

# Our Lord Jesus Christ the King November 25, 2007



Who is worthy to enter the kingdom of heaven? Consider that Jesus told only one person that he would be in heaven – the thief dying on the cross. Would this thief be your pick for an example of who would go to heaven? While we don't know all of his crimes, it is reasonable to assume he did not lead an honorable life. So how is it that he gets to go to heaven? Look at what he said. He acknowledged his sins and accepted his punishment as what he deserved. He did not ask Jesus to change his fate. He asked only that Jesus remember him when he came into his kingdom. It is only in acknowledging our sinfulness and seeking God's mercy that we can be open to God's healing and blessings.

*Give thanks to the Father for having made you worthy to share the lot of the saints in light.*

– Colossians 1:12

## MASSES for the WEEK

Sat, 11/24	5:00	†Charlie Borg
Sun, 11/25	9:00	†Elizabeth Patton
	11:00	†Louis & †Ruth Huntington
	5:00	<b>Our Parish Family</b>
Mon, 11/26	9:00	†Walter Barros
Tue, 11/27	9:00	†Celeste Zamzow
Wed, 11/28	9:00	<b>Steve &amp; Jo Scurrah</b>
Thu, 11/29	9:00	
Fri, 11/30	9:00	†Rodolfo Ezquivel
Sat, 12/1	9:00	†Anthony Grubensky
	5:00	†Jose Roel
Sun, 12/2	9:00	†Carmela de Martini
	11:00	
	5:00	

### Remember In Your Prayers

*Karen Andresen, Suzette, Laverne Austin, Leah Borg, Leonard Breschini, John Cain, Jerry Carlsen, Mary Carnazzo, Janet Cohen, Margaret Eadi, Joyce Eastman, Kevin Egan, Cliff Escobar, Bernadine Fitzsimmons, Jasper Foletta, Joey Gardner, Christopher Gomez, Susan Inns, Margaret Kelly, Sr. Marie, Lauren Letzsch, Joe Leavitt, Leslie Malzhan, Irma McDougall, GERALYN MOORE, Nana Mimi, Dominic Narigi, Ryan Perry, Amy Rianda, Ed Roberti, Paddy Roche, Patricia Roel, Salvatore Russo, Tory Schwab, Linda Silvestri, Emma Smith, Anthony David Smoot, Carson & Pam Souza, Marlene Stadille, Suzanne Stewart, Sara Thomas, Carol, Jim Thornberry, Mimi Trementozzi, Terry Uebelhart, Garrett Weeks, Terry Weldon, Penny Austin-Wilson, Jessica Zobel.*

If you or someone you know would like the faith community of St. Joseph's Parish to join you in prayer for special needs, contact the parish office, 455.2249. We do remove names after one month, so if we have taken a name from the list of a person still in need of prayers, please give us a call and we will happily put him or her back on the list.

### For Your Information

Plate Collection \$9,801.09

**Parish Library** - Open every Sunday during hospitality after the 9:00 am liturgy, and at 4:30 on Sundays.

**Ministry Directory** - St. Joseph's Parish Ministry Directories are available in the vestibule. Be sure to pick up this handy reference if you don't already have one.

### Meetings This Week

RCIA	Tues, 7:00, hall
Scripture Study	Weds, 9:30, 7:00, hall
Youth Ministry	Weds, 12:00, rug room
Choir	Weds, 7:00, church
Youth Group	Thurs, 6:30, hall

### Advent Retreat - Right Here!

#### The Gift Beyond Gifts

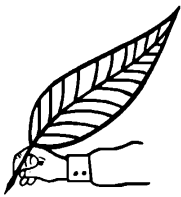
Beginning Monday, December 3 through Thursday, December 6, Father Jim will guide us through an Advent Retreat to help us better prepare to celebrate Christmas. He will give his presentation immediately following the 9 AM Mass and again at 7 PM in the church. Don't miss this opportunity to better focus your energy and attention as you negotiate through the Advent Season. Bring a friend!

