Clarion

A WEEKLY BULLETIN OF THE ST. ANNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Dear Friends,

On this feast of Christ the King, we, His people, remember the foundation and challenge of our faith.

How do we feed Christ?

How do we give Christ drink?

How do we clothe Christ?

How do we shelter Christ?

How do we care for Christ who is sick?

How do we visit Christ who is imprisoned?

Only when we recognize Him in the hungry and the thirsty and in the naked and the homeless and in the suffering and the imprisoned.

When we see Christ in our brothers and sisters and *we respond!*

Lovingly,

Father Jack

Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Solemnity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, the King

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St Anne Catholic Community

OUR MISSION

We, a Catholic Christian people rooted by Baptism, take as our challenge the mission of Jesus: to build the Kingdom of God, standing in solidarity with the poor. We are committed to:

Welcoming
- *Welcoming* all people and providing a sense of belonging to people at every stage of life.

Creating
- *Creating* a place of enjoyment, excitement and fun for people of all ages.

Healing
- *Healing, reconciling* and *reaching out* in caring service to each other.

Reaching Out

Serving
- *Serving* those in need, especially the broken, through generous gifts of time, talent and treasure.

Gathering
- *Gathering* at Eucharist and celebrating the Sacraments of the Church and the sacramental moments of our lives.

Sharing
- *Telling* and *sharing* the Living Story of Jesus.

So challenged, we pray that the Holy Spirit fills us and empowers us so that we may become the Living Presence of Jesus in our contemporary world.

Resting in Peace

Fr. Gary Bagley, *friend of the Gurreri Family;*
Rosemary Dodge, *friend of Marianne Jagmin;*
Julia Erickson, *mother-in-law of Barbara Pagor;*
William Frey, *uncle of Tom Frey;*
Rose Kovarik, *mother of Elaine Sanders;*
Mary Ellen Mack, *mother of John Mack III*

Celebrating Sacraments

Baptisms

Ava Adele **Eichinger** (Laurie and Jeff)
Skye Stave **Nicholson** (Jennifer and William)

Remembering...

Monday, November 27th
8:15 St. Anne Perpetual Mass Society
Divine Protection, Sara Thobe—*Kevin Thobe*

Tuesday, November 28th
8:15 Divine Protection, Matt Thobe and Family—*Kevin Thobe*

Wednesday, November 29th
8:15 Mary Lou Werner—*Jeff and Mary Kay Crotty*

Thursday, November 30th
8:15 Marie Larson—*The Family*

Friday, December 1st
8:15 St. Anne Perpetual Mass Society
Ruth Williams—*Don Thompson*

Saturday, December 2nd
8:15 Antoinette Bryk—*Joe and Mary Jo Zaksas*
Mass of Anticipation
5:15 Jane Fischer—*Ruth Degner*

Sunday, December 3rd
7:15 People of St. Anne

9:00 James Holzwart—*Mariann and Dan Leahy*
Kataruna Nikolich—*The Nikolich Family*
Charlie Selvik—*Bonnie Selvik*
Peggy Meale—*Kirk Freundt*
Debbie Greene—*Elaine Quinn*

11:00 Maria Z. Carli—*Pasquale DeChiara*
Helen Carley—*Her Family*
Lucy Esposito—*The Rosengren Family*
Lester Rutshaw—*Celeste Scheffler*
William Hood III—*The Cardelli Family*

5:15 Alma Pye—*Friends from R.E.P.*

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly Offering for November 20, 2006

ult Offering (588 envelopes) $30,353.00
Loose Cash $1,666.88
Pro-rated "Parish Pay" offering $7,791.15
(Weekly share of Monthly "Parish Pay"
Automatic Checking/Credit Card Giving)

Youth and Children Offering (2 envelopes)..... $4.00
Grand Total..... $39,815.03

Amount needed to meet Operating $46,500.00
Expense *and* Loan Interest Payments

Collection Shortfall.....($6,684.97)
Sharing Contributions (53 envelopes)..... $1,165.00

Past 4 weeks:
Average Weekly Offering..... $45,744.51
Average Weekly Shortfall .....($755.49)
Total Shortfall.....($3,021.96)
Fiscal Year to Date Shortfall (21 weeks)...($78,769.75)

Campaign for Human Development
Collection (91 envelopes) $4,295.00

Building Debt as of November 21, 2006

Outstanding Loan Balance(s)..... **$4,177,754.86**
with Archdiocese

Less Pledged Funds $151,000.00
Payable through 2008*

*Does not include $418,075.00 in past due pledge payments as of July 5th, 2006.

