

# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

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

NOVEMBER 22, 2009

~ Parish Life and Activities... ~

<b>CHRIST THE KING</b>	<p>On the final Sunday of the liturgical year we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. It's easy to understand today's scriptures as events that happened long ago and far away, or predictions that will come true somewhere, some day. But they invite us to claim Christ as our King here and now. Jesus' words to Pilate in the Gospel remind us that his kingdom transcends time and place. And the prophecies from Daniel and Revelation give us reason to be faithful to Christ our King right here right now.</p> <p>By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only King over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation. No matter what nation we belong to or what language we speak, he "has made us into a kingdom" (Revelation 1:6)—one people united in love and peace for all eternity.</p>
<b>THANKSGIVING DAY MASS</b>	<p>We will celebrate our <b>bilingual Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 a.m. this Thursday, November 26th</b>. We ask all those planning to attend to bring non-perishable food items or a monetary donation. We want everyone to be a part of our offertory procession! After Mass, Mr. Paul Mousel will transport our donations to the St. Francis Center where they will be distributed to those in need.</p>
<b>ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS</b>	<p><b>YOUR NON-AVAILABILITY DATES</b> for the months of December January and February are <b>due by this Monday, November 23rd</b>. Also, <b>Year C workbooks for lectors are available</b> in the Rectory. Your donation of \$10.00 is requested to help defray the cost.</p>
<b>LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING</b>	<p><b>All Liturgy Committee members</b> are reminded that there will be a meeting on <b>Monday, November 30th at 7:00p.m.</b> in the Rectory when we will make final plans for the Advent and Christmas Seasons.</p>
<b>CHRISTMAS TOYS NEEDED</b>	<p>Catholic Charities and St. Mary Medical Center will hold a <b>Christmas party for 700 children</b> on December 8th. <b>Toy donations are greatly needed for children ages 1 month to 12 years of age</b>. Please <b>deliver</b> them to Catholic Charities, 123 E. 14th St. <b>by Dec. 4</b>. Call 562.591.1641 for further information.</p>
<b>HELPING OTHERS</b>	<p>Throughout the Advent Season, Comunidad will be taking monetary contributions before and after all the Masses in order to assist parish families who are in need. Your donations will be used to purchase grocery store gift cards. Please be generous.</p>
<b>OUR NEIGHBORING PARISHES</b>	<p><b>Our Lady of Refuge</b> will have a Holiday Boutique on December 5th from 9a.m-4p.m. and December 6 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. A variety of vendors will offer quality items and various home made food items will be for sale.</p> <p><b>St. Bartholomew</b> is offering a Day of Spiritual Enrichment called <i>Advent: Wake Up to the Divine Compassion</i> presented by Fr. Carl J. Arico. For additional information please call Melissa Guttman at 562.434.1998.</p> <p><b>St. Pancratius'</b> Young Adult Choir will present it's annual Advent/Christmas benefit concert, <i>Holy Night Divine</i> on Saturday, December 5th at 7:30 p.m. For more information please call Victor Wheeler at 562.505.1089.</p>
<b>JOIN US</b>	<p>to pray the rosary every Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the Church.</p>
<b>NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1st READING:</b> Jeremiah 33:14-16 <b>2nd READING:</b> 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>GOSPEL:</b> Luke 21:25-28, 34-36</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>REFLECTION...</b> <i>Paul calls upon his "brothers and sisters" to increase and abound in love for one another and for all. How do I witness to this message? How can I also strengthen this in my heart?</i></p>