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Sunday, November 22, 2015

Baptism of Jared Michael Seale Son of Gabrielle & Ricky Seal The Solemnity Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe



Niech Bedze pochwalony Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow. Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

8:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

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READING I - Deuteronomy 7:13-14

As the visions during the night continued, I saw one like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; when he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, the one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5

R. The LORD is king; he is robed in majesty.

The LORD is king, in splendor robed;
robed is the LORD and girt about with strength.

R. The LORD is king; he is robed in majesty.

And he has made the world firm, not to be moved.

Your throne stands firm from of old;

from everlasting you are, O LORD.

R. The LORD is king; he is robed in majesty.

Your decrees are worthy of trust indeed; holiness befits your house, O LORD, for length of days.

R. The LORD is king; he is robed in majesty.

READING 2 - Revelations 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming amid the clouds,

and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. All the peoples of the earth will lament him. Yes. Amen.

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

Priest/Lector: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Priest/Lector: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL - John 18:33b-37

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say 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 is the gospel of the Lord.

R/: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

GENERAL CONCESSIONS: "God Hear Us!"

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Amazing Grace"

COMMUNION HYMN- "Be Not Afraid"

PRAYER FOR FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

RECESSIONAL - "Sanctuary"

Kind words are short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless." —Mother Teresa

St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS

to Gabrielle & Ricky Seale on the Baptism of their son, Jared Michael, during today's Holy Mass. May you all live a blessed, happy, healthy life!



THANKSGIVING DAY!

Thursday, November 26nd—our day of giving thanks and feasting, commemorating the Pilgrims' celebration of the good harvest of 1621. Rejoice and pass the gravy, please! Thanksgiving Blessings to All!

BLESSINGS...Charles Swindoll

After enduring the bitterness of winter, the early colonists decided to hold a feast, celebrating their survival and giving thanks to God for His protection and provisions throughout the past Months. It was a spontaneous celebration of praise. God had turned their hardship and sorrow and pain into gratitude and health and joy.

"Praise the Lord, all nations; laud Him, all peoples! For His loving kindness is great toward us."

—Psalm 117:1-2

PRACTICE THANKSGIVING...

Say a prayer of thanks for everyone and everything you come across this day. No exceptions! Turn on a light and bless those who discovered electricity. Bless the farmers who grew the food you're eating today. When you get in the car, bless the engineers - who invented seat belts. Bless the person in the office elevator who's talking top volume on her cell phone...for reminding you what not to do.

Henri Nouwen: A reflection of faith & wisdom...

HEARTS AS WIDE AS THE WORLD

The awareness of being part of the communion of saints makes our hearts as wide as the world. The love with which we love is not just our love; it is the love of Jesus and his saints living in us. When the Spirit of Jesus lives in our hearts, all who have lived their lives in that Spirit live there too. Our parents, grandparents, and great-grand-parents; our teachers and their teachers; our pastors and their pastors; our spiritual guides and theirs - all the holy men and women who form that long line of love through history - are part of our hearts, where the Spirit of Jesus chooses to dwell. The communion of saints is not just a network of connections between people. It is first and foremost the community of our hearts.

INTER-FAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held tonight, Sunday, November 22nd, at 8 p.m., at St. Raphael's R.C. Church, 600 Newbridge Road, East Meadow. This annual East Meadow Service invites the entire community to attend. Rabbi Judy Cohen-Rosenberg will deliver the homily. Please contact Fr. Andrew for further info or call 785-0236.

ST. CECILIA, November 22

St. Cecilia, according to Roman legend, was a Young patrician woman of Rome who was a Christian. She was filled with love for God to whom she vowed her life and virginity. Forced into marriage by her father, she sang to God on her wedding day, praying for help. Soon after, Valerian, her husband, and Tiburtius, his brother, were miraculously converted to Christianity by a vision and gave themselves to the care of the sick and the burial of the dead.



They were martyred at Pagus Triopus, outside of Rome, along with a Roman official, Maximus, because they refused to sacrifice to the gods. Cecilia buried their bodies, and was herself brought to trial for her beliefs. So persuasive was she that her accusers converted to Christianity. Finally, the prefect, Almachius, sentenced her to be suffocated in the heated bath of her home. Despite the intense heat she was unharmed, so a soldier was sent to behead her. She was struck on the neck three times and lingered for three days before dying. A tomb marking her grave is found in the cemetery of St. Callistus in Rome.

St. Cecilia is the patron of musicians.

Listen, my daughter, hear my words: forget your own people and your father's house. The king desires your beauty: He is your lord, give honor to him. —Psalm 44

UP-COMING

'ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION'

Sunday, December 6th

9 a.m.

Mass honoring St. Nicholas.

3 p.m.

'St. Nicholas Fundraiser Dinner'
...our Christmas dinner.

Please ask how you can help make this event another success for our Parish?

Thank you!