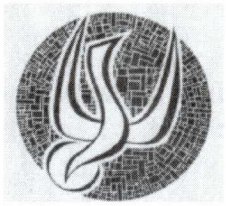
Total long-term Parish Debt..... **4,000,000.00**

Monthly Interest Payment
@ 4.28 % to 5.92%..... $20,473.58

Monthly Debt-Reduction Collection (green envelope)
Fiscal YTD (21 weeks)..... $100,493.73

If you are considering paying off an existing pledge early and wish to know the balance due, or have questions regarding your pledge, please call **Carol Helmers** at **847.620.3051**.

Would you like to continue your faith journey...
through the Sacrament of Confirmation?
Have you given this any thought?
Have you prayed about this?
Looking for information?
Call Sr. Anna Marie at 847.381.5793.



This Week's Readings

Monday:	Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5/ Luke 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Revelation 14:14-19/ Luke 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Revelation 15:1-4/ Luke 21:12-19
Thursday:	Romans 10:9-18/ Matthew 4:18-22
Friday:	Revelation 20:1-4, 11-21:2/ Luke 21:29-33
Saturday:	Revelation 22:1-7/ Luke 21:34-36
Sunday:	Jeremiah 33:14-16/ 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2/ Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

St. Anne Parish Sharing Tree

"Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful."
Norman Vincent Peale

You can make someone's Christmas more beautiful this season by participating in St. Anne's Sharing Tree Program! This year, St. Anne will be giving to the St. Martin de Porres Shelter for Women and Children, the St. Columbanus Food Pantry, our sharing parish, St. Frances of Rome in Cicero, and Project Hope.

This weekend, **November 25th and 26th**, we will have Christmas trees decorated with paper ornaments in the Gathering Space. You may select as many as you wish. Each ornament will provide the information necessary to make gift purchases. Please return your wrapped gifts (unless otherwise stated) with the ornament attached to them to the Gathering Space on **Saturday, December 9th** (after 5:15 p.m. Mass) or on **Sunday, December 10th** between 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

If you would like to participate in the Sharing Program, but do not wish to purchase a gift, ornaments for gift and food certificates will also be on the tree. We will also have ornaments for tuition assistance for St. Frances of Rome Catholic School as well.

You will notice a larger amount of gift certificates being requested this year. The gasoline cards will greatly benefit the St. Columbanus Food Pantry in operating their van. St. Frances of Rome Catholic School is also requesting gift cards for classroom and office equipment that otherwise could not be purchased without our help. Please place any gift certificates or envelopes in the box located next to the Sharing Tree.

The Sharing Board would like to thank all of you in advance for your generosity in thought, time, and expense. We realize it is a very busy time, but we can assure you that this sharing experience is received with heartfelt thanks from all of our recipients.

May the beauty and spirit of Christmas brighten all of our holidays! If you have any questions, please contact **Susie Lopez** at **847.287.6653**.

Adult Education Book Club

Wednesday, November 29th
7:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Parish Library
2nd floor above the Gathering Space

"Digging to America"
By Anne Tyler

Tyler encompasses the collision of cultures without losing her sharp focus on the daily dramas of modern family life. When Bitsy and Brad Donaldson and Sami and Ziba Yazdan both adopt Korean infant girls, their chance encounter at the Baltimore airport the day their daughters arrive marks the start of a long, intense if sometimes awkward friendship. Sami's mother, Maryam Yazdan, who carefully preserves her exotic 'outsiderness' despite having emigrated from Iran almost 40 years earlier, is frequently perplexed by her son and daughter-in-law's ongoing relationship with the loud, opinionated, unapologetically American Donaldsons.

Welcome New Members

Christine **Kanavos**

Mary Ellen **Kanavos**

Barbara and Jan **Porwisz**
(Briana, Ian, Jacob)

Jennifer and Edward **Rakowski**
(Edward II)

Prayers for the Pope

The Knights of Columbus is organizing a special spiritual pilgrimage for its members and all Catholics, aimed at generating prayers for the success of Pope Benedict's pastoral visit to Turkey from November 28th to December 1st. The goal is to unite millions of Knights and other Catholics with the pontiff through their prayers. The prayer has been reproduced here.

