

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
November 26, 2017**

“I was hungry
and you gave me food,
I was thirsty
and you gave me drink.”
— Matthew 25:35

CHRIST, KING OF ALL

On this, the final Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. 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.

At the end of time as we know it, Christ’s work of restoring all things to unity and harmony with their Creator God will be completed. This Sunday, when we claim Christ as both our Shepherd and our King, we recognize our own calling to participate in Christ’s saving work by caring for those whom Jesus calls “the least ones” (Matthew 25:45).

– J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today we have a modern feast, less than a century old, and placed at the very end of the liturgical cycle of Sundays only in 1969. In 1925, the world was in a sorry state from the vantage point of Pope Pius XI. The winds of war had swept the map of Europe raw, and ancient Christian dynasties had fallen in Russia and Spain. Although the Great War had ended, wars were breaking out everywhere. Fascism was already in control in Italy, and Nazism was on the horizon for Germany. The disorder making its claim on the human race was, the pope felt, an insult to the Divine Order. Pius XI designated the last Sunday in October as a day of universal recognition of the kingship of Christ. Creating this feast was an act of bravery by the pope, who was standing up against idolatry of the state and the dehumanizing forces of the modern world, things that are not hard to detect in today’s world as well. In 1969 it seemed fitting to move the feast to a place of honor at the end of the year, a way of summing up the whole movement of the liturgical year toward the perfection of the Kingdom of God. In recent decades, many Protestant churches have adopted this day from the new Roman calendar, so it is shared now with the Church of England, the Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Lutheran churches, and others.

—Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
- Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
- Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Prayer Requests: Call 874-3812 to add/remove names.

Sergio, Gary, Teresa Kooi, Pat Kampmann, Pete, Thomas Tolar, Susan Brown, Felicia Gonzalez, Holly White, Kathleen, Jamie Silva, Lorri McCamen, Sarah, Clifford James, Terri Andrews, Marilyn Vitali, Fred Pisani, Theresa Spiteri, Sara, Mary Anne Parque, Dorothy Komarek Denton, Steve, Sr. Marjorie Krusky, Barbara, Kathy Higgins, Dave Creeth, Sheila & Art Hansen, Jim Pearson, Ronald Porter, Annie Tobin, Darren and Michael, William, Parson Pfsorich, Mary O'Donnell, Bill Zandoski, Papke family, Mary Karp, Randy Tonelli, Daniel

Social Ministry



Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

For the month of **November/December** offerings:

11/19: 1st Collection: \$1679. Capital Expenditures: \$1188.
11/26: Rural Food. 12/3: Operating Expenses.

Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council: Thurs., 11/30/17, at 10:00 AM in Hall

Finance Council: Thurs., 12/14/17, at 11:00 AM in Hall

Liturgy Committee: Wed., 12/13/17, at 10:00 AM in Hall

St. Teresa Ladies Guild: Contact Diane, 823-6044

St. Philip Ladies Guild: Contact Susan, 829-1189

Every Friday, Centering Prayer: 9:30 AM at St Philip

Coffee & Goodies: Following 8 AM Sunday Mass and Monday/Wednesday after 9 AM Mass, at St Philip Hall

Mondays & Wednesdays-Seniors Lunch at 12noon:

All seniors welcome! (No lunch Monday before 2nd Tuesday of month)



✠ ♥ ✠ Mass Intentions ✠ ♥ ✠ Schedule

- Sat., November 25, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
- Sun., November 26, 8am Mass for the People
- Sun., November 26, 9:30am Mass ✠ Sean White
- Sun., November 26, 11:15am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo
- Mon., November 27, 9am Mass Paul & Carla Guarnerre
- Tues., November 28, 9am Mass Lisa Guarnerre
- Wed., November 29, 9am Mass Mike, Angela & Baby
- Thurs., November 30, 9am Mass Carmen & Lordes Munoz
- Fri., December 1, 9am Communion Service
- Sat., December 2, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
- Sun., December 3, 8am Mass Bill Zandoski
- Sun., December 3, 9:30am Mass ✠ Sean White
- Sun., December 3, 11:15am Mass for the People

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- Monday: Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time
- Thursday: St. Andrew
- Friday: First Friday
- Saturday: First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary

GRATITUDE

Let gratitude for the past inspire us
with trust for the future.

—François Fénelon

HIDDEN TALENT

No one respects a talent that is concealed.

—Desiderius Erasmus

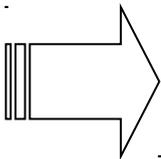
Pope Francis Tweet

“On this day, I invite the entire Church to keep its gaze fixed on those who hold out their hands asking for our solidarity.”

Parish notes: We extend our sympathetic condolences to the families of Al Gerhardt (St. Philip Church) and Nino Scarfato (St. Teresa Church). Both men, recently deceased, will be greatly missed by all who knew them and the fine work they did.

