

November 22, 2009 Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MAURICE

YAHWEH Ω
Ω THE ONE WHO IS AND WHO WAS

“Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to Him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen... ‘I am the Alpha and Omega’ says the Lord God, the one who is and who was and is to come, the Almighty.”

The prayer of praise and thanksgiving, the doxology found at the beginning of the book of Revelation, provides a summary of the person and role of Jesus Christ. Revisit the verses of John who describes Jesus as witness, testifying to the Father’s love for us all. His mission was to reconcile us to the Father and to bring us into union with Him. Through our baptism we became part of that kingdom of Jesus Christ, the church. We did not earn this gift, but accepted the generous outpouring of God’s love for us through the person of Jesus Christ. He has completed His mission, which continues now in the life of the church.

Recalling the many times Jesus used the expression ‘I am’ in the gospel of John, He tells us today that He is the beginning and the end, the source and destiny of our Christian lives. We ‘fix’ our eyes on Jesus, the same yesterday, today and forever. Bringing the church year to a triumphant end, we pause to thank Jesus Christ, our King and Peacemaker who has made us a chosen race, a royal nation, a holy priesthood, a people set apart to live with Him.

Our mantra today: ‘Lord, Thy kingdom come.’

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

☒ Saturday/Sunday, November 21/22

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| 5 p.m., Sat. | † James Mondzak |
| 8 a.m. | † James O’Malley & Margaret DeMarie |
| 9:30 a.m. | † Richard S. Mitchell |
| 11 a.m. | People of the Parish |

☒ Monday, November 23

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| 9 a.m. | † Larry DiGiovanni |
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☒ Tuesday, November 24

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| 9 a.m. | † Mary D’Addio |
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☒ Wednesday, November 25

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| 7 p.m. | † Agnus Grupe & Eileen Divita |
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☒ Thursday, November 26 Thanksgiving

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| 9 a.m. | People of the Parish |
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☒ Saturday/Sunday, November 28/29

1st Sunday of Advent

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| 5 p.m., Sat. | † Claire Collum & George Kershaw |
| 8 a.m. | People of the Parish |
| 9:30 a.m. | † Elizabeth Reilly Hoveland |
| 11 a.m. | † Cranson Baggerly & Warren Hilkert |

THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES

Monday, November 23

☒ Living Faith Prayer Group (8:15 p.m.) Chapel

Tuesday, November 24

☒ Holy Name Special Meeting (6:30 p.m.) Church Hall
☒ Adult Choir (7:30 p.m.) Church

Wednesday, November 25

☒ No Scripture Class this week

Thursday, November 26

☒ Rectory Office Closed

Saturday, November 28

☒ Blue Army (9 a.m.) Chapel
☒ Christians of the Holy Land items for sale- Church Hall

Sunday, November 29

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28;
Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The Lord tells of fulfilling the promise he had made to Israel. He will send a replacement for David, someone who "shall do what is right and just in the land," believed by most to mean Jesus.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be ready for the coming of the Lord. He explains that although they are conducting themselves in a way that would please God, they should always strive to do even better.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus warns his followers to be prepared for the end of the world. He reminds them not to be preoccupied with unimportant events, or they will be caught unaware rather than being on watch as they should.

Readings on the Web: You can also find the above readings, as well as upcoming Sunday and daily readings on the web at <http://www.usccb.org/nab/>.

PARISH & DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASS will be celebrated every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Church.

SCRIPTURE CLASS will NOT meet this Wednesday, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

K-Club The winner of the K-Club for the week of 11/15/09 is John Stabile.



PARISH & DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Mark Your Calendar

November 29th No classes. Thanksgiving Blessings ☺

2010 RELIGIOUS ART CALENDAR The Holy Name Society is providing a beautiful calendar to all parish families, next weekend, with the help of twelve monthly sponsors. Their generosity will enable the Holy Name to continue with other parish projects throughout the year. Please patronize these sponsors: Altar Rosary Society, Bourbon Street Liquors, Clinton House, Gronsky's Milk House, Hunterdon Siding and Window, Knights of Columbus, Metropolitan Seafood, Naughtright-Scarponi Funeral Home, Riverside Liquors, Rotolo Law Firm, Sandrian Camera and ShopRite.

CHRISTIANS OF THE HOLY LAND will be here next weekend, November 28/29, selling items from the Holy Land in the Church Hall. See the insert in this bulletin.

ADVENT SALE The Knights of Columbus will be taking orders after masses this weekend for Christmas Wreaths and Grave Blankets. There is also a selection of Christmas cards which can be purchased.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUTH CHOIR The next rehearsal for the St. Joseph's Youth Choir will be Saturday, December 5th from 10-11 a.m. in the Church.



ADVENT CELEBRATION OF READINGS AND CAROLS Please join us for our fourth annual Advent Celebration of Readings and Carols on Sunday, December 6th at 6 p.m. in the Church. All are welcome!

2009 Bishop's Annual Appeal *Because We Are Church*

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry reaches out to teenagers as well as those in their 20's and 30's through special programs and activities, such as, Justicework, Diocesan Youth Day and Theology on Tap. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to support this important pastoral ministry. Please prayerfully consider making a gift today.

THE GIFT OF OUR TREASURE

Offertory Collection of 11/15/09: \$5,338.