Heavenly Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name, we humbly ask that you sustain, inspire, and protect your servant, Pope Benedict XVI, as he goes on pilgrimage to Turkey – a land to which St. Paul brought the Gospel of your Son; a land where once the Mother of your Son, the Seat of Wisdom, dwelt; a land where faith in your Son's true divinity was definitively professed. Bless our Holy Father, who comes as a messenger of truth and love to all people of faith and good will dwelling in this land so rich in history. In the power of the Holy Spirit, may this visit of the Holy Father bring about deeper ties of understanding, cooperation, and peace among Roman Catholics, the Orthodox, and those who profess Islam. May the prayers and events of these historic days greatly contribute both to greater accord among those who worship you, the living and true God, and also to peace in our world so often torn apart by war and sectarian violence.

We also ask, O Heavenly Father, that you watch over and protect Pope Benedict and entrust him to the loving care of Mary, under the title of Our Lady of Fatima, a title cherished both by Catholics and Muslims. Through her prayers and maternal love, may Pope Benedict be kept safe from all harm as he prays, bears witness to the Gospel, and invites all peoples to a dialogue of faith, reason, and love. We make our prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A Journey of Faith

Copies of the Archdiocese of Chicago's *A Journey of Faith*, an illustrated book of Chicago's rich Catholic history, are available for a special price of $35.00 in the Rectory office. These beautiful hardcover books would make wonderful gifts for the holidays, birthdays, anniversaries. For more information, visit the Archdiocese of Chicago website or call the Rectory office at **847.382.5300.**

Jesus prepared the apostles to be evangelizers. First he called them to ***repent***. Then he ***taught*** them about the kingdom of God. Finally, he ***showed*** them the kingdom of God. Fully prepared, he said to his disciples, *"now you go out and do it"* (Matthew 10:1). As disciples, we, too, are called to move from "repent-and-follow me stage," through the instruction phase, to the "now you do it" phase.

Every weekend is "invite a friend weekend." Just do it.

ST. ANNE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Reflections

By Sister Lauretta Leipzig, Pastoral Associate and Director of Adult Education

Like a Child

"Unless you become like little children, you shall not enter the Kingdom of God."

Jesus reminds us that we are encouraged to be like a little child. We are to act with childlike – not childish – behavior. He told us that a child could teach us much about the Kingdom of God. To learn about God Jesus made it clear that we must develop childlike attitudes. Though there might be a difference of opinion on specifics, one particular author cites some of the following attitudes: openness, wonder, and simplicity.

Openness: We have all experienced a child's open arms outstretched for a hug or an open hand that grasps for safety or help. In imitation of the child we must be open to unloading the baggage of years of learning or practices in order to receive a new message from God. There is also another lesson. With open arms and hands, we are instructed to give generously to others as well as receive humbly from another.

Wonder: A child's world is new each day, filled with surprises and wonderment. They do not carry the burdens of yesterday or the anxieties of tomorrow. Looking at the child as an example for us we see that we need to cultivate a sense of wonder in our lives. We must look at every person we meet, every place we visit as an experience that can enrich us. Someone once wrote: "God works in peoples' lives. I need to watch for things, listen to people and stories, and explore places that make me sing *How Great Thou Art* every day!"

Simplicity: It will probably take all eternity to grasp the dimensions of God's greater plan for each of us. However, while we are on this earth, we want to hear God's simple Gospel message in Christ that repeatedly asks for love, forgiveness, and service to our brothers and sisters.

In conclusion, when Jesus said these words, "Unless you become like little children, you shall not enter the Kingdom of God" he offered us a profound message. Develop a convinced attitude – to be open to give and receive, be filled with wonderment at God's creation, and be centered in living the message of Jesus. Then you will enter the Kingdom of God – the Kingdom of Heaven!

