

Jesus, King, Remember Me...

In the First Reading we find a *foreshadowing* of Christ. God was the shepherd of Israel and now David is made God's vicar on earth. Hence the king of Israel, King David, is called Son of God on the day of his enthronement. • The Responsorial presents another type of *prefiguration* of Christian tradition. This Song of Zion is one that would have been sung by pilgrims ascending the mount to reach the holy city, Jerusalem. Like the old Christian tradition of visiting a church upon arriving in a new city, the first place the Jewish pilgrim would visit was the temple, for this was where God dwelt on earth (as He does today in the Blessed Sacrament). For the Jewish people, the temple was a place of blessing and peace, their second home. As Christians we follow that tradition while awaiting the day we shall dwell in our heavenly Jerusalem. • The Second Reading is a beautiful hymn about Christ, describing Him in different ways as: an *icon of the Father*; *the visible manifestation of the invisible glory of God*; and *the Wisdom of God* with all things under His dominion both visible and invisible. Jesus is also *head of the Church* and *firstborn of the dead*, being the first and best of those who rose from the dead. His death and resurrection have justified us, and by giving us His Church, He has provided a way for us to live in that justification. • The Gospel celebrates the Kingship of Christ. He is a king who does not sit on a throne, but hangs on a cross. He does not wear a crown of gold, but one of thorns. Hence, Jesus is most king when He is dying on the cross. The crowds mocked Jesus and called on Him to save Himself as He had saved others. Ironically, He was saving others in the very act of not saving Himself. Another irony is the good thief whose humble recognition of Divinity crucified, stole for himself the greatest prize, paradise.

Prayer of the Week

Father all-powerful, God of love, you have raised our Lord Jesus Christ from death to life, resplendent in glory as King of creation. Open our hearts, free all the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, to live in his love. Bring all humankind together in Jesus Christ your

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Son, whose kingdom is with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Christian Belief About Judgment

St. Paul gives this insight as to the Christian belief about judgment: "For at the judgment seat of Christ we are all to be seen for what we are, so that each of us may receive what he has deserved in the body, matched to whatever he has done, good or bad" (2 Cor. 5:10). • The Biblical word for *judgment* is rich in imagery. It is often used in a positive way in the Hebrew Scriptures. For example, God judged (delivered) David from his enemies, or God judged (defended) the poor, orphans, and widows. However, when the people refused to live up to the terms of the covenant, God's judgment was against them. • The New Testament understanding of judgment emphasizes the paradox of the present and future nature of God's kingdom. God's reign is already here, but has yet to come in all its fullness. We already share in Christ's resurrection, but we have yet to die physically. Jesus Christ is here living in our midst, but he has yet to come in his full glory. Christ has saved us, but our sins show that we are not yet perfect. • One way to consider the "day of judgment" is to think of it as our permanent decision to accept or reject Jesus Christ. But Scripture reveals another judgment, at the end of time. It will be a final judgment when there will be final victory over evil. • The Church teaches that each person will immediately appear before God after death for a *particular judgment*. At death, our time of trial is over. The particular judgment will reveal us for what we are. We will see our lives as God sees them: either loving lives of service or lives of self-centeredness. At the particular judgment Christ will judge us lovingly, mercifully, and justly. Jesus' judgment will simply be a declaration of what is the truth about our acceptance or rejection of him. • The *general ("last") judgment* will take place at the end of time. Then, God's saving plan will be clear to everyone who ever lived. Christ will fully reveal each person's true relationship before God, and the good one has done or not done in life and its results. As judge, Jesus' goodness, justice, mercy, and peace will establish God's reign in all its glory.

Meetings & Events

Thanksgiving Day Mass

On Thanksgiving Day, this Thursday, November 28, Mass will be at 9:00 am. J Street and some other side streets will be closed for the "Run to Feed the Hungry," so plan your route accordingly. To share your family's bounty, consider making a Thanksgiving monetary gift at the Offertory, as the parish has already collected food that will have been distributed to families. Any money received will be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society to be used for Christmas needs.

Knights of Columbus -- Membership Drive

Men, please consider joining the Knights of Columbus, the world's largest Catholic men's fraternal organization, whose principle focus is on charity, unity, and fraternity with service to the Church and to our community. A sign-up table will be in the church vestibule after all Masses this weekend. • You may also contact Bob Willett at 916-485-7939 or Al Fernandez at 916-812-2050.

New Ministry -- Medical Response Ministry

The Parish is setting up a new ministry to deal with our responses to medical emergencies that sometimes occur during Mass. Parishioners who are medical professionals (nurses, physicians, EMTs, or paramedics) would be asked to respond to the incident (to provide assistance and first aid) and advise whether an ambulance or 911 is needed. A medical responder will be assisted by a monitor who will provide support services, e.g. meeting emergency personnel in the vestibule, bringing a first aid kit to the medical responder. • If you are interested in learning more about being a medical responder or a monitor, please give your name and contact information to the Parish Office (916-452-4136 Ext. 2) so we can follow up with you. We will be creating a list of medical responders and monitors who have agreed to respond if present when an incident occurs during a weekend Mass.

Campaign for Human Development Collection

Next weekend our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities. Special envelopes are available in the church vestibule. Please be generous.

