Children's Newsletter

St Mary's

Christ The King

Matt:25:31-46

Today marks the end of the liturgical year. The new church year starts next week when it is the First Sunday of Advent and we will be listening to Mark's Gospel.

In today's gospel, Jesus makes it quite clear that He is the King of Kings. He is the teacher who shows us how we must live so that when we die we will be with him in Heaven. He is the one who will ask us when we die, "What did you do to help others?"

Jesus reminds us today that we should look after all those in need

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D M J N H E E A U X O E A V P
R H O T I A U N L I E A I V L
U U O C S K L R D F B R T Q E
F L H T L S H E E P T P Z S H
C I N F S E Q T I U A M S B O
T H G I R H W E O L E F T R G
J O U K R U E U B A Z Q N O A
X K Y W H V S P M Z B B J T C
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N S S F Q T D A L J Q D R S H
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BROTHERS
CLOTHE
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FEED
GOATS
HELP
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KINGDOM
LEAST
LEFT
RIGHT
SHEEP
SHEPHERD
VIRTUOUS
VISIT
WELCOME

Christ is our King
Let the whole world rejoice!
May all the nations
Sing out with one voice!

Light of the world
You have helped us to see
That all men are brother
And all men one day will be free!

The Jesse Tree

Next week we start Advent and the countdown to Christmas. Perhaps you could draw or make your own Jesse Tree at home. We learn in Advent that Jesus came from the house of David and the Jesse Tree is like the family tree of Jesus, showing where Jesus came from and also some of the titles given to him. Jesse was the father of King David.

Use a branch from the garden to hang your decorations on, or draw a large branching tree to hold all the pictures. You will need a bible to look up the stories in the Old Testament that you will decorate. Below are the stories and some suggestions for pictures.



JESSE TREE SCRIPTURES (The symbols are only suggestions)

December 1 *Creation*: Gen. 1:1-31; 2:1-4 *Symbols*: animals, earth

December 2 *Adam and Eve*: Gen. 2:7-9, 18-24 *Symbols:* tree, man, woman

December 3 *Fall of Man*: Gen. 3:1-7 and 23-24 *Symbols:* tree, serpent, apple with bite

December 4 *Noah*: Gen. 6:5-8, 13-22; 7:17, 23, 24; 8:1, 6-22 *Symbols*: ark, animals, dove, rainbow

December 5 *Abraham*: Gen. 12:1-3 *Symbols:* torch, sword, mountain

December 6 *Isaac:* Gen. 22:1-14 *Symbols:* bundle of wood, altar, ram in bush

December 7 *Jacob*: Gen. 25:1-34; 28:10-15 *Symbols:* kettle, ladder

December 8 *Joseph:* Gen. 37:23-28; 45:3-15 *Symbols:* bucket, well, silver coins, tunic

December 9 *Moses:* Ex. 2:1-10 *Symbols:* baby in basket, river and rushes

December 10 *Samuel:* 1 Sam. 3:1-18 *Symbols:* lamp, temple

December 11 *Jesse:* 1 Sam. 16:1-13 *Symbols:* crimson robe, shepherd's staff

December 12 *David:* 1 Sam. 17:12-51 *Symbols:* slingshot, 6-pointed star

December 13 *Solomon:* 1 Kings 3:5-14, 16-28 *Symbols:* scales of justice, temple, two babies and sword

December 14 *Joseph*: Matt. 1:18-25 *Symbols*: hammer, saw, chisel, angle

December 15 *Mary*: Matt. 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38 *Symbols*: lily, crown of stars, pierced heart

December 16 *John the Baptist:* Mark 1:1-8 *Symbols:* shell with water, river

The symbols for the Jesse Tree from December 17 to 23 are based on the "O" Antiphons.

December 17 *Jesus is Wisdom:* Wisdom 8:1 *Symbols:* oil lamp, open book

December 18 *Jesus is Lord:* Ex. 3:2; 20:1 *Symbols:* burning bush, stone tablets

December 19 *Jesus is Flower of Jesse*: Isaiah 11:1-3 *Symbols:* flower, plant with flower

December 20 *Jesus is Key of David*: Isaiah 22:22 *Symbols:* key, broken chains

December 21 *Jesus is the Radiant Dawn:* Psalm 19:6-7 *Symbols:* sun rising or high in sky

December 22 *Jesus is King of the Gentiles*: Psalm 2:7-8; Ephesians 2:14-20 *Symbols*: crown, sceptre

December 23 *Jesus is Emmanuel*: Isaiah 7:14; 33:22 *Symbols:* tablets of stone, chalice and host

December 24 *Jesus is Light of the World*: John 1:1-14 *Symbols*: candle, flame, sun