Advent-Christmas 2006

First Sunday of Advent - Sunday, December 3rd

Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Friday, December 8th
A Holy Day of Obligation, 8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Second Sunday of Advent - Sunday, December 10th

Third Sunday of Advent - Sunday, December 17th
Concert and Tree Lighting Ceremony, 2:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday, December 23rd, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 24th, Regular Sunday morning Masses

Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24th
2:30 p.m. (Kidchoir, Gospel Pageant and Teen String Ensemble)
4:30 p.m. (Teen choir, Gospel Pageant and Barrington Brass)
10:30 p.m. (Carols at 10 p.m., Adult choir and String Quartet)

Christmas Day, Nativity of the Lord - Monday, December 25th
9:00 a.m. (Small choir with Barrington Brass)
11:00 a.m. (Adult choir with String Quartet)

New Year's Eve, Feast of the Holy Family - Sunday, December 31st
7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Hundreds of hungry, homeless, unemployed persons and families are serviced through the PROJECT HOPE office, 320 E. Franklin Street (847.381.5721) on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis. Because of parishioners' generous and creative spirits, business sponsorships, "Annie's Attic" and the House of Hope Resale Shop, we are able to help these needy individuals year round.

In order to give special help at Christmas, we propose a program called "HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS." In this way, we connect parishioners ***who wish to sponsor a needy individual and or family*** with gifts of food, gas vouchers, as well as funds for rent, utilities, medicine, clothing or other needed items.

To BECOME A SPONSOR, please complete the following form and return gift cards or cash to the Project Hope office. All Christmas donations, meal cards or gifts, are due into the office no later than **Tuesday, December 12th.**

Gift cards for prepared holiday meals from Jewel or Dominick's are always greatly appreciated.

Name_____Phone_____

Address_____

TYPE OF SUPPORT: ___Individual ___Family of 2 ___Family of 4____Family of 6+
___Holiday meal

Monetary Support	Christmas gifts due December 12th
McDonald's gift certificates	
Jewel gift cards	
Dominick's gift cards	
K-Mart gift cards	
Target gift cards	
Kohl's gift cards	
Phone cards	
Rent assistance $$	
Utility assistance $$	
Medical assistance $$	
Holiday meal gift certificates	

To provide Christmas gifts for a needy family, please call the Project Hope office at 847.381.5721. We will assign an individual or appropriate size family along with the wish list.

In his Name and all who receive-
Gratefully, The Volunteers of Project Hope

CONNECTIONS
Food Drive and Dance

Our Christmas dance is also a food drive to fill our food pantry. With every 2 cans of food or non-perishable food items brought in, students will receive $2.00 off the admission price.

Middle School students will be collecting the food at the door.

$2.00 discount maximum.

Connections Dance

- Friday, December 15th
- 7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
- $10.00 per person
- Bring in 2 cans of food and get $2.00 off
- Refreshments are extra
- WE NEED CHAPERONES

CONNECTIONS DANCE OPEN TO 7TH AND 8TH GRADES
Additional food donations are always welcome!

Remember, no current D-220/St. Anne I.D. = No admittance, no exceptions.
We need chaperones.

Call the Hotline at 847.382.5300 ext. 400.

St. Anne Parish Community

Share the joy this season

Through Project Hope, it is easy to share the joys of the season with those less fortunate. Here are three simple ways you can help:

1. As you deck your halls, please consider donating any holiday or everyday décor items you are no longer using. While you clear some clutter, we'll put those items to work helping others.
2. When you experience 'snow gear shrink', that yearly phenomenon of discovering your well-kept jackets, boots and ski pants somehow lost a few inches over the summer (or did the kids really grow *that* much?), please pass along those clean, outgrown winter gear items to us.
3. It's time to make room for Santa's delivery! We'd appreciate any clean and complete working toys that may no longer be favorites in your home. Let them bring joy to another child this season!

Your donations are needed now!

All items are either passed along directly to area families in need or are sold through our House of Hope Resale Shop with all proceeds supporting Project Hope.

Donations are accepted at 320 E. Franklin Street, Barrington, Monday through Friday. To arrange a convenient drop-off time, please call the Project Hope office at **847.381.5721**. Pick-up service is available for larger items.

Thank you for your support!

House of Hope Resale Shop
Heirlooms & Treasures
200 N. Hough Street Downtown Barrington
Wed. – Sat. 10 AM - 4 PM 847.756.4673

Happenings at St. Anne

The Family Rosary

We encourage all St. Anne families to join us each **Tuesday** evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel to pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. You are welcome; whether your family is big or small, with young children, old children, grandchildren or no children. Little wiggles and whispers are expected!