Advent Giving Tree

Next weekend our Parish Giving Tree will be placed by the Our Lady of Grace Chapel near the piano, and will benefit the children of St. Francis Terrace, those served by the Sacramento Catholic Diocesan HIV/AIDS Ministry, low-income seniors at Arden Villa Senior Citizens' Center, and people served by the Human Trafficking Medical Home. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

Accepting Applications for 2020-2021

Sacred Heart Parish School is now accepting applications for Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten for next school year. Students in TK must be 4 years old by September 1, 2020. Kindergartners must be 5 by September 1, 2020. Applications may be found online at the school website (www.sacredheartsschool.com) or in the school office. • Questions? Please call the School Office at 916-456-1576.

Sacred Heart Holiday Home Tour

The 46th Annual Holiday Home Tour is just around the corner. This year's Tour is Friday, December 6th thru Sunday, December 8th. Tickets are on sale now at sacredheartstour.com and at local retailers. Tickets will also be sold after each Mass this Sunday and next Sunday, December 1st. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 the day of the event. Don't miss the beloved Holiday Boutique and Café located at the School. No ticket is required to visit the Boutique, Café, or Champagne Bar. • Also, on sale are the popular, personalized lawn signs. Lawn signs proceeds are donated to the Mustard Seed School, a special school for children of homeless families. Questions about the signs? Contact Ashley Andrews at ashleyandrews21@gmail.com.

Bethlehem Olivewood Crafts -- Next Weekend

Again this year, representatives from Bethlehem Christianity Mission will be in the church vestibule after all Masses next weekend to sell hand-made olive wood crafts. These hand-crafted items are made by the Christian families in Bethlehem. The sale of these items is the primary source of their annual income. • Please support our fellow Christians who have chosen to remain in the Holy Land by purchasing a religious item. In doing so, you are also able to give a meaningful religious gift to a loved one for Christmas.

Schola Cantorum Christmas Concert

Enjoy the annual family program of music for Christmastide featuring candlelit processions, and familiar and new carols. Dr. Donald Kendrick will conduct Schola Cantorum in their annual Christmas Concert "From Heaven On High" on Saturday, December 14 at 8:00 pm and Sunday, December 15 at 2:00 pm in Sacred Heart Church. • Suggested donation is \$15 General or \$10 Students/Seniors. Tickets are available after the 11:00 am Sunday Mass or online at scholacantorum.com. You may also call 850-545-4298. • The choir has a variety of CDs that make wonderful gifts.

Sacred Heart Parish School Foundation

The Foundation just made its yearly gift to Sacred Heart School for tuition assistance: \$65,000, the largest amount ever given in a single year. The Foundation is funded by the pink envelopes found with the offertory envelopes, from memorial gifts, and by individual donations. Established in 1983, the Foundation has given money for tuition assistance every year. Please consider using the pink envelopes in order to continue our ability to provide tuition assistance. Thank you for your support of the Foundation.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2019 "Report of Gratitude"

This Thanksgiving, as we reflect with gratitude for the many blessings God has given us, Catholics throughout our Diocese are invited to visit scd.org to view the *2019 Annual Catholic Appeal "Report of Gratitude."* See how, together as Catholics, parishioners have made a real difference to our sisters and brothers in need. This year, more than 261,000 individuals and families, were helped by 17 Northern California charities that received funds from the Appeal. • The 2019 Appeal is approaching \$3.7 million in commitments so far. • Our Parish receives 25% of any gift made by parishioners here. If you have not yet participated, prayerfully consider a donation. No contribution, no act of charity is ever too small or insignificant. Envelopes are available in the church vestibule, or donate online at scd.org.

In Our Prayers

**Daily Mass Intentions
November 24 - December 1**

Sun	8:00am	Mary Kelly (+)
	9:30am	Terry Andrews (+)
	11:00am	For the People of the Parish
Mon	8:00am	All Souls
Tue	8:00am	Joan T. Koster (+)
Wed	8:00am	Tom Kennedy (+)
Thu	9:00am	Terence McCartan (+)
Fri	8:00am	Raymond J. Buman (+)
Sat	9:00am	Marisa Higgins (+) 5th Anniversary
	5:30pm	Jose, Anna & Lucy Oliveira (+)
Sun	8:00am	All Souls
	9:30am	For the People of the Parish
	11:00am	Int...John McCormick

In Memoriam

Frank Enriquez • November 11, 2019
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon him.

Please Pray for the Sick

Barbara Testa, John Sarrow, Thomas Wolfanger, John Vostrez, Robin Aurelius, Diana Zuniga, Suzy Riehl, Isabel Harper, Mark Zane, Richard Honey, Dale Wooldridge, Donald Anderson, Nancy McGarry, Rita Doherty, Patrick Valenzuela, Michael Fletcher, Grayson Kemp, Gary Pepe, William Daniel Reed, Stephanie Merenda, Victoria Generoso, Jim Collins, Robert Arkebauer, Libby Basurto, Dena Foster-Cook, Marie Schumacher, Ralph Goodall, Josephine Haddock, G.R. Gurley, Darren Stewart, Marge Mugartegui, Angel Curiel, Phillip Worth, Sonia Damiano, Ava Grace Arnold, Karen Amnon, Mary Terese Henricksen, Pamela Saenz, Stan Boyd, David Hunn, Addison Parker, Brett Stover, Norma Clark, Robert Clark, Jr.