

## SOLEMNITY - CHRIST THE KING

Daniel 7:13-14  
Psalm 93  
Revelation 1:5-8  
John 18:33-37



**KEY VERSE:** "My kingdom does not belong to this world" (v 36).

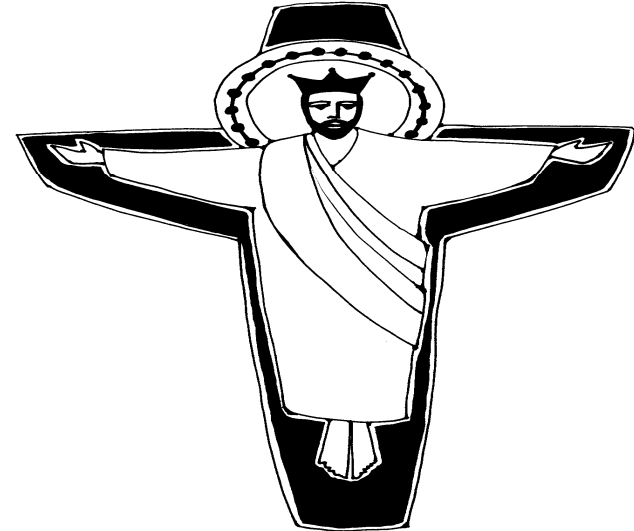
**READING:** For Israel, kingship belonged to God alone who rules eternally. In Jesus time, there was no king or kingdom as Israel formerly knew. In 70 AD, the Roman army under Titus surrounded the city of Jerusalem, breached its walls and killed thousands of its citizens. The city and its Temple were burned to the ground and the survivors were taken into captivity. Israel awaited the "Day of the Lord" when God would free them from political oppression and reign over the whole universe. Jesus announced that God's kingdom had arrived in his message and ministry. At his resurrection, Jesus received "dominion, glory, and kingship" from God (Dn 7:14). This reign was not an earthly kingdom, but a spiritual relationship between God and humankind. Jesus needed no throne, no crown, no royal robes. He needed no geographical boundaries to establish his realm and no armies to protect his domain. Jesus' kingdom lies in the hearts of those who love as he loved them.

**REFLECTING:** What do I need to do to build up God's kingdom in my little piece of earth?

**PRAYING:** Lord Jesus, you are my sovereign forever. Christ the King Sunday celebrates the all-embracing authority of Christ as King and Lord of the cosmos. It is celebrated on the final Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Sunday before Advent.

**Plan as if Christ's return is years away, but live as if He is coming today.**

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P: The Lord guides the world with a turn of His hand and all things obey His will. For He is King of all and by His power, He separates what is holy from what is not.		
<b>R: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of the nations shall bow down before Him. For dominion is the Lord’s and He rules the nations.</b>		
P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.		
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<b>R: The Lord is king, He is robed in majesty.</b>		
Second Reading	Revelations 1:5-8	
Gospel Acclamations.		
C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.		
<b>R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.</b>		
C: Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David, our father: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.		
<b>R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!</b>		
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“I am the Lord, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.”  
 “Isaiah 43:15

### Church Obligations and Parish Stewardship

We are in the final quarter of the year 2009 and are reminded that we are to fulfill our financial responsibilities to our Parish, Diocese and the General Church by the year’s end. Please note that the mandated financial obligations of the Diocese and National Church is \$100.00 total per member yearly. (General Church \$50.00; Diocesan \$25.00 and 6% \$25.00). All Stewardship Offerings are a yearly minimum of \$250.00 which does not include in that sum offerings that go to special designated projects or programs. These funds are necessary to continue Christ’s Mission. Although our denomination does not demand a tithe as many other denominations demand, the Lord requests that we be fair and cheerful in our giving of time, talent and treasure. Also, we should remember our parish in our estate planning so we can continue the great treasure we possess.

*We have extra Christmas Tree stands and free standing Fans available at no charge. If you would like any one these, please see Ted Gibala or call @412.678.7347.*

**Please note: The YMSR Men’s Club meeting has been changed from November 22 to December 13<sup>th</sup> after Mass.**

### Thanksgiving Mass

Mass for this American Holiday will be celebrated Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. There should be no excuses to come together to give Thanks to God for our blessings except if we are out of town celebrating with our families and friends.

Sacramental Altar Wine for your Thanksgiving Day meal is available in the parish kitchen during Coffee Hour. Donation to our Music Ministry for \$10.00 will give you the gift of wine.

### Advent Meditation Concert and Parish Wigilia Dinner

The TriCounty Village Singers will perform an Advent Concert, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P.M. followed by the Annual Holy Family Wigilia Dinner at 5:00 P.M. The Advent concert is free (a free will offering will be taken during the performance) and tickets for the Wigilia Dinner is \$15.00 Adult; \$7.00 Child (under 7) RSVP is requested. Our choirs and youth will perform during the dinner.

