



FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

I rejoiced because they said to me,
"We will go up to the house of the Lord."

— Psalm 122:1

November 21, 2004

Thanksgiving Liturgy

On Thursday of this week we will be celebrating our Thanksgiving Mass here at St. Matthew's at 9:00 a.m. As in previous years, we ask parishioners to bring non-perishable food items or donations for the poor. We will bring these forward as part of the procession for the presentation of the gifts. After Mass, our own St. Paul Mousel will take the donations to St. Francis Center for distribution to those in need. Thank you so much for your continuing generosity!

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION TODAY

Poverty in America is on the rise—nearly 35 million Americans live below the poverty line. But we can reverse the trend by rekindling the spirit of community with those in need, by joining in solidarity to break the cycle of poverty. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development supports self help projects of poor and low-income people working together to improve their lives and their communities. Please give generously to CCHD in today's collection.

LECTORS

If you wish to purchase a lector workbook, please call Sr. Dolores — ext. 5

BAKE SALE TODAY

after all the Masses. Sponsored by Peace and Justice Committee to benefit the Holy Names Mission in Lesotho, Africa as well as local needs. Holiday cake/bread and cookies will be available.

FLOWERS NEEDED

Camellias will be needed for the weekend of Dec. 4/5. If you can provide flowers and branches of leaves, please call Sr. Dolores. Thank you so much.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT— NOV. 28

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

PRAY FOR OUR SICK...

*Rose Miller, John Devereaux, Ted Kaufman,
Mona Roberts, Maria Martha Robles*

ADVENT PRAYERS AND SUPPERS

Advent prayers will begin in the church at 5:30 p.m. on the first three Mondays of Advent, November 29, December 6 and 13. Prayer services will be followed by dinner in the hall, beginning about 6:00p.m. Please bring utensils and bowl or plate.

- **Nov. 29 ~ Soup Supper**-Provided by parish "Soup Chefs."
- **Dec. 6 ~ Potluck**-Everyone is invited to bring a favorite dish (salad, main dish or dessert)
- **Dec. 13 ~ Dinner sponsored by Comunidad**-with Christmas Caroling following dinner. You are invited to bring salads or desserts.

A free will offering is appreciated and proceeds will be divided among *St. Matthew Christmas Basket Project, Lesotho Mission* and *Heifer Project*. **Help** setting up (beginning at 4:30p.m.) and cleaning up is especially appreciated. Call Claire for more info at 597.4030.

ADVENT IS COMING

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. It will be the first Sunday of Comunidad's annual collection for the needy parishioners and their families. Look for the collection basket and listen for the little bell after each Mass.

BEAUTIFUL HANDMADE GIFTS

The Lady Crafters *Holiday Sale* will take place next Sunday, November 28 after all our Masses. If you can help with final preparations for the sale, please call Pat Mageean at 562.439.8325. If you enjoy working with arts and crafts, please come join us on Monday mornings from 9-11:00a.m. in Room #1.

MAMMOGRAMS

Our parish nursing program along with *Willow Imaging Group* will offer free or low cost mammograms to women 40 years or older. **The exams will be given on January 16, 2005** between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. You must reserve an appointment time as there is a limited number of reservations. You may **reserve your appointment time** on December 12th after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in classroom #2

PRAY FOR OUR DEAD...

Richard Desmond