

# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

November 22, 2009

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS, FOR YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Nov. 22</b> | Daniel 7:13-14           | Psalms 93      | Revelation 1:5-8    | John 18:33-37       |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Nov. 23</b> | Daniel 1:1-6,8-20        | Daniel 3:52-56 |                     | Luke 21:1-4         |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Nov. 24</b> | Daniel 2:31-45           | Daniel 3:57-61 |                     | Luke 21:5-11        |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Nov. 25</b> | Daniel 5:1-6,13-17,23-28 | Daniel 3:62-67 |                     | Luke 21:12-19       |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Nov. 26</b> | Sirach 50:22-24          | Psalms 138:1-5 | 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 | Luke 17:11-19       |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Nov. 27</b> | Daniel 7:2-14            | Daniel 3:75-81 |                     | Luke 21:29-33       |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>Nov. 28</b> | Daniel 7:15-27           | Daniel 3:82-87 |                     | Luke 21:34-36       |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Nov. 29</b> | Jeremiah 33:14-16        | Psalms 25      | 1 Thes. 3:12-4:2    | Luke 21:25-28,34-36 |

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

Next weekend, the First Sunday of Advent, we will implement several more directives from the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM)*. These changes will be evident in both the entrance procession and the Liturgy of the Word. Before looking at the individual changes, I would like us to reflect on the way the GIRM (#55) explains the Liturgy of the Word:

The main part of the Liturgy of the Word is made up of the readings from Sacred Scripture together with the chants occurring between them. The homily, Profession of Faith, and Prayer of the Faithful, however, develop and conclude this part of the Mass. For in the readings, as explained by the homily, God speaks to his people, opening up to them the mystery of redemption and salvation, and offering them spiritual nourishment; and Christ himself is present in the midst of the faithful through his word. By their silence and singing the people make God's word their own, and they also affirm their adherence to it by means of the Profession of Faith. Finally, having been nourished by it, they pour out their petitions in the Prayer of the Faithful for the needs of the entire Church and for the salvation of the whole world.

In order to emphasize that "The reading of the Gospel is the high point of the Liturgy of the Word" (#60), the Book of the Gospels – not the lectionary – is to be carried in the entrance procession by a deacon or lector and placed on the altar in order to show the close connection between the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. If a deacon is to proclaim the Gospel, he should carry the Book in the entrance procession. The Book of the Gospels will then be carried from the altar to the ambo by the priest or deacon who will proclaim the Gospel.

The Responsorial Psalm "is an integral part of the Liturgy of the Word and holds great liturgical and pastoral importance, because it fosters meditation on the word of God" (#61). To emphasize this, the cantor will now lead the singing of the Responsorial Psalm from the ambo.

I hope that this explanation, along with our gradual implementations of the GIRM, will help us all achieve full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgy,

which is the summit and source of all we do as the Church of Christ.

Sincerely,

Fr. Dick

### LET US JOIN IN PRAYER THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN EMBRACED BY GOD IN A SPECIAL WAY:

#### In Baptism:

**Ayberzon Hernandez**, Child of  
Mirian del Carmen Hernandez

#### In Their Passage to Eternal Life:

Fr. Paul M. Murphy, C.M., Associate Pastor of  
St. Joseph Parish in Emmitsburg  
Julia Pastarnokas, mother-in-law of Deacon Hugh Mills

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

**ORGAN RECITAL**, this Sunday evening, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 PM, here at St. John. Our organist, Dr. Elizabeth Krouse, will present *The Organ Mass* by J. S. Bach.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:** As has been our custom for many years, we invite parishioners to sign up to light the Advent Wreath at our Masses during Advent. The sign-up boards are posted in the back of the Church near the holy water fonts. Whether you are single, senior citizen, or parents and children, we welcome you to sign up for a particular Mass.

**ADVENT CALENDAR & POINSETTIA** flower sales continue **this weekend!** Boy Scout Troop 1274 is taking orders for Christmas Poinsettias this weekend after all Masses. They are also selling a variety of Advent calendars for the upcoming Christmas season. Please stop by and support our parish Boy Scouts.

**CHRISTMAS POTLUCK:** Join the 50+ Group for a Christmas potluck, **Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM**, in the Community Center cafeteria. Please bring a dish to share, a donation for the Food Bank, and your holiday joy. To RSVP, call Rosalie, 301-607-6355.

**OUR ANNUAL Christmas Basket Program** is in full swing! If you have not done so and would like to sponsor a family or senior citizen from St. Gregory the Great Parish in Baltimore, please contact Elizabeth List, 301-695-6135. You may also make a cash or check donation and volunteers will do the shopping. Make checks payable to "Christmas Basket" and place in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office. All items will be collected outside the H/F room below the Atrium on **Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM-12 Noon and Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM.**

**THE JESSE TREE** is now located in the Atrium. Parishioners are asked to take an ornament and purchase a gift that corresponds to the need written on the back of the ornament. Please use the ornament as a gift tag and then bring the **unwrapped gift** back to the Atrium. The tree will be available through Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. **All packages need to be brought in by Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.** Sometime that week, Deacon Skip Manley will deliver the packages to Western Maryland for those families in need.

