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SUNDAY MASSES

SATURDAY 4:00PM

**SUNDAY 7:30AM, 9:00AM,
10:30AM, 12:30PM, 5:00PM**

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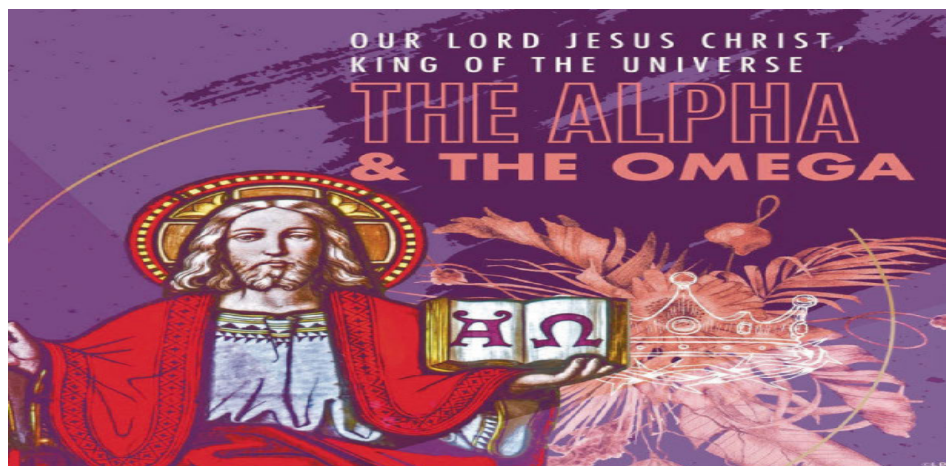
WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY TO SATURDAY 8:30AM

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 12 Noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS, NOON TO 1:00PM



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

Designated Sundays at 1:30
Please call the rectory to check
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or deacon.

CONFESSIONS

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WEDDINGS

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4:00PM Rose Schmitt 7:30AM For the People of Our Parish 9:00AM Gladys Viscuso 10:30AM Joseph Alaimo 12:30PM Special Intention 5:00PM Tommy, Tom and Grace Ward			4:00PM Dominick Cosolito 7:30AM Genevieve Lewis (I) 9:00AM For the People of Our Parish 10:30AM Albert Witt 12:30PM Rev. Daniel Cassiero 5:00PM Jesse Johnston and John Murrery	
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27		TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29	
8:30AM Gerard Eick		8:30AM George Conney	8:30AM Burton Cohen	
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30		FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2	
8:30AM Mary Vittiburga		8:30AM Salvatore Fazzari 12NOON Jack Carone	8:30AM John Keegan	

IT IS A DEVOUT AND LOVING PRACTICE TO COME TO MASS AND PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE DIED.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Your prayers are requested for all who are sick in our parish and community, especially: **Grace Agalo-os, Karen Bertuzzi, Michael Borik, Vincent Borzumato, Rosemary Callenberg, Nicholas Crispiano, Nicholas Ciricirillo, Carina DeGiulio, Kevin Dunne, Patricia Dunne, Joanie Edwards, Augustine Ferrer, Mark & Arlene Fileccia, Michael G., Josephine Greco, Elaine Guarino, Ricky Gundacker, David Hall, Vincent Hicks, Barbara Hicks, Buddy Jarrel, Pat Jarrell, Jennifer Johnson, Fred Kabat, Donnalyn Lawton, Catherine Leone, Edward Lewis, Genevieve Lewis, Josephine Linton, Lomando, Linda Mahoney, Paul Mahoney, Emma Jane Mannix, Mikia James Martin, Judy C. Mc., Raymond and Maureen McLaughlin, Marie McMillen, Susan Morris, Josephine Nastasi, Joseph Pastore, Ryan Pizzaro, Joanny Pizzuti, Sal Prestigiacomo, Gerry Pye, Edwin Rodriguez, Marty Rose, Ronald Rothmund, Jerry Scattaglia, Cheryl Spinelli, David Valle, Michael Walsh, Jerry Yannaci Sr., William Wisnieski**

Pray for Our Parishioners in the Military

Spec 4 Michael R. Mazzuki, Jr. U.S. Army, Middle East.