### Straz Newspaper

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### Annual Congregational Meeting Recap

Last Sunday we held our Annual Congregational Meeting after the 9:00 A.M. Mass. Over 60 parish members were in attendance to accept the 2009-2010 annual budget set at \$105,000 thousand dollars conservative for a parish of our size which we will achieve through parish stewardship and fundraising. We did not raise the minimum stewardship of \$250.00 but encourage an increase through the envelope system. The mandated church obligations are not part of the parish stewardship and each adult member are responsible to fulfill these obligations. We also reviewed the year of property improvement around the parish and cemeteries. Each parish organization gave a year recap of their programs and financial status. The Pastor's reported membership standings and encouraged Holy Family to make Mission and Evangelism a priority for the parish and do what is necessary for parish growth noting that there were 0 Baptisms, 7 First Communions, 0 Confirmations, 5 Funerals, 1 Reinternment, transfer of 5 members to other parishes due to jobs, and increase of 2 new members and loss of 4 members to other denominations. Also reported that we have 24 students in the SOCL not counting the adult class and parents are encouraged to make attendance a priority for their children. The 2010 Board are as follows:

Chairman of the Parish Council-Ted Gibala

Vice Chairman-George Jugan; Financial Secretary-Terry Kleckner

Recording Secretary-Karen Bongiorno; Treasurer-Sharon Kish

Directors: Frank Pociask, Gary Coddington, Denise Tomco, Kathy Carozza, Marcia Angel, Dolores Szatkowski, Robert Tomco, Helen Mulac; Alternate Directors: Don Newcamp and Jean Crouch.

Auditors: David Kost, Janis Gibala, and Janet Korch

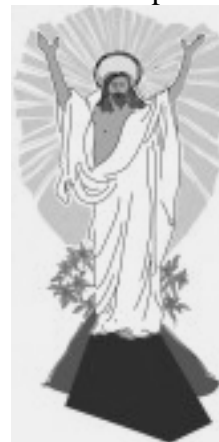
Parish Tribunal: Dennis Burlikowski, Marian Sleczkowski and Rosalie Clark. Synodical Delegates will be elected another time.

We thank all who attended and now we must continue the Mission of the Lord in His Holy Church and bring others to Christ.

### Opening Hymn: "Praise to the Lord"

Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation  
O my soul, praise him for he is thy health and salvation!  
Join the great throng, psaltery, organ and song  
Sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord O let all that is in me adore Him  
All that hath breath with Abraham's seed to adore Him!  
Let the Amen, sum all our praises again  
Now as we worship before Him.



### Closing Hymn: "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died to set us free  
And hail Him as your heavenly King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of Heaven, enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the King to Whom is given the wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns, as thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is King of all.

Crown Him the Lord of lords, who over all doth reign,  
Who once on earth, the incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain,  
Now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing  
Their songs before Him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King.

THEME-What is my kingdom?

“Are you a king?” Pilate did not comprehend Jesus’ true authority. Jesus was not a king in the way such kings were understood, subjecting people with their military and political clout. The people of God had to learn that Yahweh alone was their king, “robe in majesty,” standing firm forever. They must bow down before Yahweh’s throne and no other. The historical fact was Daniel addressed an occupied people dominated by a tyrannical empire that persecuted them for their religious convictions. The suffering believers were personified corporately. But if they remained faithful, they would one day be freed and have a dominion that would not be destroyed. The hint there was a Messiah was on the horizon to free them.

John wrote to a people enduring persecution from the Roman Empire. He reminded them that they were baptized into Jesus’ own death and resurrection. Jesus was the supreme ruler of all the earth. Before His throne, His faithful followers were vested as a priestly people, a “royal nation.” But we forget that we too, are a “priestly people” and a “royal nation” if we are committed to the truth when we hear His voice. We tend to think accept the fact for the people of old, but not them today. But the truth is, what was given back then is still given today only if we accept it, because Christ is King, ruler of the heavens and the earth. If you hear His voice, harden not your hearts. He is calling us each moment as a parish to build His Church.

**Sunday Ministry Schedules**

<b><u>This Week</u></b>	<b><u>9:00 A.M.</u></b>	<b><u>11:00 A.M.</u></b>
Lectors	Yellow Team	B. Zaucha
Greeters	W. Albeck	A. Fioravanti
Ushers	D. Newcamp & R. Bongiorno	F. Szatkowski
Acolytes	All Servers	All Servers
<b><u>Next Week</u></b>	<b><u>9:00 A.M.</u></b>	<b><u>11:00 A.M.</u></b>
Lectors	Blue Team	B. Zaucha
Greeter	J. Gibala	S. Kish
Ushers	B. Griffiths & G. Jobs	F. Szatkowski
Acolytes	All Servers	All Servers

**This Week**

**Sunday, November 22, 2009**

**Christ the King Sunday**

Holy Mass 9:00 A.M.  
 +Mark Lorber Int Mr. & Mrs. D. Crouch; +Tom Tondera Int wife Kay Tondera.  
 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Blessing of Ted and Janis Gibala  
 Nursery School 9:00 A.M.  
 Fellowship Hour 10:15 A.M.  
 SOCL Classes 10:15 A.M.  
 Youth Organizational Meeting 11:00 A.M.  
 Holy Mass 11:00 A.M.

**Monday, November 23, 2009**

Annunciation Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 P.M.

**Wednesday, November 25, 2009**

Vigil-Thanksgiving Mass 7:00 P.M.

**Sunday, November 29, 2009**

**1st Sunday Advent**

Lighting of Advent Wreath  
 Holy Mass 9:00 A.M.  
 +Joseph Korch Int. wife Helen Korch & Family; +Stella Solvay Int. Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pociask  
 Nursery School 9:00 A.M.  
 Fellowship Hour 10:15 A.M.  
 SOCL Classes 10:15 A.M.  
 Holy Mass 11:00 A.M.

**Christmas Poinsettias**



Memorial and Christmas Blessing Poinsettia Flower  
 Envelopes are available in the Church Narthex. Please place your order as soon as possible for the Christmas Season.  
 This year the plants are still \$10.00 apiece and please print the names of the memorials and blessings. Thank You.

**Youth Organizational Meeting Today at 11:00 A.M.**  
**All Parish Youth and Parents are urged to attend this important meeting. It is important that our youth be together and participate in Church activities for the benefit of themselves and the Church for they are the future to continue the legacy.**