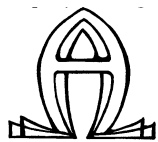


# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

NOVEMBER 26, 2006

JESUS CHRIST IS THE FAITHFUL WITNESS, THE FIRSTBORN OF THE DEAD  
AND RULER OF THE KINGS OF THE EARTH. — Revelation 1:5



## ALPHA AND OMEGA

“I bear witness to the truth; all on the side of truth listen to my voice.” Jesus is coming back: this is true. He has washed away our sins in blood. This is the truth. He has made the baptized members of his family: also truth. He says, “I am the alpha and the omega,” the beginning and the end, the one who is, who was, and who is to come, the almighty. He loves each of us so much that he saves us by giving us his life: all true. We bear witness to him.

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## A GIFT TO YOURSELF...

You are invited to open your bible every week to read and to reflect on the gospel for the next Sunday. The readings for next week are listed below along with two questions to prompt you to relate the Word of God to your life.

TODAY you will be offered a commitment card that you may use as a reminder to yourself to take time out during this busy season to read and reflect.

- 1) *How can I structure “listening time” to hear God’s call during this busy season?*
- 2) *Jesus alludes to our deaths as “the great day” and says “pray constantly.” How can I remember to turn my mind and heart to God often during the day?*

## DECEMBER 3 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 33:14-16

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 3:12— 4:2

**Gospel:** Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

## ADVENT PRAYER and DINNER

On Monday, December 3, we will have an advent prayer service in the church at 5:30 p.m.. Following the prayer service we will have a dinner in the parish hall. All are invited to come and enjoy the lasagna dinner and some pre-Christmas comraderie with fellow parishioners. Please bring a dessert and either a free will offering or a baby necessity (diapers, baby shampoo etc.) which we will give to Catholic Charities for the needy. Comunidad heads up this annual special event.

## LECTOR WORKBOOKS

For the new liturgical year (*which begins next weekend*) are available at the rectory for \$10.00.

## IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS...

and soon you will hear Comunidad bell ringers asking for donations for the parish Christmas collection. Donations will be collected after all the Masses for the next three weekends. Catholic Charities will be distributing our donations to parishioners. Please help in making this Christmas a joyous occasion for all St. Matthew's parishioners. We thank you kindly for your past generosity.

## JACKET AND BLANKET DRIVE

Recently our St. Vincent de Paul Society distributed blankets, socks, snacks, personal items, and restaurant vouchers to 40 homeless men and women living in Long Beach. This was made possible because of the donations of St. Matthew's parishioners to the church poor box. With colder weather coming soon, there is an urgent need for additional blankets and warm jackets. After all Masses on the next 3 weekends, members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting new and clean used jackets and blankets. Remember, if you haven't worn it in a year, it's time to give it away!

## MANY THANKS

Dear St. Matthew Parishioners,  
Such a wonderful parish! Your commitment for Respect Life issues is commendable. We at Precious Life Shelter are blessed to be able to share your goodness with the women and infants here at the shelter. Please accept our gratitude for all you provide to us to allow us to give every woman at the shelter the items she needs for herself and her child. We welcome you as volunteers and invite you to visit the shelter anytime.

With gratitude,

Theresa E. Murphy, President/CEO

## TOGETHER IN MISSION

We will take up a second collection today to inch closer to our mandatory parish goal. Thank you for last month's generous contributions totaling \$1,757.60 and we thank you for your generosity today!

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

*Estelle Byrnes, Zena Richards,  
Frances Chacon, Shirley Eck*