Sergeant Connor M. O'Brien, U.S. Marine Corp., Camp Lejeune, NC

Technical Sergeant Michael Mazzarella, U.S. Air Force, Africa

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR PRIESTS

4pm, 10:30am, 12:30pm Monsignor Belford
7:30am, 9am, Clove Lakes Father Kallattil 5pm Father Challman

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Teresa Church,

Welcome to CHRIST THE KING Sunday, which is the last Sunday of our liturgical year, celebrating the salvation Jesus Christ has won for us, and the eternal kingdom he has prepared for those who follow him. With endings come new beginnings — another chance for people to wake to the invitation and challenge of obedience and loyalty expected of us. We celebrate the victory of Jesus Christ our Savior, our King. He has defeated death, and opened the way to heaven for us. We should renew our loyalty, focus on our duties, and look forward to sharing in his eternal life.

Happily, later this week we expect Father John Kallattil to be back with us after his visit to his family and friends in India. Our usual weekday schedule of Masses—8:30am Monday to Saturday, and 12 Noon Masses Tuesdays to Fridays—resumes this Friday, December 1. This is a First Friday of the month, and we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the Noon Mass. This quiet time of prayer concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament just before 3pm.

Our annual preparations for the Holy Name Society's popular CHRISTMAS TREE REMEMBRANCE on our property at Slosson and Victory begins this weekend with delivery of our trees. That will be followed next week with the Christmas lights adorning them, and then the following Saturday evening after the 4pm Mass, we have our beautiful Lighting of Christmas Trees ceremony after the 4pm Mass. That will be on December 9. Thank you to all who have already reserved a tree.

I am already receiving many appeals in the mail for Christmas giving. I will guess that you are too. So this next month is a time to decide about your Christmas giving to family and friends, and I hope, to our church. Jesus Christ our King allows us to partner with Him in spreading the Good News of salvation in our own homes and neighborhood. And your Church must do this for people in a world burdened by false hopes and bitter fights. Your Christmas gift to our Church will be very much appreciated, and will help us to spread the Good News about Jesus our Savior.

I would like to tell you about an article written by a Protestant minister about a Jewish rabbi in a magazine for Catholic priests. The magazine is THE PRIEST. I wrote a monthly column in THE PRIEST for ten years. Reverend Victor Parachin's article must have been better than mine that month, because I saved it. I found it recently, and want to share it with you.

The minister's article was about Jewish people and their great commitment to sharing resources and taking care of others. He wrote about a revered rabbi—Moses Maimonides—and his imagination of a GOLDEN LADDER OF CHARITY.

Rabbi Moses Maimonides (1135-1204) was a famous rabbi, philosopher, physician, and astronomer. On the subject of helping one another, he described eight levels of giving. This may be helpful to us to understand our own assumptions and choices as we all receive many appeals for worthy causes, and have to decide on suitable responses.

Rabbi Maimonides was quoted in that article by Lutheran pastor Reverend Victor Parachin in January 2016 about various styles for helping others. First you will find Reverend Parachin's Christian overview useful:

"Scripture is clear and consistent in its call to people of faith to respond generously and unhesitatingly when a need presents itself..."

- *Give to another as the Lord your God has blessed you*
- *Freely have you received; freely give to others*
- *We have different gifts, given to be used for the common good*
- *It is more blessed to give than to receive*

Our opportunities to give are numerous, and so are the ways we can respond. Some people, learning of a need, open their heart, hand, and checkbook. Others may give grudgingly, or not at all. The Bible commends the first ones, teaching in Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians, chapter 9, verse 7, that God loves a cheerful giver."

Rabbi Maimonides' GOLDEN LADDER OF CHARITY was built on eight levels of giving. His Steps 4, 5, and 6 are details about how/whether to let the giver be known, lest the recipient be embarrassed. With limited space here, I offer for your consideration this great Rabbi's most important steps on THE GOLDEN LADDER OF CHARITY:

1. To give, but with reluctance or regret.
2. To give cheerfully, but not with proportion to the distress of the suffering.
3. To give cheerfully, and proportionately, but not until we are solicited.
7. To bestow charity in such a way that the benefactor does not know the relieved persons, nor the relieved persons know the name of their benefactor.
8. The highest and most meritorious level of giving is to anticipate charity by relieving poverty: to assist the reduced brother either by a considerable gift, or a loan of money, or by putting him in the way of business, so that he may earn an honest livelihood and not be forced into the dreadful alternative of holding up his hand for charity.