Setup Saturday, December 2nd…Help Needed

The Environment and Art Committee will be setting up the Advent environment on **Saturday, December 2nd,** beginning at 8:30 a.m. If you have an hour to spare, please stop by the church to help with the setup. Many helping hand makes the work go fast. The setup should be finished around noon.

Adult Helpers Needed For Christmas "Living Gospel"

As we have for the last several years, we will invite our 2nd through 4th grade children to present the Christmas Gospel at the 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Masses in costume.

At this time, we are looking for a few **ADULTS** who will coordinate the effort, rehearse the kids, and be in charge of the preparation and presentation. We need a team of two or three adults at each service. Costumes, accessories, and the script will be provided. We will arrange a rehearsal of the service probably on Saturday morning, **December 23rd**.

If you would like to help with the Living Gospel presentation this year, please call **Rory Cooney** at **847.620.3064** in the parish office or email rcooney@stannebarrington.org.

The Next Chapter

All widows and widowers in the area are invited to join us as we meet the 4th Thursday on the month at 7:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Parish Center. The next scheduled meeting is **Thursday, December 28th**. All are welcome. For more information, call **Loraine** at **847.381.3699**.

First Saturday Devotions

"Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus."

We lovingly repeat this phrase in the Hail Mary when we pray the Rosary. We recall how Mary waited and how she prepared for Jesus' coming. May we also wait in joyful anticipation for our Savior's birth. Come join in praying the Rosary following the 8:15 a.m. Mass on **Saturday, December 2nd**.

Help Wanted for Christmas

The Environment and Art Committee is looking for seamstresses and craft persons to create Advent/ Christmas seasonal hangings and new Advent/ Lenten fabric panels for the Triptych. There are patterns available to make the hangings and panels. If you are interested, please contact **Courtney Murtaugh** at **847.381.2450** or email murtaughs@ameritech.net.

Women's Club Hospitality

The St. Anne Women's Club will be serving donut holes, coffee and juice after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses, on **Sunday, December 3rd**. Please stop by for some hospitality.

Joan Wester Anderson is coming!

International best-selling author, Joan Wester Anderson, has released her new book *"Guardian Angels-True Stories of Answered Prayers."* She will be selling her book for $15.00 and signing them in the hospitality room on **Tuesday, December 12th,** at 2:30 p.m. Joan will donate a percentage of her sales to St. Anne. To reserve/pre-order a copy that would make a special holiday gift, call **Linda Lopez** at **847.304.0136** or email LindaL76@sbcglobal.net.

Playgroup

The St. Anne Playgroup would like to welcome everyone back to playgroup after its Thanksgiving Break. We are gearing up for our Christmas Party on **Thursday, December 14th**. Until then, there will be casual play and chat in the nursery of the Parish Center. The group meets any time between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. If you have not come before, it is not too late. For more information, call **Mary Sneed** at **847.756.4235** or **Carolyn Fier** at **847.713.2109.**

Other Happenings

High School Open Houses

The following Catholic high schools have announced their respective open houses:

- St. Viator, Arlington Heights, **Wednesday, November 29th,** 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., www.saintviator.com.
- Regina Dominican, Wilmette, **Sunday, December 10th,** 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., www.rdhs.org.

World Aids Day

The Catholic Charities HIV/AIDS Task Force for the Archdiocese of Chicago announces that **Friday, December 1st** is ***World Aids Day***. Remember those persons living with HIV/AIDS, their loved ones, caregivers and those millions orphaned by the disease in your prayers.

Weekend Retreat

Missionaries of the Sacred Heart for Life's Healing Weekend retreat will take place on **Friday, December 1st** at Bishop Lane Retreat Center in Rockford. For more information, call **630.892.2371**.

Christmas Bazaar

St. James' Women's Club, Arlington Heights, will present its 29th annual Christmas Bazaar on **Friday, December 1st**, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and **Saturday, December 2nd**, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Admission is $2.00. For more information, call **Angie** at **847.398.9322**.

Advent Women's Retreat

Author Amy Welborn will direct an Advent Women's Retreat on **Saturday, December 2nd,** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Pauline Books and Media, 172 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago. To register, call **312.346.4228**.

Council of Catholic Nurses of Lake County

St. Bede's in Ingleside will be the site of an Advent morning of recollection on **Saturday, December 2nd**. All nurses are welcome. For more information, call **Gloria** at **847.336.3295** or **Mary** at **847.623.9125**.

