
THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 29, 2006

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend's celebration of Halloween ("the Eve of the Holy Day") reminds us that this Wednesday, November 1st brings us the feast of **All Saints Day** (traditionally a holy day of obligation, with masses here at Christ the King at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm) and Wednesday, November 2nd is **All Souls Day** with a special 11:00 am mass at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. We also include a variety of ways to celebrate our bond and affection with those who have gone before us in death but remain united and alive to us in memories, friendship and faith. Today's fold-out includes significant ways to mark these days of prayer and remembrance. Please keep in mind next weekend's 12:15 Bereavement Mass, especially if you have lost a loved one over this past year. A week from Monday, November 6th at 12:15 pm we invite you to our annual remembrance of Msgr. Wade and Margo Schorno at their adjacent gravesites at Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

On this Saturday and Sunday, in addition to the Halloween "trick or treating", we have a special collection which goes directly to the extraordinary work of our **St. Vincent de Paul Society**; the entire budget for its service to an enormous number of needy families, children and individuals comes from your generosity to just four collections taken up during the year (they occur on the four times that there is a 5th

weekend in a given month). This past year's financial report shows \$124,014.50 distributed to the needy who come to our rectory door; to this you can add a very large amount of food staples, warm clothing and furniture to more than 5,500 adults and 5,582 children. All this is made possible by your generosity and the countless volunteer hours spent by your fellow parishioners among our St. Vincent de Paul volunteers.

Two big adult learning opportunities occur this Monday evening, October 30th and Friday, November 11th. On Monday I begin with our first of four meetings for **Returning Catholics, Recovering Catholics or Catholics just interested in catching up**. You or a friend or relative may want to join us this Monday evening at 7:30 pm in the parish hall. Then two weeks away on Friday evening, November 10th we will have a return visit from nationally known and Pulitzer Prize winning author Gary Wills. Besides his Pulitzer Prize winning "Lincoln at Gettysburg", he has followed his earlier books on the Rosary, "Why I Am a Catholic" and "What Jesus Meant" with a new bestseller "What Paul Meant." We look forward to his fresh look at the letters and meaning of St. Paul.

Your Pastor,
Brian T. Joyce

WEEK AT A GLANCE**SUNDAY**

- Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Pancake Breakfast following 7, 8 & 9:15 am Masses**
- Halloween Mass, 9:15, Gym** (meet on patio in front of Church 15 minutes before mass)
- Turn clocks back one hour!
- RE Program for 3 yr. olds (A), Room D, During 9:15 Mass
- Pre K/K: Pre K program, Parish Hall, A,B,C; K Program, CTK School, during 9:15 Mass
- No Children's Liturgy Of the Word / -No RE Older Sacrament (Gr 6-8)
- Jr/Sr Confirmation Class, Parish Hall, 10:45 am-12:45 pm
- Youth Group: Halloween Party, Parish Hall, 7-9 pm

MONDAY

- RE Older Sacrament (Gr. 3-5), Parish Hall, 4:00 pm

-Returning Catholics, Parish Hall, 7:30 pm

- Rosary Bead Makers, Ministry Center, 7:30 pm (Contact: Jane @ 825-2832)

TUESDAY

- Legion of Mary, Ministry Center, following 8 am Mass
- RE: Grades 1-5; Grades 1-3, School, 3:40-5:00 pm; Grades 4 & 5, Parish Hall, A, B, C, 3:40-5:00 pm
- No RE: Grade 7/8

- Rosary and Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion, CVMtg Rm, 7:00 pm, Contact Andy @ 229-3038

- Spanish Prayer Group, Ministry Center (Common Rm), 7:30 pm

WEDNESDAY**-All Saints Day, Masses at 8:00 am & 7:00 pm**

- RE: Grades 1-5; Grades 1-3, School, 3:40-5:00 pm; Grades 4 & 5, Parish Hall, A,B,C, 3:40-5:00 pm

- RE: Grade 6, Parish Hall, 7-8:30 pm

- St. Vincent de Paul Mtg, Ministry Cntr (Chapel), 7pm

- Weekly Charismatic Prayer Meeting, 6 St. Lawrence Ct., 7:30 pm (for info. Call 932-0395)

- Centering Prayer, Resurrection Episcopal Church (399 Gregory Ln.), 7:30 pm

THURSDAY**-All Souls Mass, Queen of Heaven Cemetery, 11:00 am**

- Centering Prayer, Ministry Center (Library), 10:00 am

- RE: Grades 1-5; Grades 1-3, School, 3:40-5:00 pm; Grades 4 & 5, Parish Hall, A,B,C, 3:40-5:00 pm

