



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! In this Thanksgiving Week, we celebrate and call to mind the Goodness of God and the goodness of others to us. Of all the things for which we can be grateful, it is goodness and love which rank the highest: The ability to be loved and to love is our greatest treasure and gratitude to the most fitting response.

In the midst of the Civil War, when things were most difficult, President Lincoln called this gift of Love to mind when he established Thanksgiving Day. He noted that despite all the hardships at home and on the field, God still looked with favor on our land and on His people. Such favor invites gratitude. Looking back and respecting history can cultivate this gift of gratitude in a mighty way. In the rear-view mirror of life, we can often see the hand of God, the providence of God in a clearer way. We certainly see it in the Life of Jesus Christ who lived among us, whom many missed in His own day, but who throughout history continues to show Himself as Savior and Lord. What a joy it is to look-back and praise Him for His Goodness!

This week, as we look back with Christ, I highlight a particular date in time...November 22, 1963. Many know this as the day we lost our President, assassinated in Dallas, Texas. But on that very day – just hours and worlds apart -- two other men died: CS Lewis and Aldous Huxley. Lewis the great apologist for Christianity died of renal failure in England. And Huxley, the infamous writer and author of **Brave New World**, died of cancer while high on LSD in California.

At the time, the President's murder overshadowed everything else that happened that day. But over time, we see something very different something very beautiful emerge. While all three men exercised great power and influence in their lives, it is Lewis's life, writings, legacy and influence that shine most brightly still. Why? Because Lewis wedded significant facts with ideas and to the reality of Jesus Christ! And Jesus, God's Gift of Love to and for us, makes all the difference.

This Thanksgiving, know of my thanks to God for you. Let us continue to live God's love and welcome His Love with grateful praise!

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

PS As of this writing there is a terrific movie on CS LEWIS in the theaters, treat yourself to it. Or even better start reading his work. You will not be disappointed.

**St. Pat's is Going to the Movies!-Christmas with *The Chosen: The Messengers***

**Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 2:05PM-Regal Downingtown-\$15.00 ticket**

To launch the Christmas season this December, The Chosen has created a special episode about the birth of Christ through the eyes of Mary and Joseph. You'll also see an extraordinary lineup of musicians perform both new and classic Christmas songs from the set of The Chosen.

This is the perfect opportunity to bring friends and family, including those who haven't seen The Chosen, for a unique Christmas experience. Ticket holders will be required to provide their own transportation to Regal Downingtown (100 Quarry Road, Downingtown, PA). Once there you will meet up with your St. Pat's friends to share the spirit of Christmas together. **St. Patrick Church has a limited number of tickets so be sure to reserve yours now!** All tickets (adults/children) each currently costs \$15.00; however, we are currently working with Regal in attempts to lower the ticket cost. Cash or check payable to St. Patrick Church. For more details and to reserve your tickets, please contact Jen Keller at jenkellersp@gmail.com or call 610-444-4364.