Handel's Messiah by Candelight

St. Clement Church, Chicago, will present its 31st annual production of Handel's Messiah by Candelight on **Saturday, December 2nd**, at 7:30 p.m., and **Sunday, December 3rd,** at 3:30 p.m. For more information, call **773.281.0371** or visit www.stclementchurch.org/messiah.

Busy Person's Retreat

A retreat that gives an opportunity to deepen relationships with God during the Advent season will take place at Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary, Batavia, on three consecutive **Tuesdays, December 3rd, 10th, and 17th**. For more information, call **Linda Isleib** at **630.879.1296**.

Christmas Concert

University of St. Mary of the Lake will present its "Sounds of Christmas" concert on **Sunday, December 3rd**, at 3:00 p.m. at Mundelein Seminary. For more information, call **Mary Lou** at **847.970.4830**.

Advent Retreat

Servants of the Holy Heart will sponsor a weekend retreat for all women who desire to enrich their spiritual growth during the Advent season beginning on **Friday, December 8th,** at Nazareth Retreat House, Batavia. For more information, call **Linda Isleib** at **630.879.1296**.

Advent Africa Summit

The Office for Peace and Justice of the Archdiocese of Chicago will present an Advent Africa Summit on **Saturday, December 9th**, at St. Dorothy School, Chicago. For more information, call **312.751.8367**.

PHD Toy Drive

PHD, the Society for Preservation of Human Dignity, is holding a toy drive to collect new toys. Their annual Christmas party will be held on **Saturday, December 9th,** for approximately 750 clients. For more information, call **Yvonne** at **847.359.4919 ext. 17.**

LOSS Meetings

Catholic Charities LOSS meetings will be held on **Wednesday, December 20th**, at 7:00 p.m., at Holy Family Church Counseling Center in Inverness, and on **Thursday, December 28th**, at 7:00 p.m., at Carmel High school in Mundelein.

Gift Opportunities

Catholic Charities' Celebration of Giving announces its toy shower and sponsor-a-family programs. To help children and their families unwrap the spirit this year, call the Celebration of Giving Hotline at **312.738.1674.**

Center for Loss & Hope

The Center for Loss & Hope at Hospice of Northeastern Illinois offers support throughout the holiday season. For more information, visit www.HospiceAnswers.org.

A Pilgrimage to Italy

Join Passionist Fr. Arthur Carrillo and fellow pilgrims for eleven spiritually rewarding days touring Rome and other significant Passionist sites. Deadline to register is **Sunday, December 31st**. For more information, call **Patrick Quinn** at **847.518.8844**.

Solemnity of Christ the King, 2006 *(161B)*
(Last Sunday of the Year, 2006)

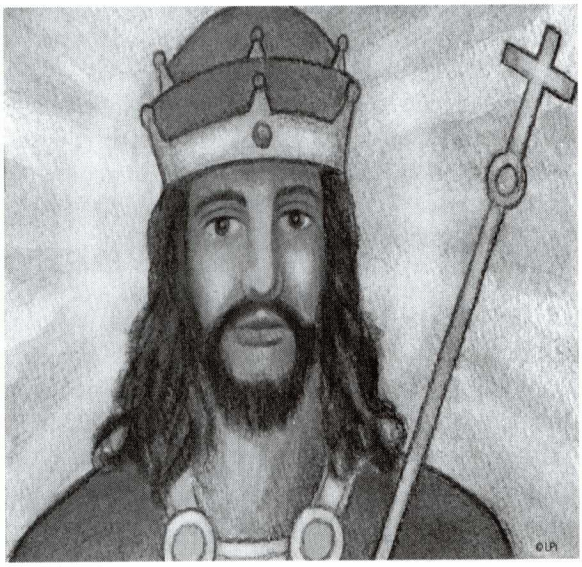
Daniel 7:13-14 (CCCB)

I, Daniel, had a dream and visions as I lay in bed.
13 As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.

14 To him was given dominion and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Psalm 93:1, 1-2, 5 (*The LORD is King; he is robed in majesty.*)

Revelation 1:5-8 (CCCB)



5 Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead,
and the ruler of the kings of the earth.
To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,
6 and made us to be a kingdom,
priests serving his God and Father,
to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

7 Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him, even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will lament.
So it is to be. Amen.