Wishing all of us a happy Advent and a cheerful heart,

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SPECIAL MASS IN HONOR OF SAINT JUDE: 7:30 PM

VENERATION ENDS: 10:00 PM

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A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

For all the innocent victims of the fighting in Gaza, for the release of all hostages taken by Hamas, and for the Holy Spirit to guide those in authority as they seek a lasting peace, let us pray to the Lord...

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We are currently raising funds for equipment for our new archery team, plus tournament fees and a storage shed. Your help would be appreciated, and you can have a sweet reward: Krispy Kreme doughnuts!

For \$20 you can purchase a digital certificate for a dozen original Krispy Kreme glazed doughnuts! Payment via Zelle: stsrarchers@gmail.com or Venmo: @Maria-Ocasio-33. Provide your email under comments to receive your digital certificate, which you will then eagerly redeem at the Krispy Kreme bakery, freestanding outside the SI Mall at 2643 Richmond Avenue! Many thanks for your support of STSRSA Archers! The last day to order is December 5.

Next Sunday is Our Food Pantry Sunday

Your voluntary contributions after Masses each First Sunday provide credit in our local supermarket to more than 60 local families and individuals who need help to insure that they and their children have enough to eat. Please make this a

*Thank you for your faithful weekly donations to God
for our Parish support.*

WeShare online amount was \$2,797. Parishioners brought envelopes to Mass with contributions of \$8,565.

LIGHT UP YOUR CHRISTMAS SEASON!
**ST. TERESA'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY
CHRISTMAS TREE REMEMBRANCE**

LIMITED SUPPLY – ONLY 50 TREES WILL BE ORDERED

St. Teresa's Holy Name Society is proud to sponsor once again this wonderful event that will turn our Parish grounds into a WINTER WONDERLAND! You can purchase one of the brightly lit trees that will adorn our prominent corner on Victory Boulevard & Slosson Avenue as a way to express our joy that Christ our Savior is born! Your Christmas tree comes with a customized name plaque and will be yours to decorate. All trees will be lit on **December 9th** and will shine throughout the Christmas Season in honor of or in memory of people who are dear to you.

Holy Name Society Christmas Tree Reservation Form


Yes, I would like a Christmas Tree
Please have my plaque read as follows:

Your Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail _____

Please return this form to the Rectory
at 1634 Victory Blvd, 10314 with a
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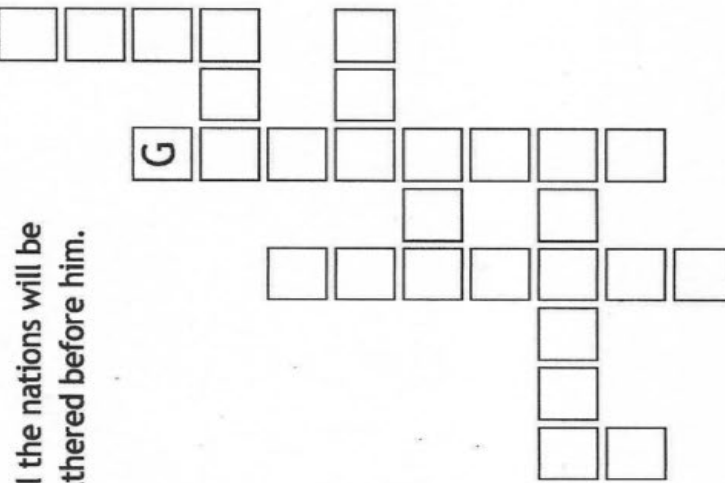
Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Matthew 25:31-46 • Christ the King

PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:



All the nations will be gathered before him.

MISSION

Read Matthew chapter 25, verses 31 through 46 with your family. Decide how you will make a difference. Share as Jesus asks.

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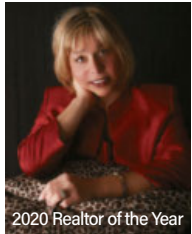
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