

**Welcome to Holy Mass at Holy Cross Church  
34<sup>th</sup> (Last) Sunday in Ordinary Time  
SOLEMNITY – CHRIST THE KING**

**Sunday, November 21, 2010  
11:00 am**

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and all those in need of healing in our parish community

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **Reading I**

II Samuel 5: 1-3

**A reading from the second book of Samuel**

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David in Hebron and said: "Here we are, your bone and your flesh. In days past, when Saul was our king, it was you who led the Israelites out and brought them back. And the Lord said to you, "You shall shepherd my people Israel and shall be commander of Israel.'" When all the elders of Israel came to David in Hebron, King David made an agreement with them there before the Lord, and they anointed him king of Israel.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

### **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 122: 1-2, 3-

4, 4-5

R: I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

**I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the Lord." And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

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**Jerusalem, built as a city with compact unity. To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.**

R: I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

**According to the decree for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord. In it are set up judgment seats, seats for the house of David.**

R: I rejoiced when I heard them say: let us go to the house of the Lord.

## **Reading II**

Colossians 1: 12-20

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians**

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

Give thanks to the Father for having made you worthy to share the lot of the saints in light. He rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son. Through him we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creatures. In him everything in heaven and on earth was created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominations, principalities or powers; all were created through him, and for him. He is before all else that is. In him everything continues in being. It is he who is head of the body, the church; he who is the beginning, the first-born of the dead, so that primacy may be his in everything. It pleased God to make absolute fullness reside in him and, by means of him, to reconcile everything in his person, everything, I say, both on earth and in the heavens, making peace through the blood of his cross.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Alleluia**      **Be faithful until death, says the Lord**  
**And I will give you the crown of life. [16]**

## **Gospel**

Luke 23: 35-43

**A reading of the holy gospel according to Luke**

Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stood there watching, and the leaders kept jeering at Jesus, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, the chosen one." The soldiers also made fun of him, coming forward to offer him their sour wine and saying, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." There was an inscription over his head:

"THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

One of the criminals hanging in crucifixion blasphemed him, "Aren't you the Messiah? Then save yourself and us." But the other rebuked him, "Have you no fear of God, seeing you are under the same sentence? We deserve it, after all. We are only paying the price for what we've done, but this man has done nothing wrong." He then said, "Jesus, remember me when you enter upon your reign." And Jesus replied, "*I assure you: this day you will be with me in paradise.*"

**This is the gospel of the Lord.**

**Thoughts from the Pulpit: Christ the King**  
**"And His Kingdom will have no end."**

[Luke 23: 35-43]

Jesus Christ sends out his messengers to proclaim the Kingdom of God.

Every person, who is baptized, is the messenger of God's Kingdom.

Jesus said to every one of us who are baptized: "Seek first the Kingdom of God, and all these other things will be given to you." The Kingdom of God has been inaugurated on the Cross by Jesus Christ, the King, who allowed Himself to be lifted on the hill of Calvary for the salvation of the world.

If we are to be the messengers of His kingdom, we have to accept Him as a king who rules from the Cross and who calls us not to sit upon thrones but to care for the hungry, and captives, and slaves, and sinners, and the rejected, and the small, and the sorrowful, and the persecuted.

Jesus redefines kingship. His Kingdom is not the kingdom of this world, even though it marches through this world, even through the midst of human hearts!

The kings and monarchs of this world, as history tells us, built luxurious palaces while their subjects struggled in poverty. They isolated themselves by building walls and hiring bodyguards. They were for the most part selfish, arrogant and cruel, and they dealt with neighboring countries with greedy brutality. They came and went, falling into the history page.

But Christ the King is ruling the Kingdom Eternal! No need of political office. No need of army. He doesn't present Himself as a dictator. He uses neither force nor guilt to maintain his rule.

The only weapon he uses is ....LOVE! - I might appear as insignificant and powerless, but look at the history! Divine Love has conquered millions of people! This Love inspires them! Restores them! Love changes history! May Christ the King restore us as well with his Love!

Hosanna to the son of David! Blessed is Jesus our King who comes in the name of the Lord!

### ***Announcements for November 21, 2010***

Included in our bulletin today is the fifth installment of the Church Doctrine Commission's publication, *"To Live in the Spirit of God."* This week's excerpt concerns the Church's position regarding the issue of stem-cell research. Please take some time to review this important clarification of our Church's belief regarding this matter.

At the end of today's mass, we will take a special collection to benefit the Belleville Baptist Church in North Syracuse, who experienced a serious fire after a car crashed into the church complex. Remembering how generous others were to us when we had our fire, we hope all of you will be generous in your support of our neighboring parish. Thank you.

This morning after Holy Mass, join us in the parish hall for coffee hour.

Father Madej and several of our parishioners will be leaving shortly after mass ends for Scranton, where Prime Bishop will be installed during 3:00 pm Holy Mass at St. Stanislaus Cathedral.

### **Weekly Calendar**

Monday, November 22      **SOLEMNITY – PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Tuesday, November 23      **Happy birthday to Josephine Wicks! STO LAT!**

Wednesday, November 24      **Happy birthday to Jane Ostroski! STO LAT!**

POLISH LANGUAGE CLASS TO BE ANNOUNCED – SEE RICHARD

Thursday, November 25      **THANKSGIVING DAY**

Sunday, November 28      **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Intention: +Elizabeth Belinski-Rainbow  
Requested by Rick and Maureen Navatka

11:00 Holy Mass

12:00 Coffee Hour

### Financial Corner

<b>Week of</b>	<b>Weekly Income</b>	<b>Weekly Income Needed</b>	<b>Balance</b>
November 7	\$793	\$642	\$151
November 14	\$652	\$642	\$10
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1445</b>	<b>\$1284</b>	<b>\$161</b>