preacher in the city and its surroundings. He was frequently invited to speak in various areas, and his efforts were devoted to promoting devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, the Sacred Heart, the Immaculate Conception, and the Stations of the Cross. He notably established the Way of the Cross in more than 500 locations, including the Colosseum in Rome.

In 1744, Pope Benedict XIV dispatched him as a missionary to the island of Corsica, where he reinstated discipline among the local clergy and religious orders. However, his preaching was significantly hindered by local politics. He eventually returned to Rome, exhausted, and spent the remainder of his life there. St. Leonard died at 11:00 p.m. on 26th November 1751 at the monastery of Saint Bonaventura in Rome, Italy. He was canonized on June 29 1867 by Pope Pius XI. St. Leonard is the patron of Imperia, Italy, and parish missions, and he is often depicted in association with the Blessed Virgin Mary.



St. Leonard of Port Maurice
Catholic Sunday Mass Readings Homily - Feast of Christ the King, Year A - 26th November 2023

Feast of Christ the King 2023 Homily Theme: Jesus Christ The King of the Universe (Solemnity)

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