**CHOCOLATE RETREAT!** A women's retreat is planned for **January 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>** at the Bishop Claggett Center in Buckeystown. Join us as we connect the extravagance of chocolate with the extravagance of God's love and grace. There are still a few spaces available. If you would like to give the gift of a Chocolate Retreat to a special woman in your life, contact Amy Spessard for details and gift certificates, 301-662-8288 x1102. The registration forms with full details are available at the parish office or on our website, [www.stjohn-frederick.org](http://www.stjohn-frederick.org). For more info, contact Amy Spessard, 301-662-8288 x1102.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Candlelight Tour of the Historic Houses of Worship, **Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-9:00 PM.**

## MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

### RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

**Do You Wish to Pray** at the local abortion site? We meet every Friday morning at 9:00 AM to pray the Rosary on behalf of those women who are contemplating having an abortion and on behalf of the innocent life they carry within them. Call Joanne, 301-662-0471 for more details.

**Are You Pregnant** and in need of help? Call the Gabriel Network, 1-800-ANGEL-OK or Birthright, 301-663-0111.

**Suffering Post-Abortion Syndrome?** Call Project Rachel, 1-800-286-4224.

**STAND CERTIFICATION FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS:** The Archdiocese of Baltimore and St. John's Parish are committed to providing a safe environment for children at our parish. **All volunteer ministers** who work with or around families and children must be STAND certified. STAND training is available on line. Please visit [www.stjohn-frederick.org](http://www.stjohn-frederick.org) and click on STAND Training. Contact Erica May, 301-662-8288 x1105 for more info.

**SCOUTING: Are You Interested** in having your child in a Catholic Scouting Unit? St. John's has Catholic Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts (Elementary boys), and Boy Scouts (Middle & High School). For more info, contact Julie St. Croix, 301-662-8288 x1103 (Girl Scouts), Bill Desmond, 301-662-4151 (Cub Scouts), or Nelson Spessard, 301-846-4217 (Boy Scouts).

**Troop 1274** is looking for a burn barrel to be used for flag retiring ceremonies and on camp-outs. If you can help, please contact Amy Spessard, 301-662-8288 x1102.

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS' NEWS:

**Enjoy the City Books:** it is not too late to order the coupon books. They make a great gift for you and others. Cost is \$20. Save \$\$\$ on eating out, entertainment, and services. Proceeds will be used to benefit St. John Youth Ministry. Call Pat, 301-845-6115 or Regent Bonnie at 301-865-3725

**Wolfgang Candy, Wrapping Paper, & Candles:** Last order date is December 7<sup>th</sup>, just in time for Christmas. Proceeds from this fundraiser will support our charitable giving. Call Joanne to place your order, 301-663-5655.

**College Student Project:** Don't forget to give the Catholic Daughters the name and address of your college students so we can keep in touch with them at exam time and through the year. Drop off their information at the Parish Office and put in the CDA mailbox, or mail to St. John the Evangelist, 112 E. Second St., Frederick, MD 21701.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Bishop McNamara Council 1622** is once again sponsoring the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. The contest is open to all students in both public and parochial schools, in religious education programs, and to home-schooled students. Children in 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible. Category 1, grades 1 through 3; Category 2, grades 4 through 6; Category 3, grades 7 and 8. All posters must express the theme "Keep Christ in Christmas" and be on poster board or paper measuring about 12"x8". Students may use watercolors, crayon, ink, or any combination thereof. May use glitter, and can attaché things, e.g., cotton balls, to give 3-D effect. NO computer graphics or pictures from magazines; no collages can be used. **Posters are due back to the Council by November 30<sup>th</sup>.** For more info, call Bob Ordonio, 301-524-6295.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY'S** next regular meeting will be held **Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 PM,** in the Notre Dame Room at the parish Center. All members are urged to attend.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** is looking for more members! If you would like to become a part of this ministry, please contact Nancy, 301-371-9045.

## FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

**FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION** will be held **Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM,** in the Church.

## ST. JOHN REGIONAL SCHOOL

**NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES, next weekend, November 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>!** We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving.

**CONFIRMATION: PARENTS,** Please contact Erica May, 301-662-8288 x1105, to schedule your Confirmation interview. **STUDENTS,** Please check out [www.stjohne.com](http://www.stjohne.com) for ideas on choosing a Confirmation saint's name and service project ideas.

**HSYM, Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>:** *Poor Me.* Following on Christ's own ministry, the Church teaches preferential treatment and love for the poor. With the 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment as a foundation, this HSYM Night will help teens understand the true purpose of wealth and material goods, and also help humanize the plight of the poor and homeless.

