

**Jesus, our true King of kings**

Today's First Reading on this solemnity of Christ the King foreshadows the Son of Man, the Messiah, receiving complete and everlasting power and dominion over all nations. • The Responsorial continues the theme of Jesus' royal dignity, quoting a psalm that speaks of Yahweh as king of all the earth. It is a celebration of the fact that God created the world; therefore He has dominion over it and rules over all nations. God shared this dignity with Jesus and proclaimed Him to be the Lord of all: in heaven, on earth, and under the earth. He is our King, and God was the first to declare it. • First fruits are usually considered the best yield of the harvest and also the promise of more good fruit to follow. In today's Second Reading, Jesus is called the first fruit of those who will one day rise again from the dead. He is the best of all who will rise and the promise that we, too, will rise with Him. Jesus also is declared King of kings. This is an important statement considering that it was made when pagan kings ruled and controlled everything. Here, the author is telling us that Jesus is the true King of kings and nothing happens without His consent. • Today's Gospel is about Christ's kingship, recounting His trial before Pontius Pilate. Jesus explains that His kingdom is not a political one and not of this world. He has not come to free the Jews from Roman rule. His kingdom is other-worldly. He has come to set us free from the greater bondage of sin and death. He frees us by proclaiming the Father's love for us in word and deed. The throne from which He reigns is the cross, and His crown is one of thorns. His reign is not an illusion, but real authority. It is the power of sacrificial love that truly conquers. Jesus is the King of true love upon the cross.

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

**Faith First**

**The Church, The People of God**

The image of the Church as the people of God has its roots in the Hebrew Scripture (the Old Testament) covenant between God and Israel. In this covenant God wished to sanctify and save not only individuals, but individuals formed into a loving community. The Hebrew Scriptures tell a story of God teaching, preserving, and cherishing his people. This was in preparation for the new people of God formed through the blood of Jesus Christ. The new covenant calls all people to unity in the Holy Spirit. • The Greek word for people is *laos*, from which we get the word *laity*. This image emphasizes the dignity of each individual Christian, a child of God, who has been called into a fellowship of life, love, and truth through faith and baptism. The Lord Jesus invites the members to continue his work of redemption in the world, to be light of the world and salt of the earth. To be vital and active members of the Church means we must help bring others to the Lord Jesus by example and direct effort. We must love as the Lord loves. • The people of God are those who are baptized and acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior. Thus, we share in the Lord's priestly, prophetic, and royal office. Our mission is to live our lives so the Lord's life shines forth in the world through us. When we love, God's love can be seen. When we act like Christ, we are like salt. Just as the presence of salt in food enhances its flavor and brings out the best taste, so the presence of God's people should bring to the world the exciting news that Jesus is the Savior and that God's kingdom has been established in our midst.

*The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.*

**Last Things**

Our Christian belief about the "last things" assures us that God has the last word. Our end in this life is but the birth-day to an eternal life with the Lord. The doctrine of the resurrection of the body, judgment, and life everlasting teach that everything we do, or fail to do, has significance. If we choose Jesus, who is the AMEN of God's love for us, and stay close to him in this life, then we have the promise of Jesus.

**In Our Prayers**

**In Memoriam**

Margaret Koewler • November 14, 2018  
Linda Ryle • November 18, 2018

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

**Please Pray for the Sick**

Bishop Francis Quinn, Rick Cwynar, Kang Simon Lee, Diana Zuniga, Suzie Riehl, Laurel Sunderman, Genevieve Dallosta, Isabel Harper, Rouzbeh Daylami, Howard Huston, Mark Zane, Richard Honey, Josephine Davila, Dale Wooldridge, Donnal Anderson, Teresa Yeung, Nancy McGarry, Vivian Stolp, Rita Doherty, Patrick Valenzuela, Cheryl Halm Lincoln, Michael Fletcher, Grayson Kemp, Gary Pepe, William Daniel Reed, Stephanie Merenda, Victoria Generoso, Jim Collins, Grace Grant, 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, Barbara Cramer, Ava Grace Arnold, Karen Amnon, Mary Terese Henriksen, Pamela Saenz, Stan Boyd, David Hunn, Addison Parker, Brett Stover, Norma Clark, Robert Clark, Jr., Ranier Guzman

**Daily Mass Intentions  
November 25 - December 2**

<b>Sun</b>	8:00am	Marie Oneto (+)
	9:30am	Joshua Wingert (+)
	11:00am	Int...Jane Lee Smith
<b>Mon</b>	8:00am	Joe Vanacore (+)
<b>Tue</b>	8:00am	John Gilmore (+)
<b>Wed</b>	8:00am	Thomas Simperts (+)
<b>Thu</b>	8:00am	All Souls
<b>Fri</b>	8:00am	Marisa Higgins (+)
<b>Sat</b>	9:00am	Stefan Jankowski (+)
	5:30pm	Int...SH Sch. Fnd. Mem & Rem
<b>Sun</b>	8:00am	John Yeargin (+)
	9:30am	Aaron Sanchez (+)
	11:00am	For the People of the Parish

**Meetings & Events**

**Advent Giving Tree**

Our parish Giving Tree has been placed next to the Our Lady of Grace Chapel, near the piano. Tags hanging on the Tree will benefit the children at 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.

