

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING
November 22, 2009

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon 7AM Howard & Fraser Families, *living*
9AM Cheri & Bill, *living*

Tue 7AM Jean O'Brien
9AM Anita Guasch

Wed 7AM Tom & Annetta Lazio
9AM Bell & Tarrant Fam, *living/dec.*

Thanksgiving Day — Only one Mass

Thu 9AM Intentions of Our Parishioners

Fri 7AM Stan & Fran Conway
9AM Frank Bonavia

Sat 7AM Frances & John Traverson
9AM Mullin Family, *living*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lorenzo Acciai, Judy Allen, Ken Anderson, Sally Arango, Marco Balistreri, Charles Bellia, Bertha, Madison Bostow, Joseph Calleja, Patricia Cane, Charles, Yondellan Coleman, Elizabeth Crowley, Bill & Vladia Cutler, Dick Degan, Doris Doty, Doug, Nanette Duffy, Ed, Luke Duval, Gust Gallucci, Faith Gillis, Eileen Harriman, Taro Hart, Rosemarie Hayes, Joseph, Germaine Khohayting, Jeanne Killian, Karla Kincade, Jan Lamphere, Manda Masse, Mary McDonald, Warren McGuire, Richard Mogas, Monte Maroevich, Tony, Valerie Milroy, Marie Palleschi, Mark Piatti, Bertha Ponce de Leon, Joe Popovich, Stephanie, Steve Schlesselmann, Mary Ann Smith, Rose Tannlund, Tim, Elizabeth Ward, Sibeal Whitty, & Camilla Wolfe.

PARISH BULLETINS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE
ON ST. SEBASTIAN'S WEBSITE:
www.sebastian94904.com

STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests **in the service** of God.

STEWARDSHIP — A WAY OF LIFE

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| Last weekend's collection | \$ 3,520. |
| Weekly goal | \$ 5,200. |
| Weekly average | \$ 4,234. |



Thursday is "Thanksgiving Day".
Come and give thanks to God,
who has given us life and light in Jesus
Christ. Our Mass will be at 9 a.m.

WORD OF LIFE

"Abortion—the direct, intentional killing of an unborn girl or boy—is not health care. Abortion robs an innocent child of his or her life, and robs mothers of their peace and happiness. For 25 years, the Project Rachel post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church has helped women move beyond their grief and remorse after abortion, helping them find peace by accepting God's forgiveness and by forgiving themselves and others involved in the abortion decision. Abortion funding can only increase the number of dead and grieving."

—Cardinal Justin Rigali,
Statement for Respect Life
Sunday, Sept. 29, 2009



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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry here at St. Sebastian Church needs your assistance in obtaining the following items:

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| Jam | Cereal (hot & cold) |
| Tuna | White Rice |
| Veggies (no corn) | Sugar |
| Chili | Canned Ravioli |
| Fruit | Soup |
| Paper Towels | Macaroni & Cheese |
| Toilet Paper | Laundry Detergent |
| Ketchup | Bar Soap |
| Mustard | Toothpaste |

You may leave your donations in the barrels near the entrances of the church.

Your gifts are always appreciated!

As the weather gets colder, we sometimes request donations of jackets, blankets, and other items.

Please do not bring any other items not specifically requested! We cannot handle them and they actually become “garbage” that we have to dump since we do not have the means of transporting them elsewhere.

If you have items you want to discard, please make arrangements by phone with whatever agency you know is able to accept such items.

We appreciate your help and cooperation.

YOUNG AT HEART CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON MEETING

Tuesday, December 1, in the Parish Hall

Lunch will be catered by Deer Park Villa

Starting at 11:45am

Spring Mix Salad, Boneless Chicken Breast Sauteed with Mushrooms, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Vegetables, French Bread, Apple Pie, Coffee & Tea

Plus, a bottle of Red wine
and a bottle of White wine on each table

\$27/member \$30/guest

(Members are those who have paid 2009-10 dues.)

**Marin Catholic Music Department will present
A Christmas Program**

R.S.V.P. Denise Carrade 461-0689

Barbara Wakida 461-2735

JESUS CHRIST THE KING

There have been *good* kings and *bad* kings, but *never, ever* did anyone see a King like *our* king, Jesus! As St. Paul puts it, a king “Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.” —*Philippians 2:6-8*.

No, there has never been a king like *this*:

A king who would tie a towel around his waist, bend down, and wash the feet of his friends.

A king who would walk long distances so that he could visit and comfort his people.

A king who would *touch* contagious lepers, the most frightening people around.

A king who would pray and fast for his people, so that they might be protected from evil.

A king who would be beaten up, spat upon, whipped until his whole body was torn up, and mocked by having a pile of thorns stuck on top of his head.

A king who would allow himself to be condemned to a shameful, torturous death in order that the *guilty* might be spared.

He gave his life for you and me, to save us from the penalty of death. Every human being was under sentence of death, and Jesus willingly gave himself up to death so that we might live.

That’s the truth we will celebrate forever.

Now, what shall we do about it?

“LIFE IN CHRIST” GROUP MEETS AGAIN NOV. 30

Life in Christ Group, that meets in the Parish Hall on Monday mornings following the 9am Mass, will next gather on November 30.

The Group will begin Advent preparation by prayer and reflection on the virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity, considering examples from Scripture and the teachings in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Every meeting includes prayer for the needs of the members as well as for the needs of others, along with readings from Fr. Gobi’s book: To the Priests, Our Lady’s Beloved Sons.

Join the *Life in Christ* Group in Advent preparation for the celebration of the Birth of Christ.

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Centuries before Jesus was born, God inspired Isaiah to write about both the suffering and the triumph of the “Servant of the Lord”. *This is the king which the Church celebrates today, and there has never been another king like this:*

See, my servant shall prosper,
 he shall be raised high and greatly exalted.
Even as many were amazed at him—
 so marred was his look beyond that of man,
 and his appearance beyond that of mortals—
So shall he startle many nations,
 because of him kings shall stand speechless;
For those who have not been told shall see,
 those who have not heard shall ponder it.

Who would believe what we have heard? ...
There was in him no stately bearing to make us look at
him,
 nor appearance that would attract us to him.
He was spurned and avoided by men,
 a man of suffering, accustomed to infirmity,
One of those from whom men hide their faces,
 spurned, and we held him in no esteem.

Yet it was our infirmities that he bore,
 our sufferings that he endured,
While we thought of him as stricken,
 as one smitten by God and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our offenses,
 crushed for our sins,
Upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole,
 by his stripes we were healed.
We had all gone astray like sheep,
 each following his own way;
But the Lord laid upon him
 the guilt of us all.
Though he was harshly treated, he submitted
 and opened not his mouth;
Like a lamb led to the slaughter
 or a sheep before the shearers,
 he was silent and opened not his mouth.
Oppressed and condemned, he was taken away,
 and who would have thought any more of his des-
tiny?
When he was cut off from the land of the living,
 and smitten for the sin of his people,
A grave was assigned him among the wicked
 and a burial place with evildoers,
Though he had done no wrong
 nor spoken any falsehood. —Isaiah 52:13—53:9