

WEEKLY NEWS

✠ Feast of our Lord Jesus Christ the King ✠

On Sundays

Low Mass is offered at 8 a.m. at Lady Altar after which silence is kept in S John's Chapel for

Centering Prayer. At 10 o'clock we pray the **Rosary. Terce** is recited at 10.30 followed by

Solemn or Sung Mass at 11 and **Coffee Hour** just after Mass in the Parish Hall. When scheduled, the **Sunday Forum** is then held in the adjacent Yarnall Room.

Vespers is chanted in Latin at 3 p.m. in the church followed by the **Novena** to Our Lady of Clemency and **Benediction** of the Blessed Sacrament.

Weekdays

Daily Mass is offered Monday through Friday at 12.10 p.m. (10 a.m. on Saturdays and holidays).

Vespers is recited in the Church at 5.30 p.m. Monday through Friday and at 3 p.m. on Saturdays followed by **Shrine Prayers** to Our Lady of Clemency.

Service booklets for all services are published and available on the Usher's tables and at www.s-clements.org.

GLORIOUS VIRTUE. VIRTUOUS GLORY.

During the Rector's Report at yesterday's stated meeting of the Vestry I highlighted a dialectic found in the Collect for the Feast of the Apostles Simon and Jude:

O GOD, who through thy blessed Apostles Simon and Jude hast been pleased to bring us to the knowledge of thy Name: grant that by advancing in virtue we may set forth their everlasting glory, and by setting forth their glory we may advance in virtue.

We revere all of the Apostles because they, collectively, make known the Name, indeed the holy and saving name Jesus. In the collect this "Name" is a kind of shorthand for the entire Gospel, the full story of our redemption, our true freedom, our new life in and for Christ. It makes perfectly good sense that by advancing in virtue we do give glory to the Apostles. We would not be Christians without them! When we heed their preaching, teaching, and writings and when we rely on their prayers and example we nurture the seeds of Apostolic faith planted in us at our baptisms. As we worship God on the various feasts of the Apostles throughout the year, we set forth their glory chiefly in the masses and offices we say or sing on those days. The hymn at Vespers and Lauds on most Apostles' days puts it this way :

Let heaven's exultant praises ring,
And earth with joy responsive sing:
The Apostles' deeds and high estate
This festal-tide we celebrate.

In our parish the worship of God is our core mission and it is at the core of our mission. Worship here is not in any way superfluous or casual. Glorifying God and His saints and angels is very likely the most powerful way for us to advance in virtue. Strengthened by the Word of God and the church's sacraments,

About today's Mass

Pope Pius XI, in instituting the feast of the Kingship of Christ desired to make solemn proclamation of the social dominion of our Lord Jesus Christ over the world. Christ, the King of souls and consciences, of intellects and wills, is also the King of families and cities, peoples and nations. He is King of the whole universe. As Pius XI showed in his Encyclical *Quas primas* of December 11, 1925, secularism is the direct denial of this Kingship of Christ; by organizing social life as if God did not exist it leads to the apostasy of the masses and the ruin of society.

The whole of today's mass and Office are a solemn assertion of the universal royalty of Christ against the great heresy of our days which is secularism. Occurring as it does on the last Sunday of October, towards the end of the liturgical year and just before the feast of All Saints, the feast of the Kingship of Christ appears as the crowning glory of all the mysteries of the life of Christ and as an anticipation in time, of the eternal royalty which He exercises over all the elect in the glory of heaven.

-- Dom Gaspar Lefebvre, O. S. B.

we are able to live more and more into the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. That's what I call real progress!

Yours faithfully,
Fr. Alton

P. S. Please do all you can to assist at Holy Mass (12:10 p.m. Low, 7 p.m. Solemn) this Wednesday when we celebrate the Feast of All Saints and this Thursday at the Solemn Requiem commemorating all the Faithful Departed.

Vestry News

Yesterday we welcomed Richard Mammana to the Vestry and ratified the continuation of terms for our officers with Curt Mangel as Rector's Warden, Ed Smith as Accounting Warden, Todd Grundy as Treasurer and Elizabeth Nardone as Secretary.

Proposals for replacing the South facing portions of the Clergy House Roof and upgrading the air-conditioning systems in S John's Chapel, the Choir Room, the Parish Hall and the Yarnall Room were approved unanimously.

