

# **Verbal Announcements**

#### Announcement #1: Sundays, October 13 & 20, 2024

This year, we as a parish community are going to make a special effort to invite Catholics who do not attend church regularly to come back to Mass. We have designated Sunday, November 24, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, as Together Sunday. The parish office will be sending out letters and postcards and making phone calls inviting back parishioners whom we have not seen in a while. We ask each of you to assist! Please prayerfully consider **one** person who you can personally invite back to Mass, pray for that person, and then invite him or her to join us for Mass on Sunday, November 24.

### Announcement #2: Sundays, October 27 & November 3, 2024

This year, we as a parish community are going to make a special effort to invite Catholics who do not attend church regularly to come back to Mass. We have designated Sunday, November 24, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, as Together Sunday. We ask you to help us make Together Sunday as welcoming as possible on that day. Some ways you can do this include:

- Move to the center of the pews so that people do not have to climb over you to find a seat
- Park in a more distant spot in the parking lot so that new or returning Catholics can easily find a good parking spot
- Make an effort to greet those in your pew, even with just a simple smile

Please continue to prayerfully consider the **one** person who you can personally invite to join us for Mass on November 24.

## Announcement #3: Sundays, November 10 & 17, 2024

[In two weeks, / Next week,] the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, is Together Sunday. The parish team has been inviting back parishioners whom we have not seen in some time. Now is the time for you to personally invite **one** person back to Mass, asking them to join us on November 24. Our parish will be making a special effort to be extra hospitable and welcoming on Together Sunday. Please extend a warm welcome to any new or returning Catholics that day.

### Together Sunday Announcement: Sunday, November 24

We would like to extend a special welcome to any new or returning Catholics to today. Your presence is a gift to the Lord! You have an important place in our parish community and you are always welcome here. Please consider celebrating all of Advent and Christmas with us these next few weeks. Sunday Mass can be a place of peace and comfort in this busy season, and we all need a joyful community of people with whom to pray. And Mass provides the opportunity to receive the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe!

Please join us [details of community-building event after Mass]. The other priests and I would love to meet you so, if we do not already know each other, please introduce yourself to me and [name(s) of other priest(s)]. Also, please be sure to take a bulletin as you leave this morning. It will have information on Advent and Christmas liturgies and how to get connected in our parish community.