



WEEK of 25 NOVEMBER 2018

The last Sunday of the liturgical year is the Feast of Christ the King. It serves to challenge us to ask the fundamental question: Who is our God? As we look at our actions, do they reflect our answer? Jesus of Nazareth sought to create a Kingdom of God on the earth. It was made up of people who rejected the social limits of their cultures to embrace a new family which imitated God's abundant love for all. Sinners, saints, slaves, the free, Jews, Greeks, men and women shared table together. What resources they possessed they freely shared with one another. The radical community was a reflection of how God sees the world: one family.

In the thirties, the pastor of Smelter Town, Father Lourdes, had a vision of Christ on the cross on the summit of a nearby mountain. His working class parish embraced the vision and became the labor force which transformed that rugged terrain into Mount Cristo Rey. The thirty-foot resurrected Christ holds out his hands in blessing to the three states and two nations under his gaze. From that height, such geopolitical distinctions are invisible. Thousands of pilgrims climb the mountain each year. In the faithful crowds, socio-economic distinctions blur. People greet one another and cheer one another on. They share their water and snacks. For a brief moment, it is the Kingdom of God.

Three hundred years ago, Delasalle had a vision of Christian schools which could be reflections of the God's kingdom. Students would be treated with respect and the teachers would be role models. All would be welcome. The goal was to offer a practical education so that the student could find a job. Hopefully, their home would become a reflection of what they found at school.

Let us work all very hard to ensure that Cathedral is a glimpse of is possible in God's Kingdom.



Irish Swimmers honored at the Sun Bowl Parade on Thanksgiving Day for their Amazing Feats

PRAYERS REQUESTED for:

- That Christ may reign as Lord in our lives;
- In thanks for the chance to rest and spend time with family;
- The needs of our staff, students, and families this week;
- Peace on our borders and for peoples migrating around the world;
- That CHS may be a reflection of God's Kingdom in the world;
- Our young men to consider a life of service as a Brother, priest or deacon;
- Our seniors as they apply for university and scholarships;
- In thanksgiving for the ongoing healing of Adriana Zavala and Ulli Reichenbach;
- Those families undergoing the pain of divorce;
- Those in need of healing; the mother of Jeannette Peterson; our students (Zachary Bowling, Nate Aguilar, Zach Deitch, Edwin Osorno); Mary Vallejo (mother of Yvonne Davis); those fighting cancer (Homero Silva, Brother Robb Wallace, alumnus John Armendariz, Mima Sofia Higuera, CHS mother Rosa Maria Sosa, alumnus Javier Olmos); those dealing with addiction; and for those struggling with mental illness;
- The repose of the soul of Concepcion Gonzalez, aunt to the 58 men of the Arias, Barajas, Canalda, Costanzo, Gonzalez, Lopez, Moreno, Rayas, Tinajero, and Tirres families;
- Those families in mourning; especially the De Alba family.

KUDOS and THANKS:

Kudos to the many swim state champions (current and alumni) who represented the team at the Sun Bowl Parade. Thank you to the **swim parents** who organized the group and to **Mr. Puertas** for the banner.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who celebrate their **birthdays** this week:



Swim families along the parade route

- Sunday, 25 November: **Sergio Monarrez**
- Monday, 26 November: **Gustavo Navarro, Sean McCrum, Luke Tsoukalas**
- Tuesday, 27 November: **Mark Briggs**
- Thursday, 29 November: **Carlos Barba** (music)
- Friday, 30 November: **Jorge Duran, Andres Neira, Nicholas Silva**

NEWS YOU NEED:



The Year 2019 marks the tricentenary of the death of Saint John Baptist De La Salle. The Superior General and his Council asked for and received permission from the Pope to establish a jubilee year dedicated to the Founder of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools and patron of teachers. This Lasallian Jubilee Year officially began on **November 17,**

2018 and will end on **December 31, 2019.**

After three hundred years and following the footsteps of John Baptist De La Salle, the great De La Salle family is made up of about 4,000 Brothers, who, together with 92,000 teachers, educators and numerous lay collaborators, assist – in about 1,200 educational centers in 80 countries around the world – 1,380,000 pupils, children, young people and adults. Lasallians remain are committed to spreading the Gospel and culture among young people. We will be hosting events to celebrate this important landmark event.

There may be disruptions and delays at our international bridges due to federal personnel being moved to other crossing points in border states or due to heightened security over tensions between CBP and migrants. An alternative to being stuck in vehicular crossing is the **El Paso streetcar** which is now in full operation.

- Students can walk over the **Santa Fe bridge** and pick up the **Uptown Loop (Glory Road) streetcar** at **Father Rahm Street/El Paso Street (Stop #27).**
- Students would disembark at the **Stanton Street/California Street (Stop #9)** which is directly at our school's front door. Check out the route, cost and schedule at <http://www.sunmetro.net/streetcar>.

Our **Campus Ministry Office** is coordinating a **drive** to benefit immigrants arriving in the borderland. Donations can be brought to **Mr. Lopez'** office on the third floor. Interested families may donate some of the following items:

- New **socks** (Men, Women, Children)
- New or Used **Jeans** (Men, Women, Children: Small and Medium sizes, no large sizes please)
- Travel size **toiletries** (shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, moisturizing cream, and combs)
- **Medication** for Adults and Children (acetaminophen, ibuprofen, Pepto Bismol, cough medicine)
- **Linen** (twin sheets, pillow cases, towels).

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available for students from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM on **Thursday, 29 November** in the San Pedro Maldonado Chapel on the third floor. Father Ron Gonzales, SJ, and Father Miguel Briseno, OFM, will hear confessions. Students will be released through their Religion classes. This is the last opportunity in this calendar year.

We will have a **Basketball Assembly Game** on **Thursday**, 29 November, at 2:00 PM in the Houghton MPB. CHS will kick off the tournament we're hosting with a game to which students may purchase tickets. We will be on a **pep rally schedule**.

Looking ahead:

The **annual Christmas Concert** will be on **Thursday**, 06 December, at 6:30 PM in the Guereca Auditorium. Mr. Barba and his music students have been working very diligently to prepare for this performance. Everyone is welcome!

First semester exams will be Wednesday through Friday, December 19-21. The **ninety-minute exams** will be **comprehensive**. It is very important that your son is present and on time for exams.

- Wednesday, 19 December: **Period 1, 2, 3**
- Thursday, 20 December: **Period 7, 8**
- Friday, 21 December: **Period 4/5, 6**

Grades will be due by Thursday, 03 January at 8:00 AM.

ALUMNI and DEVELOPMENT:

Alumni and their family are welcome to attend our traditional December general meeting which is a **complimentary Menudo Breakfast** to celebrate the season. The gathering is on Saturday, 01 December, at 8:30 AM in the Guereca Auditorium. **Please RSVP** with Andres Portillo (andresportillo90@yahoo.com) to get an accurate count.

Kudos to the **alumni swimmers** who represented the generations of state champions (32 out of 33 years) during the Sun Bowl Parade on Thanksgiving Day.

MEN OF IRON/MEN OF GOLD



Swim team alumni represented generations who earned 32 state championships