

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

TODAY'S MESSAGE

CHRIST IS KING

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 and right now.

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.

SPIRITUALITY TUESDAYS ASSEMBLY & BURNING BUSH

"A Call to Holiness"

On Sunday, Nov. 22 at 3pm the movie "Romero" will be shown at St. Albert the Great Hall.

This provides the background

for Spirituality Tuesday on Nov. 24 at 7pm at SAGH where "The Spirituality and Challenge of Archbishop Oscar Romero" will be discussed.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE FOOD DRIVE

Thanks to all parishioners who have already contributed non-perishable food items to this year's annual food drive. Donations will be gratefully accepted through the end of the month. Volunteers are needed to help sort and store food donations at OLR on Sunday December 6th right after the 10:30 am mass. Questions? Feel free to contact Eileen Freyre at eileen.freyre@gmail.com. Thank you!



Please Pray

FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND — Nicholas Humy, Devin Wakefield, Mary Harvey, Rita McAlester, Carson Enghardt, Frankie Briggs, Barbara Franceschi, Norman Swope, Virginia Jordan, Jane Bahr, Smithy Smith, Milo Gwosden, Bobby Kerrigan, Elizabeth Hofstetter, Evaldo Nascireuto, Fausto Araujo, Joan Copenhagen, Ann Bisacca, Karen LeMoine, Sally Sullivan, Harry Browne, Damian Dykema

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED — Jim Chim, Robert Jordan, Nancy Condon, Anthony Thalmann, Sophie Bandur, Rena del Rosario, Geraldine Thalmann, Isabel Mulcahy, Alija Jayne Schemel, Hariett Biggs, Fr. Charles Macedo, Vivencio Ila, Betty Streep, Raoul Geerichx

Pray For Lists guidelines: • Have permission from the person to be listed. • Go through the Pastoral Home Ministry to list the names. • Names will be on the list for 3 months and then be removed. • Can request names to be continued after 3 months. Contact the Pastoral Home Ministry 650-494-2496 x22 or fongmt@hotmail.com

Please note our email address:
bulletin@paloaltocatholic.org

BULLETIN ARTICLE DUE
Dec 6 . . . **Wed** Nov 25 noon
Dec 13 . . . **Thu** Dec 3 noon



Our Weekly Offering

November 8 \$ 8,525.53
Disaster Relief \$ 3,730.00
thank you for your continued generosity

Year To Date

Actual YTD . . \$ 178,608.77
Budget YTD . . \$ 185,293.65
Variance - 3.61%

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 22:

8:45 am STA Milo Gwosden (health)

9:00 am SAG Robert Jordan †

10:30 am OLR . . . Will Dickens †

Readings: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93; Rv 1:5-8;

Jn 18:33b-37

Monday, November 23: St. Clement I;

St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro

8:30 am OLR Percy Aranha †

Readings: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 24: St. Andrew Dung-

Lac and his companions

8:30 am OLR Percy Aranha †

Readings: Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 25: St. Catherine of Alexandria

Readings: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk

21:12-19

Thursday, November 26:

Readings: Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28

Thanksgiving Day—Suggested:

Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday, November 27:

8:30 am OLR Gzella Cooper †

Readings: Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday, November 28: Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36

Welcome New Parishioners in November:

Edna Bonsal, Jessica Pierog

PRESIDERS SCHEDULE

Saturday & Sunday November 28 & 29, 2009

St. Albert the Great

Sat 5:00 pm Fr. Allen

Sun 9:00 am Fr. Allen

St. Thomas Aquinas

Sun 7:30 am Fr. Hester

Sun 8:45 am Fr. Marini

Sun 10:30 am Fr. Geris

Sun 12 noon TBA

Our Lady of the Rosary

Sun 9:00 am (español) . . Fr. Geris

Sun 10:30 am Fr. Braverman

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, November 22: Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

9:15, 10:15 am ... Religious Education (OLR/SESS)

3:00 pm ... Burning Bush (SAGH)

5:00 pm ... Youth (OLRH/DC)

Monday, November 23: Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time

10:00 am ... Thanksgiving Lunch (OLRH)

7:30 pm ... Medjugorje Group (KC)

Tuesday, November 24:

7:00 pm ... Hispanic Prayer (OLR)

7:00 pm ... Spirituality Tuesdays (SAGH)

7:30 pm ... Knights of Columbus (OLRH)

Wednesday, November 25:

10:00 am ... Maint. Comm. (PC)

6:00, 7:30 pm ... RCIC (DC)

Thursday, November 26: Thanksgiving Day

10:00 am ... Maint. Comm. (PC)

7:00 pm ... ASDC (SAGH)

Friday, November 27:

7:00 pm ... YAG (OLRH)

Saturday, November 28: Eid al-Adha

(Muslim feast of the sacrifice of Ishmael) celebrated this week

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

To all parishioners who knit and/or crochet! Share your talent to create a special prayer shawl for a fellow parishioner in need of extra warmth, love and prayers at a critical time in his or her life. Your spare time can result in a beautiful gift to someone in need.

This ministry has already provided comfort to several parishioners. The prayer shawl is a simple symbol of God's love created especially by you. Please call Terry 650-714-2131.

