

Church of St. Sebastian
November 21, 2010—Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, November 20, Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

5:00 pm Charles McMahon, 16th anniversary

Sunday, November 21, Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

9:00 am For the people

11:00 am Vanna and John Cahill
 -requested by Belle Calenda

Monday, November 22, St. Cecelia, virgin & martyr

7:00 am William Moreau
 -requested by his family

Tuesday, November 23, Weekday

7:00 am Emilda Moreau
 -requested by her family

Wednesday, November 24, St. Andrew Dung Lac, priest and martyr

7:00 am John T. Kaveny
 -requested by Pat and Sal Annarummo

Thursday, November 25, Thanksgiving Day

8:00 am Souls in Purgatory

Friday, November 26, Weekday

7:00 am Souls in Purgatory

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, November 27, Vigil: First Sunday of Advent

5:00 pm Marianna Shields Moody

Sunday, November 28, First Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am For the People

Please keep our fellow parishioners and friends in your thoughts and prayers:

Anna Washington, BAW, Mary Doherty, CG, Mary Chatterton, Willy, Hugh Taylor, Jackie, Maureen Baker, Rose Conboy, Jeff Cavanaugh, Steve, Michael Simonette, and Connie.

THIS WEEK AT ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Sun.	11/21	Religious Education	10:00 am
		Coffee Hour	10:00 am
Mon	11/22	Religious Ed	3:30 pm
Thurs.	11/25	Thanksgiving Day Mass	8:00 am

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

The 2010 Church Year of Grace concludes with this Solemnity of Christ the King. The title sounds so foreign from our national history. All our readings today mention kings, and kingdoms, thrones and ethereal realities. How does this connect with our day to day Christian lives? Does it mean anything to us at all?

Let's look a bit closer. We meet today the "thief that stole heaven." The only human being who was ever told specifically when still alive that **he** was heaven bound... "Today **you** will be with me in Paradise." Under capital punishment of crucifixion, Dismas, the so-called "Good Thief," was promised **he** would be with Jesus that very day. All of us, who already have accepted the gift of new life in Baptism, must continue to cooperate with God's grace (love) to attain the final goal of our faith; salvation in Christ.

The throne from which Dismas received his gift was not an elaborate throne room; there was no royal reception. The throne was the cross; the man who granted the gift was mocked as "The King of the Jews." From Christ, there is no such thing as "cheap grace." The debt owed to God by our disobedience was paid in full by the One who knew no sin. He offers the same gift to us that he graciously bestowed on Dismas.

As we speak of gifts, Fr. Stowe and I wish to extend to all of you our sincere greetings for a Happy Thanksgiving Day. The opportunities to share our blessings are all around us. Whether it is the Coat Exchange, the local Food Pantry, or concern for families in difficult financial traits at Christmas, we can make a difference in the parish and our community. Thank you so very much for your friendly service and for welcoming me as your pastor.

To all, a blessed Thanksgiving!
 Msgr. Darcy

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

11/14/2010

# of Budgets Used	78
Checks and Budget Envelopes	\$6,973
Loose	\$ 462
Total Offertory	\$7,435
Monthly Maintenance	\$1,681

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PARISH WINTER COAT DRIVE

If you're cleaning out your closets, save any winter coats and bring them to the parish winter coat drive taking place ***now through Thanksgiving Day***. There is a coat rack in the vestibule for your donations, which will benefit the Buy Nothing Coat Exchange.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

In order to permit parishioners to travel and attend area football games, please be advised
MASS ON THANKSGIVING DAY WILL BE
AT 8 AM.

Christmas Program—Volunteers in the Embrace-a-Family program provide Christmas gifts to families from San Miguel School and to individual adults through the social service agency ARC. **Sign up sheets are now posted in the vestibule. Our goal is to have all parishioners matched to their families by Thanksgiving.** For more details, call Amy Mastalerz at 270-5684.

THANKSGIVING FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

We are collecting canned goods and monetary donations to help the St. Vincent de Paul Society to provide Thanksgiving baskets to needy families after Masses this weekend.



ADVENT: A SEASON OF GENTLE WAITING

Next weekend begins a new Church Year with the Season of Advent. The Advent Wreath will be lit, and Isaiah's prophecies will be read. It's also time for Handel's *Messiah*. Try to spend a quiet moment each day to prepare for Jesus, who is **THE** gift at Christmas.

RITE OF INITIATION FOR ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Adults wishing to be baptized/confirmed and adult Catholics wanting to receive Confirmation are invited to call the rectory to register. Classes with Msgr. Darcy will begin in Advent and continue until Easter. All Catholics should receive the three Sacraments of Initiation; Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Our text will be The Catechism of the Catholic Church.

The **Community Outreach Committee** will meet next weekend, on Sunday, November 28th, at 10 am in the church hall. New members are always welcome, please come!



PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Our Parish Trustees, Marie Langlois and Chip Rogers, will present the annual financial report to the parish in a few weeks.

CAROLING AT AREA NURSING HOMES

Come share the spirit of Christmas by caroling for residents of local nursing homes on **Sunday, December 19th**. Singers of all ages are welcome! Refreshments will be served following the caroling. We will meet at St. Sebastian's at 12:45 pm. Sign up sheets are in the church vestibule. Call Susan Elliott at 831-1162 for more information

VOCATION MOMENTS WITH FR. STOWE

Our Lord, Christ the King

The Church needs shepherds. Pray that the bishops will lead us well and rely on the power of God. (2 Samuel 5: 1-3). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, call Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316 or visit our website at www.catholicpriest.com



You are invited to call the rectory with your Mass intentions for the new Church Year, which begins with the First Sunday of Advent, November 28.