

# THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Blessed are you who fear the LORD.*

NOVEMBER 16, 2008

—Psalm 128:1a

## SHARING OUR GIFTS

Autumn is the season for harvesting and sharing the fruits of our labors. This week's scriptures use images of the harvest, family life, pregnancy, and investment to describe the abundant harvest in the reign of God. We discover that sharing the gifts we have been given brings eternal rewards for everyone.

In the Gospel parable a master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Each is given some talents. What they do with those talents determines what the master will do with them when he returns. How about us? What are we doing with our talents? How will our Master treat us when he returns.

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## THANKSGIVING LITURGY

Thursday, November 27

We will celebrate our bilingual Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00a.m. We ask all those attending to bring non-perishable food items or monetary donations. We want everyone to be a part of our offertory procession! After Mass, Mr. Paul Mousel will take our donations to St. Francis Center for distribution to those in need.

## FLOWERS ARE NEEDED

We are in need of long stemmed Birds of Paradise flowers and leaves to decorate our church for the Feast of Christ the King and Thanksgiving. **Please deliver them to the parish office this coming Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. Thank you!!**

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEEDS YOUR HELP

Catholic Charities needs toys to distribute to 1,000 children at Christmas time. Santa will see the children December 9 so **we need all contributions to be collected by December 5th.** Please call Anna Totta at 562.900.6602 for further information. Santa needs more helpers this year than every before.

## TAKE TIME TO REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD

The readings for next Sunday, *Our Lord Jesus Christ the King* are listed below along with questions for your quiet reflection throughout the coming week.

**FIRST READING:** Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 25:31-46

As I reflect upon this passage, what do I find the most challenging? How have I tried to meet the material, emotional and spiritual needs of the "least" in my community?

## THANKSGIVING AND ADVENT PROJECTS OFFERED TO YOU BY OUR PEACE AND JUSTICE MINISTRY

NEXT WEEKEND

How about a yummy loaf of bread for your Thanksgiving Day breakfast or to give as a hostess gift? This year we will offer banana-nut, lemon, cranberry-walnut and the always popular pumpkin loaves at \$4.00 each or 2 for \$7.00. Buy one to eat and one to freeze!

**WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 29/30**

We will have a large collection bin stationed outside the church for you to donate men's and women's new hygiene items, under garments and socks.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 1ST**

We will have a prayer service at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall followed by a potluck dinner. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this Advent gathering. If your last name begins with letter A-H please bring a salad, I-R please bring a hot main dish; S-Z please bring a dessert.

## ACCW

The Archdiocesan Conference of Catholic Women will meet on **November 20th at St. Anthony Parish.** At 9:30a.m. Fr. Al Scott will speak on "*Thanks-Giving*" followed by Mass and lunch. For reservations please call 562.633.2503.

## CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Next week we will take up a collection for those whose lives are at the poverty line. Your gift supports programs that:

- Bring people together to solve community problems.
- Create affordable housing for low-income families
- Teach new skills and create jobs
- Help those in poverty achieve self reliance and self sufficiency
- Educate Catholics about poverty and Catholic social teaching.

Contribution envelopes will be in the pews next weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

## LECTORS

Lector workbooks for the new liturgical year, *which begins in 2 weeks* are available at the parish office. The suggested donation of \$10.00 is requested in order to defray costs.