THE GREEN CORNER

Our Parish Green Team now has ten members: Ann Akey, Paul Chestnut, Laura Chiu, Elizabeth Fitting, Rosemary Gill, Walt Lundin, Jerry Martinson, Gerard McGuire, Katia Reeves, and Mary Sullivan. We came together when our diocese joined the national Catholic Coalition on Climate Change and started the Catholic Green Initiative of Santa Clara County. We support the diocesan agenda, but at our parish level we want to go beyond that.

We're concerned about global warming, about water pollution and water conservation, and one-use plastic bags and the mess we've let our earth, air and water become. What God once found to be good has become not-so-good. We want to make it better. We can do this in our homes and in our parish activities. Beyond that, in the bigger world the big guys - businesses, industries, trade groups, financiers, nations and their opinion-makers and policy-makers - can make or break this effort. Keep an eye on what the House and Senate are doing now. What will the international community do next month when they meet to try to make some new rules to replace the expiring Kyoto treaty?

We hope that all of us will do what all of us CAN do: leave a smaller carbon footprint, thin our exhausts and recycle more and smarter while consuming less. We'll suggest some neat little things you can do and we'll ask you to share your neat little things with others. We can all be apprentice angels trying to be journeymen. With God's help, let the flight of the fledglings begin!

MORE ON 350 PPM

What's the impact of too much CO₂? 1. Sea levels rise. Homes of coastal dwellers at risk. 2. Weather is worse. Hurricanes, droughts and floods are more frequent and more severe. 3. Glaciers melt. They're the water supply for millions of people. 4. The hotter and drier climate threatens forests, ecosystems and food production. 5. Millions of refugees disrupt world economy and threaten national security.

Little things you can do: Don't run appliances unless they're full. Use clothes lines to dry clothes. Turn water heater down to 120 degrees. – *Parish Green Committee*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Frances, a fifty year old self sufficient woman was gainfully employed and living in Palo Alto. Her daughter attended the Palo Alto Schools. Living costs increased and she moved to Cupertino where houses at that time were more affordable. The last few years have been quite terrible. She had a car accident and her right leg was injured. She had surgery on the leg which did not go well and it did not heal properly. She lost her job and paying for the surgery became difficult. She needs another surgery, and has no money to pay for it. She could no longer afford her home and began living with a woman in Cupertino who allowed her to stay the night and shower in the morning in exchange for some cleaning and ironing services. She cannot drive to Cupertino now because her car is badly in need of repair, so she stays in Palo Alto. Although she has multiple needs, she came to us asking for money to repair the brakes on her car. She has managed to find a job selling books and she desperately needs a car to deliver the books to her customers.

Frances is a typical example of the people we help here in Palo Alto. There are many like her here in Palo Alto who are living "on the edge." Next Sunday, Nov. 29, is St. Vincent de Paul Sunday. Please come prepared to give generously when the second collection basket is passed.

November 22, 2009

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thursday, November 26, 2009, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm:
Thanksgiving Dinner Sponsored by Peninsula Volunteers.
Help support the Peninsula Volunteers help those less fortunate this Thanksgiving by coming to the "Little House" Thanksgiving dinner. Menu: Traditional Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy, Vegetable Medley, Pumpkin Pie Vegetarian/
Vegan Menu: Baked Acorn Squash stuffed with Mixed Grains and Legumes, Caramelized Onion and Balsamic Vinegar Reduction Sauce, Baked Herb Tomato Side with Vegetable Medley, Pumpkin Pie. Time: 11:30 am till 1:00 pm. Cost: \$12.00 if reserved by November 6, \$15:00 until November 18. (Tickets are non-refundable). Location: Little House Activity Center, 800 Middle Ave, Menlo Park, CA 94025. More information: Call 650.326.2025 and ask for Aida. You must have a credit card to purchase tickets.

YOUNG ADULT MASS

Young Adult Holiday Party Saturday, December 5th, 7 PM St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center. Hosted by the young adults of Stanford and St. Thomas Aquinas. Join Young Adults of Deanery 2 in a Christmas celebration. We'll have hot chocolate, cider, and some tasty snacks. We ask those attending to bring a drink, snack, or dessert to share, or bring \$5 to help cover costs. We also ask everyone to bring an unwrapped gift for a teenager for a toy drive held by Stanford's permanent community. So, get dressed up for the holidays and celebrate the season with the Young Adults of Deanery 2! Afterward, around 10 PM, we'll go to Stanford's Memorial Church, to take part in Stanford's Early Holiday Liturgy at 11 PM. Contact Scott,scott.a.harrison@gmail.com for more information, or see our website at www.YoungAdultCircle.org. All are welcome.

NATIVITY CRÈCHE

This year on Saturday, Dec. 5 and Sunday, Dec. 6 you will have the opportunity to not only enjoy a lovely exhibit of nativity scenes, but to have yours included as well. Everyone is invited to bring their crèche from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5 to the gymnasium at St. Elizabeth Seton School for set-up. They will be displayed that evening after the 5 p.m. mass and again Sunday morning from 8 a.m. until noon. It'll be a wonderful experience for all ages and we hope you'll invite your friends and neighbors, too. In order to know how many tables to set up, we ask that you please contact Monique at Llmosey131@yahoo.com or call her at 650.619.9971 if you would like to display your crèche.