8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God,
who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

John 18:33-37 (CCCB)

33 Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him,
"Are you the King of the Jews?"
34 Jesus answered,
"Do you ask this on your own,
or did others tell you about me?"
35 Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I?
Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me.
What have you done?"

36 Jesus answered,
"My kingdom is not from this world.
If my kingdom were from this world,
my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish authorities.
But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."

BY CLEM ASERON, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF LITURGY AND COORDINATOR OF SCRIPTURAL MINISTRIES

Living Story

[37] Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?"
Jesus answered,
"You say that I am a king.
For this I was born, and for this I came into the world,
to testify to the truth.
Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

This last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year always ends with the **Solemnity of Christ the King**. In one sense, it is appropriate to end the yearly liturgical cycle with the declaration that Christ **is** King. This feast, however, serves as a transition into next week when the Advent scriptures that begin the new liturgical year very early show just what kind of "king" this One will be. Luke, the evangelist for the coming year, gives us a vision of unmistakable clarity: at the start of public ministry, this One, filled with the power of the Spirit, speaks of himself[1] as coming in fulfillment of the ancient Isaiah saying[2]: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor...to proclaim liberty to captives...*to bring *recovery of sight to the blind...to let the oppressed go free...to proclaim a year of jubilee of the Lord...*this is the One in whose presence *every valley shall be filled...every mountain and hill shall be made low...* [3]this is the One in whom God's justice will be done; this is the One who will show how God's justice may done by us.

In today's pericope[4], John has Pilate set the stage carefully: *Are you King of the Jews?* For John's community, it is a double edged question: To the Jew, the question is a religious one for only God can be king of Israel[5]; to the Roman civil authorities, the question is a political one for there is already a king in place (Herod) - appointed by Rome. John shows Jesus carefully explaining: *My kingdom is not from this world...*Jesus satisfies the civil question; he is not trying to usurp the throne set up by Roman authority. Pilate's question then becomes a religious one. Jesus answers very specifically that he has come into the world *to testify to the truth.* That truth is that Jesus is proclaiming the kingdom of God where **God's** justice, not human justice, is practiced. From the very beginning of kings in Israel's history it was the understanding of all people that the principal task of the king was to bring about God's justice, that is, a king was to establish and maintain right order among the people; right order had to do with correct relationships. Correct relationships occur when all are invited and included into the **in-group**, as Isaiah proclaims above (see the very short chap 61). Next week we begin the gospel of Luke. In his terms, God's kingdom is where all – rich and poor, **outcasts** and **in-group**, Jew and gentile (pagans), sinners as well as the righteous – **all**, are welcomed. John's passage today ends with the challenge to his community: *Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.*

So What?? It isn't easy for us highly individualistic Americans to relate to monarchy. Think of our origins; we rebelled against a king and gained independence. Yet, when Princess Diana died, or when Prince Charles was accused of peccadilloes, we turn, fascinated, to watch the royals.
What is it we are thinking when we name as king this One who is The Christ, the Savior? What do we picture when we sing the psalm refrain for today:
The LORD is King; he is robed in majesty.

Is this a king so majestic that we dare not approach? Or is he among us, with us, and in us – is he not approachable, touchable, and embraceable? Is this not the One who empties himself so that any barrier to intimacy with humans is removed? Can you describe a time when perhaps you were absolutely certain that there **was** no barrier; you were intimate!

In the gospel pericope for today does Jesus reject the title of King?

[Start reading the gospel of Luke! As the season of Advent progresses, read the first 3 chapters in anticipation. In connection with today, read 1:46]

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[1] Luke 4:18
[2] Isaiah 61:1
[3] Luke 3:5
[4] Biblical passage adapted for the Lectionary, the Church's book from which we read each year.
[5] This is typical of John's irony. Jesus is King in the ancient sense and he will be put to death because he makes the blasphemous claim that he Son of God. But see my comments about kings above.

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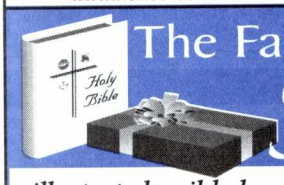

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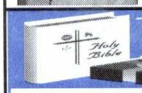
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Mass of Anticipation: 5:15 p.m.
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