- RE New Catechists (Gr. 1-5) Meeting, Room C, 7:00 pm

- RCIA, Ministry Center (Chapel), 7 pm

- Internet Safety and Young People" Workshop, Church, 7:00 pm

FRIDAY

- First Friday, Masses at 8 am (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 12 noon) & 7:00 pm

- RE Grade 7/8 Lock-In, Gym, 9:15 pm

SATURDAY

- Men's Fellowship Group, Ministry Center (Chapel), 7:30-8:30 am, Contact John at 372-7873

- Altar Society, Parish Hall, Following 8 am Mass

- Parish Council, Ministry Center, 8:30 am

SUNDAY**-Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time / Second Collection for School, RE and Youth Ministry**

- Rosary Bead & Religious Article Sale, Following all Sunday Masses / **Christmas Adopt-A-Family**

- RE Program for 3 yr. olds (B), Room D, During 9:15 Mass

- Pre K/K: Pre K program, Parish Hall, A,B,C; K Program, CTK School, during 9:15 Mass

- Children's Liturgy Of the Word, During 9:15 am Mass

- RE Older Sacrament (Gr 6-8) Class, RE Office, 10:40 am

-Mass of Remembrance, Church, 12:15 pm, Followed by reception

- Youth Group, Parish Hall, 7-9 pm

- Taize Prayer Around the Cross, Seventh-Day Adventist Church (800 Grayson Rd), 7:00 pm
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Pancake Breakfast – This weekend the Knights of Columbus will host a pancake breakfast following the 7, 8 and 9:15 masses. The menu will include pancakes, sausage, juice & coffee. The cost is \$2.75/Child & Sr; \$3/adult; and, \$8/family.

Inviting Teens to Join Us ☺ - Children's Liturgy of the Word, during the 9:15 am Sunday Mass is in need of assistants to work with our grade 1-5 children. It is a fun ministry for all. It is a **once a month** commitment. For more info or if interested, please call Sr. Maureen at 686-1017. Thanks!

Carondelet High School Open House, for interested 7th & 8th graders and parents, will be held Thurs., Nov. 2nd, 7:30pm, 1133 Winton Dr. (corner of Treat), Concord, For information, call (925)686-5353 ext. 310 or www.carondelet.pvt.k12.ca.us.

Christmas Adopt-a-Family – The Monument Crisis Center has organized a Christmas Adopt-A-Family Program. Stop by an information table at all Masses next weekend (Nov 4/5) to sign up for a family and receive their gift wish-list or volunteer at the collection warehouse on 12/2-3 or 12/9-10 or volunteer to deliver gifts to the families. Contact the Holiday Hotline (925)330-9728 for more information or if questions.

A Workshop for "Internet Safety and Young People" will be held this Thurs., Nov. 2nd in the Church, 7 pm. It is for Parish Volunteers who have attended training during the past two years and for school parents.

The school's **annual Book Fair** was in large a great success because of your participation. The final financial reports are not complete as yet but we know all went well. See you next year. Thank you.

RETURNING
CATHOLICS

(Or just thinking about it!)

If you've parted company with The Church
over new changes,
Old rules, recent scandals,
a Marriage situation,
hurt feelings, or for any other reason,
why not Join us for:

**AN OPEN MEETING AND
THREE FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS**

Beginning Monday, October 30, 7:30 pm
Christ the King Parish Hall

Gregory Lane & Brandon Rd.
Pleasant Hill
925-682-2486

No strings attached, just a chance to talk, to air
your grievances, to update your views and to
attempt an understanding.

During the month of November we try to remember in a special way our relatives and loved ones who have died.

- We provide an **All Souls Day Envelope** in which you can list the names of those you wish us to remember at all masses celebrated throughout the month of November. Envelopes are available on each side of the vestibule. (Return the envelope by dropping it in the collection, leaving it by the Parish House, or mailing it to us. An offering is entirely optional).
- **Wednesday, November 1st** is "All Saints Day", a "holy day of opportunity" with masses at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm.
- **On Thursday, November 2nd** a special All Souls Day Mass will take place at Queen of Heaven Cemetery at 11:00 am.
- **On Sunday, November 5th**, a special Remembrance Mass at Christ the King Church will be celebrated for all those who have lost a relative or loved one during the past year. Mass at 12:15 pm, refreshments to follow. Please try to arrive at least ten minutes before the mass, to bring a 5" by 7" framed photo of your loved one and to pick up a flower in the vestibule.
- **On Monday, November 6th at 12:15 pm** we will have a special remembrance ceremony in memory of Msgr. Wade and Margo Schorno at Queen of Heaven Cemetery.
- A **"Book of Our Beloved Dead"** will also be available in Church, so others can keep the names you write there in their prayers.