

# Christ the King — *November 22, 2009*

## **Our Lord Jesus Christ the King Last Sunday in Ordinary Time B 1 *Daniel 7:13-14***

### The Source of Security

Every day we seek security. We fasten the safety belts in our cars. We set alarms to prevent theft. We help watch our neighbors' homes. We take care of our health. We take what measures we can to help us feel secure.

There are few guarantees. Tragedy can befall even those who take precautions. The things of this world can provide supports for safety. But none of them can make us totally secure.

Security ultimately comes from God alone. The power of God is stronger than any theft, accident, or injury. It rules over illness and death. The power that created us will recreate us in love.

Jesus, our savior, had a favorite image for himself. He called himself the Son of Man. He took that expression from the Book of Daniel, where the prophet envisioned one like a Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven. He receives dominion, glory, and kingship. All nations served him. His dominion extended over all lands and times.

In borrowing that image, Jesus gave his disciples a message of hope. He himself would lose security, suffering torment and death. But he himself would reign over all.

The church year ends with a vision of hope for each of us who seeks security: the coming of the Son of Man.

### **Readings For Next Sunday November 28 & 29**

1st Reading...Jer 33:14-16  
2nd Reading...1 Thes 3:12-4:2  
Gospel...Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

**(Week of November 23)**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	Jim Gates, K. Conway, M. O'Hara
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	To Be Contacted, M. Crawford, E. Twyman
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	Bud Koshewa
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Steve Sternberg, J.Powers, N. Spoelker, M. Wilkinson
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>	+A. Bland, D. McFarland, J. Bowen
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	+B. Gumbel, C. Buchar, M. Gumbel

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### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**(Week of November 23)**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	Lillie Steier
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	Linnie Holland
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	Kenine Hardt
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	St. Raphael Community
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Communion Service</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>	Lucille Fante Koshewa
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	St. Raphael Community

### **HOSPITALITY MINISTERS**

**(November, 2009)**

**4:30pm....**David Worland (cpt), Joe O'Toole, Jim & Ruth Mueller,  
**Need 2**  
**10:00am...** Tom & Millie Fleischer (cpts), Charlie & Nancy Roth,  
David & Sharon Smith, David Ernstberger, Jenny Madden-Martin

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**(November 28 & 29)**

**4:30pm...**To Be Contacted  
**10:00am...**To Be contacted

### **LECTORS**

**(November 28 & 29)**

**4:30pm...**Mark Raque & Krissy Raque  
**10:00am....**Doug Pohl & Bud Lally

### **GIFT BEARERS**

**(November 28 & 29)**

**4:30pm...**Tom & Karen Hamilton  
**10:00am...**Chris & Melissa Hartung

## Stewardship Reflection

Tithing for November 15.....\$12,963

Stewardship is not an ideal but a lived faith. In order to carry out the Master's wishes (action), the good steward must first know the Master's mind (prayer) and listen to the Master's voice. Stewardship has often been defined as "prayer elevated to a lifestyle."

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

### Best Wishes:

Saint Raphael's Youth Ministry would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. We hope you have joyous and safe holiday.

### In Your Prayers:

Please keep our three youth and three adult leaders that are making the trip to Kansas City, MO this Thursday through Sunday for National Catholic Youth Conference.



The **Angel Tree** will be in the Narthex November 21-22 & 28-29. This is a week earlier than in the past which gives everyone extra time. Anyone wishing to help with the sign-up, can call Susan Meyer at 454-5806.

### Advent Penance Service....

Sunday, December 13 at 3pm.

Holy Day of Obligation...

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception** Tuesday, December 8.

### Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve — 4:30pm

Christmas Day — 10:00am

8:15am (All School Mass) & Noon



Art Beck St. Vincent DePaul Food Basket collection will begin this weekend and will continue through December 12 and 13. Boxes will be in the vestibule of church for your donations.

Please check the expiration dates on items being donated. The goal this year is 200 baskets so your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

### THANKSGIVING DAY

Parishioners are invited to bring the bread that will be served for their Thanksgiving Dinner, to have it blessed at the end of Mass. Be sure to put your name on the bag.

"The Gospel of Luke and the Infancy Narrative" will be the subject of presentations by Benedictine Father Eugene Hensell at 7 p.m. Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 and 2 in the undercroft of the Cathedral of the Assumption, 433 S. Fifth St. There is a \$5 fee for each session. For information, call the Cathedral parish office at 582-2971.

**Holy, Holy, Holy....**Early in the eucharistic prayers at every Mass, we all sing a hymn of praise to God. But it's not just "we all" who are gathered in the church that day. We join a hymn going on in heaven, already being sung by the angels. It is the Holy, Holy, Holy—also known by its Latin title, the Sanctus.

The hymn entered the history of Mass in the early fifth century, when it quickly took its place within the eucharistic prayer. The Sanctus is one of the parts of the Mass that was set to music in Gregorian chant and then later by some of the great composers of classical music. Partly because of its musical possibilities, the Sanctus was sung by the choir alone at many a Sunday Mass for hundreds of years. Ever since the Second Vatican Council, the Holy, Holy, Holy was returned to the entire assembly, who today would justly feel left out if the choir too the hymn to itself.

The first part of the Sanctus comes from Isaiah 6:3, where the angels are singing to each other about how holy God is. The second part comes from Psalm 118:26, where hosannas ring out to the Son of David. Matthew 21:9 puts this passage on the lips of the crowds who acclaim Jesus on his triumphant entry to Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday.

The angels say that God is the Lord Sabaoth, a word that has been rendered in English as "of power and might," but it is better translated as "of hosts." The angels themselves are the "hosts" in question here. They are singing about their own ruler. When we join their song, we acclaim God as our ruler too.



## Thanksgiving Day Mass

9:00am



These days it is not hard to imagine having to choose between rent or health care, food or transportation, household bills or clothing for your children. For many Americans, these choices are forced by a recent layoff, pay freeze, or retirement fund decrease. For nearly 40 million Americans who live below the poverty line, the options are only diminishing. The **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)** makes a difference in low-income communities by funding programs that address the root causes of poverty. More than ever, CCHD needs your support in today's Collection. Thank you for your generosity.

### Thanksgiving Holiday

The Parish Office will be **closed** from 11:30am Wednesday, November 25 through Friday, November 27. The office will reopen at 8:30am Monday, November 30.

**Please offer your prayers for our sick family & friends in the St. Raphael Parish community:**

*Bernadine Allbritten, Mary Lee Anderson, Helen Bethards, Charles Bauer, Mary Rose Brizendine, Jo Ann Carroll, James Caudill, Richard Chandler, David Charmoli, Victoria Clark, Pat Conner, Robert Coury, Martha Creed, Connor Day, Mary Jeannette Durham, Sara Fante, Daniel Flynn, Frances Gibson, Sue Harris, Marcella Horney, Rosemary Johnson, Mary Kautzman, Damion Kline, George Koestel, Henry Krebs, A.C. Leonhardt, Cleo Leonhardt, Charles Lucas, Marilyn Malone, Andrew McKinley, Tom Meyer, Malinda O'Daniel Ron Parrino, Connie Peters, Dr. Richard Phelps, Angelo Rappa, Tina Ray, Jean Reinstedler, Joesph Sauter, Elfriede Smith, Elmer Smith, Scott Spalding, Dorothy Thomas, John Tichenor, Anna Maria Verwest, Jane Wagner, Carol Walls, Mary Warken, Lillian Werkman, James Whelan, Marty Wiehebrink, Dorothy Wimsatt,*

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