As our hearts continue to go out to the countless families affected by the wildfires, we are encouraged by the powerful response from all people of goodwill. The Chancery phone number working at present is the main number, 707-545-7610. We have created a web page on our Diocesan website to donate specifically to help alleviate the incredible financial toll the fires have had on our school communities and parish families. Please go to: www.srdiocese.org/signofhope to make a donation as soon as possible. Every little bit helps! (You can also sign up to offer one hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament each week, as well as submit your own story of how you have experienced your own sign of hope in the midst of this trial.) Thank you! --Dave Adams, the Chancery

Featured Parish Bulletin Advertiser:



St. Joseph Health medical group
652 Petaluma Ave. Suite B, Sebastopol
Hours 8am-7pm MTWTFH
707-823-7616 office of Dr. Rosa & Dr. Crane

RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for NOVEMBER 2017

On November 14 we welcomed 131 families representing 194 adults, 86 children and 39 seniors for a total of 319 people receiving nutritional support. This program is funded through the Rural Food Collection on the last Sunday of each month as well as through private donations and the generous support of our volunteers.

In November the Rural Food distribution served 14% more clients than the same time last year. Requests for Star Child gifts also grew. Many clients expressed appreciation for our service and we expect that Rural Food will continue to serve more clients in the coming months. Parishioners are encouraged to promote the program in our service area, particularly to people who have been displaced by the wildfires.

Please continue to collect paper grocery bags, especially with handles, and egg cartons. We are looking into biodegradable produce bags and recyclable grocery bags for our clients.

RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, December 9, from 9-10:00am repackaging -- Parish Hall
Monday, December 11, from 12:30 – 2:30pm to set up the Parish Hall
Tuesday, December 12, from 8:30 – 11:00am to distribute the food and assist clients. Star Child Gifts will also be available.

Class: Messianic History of Ancient Israel (Understanding the Old Testament): Beginning with Abraham, the Hebrews had a Manifest Destiny to bring salvation to all nations of the world. This was ultimately completed by Jesus, the Messiah, through his disciples. God's Messianic Plan is the core to Ancient Israel's history and is the thread that connects most of the books of the Old Testament, pointing the way to Jesus, Messiah and Christ. Understanding "The Messianic History of Ancient Israel" greatly simplifies an overall understanding of the Old Testament and understanding of Jesus' fulfillment of the Messianic Plan. Pat Griffith will be conducting this class on Thursday evening, November 30th from 6:30 to 9:00 pm and on Saturday, December 2nd from 8:30 to 3:30 pm. (Lunch will be provided.) The class will be in the hall at St. Philip. This is a great way to prepare for Jesus' Nativity. Register by emailing Pat at Patrick@fairhill.com or texting him at 707-477-2971.

Advent/Christmas preparation: Copies of *The Little Blue Book* are available at the entrance table of each church. A voluntary donation is appreciated, if possible.

The Little Ones

Los Más Pequeños

Jim Burrows



Then the king will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Mt 25:34

Entonces el Rey dirá a los de su derecha: "Venid, benditos de mi Padre, heredad el reino preparado para vosotros desde la fundación del mundo". Mt 25:34

CELEBRATE 2018

Save the Date! Sunday, January 28, 2018

4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Union Hotel, Occidental

2018 will be the 6th year that we celebrate the heritage of the beautiful and historic buildings of our parish, St. Philip the Apostle and St. Teresa of Avila, located in the towns of Occidental and Bodega, California. In addition to honoring the history of these landmark churches, this year's event will also donate proceeds to the neediest victims of the recent Sonoma fires. One half of proceeds from ticket sales (ticket price is \$90 this year) and 100% of proceeds from a Fund-a-Need (paddle raise) will be earmarked exclusively for fire relief efforts at Catholic Charities and Saint Vincent de Paul locally.

Please note:

We need both silent and live auction items that will create lively bidding.

We would love your drinkable wine contributions, for use at the event.

There will be a collection basket at the back of the churches beginning November 11 and 12. (Please sign your bottle.)

You can purchase tickets or donate items after Mass, through any committee member, or at the parish office. THANK YOU!

Celebrate Committee: Cathy McCool 861-9302, Mary Briggs 827-3471, Pat Pettibone 875-8826, Diane Benson 823-5460, Mary Griffith 225-2546, Susan Small 829-1189, Jane Vitale 526-6856, Barbara Gonnella 874-3390

Adult Confirmation 2018

On the afternoon of Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2018, at St. Eugene's Cathedral, Bishop Vasa will be conducting a special Confirmation Mass for adults from throughout the diocese who are baptized Catholics but have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Anyone from our parish who might be interested in this (there will be a period of preparation required) should email Father Fergal directly at fmcguinness@srdiocese.org for further information.