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MY LORD,
MY GOD!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH
NOVEMBER 23, 2008

EXALTED
BY GOD!

Today's Gospel (Mt. 22:41-23:12)

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus questioned them, saying, "What is your opinion about the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They replied, "David's." He said to them, "How, then, does David, inspired by the Spirit, call him 'lord,' saying: 'The Lord said to my lord, "Sit at my right hand until I place your enemies under your feet"'? If David calls him 'lord,' how can he be his son?" No one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare to ask him any more questions. Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice. ... All their works are performed to be seen. ... Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Messiah. The greatest among you must be your servant. whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

CHRIST THE KING

The name of Napoleon the Great truly stands prominently for power. Musing as a lonely prisoner on St. Helena, he summarized thus: "Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and myself founded empires. But on what did we found them? On force! Jesus Christ alone found his kingdom on love, and today there are millions who would die for him."

An anonymous author made this striking comparison:

"Socrates taught for 40 years, Plato for 50, Aristotle for 40, and Jesus for only 3. Yet the influence of Christ's 3 year ministry infinitely transcends the impact left by the combined 130 years of teaching from these men who were among the greatest philosophers of all antiquity. Jesus painted no pictures; yet the finest paintings of Raphael, Michelangelo, and Leonardo da Vinci received their inspiration from Him. Jesus wrote no poetry; but the world's greatest poets were inspired by Him. Jesus composed no music, still melodies of highest perfection are composed in His praise. Every sphere of human greatness has been enriched by this humble Carpenter of Nazareth.

"*Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be Done.*" Are those words that just roll off our lips every time we recite the prayer, "Our Father..."? Or, are they in fact the true desire of our



hearts? This is a question each and everyone of us has to answer. We were created with free will and only we can decide who we will have as our King.

In our hearts everyone of us has a throne. On this throne sits a ruler to whom we must all answer to. Our every action is guided and decided by the will of our King. That King can only be : Christ the King or yourself or someone(something) else. Each one of us is faced with a fundamental choice and that choice is: "Thy will be done" or it is: "My will be done." Whom do you serve: Jesus Christ or Yourself? Who is the master of your life: Jesus Christ or yourself (your desires)????

Archdiocese of Boston

The original Diocese of Boston was canonically erected on April 8, 1808 by Pope Pius VII. It took its territories from the larger historic Diocese of Baltimore and consisted of the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. Throughout the history of the United States and exponential growth of Catholicism in New England, the Diocese of Boston was carved into smaller new dioceses: on November 28, 1843, Pope Gregory XVI erected the Diocese of Hartford; Pope Pius IX erected the Diocese of Burlington and the Diocese of Portland on July 29, 1853, the Diocese of Springfield on June 14, 1870, and the Diocese of Providence on February 16, 1872. On February 12, 1875, Pope Pius IX elevated the diocese to become an archdiocese.



Today, when we celebrate the bi-centennial Mass, let's remember the words of the Lord to Peter, "*...upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates*

of the netherworld shall not prevail against it."

Today...

10 am : CCD
11 am : Holy Qurbana; Participation in the
Bi-Centennial Celebrations

Marching forward...

Sunday Celebration Assignments**Today : Infant Jesus Family Unit****Nov. 30 : Little Flower Family Unit**

Nov. 23 : Christ the King; Bi-centennial celebrations of the
Archdiocese; Mass at the Holy Name Cathedral, Boston.

Nov. 27, Thursday : Thanksgiving Day -**11 am : Thanksgiving Qurbana; Celebrations**

Nov. 30 : Andrew the Apostle

Dec. 1 : Beginning of Advent

Dec. 3 : St. Francis Xavier

Dec. 8 : The Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

Dec. 25 : Thursday - Christmas

Readings - Nov. 23

Ezekiel 43:1-7

Heb. 9:15-28

Mt 22:41-23:12

Readings - Nov. 30

Is. 42:18-25

Eph. 5:21-6:4

Lk. 1:5-25

Nov. 26 : Marian Family Unit Prayer at the home of
Chackochan & Omana, Cecil and Jaisil Mannancherry

Nov. 29 : Divine Mercy Family Unit Prayer at the home
of Anto & Priya and Ann Mary Arupathil.

Competitions for Children

Classes 2nd to 5th

1. Essay Competition

Topic : Family Prayer (in 2 pages)

2. Short Story Competition

3. Poem Writing

4. Painting Competition

Classes 6th and above

1. Essay Competition

Topic : Our Family Values (3 pages)

2. Short Story Competition

3. Poem Writing

4. Painting Competition

The last date to submit the essays, short stories and poems
is **Nov. 30th**.

Painting Competition will be conducted in the Parish Hall
on **Nov. 27th**, after the Thanksgiving Celebrations. Sheets
for painting will be provided. Coloring materials (crayons,
water color ...) will not be provided.

The selected essays, poems, short stories and paintings will
be awarded and will be recommended to be published in the
Directory cum Souvenir.

Any Doubts : Contact Joyce Paul Mundankal @ 781-272-
1047 or 781-507-6767



Remember, O most gracious
Virgin Mary, that never was it
known that anyone who fled
to your protection, implored
your help or sought your inter-
cession was left unaided.
Inspired by this confidence, I
fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins,
my Mother. To you do I come;
before you I stand, sinful and
sorrowful. O mother of the
Word Incarnate, despise not
my petitions, but in your
mercy, hear and answer me.
Amen!

**Please pray the Rosary
every day in your families.**



Parish Directory and Souvenir

1. Please submit your photos and other data.
2. Please submit your articles or poems or other material.
3. Some advertisements would be helpful to meet the expenses of printing.

Please contact Biju Thoompil or Jose Putanpurackal for
more details.

2009 CALENDAR

We are preparing a parish calendar of 2009, with photos of
our parish activities. Any suggestions, please forward to
Jimmy : j_joseph77@yahoo.com

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The General Assembly, elections to the different posts,
presenting the annual reports and next year's budget are due
in December. The date will be announced later.

One Day Retreat in Preparation for Christmas

Date : Dec. 13. Time 9 am to 5 pm.

Please make arrangements to attend.

HEARTY WELCOME NEW COMERS!!!

Weekday Mass : 9 am (in the Rectory Chapel)**Sunday Mass Schedule : 11 am****Saturdays : 11 am Mass followed by Novena to Our
Mother of Perpetual Help.****Memorial services will not be conducted on Sundays.****They may be conducted on any of the week days.****First Fridays : Mass at 7 pm followed by Holy Hour
and Benediction.**

PLEASE recite the PRAYER FOR OUR DIOCESE AND OUR PARISH every day in your families.