**Parish Study Group**

The Parish Study Group assignment for Thursday, November 29, is Paragraphs 2683 to 2758 in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. We meet from 1:00 to 2:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Newcomers are always welcome. For information call Tom Slakey at 916-455-7186.

**Cristo Rey Thanks**

Over 40 bags of food were delivered to Cristo Rey High School for distribution to school families for Thanksgiving. The students wrote the parish a thank you letter, acknowledging the support of Sacred Heart and grateful for helping them and their families have a wonderful holiday meal.

**Parish School's 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Home Tour**

Please join us for the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Sacred Heart Parish School Home Tour. We have five beautiful homes that have been magically decorated for Christmas. Our designers are just putting the finishing touches on the amazing homes! Tickets are on sale at local outlets like East Sac Hardware and William Glen as well as at the school office. Tickets are \$30.00 up until November 30 when the price goes up to \$35.00. Our tour is running November 30 from 12:00-8:00 pm, December 1 from 10:00 am-7:00 pm, and Sunday from 11:00am-5pm. If you would just like to come for lunch and some shopping at our café and boutique, please join us at the school during the same hours, no ticket required!

**Youth Group: This Wednesday**

The next meeting of the Sacred Heart Youth Group is Wednesday, November 28. The theme for the meeting is still to be determined. • If you are a student in grades 8 through 12, please consider joining us for the next meeting. All meetings are held from 6:30-7:30 pm in St. Anthony's Hall. • If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Sunderman at psunderman@sacredheartschool.net

**Consider Making an End of Year Gift**

Many parishioners make a special end of year gift to the Parish. This is very much appreciated, enabling the Parish to meet the growing expenses of Parish operations. Such a gift has the added benefit of being tax deductible. You may want to designate your gift to *Sacred Heart Building Fund* for the maintenance and preservation of our church, rectory, and parish hall or to *Sacred Heart Parish School Endowment Foundation* for school families needing tuition assistance or to *Sacred Heart Church* for its general operations. • We are most grateful for our parishioners' regular and special donations to second collections throughout the year. • If you are not contributing on a regular basis, please consider doing so. If you have not increased your weekly contribution in some time, and your financial circumstances allow you to do so, please consider increasing your weekly contribution. Like your household expenses, parish expenses continue to increase. • Thank you for considering this end-of-year appeal.

**Parish Christmas Schedule**

Watch your mail box for the Parish Christmas Schedule of Masses and Confession times. Schola Cantorum's Christmas concert is also listed. • If you do not receive a schedule in the next week or so, please call the rectory. Schedules will also be available in the church vestibule.

**Sacred Heart Parish School Christmas Program**

Mark your calendars for Sacred Heart Parish School's Christmas Pageant. There is an encore performance on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am in the school gym and it is free. This traditional nativity story will warm your hearts and remind you of the true meaning of Christmas. Please join us.

**Fire in Paradise: Special Collection**

The tremendous loss from the Camp Fire in Butte County and the nearby areas is heartbreaking. Parishioners wishing to donate money to assist those in need may do so in the following ways: Donate by mail -- Send checks to Diocese of Sacramento Fire Assistance Fund, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818; Donate by phone -- Call the Catholic Foundation at 916-733-0266; Donate online -- Visit [www.scd.org/donate](http://www.scd.org/donate) and choose the Fire Assistance Fund. • Bishop Soto also has authorized a special collection for the fire victims. We will take up the special collection next weekend, December 1-2. • Please make your check payable to "Sacred Heart Church." The Parish will send one check to the Diocese of Sacramento for the Fire Assistance Fund.

**Parish School Now Accepting Applications**

The School is now accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year. Applicants for Transitional Kindergarten must be 4 years old by September 1, 2019 and applicants for Kindergarten must be 5 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>. We will also be accepting applications for 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade. • For more information, please contact the Parish School at 916-456-1576.

**Please Remember**

Since we do not have security around the church, please, for your child protection and safety, always accompany him/her to the restrooms located in the church vestibule. We are located on a busy corner with increasing foot traffic.

**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. With ongoing tension in the Holy Land, the opportunity for these Christian families to see their crafts to tourists is greatly diminished. 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.

**First Friday Adoration: Friday, December 7**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament follows the 8:00 am Mass and concludes with Benediction at 12(noon). Mass is celebrated immediately after Benediction. • As we begin the Advent season, join us and spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. On this First Friday, there will be a special prayer for those affected by the Butte County fire. Copies will be available in the church vestibule.