**MSYM, Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>:** *The Season of Advent, Ready or Not!* The middle school youth will come to a greater understanding of the Season of Advent and what Catholics do in preparation for Christmas and the Second Coming of Christ.

**WINTER LOCK-IN:** There will be a Lock-In on **Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>,** here at St. John's. We will start with Mass at 7:00 PM in the Church, followed by dinner in the cafeteria, leading into an awesome night of games with the Wii, a love band, movies, and our ever-popular game, *Ghost in the Graveyard*, at midnight. Cost is \$5 per student. **Permission slips** are available on [www.stjohne.com](http://www.stjohne.com) and need to be **turned in by December 3<sup>rd</sup>** to the Office of Youth Ministry.

**PASSION:** We are bringing back an old tradition with a new face to St. John the Evangelist. **Passion** will be a traditional musical performance of the last hours of the life of Christ performed by the adolescents of our community. **Auditions will be held February 14<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon; performances will be on March 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, and March 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM.** Adult volunteers are needed to help support this production. Please contact Patrice Sabatano, 301-524-8067 or email [pmsabatano@aol.com](mailto:pmsabatano@aol.com).

**WE ARE LOOKING** for a few adults who would like to join our Middle or High School Core Team. If you have been reading this for the last few weeks and thought, "Gee, this could be fun!" – then why have you not called the Youth Ministry Office? Jesus wants to radically rock your world through Youth Ministry. Contact Joe, 301-662-8288 x1104 or [joe.mele@stjohn-frederick.org](mailto:joe.mele@stjohn-frederick.org).

### SPANISH COMMUNITY

**Legion de Maria** Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz. Junta semanal todos los Jueves a las 7:00 PM. Necesitamos mas miembros que se quieran unir al grupo. Trabajemos juntos en union a nuestra Madre Maria. Para mas informacion contactar a: Nitza Rivas - 240-409-1998, Myriam Rullan 240-422-1718.

**APPLICATIONS** are now being accepted for Pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2010-2011 school year. For more details or to schedule a tour of the school, call Admissions, 301-695-9358 or visit [www.sjrsc.org](http://www.sjrsc.org). Tours are conducted daily from 9:00-11:00 AM.

**BEST WISHES for a Happy Thanksgiving** to all our regional parishioners from the faculty, staff, and students at SJRCS. We are thankful for your prayers and support throughout the year.

#### STEWARDSHIP/FINANCES: 11-15-2009

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| Envelope Users (579) .....                    | \$20,445.76        |
| Non-Envelope Users .....                      | \$ 5,284.10        |
| TOTAL Offertory.....                          | \$25,729.86        |
| <b>Weekly Stewardship Giving Needed .....</b> | <b>\$28,251.00</b> |
| Second Collection: Asia Relief.....           | \$ 2,329.06        |
| St. Vincent de Paul Society (Poor Fund) \$    | 1,802.59           |
| Thank you for your continued generosity!      |                    |

**SPECIAL THANKSGIVING DAY COLLECTION:** A special collection will be taken on **Thanksgiving Day, November 26<sup>th</sup>,** for the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs, the Food Bank, and the Cold Weather Shelter. Please keep these needs in prayer.

**THANK YOU** for your generosity toward the Catholic Relief Services' work helping the survivors of the natural disasters in the Asia-Pacific region.

#### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS "SP" = Mass in Spanish

| Day                                     | Time  | Intention   |
|---|---|---|
| Monday<br>November 23                   | 6:30 AM<br>8:00 AM  | Poor Souls<br>Nicholas B. Jarvis  |
| Tuesday<br>November 24                  | 6:30 AM<br>8:00 AM  | Nicholas B. Jarvis<br>Poor Souls<br>Country Meadows<br>Carmen Lay   |
| Wednesday<br>November 25                | 6:30 AM<br>8:00 AM<br>Edenton<br>6:30 PM (SP)                                     | John F. Manley (Birthday)<br>Bob Souders<br>Helene Harley<br>Poor Souls   |
| Thursday<br>November 26<br>Thanksgiving | 9:00 AM   | Poor Souls  |
| Friday<br>November 27                   | 6:30 AM<br>8:00 AM  | Agnes Summers<br>Poor Souls   |
| Saturday<br>November 28                 | 8:00 AM<br>5:00 PM<br>6:00 PM (SP)<br>7:00 PM                                     | Pat & Margaret Murphy<br>Bernice Obarowski<br>Virginia Grove<br>Poor Souls  |
| Sunday<br>November 29                   | 7:30 AM<br>9:00 AM<br><br>11:00 AM Ch<br>11:00 AM Hall<br>1:00 PM<br>5:00 PM (SP) | People of the Parish<br>Ints. Gerti & Xavier<br>Schenzel (Anniv.)<br>Anna Shekleton<br>Anita Arnold<br>Cathy Greulich<br>Poor Souls |