### Some Advent Dates to Remember

- Evening Prayer** - Mondays of Advent at 7PM
- Reception for the Giving Tree Families** - Sunday, December 16 following the 5 PM Liturgy
- Reconciliation Service** - Monday, December 17 at 7PM

### Dorothy's Place Presents *Activating Compassion*

December 1, 2007 @ 1:00 PM  
Steinbeck Hall at Hartnell College  
Come listen to an interfaith discussion on activating compassion.  
Fr. Jim will be one of the speakers  
All are invited!



Pastor's Notes

Over the years that I have been involved in priestly ministry, one of the things that has changed completely is funerals.

There has been a slow movement in the non-Catholic Community away from any kind of a service and it is interesting if you watch in the papers just how many people are buried without any service. This is due to several factors. The first is the fact that as a person ages in our time they usually spend the last few, sometimes many, years at home or in an institution. Often in order to be close to grandchildren and caretakers people move in old age. In either case they lose contact with their Faith Community. Sometimes the people responsible for the services are no longer involved in any Faith Community and understanding that the funeral is for the survivors, they see no need.

What I have noticed in the Catholic Community is a similar move although there is usually a service, it is just that it is very poorly attended. The contemporaries of the deceased are either dead or unable to attend. This is one of the reasons that the funerals of very young people are so huge today, friends and relatives are able to attend.

My reason for writing about this is a parallel problem in the Community that I think that we can do something about. These same factors that leave a person so alone in old age are complicated by the death of a spouse. At the time of a death a person often has to deal with the funeral details, the burden of grief, and complicated legal and financial issues all at once and all alone. This is not the sort of thing that a person goes through often in life and not the sort of thing that one likes to think about or prepare for. I think that it would be a great addition to the living of the Gospel of Christ Jesus if we as a parish could put something in place to meet this need.

If there are some people who would be interested in this ministry and have the time to be involved, I would like to get together with you and discuss what we could do. I see the problem only becoming greater as time goes on.

*Fr. Jim*

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***Come, prepare the way for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ and experience His healing power and love.***



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### **Healing Mass with Fr. Patrick Dooling**

Tuesday, December 4, 2007, 7PM  
Madonna Del Sasso Church  
320 East Laurel Drive

Everyone is welcome. Bring your family & friends who may need the healing...spiritual, physical, or emotional.

For more information Call Peggy 449-2782 or Fely 229-8655.

## **The Giving Tree**



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We again invite people to share, through our Giving Tree, their Christmas with others who are less fortunate. This year we are working with Catholic Charities who have supplied us with the names of needy families. The ornaments on the tree this year will bear the names of specific people and things they have requested. Beginning the first Sunday of Advent, the Parish Giving Tree will be located in the church – complete with ornaments that identify specific needs for our families to brighten their Christmas. Here is what you can do to help:

- Remove an ornament from the tree
- Purchase the item on the ornament
- List specific details of package content (e.g. size)
- Wrap the gift
- Tape the paper ornament **securely** (Scotch ® Tape works wonders) to the bottom of the gift
- Place the gift back under the Giving Tree **no later than noon December 16.**

You may choose to include a card or to remain anonymous. The important thing to remember is to hang on to the paper ornament so you can securely attach it to the bottom of the wrapped gift. This ensures that we get the right gifts to the right families. Since there will be a reception for the Giving Tree families after the 5 PM liturgy on Sunday, December 16 (plan to be there!), make sure all the gifts are returned to the tree before noon on December 16. This gives the Confirmation class enough time to collect and sort the gifts to be distributed at the reception. Also, gifts of nonperishable food items are always greatly appreciated. There will be a collection box near the tree.

***We can make the difference in a family's life. Please support our parish mission to minister to others in need, as Jesus did, this Advent Season.***

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### ***Feast of the Immaculate Conception***

**A Holy Day of Obligation  
December 8**

**There will be a vigil mass on Friday at 5:30 pm, and mass on Saturday at 9:00 am.**

## **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

### **Christmas Eve, December 24**

4 PM Children's Eucharist

7 PM Christmas Vigil

11:30 PM Candlelight Carol Service Preceding Choral  
Eucharist at Midnight

### **Christmas Day - Tuesday, December 25**

9 AM & 11 AM (There is no 5 PM Mass on Christmas Day)