



Sister Nancy Whitley, booth coordinator for the Sisters of Mercy, looks over the homemade candy Sister Mary Leon Gilman made for the festival.

### Christmas Shoppers Can Aid the Needy

The Sisters of Mercy of Rochester will host a booth in the 12th annual Advent Festival sponsored by the East Rochester Association of Churches, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3 at East Rochester High School, 200 Woodbine Avenue, East Rochester.

Booth wares will include items made by the senior and infirm sisters such as home-

made bread, baked goods and candy. There will also be a variety of plants and handcrafts donated or made by the congregation at large. Ten percent of the booth's profits will be given to the poor with the remaining proceeds used for the congregation's debt reduction.

At least 50 groups will participate in the ecumenical event.

Fr. Albert Shamon



Word for Sunday

### The Feast Of Christ The King

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Lk. 23:35-43. (R1) 2 Sm. 5:1-3. (R2) Col. 1:12-20.

The new Liturgical calendar puts the Feast of Christ the King at the end of the Church Year, as a fitting climax to the life of Christ unfolded on other Sundays.

The first reading narrates how David became king over all of Israel. This happened in two stages. First David became king over only two tribes in the South: Juda and Benjamin. After seven years the northern king, Ishbaal, Saul's sole surviving son, was murdered. Then it was that the remaining ten tribes came to David and asked him to rule over them too. They gave three reasons.

First, "we are your bone and your flesh"; that is, we are your flesh and bone -- you are one of us.

Secondly, "it was you who led the Israelites out and brought them back"; that is, you've earned the right to rule by your military prowess when Saul was king.

Lastly, the Lord Himself called you "to shepherd my people Israel." Kingship is your vocation.

David was Israel's greatest king. So multifaceted was his personality, so incredible his feats in war and in peace that the Jews expected the

Messiah to be like him. Jesus was.

He became one of us, flesh and bone -- "The Word was made flesh."

He came in response to the Father's call. The Father sent Him.

Lastly, He rescued us from our enemies, the power of darkness.

It might seem strange that the gospel chosen for the Feast of Christ the King is the crucifixion story. We perhaps would have opted for the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday when He was acclaimed king.

The crucifixion story is rightly chosen, for Jesus was never more king than on the cross. There He fought our battles. There He made the royal gesture of giving His life for others. There He saved us.

Luke dramatized what He was really doing on the cross by the story of the Good Thief. What a story!

Why is the thief called "good"? Because he had a sense of justice, of concern for another. He said in effect, "We are guilty.

### AT YOUR PARISH

#### St. Boniface

MEN'S Club to sponsor a Monte Carlo/Turkey Shoot Nite on Friday, Nov. 18. Fish Fry at 6 p.m.; Monte Carlo concessions open at 7 p.m.; public invited. Proceeds go to Youth Activity Fund which provides for a high school scholarship, CYO basketball, Little League baseball, children's Christmas party. For more information, call 473-4271 or the Club rooms (473-7019) any evening after 7 p.m.

#### St. Jude

TURKEY festival from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 20. Hots, hamburgers, lasagna, cotton candy, beverages, etc. Bring a camera and take a picture of two big, live turkeys. Public invited.

#### St. Bridget

GARAGE sale, Saturday, Nov. 19. All kinds of household items needed such as beds, tables, any furniture, drapes, lamps, kitchen utensils, etc. Pick up arrangements can be made by calling 454-4236, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. through this Friday, Nov. 18.

We are getting what we deserve. But this man is innocent. Desist upbraiding Him."

He had faith in the kingship of Jesus. Calling Jesus by name (which he had gotten from the inscription on the cross), he prayed for a remembrance.

He got a royal answer. "This day you will be with me in paradise." Not years from then, but now, "this day." Not just a remembrance, but honored place, "with me."

Today not a few reject Christ as King. Oh yes, they may call him "Superstar" or stage Him as merry-making fool. But still only a man for all that. St. Paul called Him "Head" -- top man. Why? Because He is God, Creator; and because He is Savior, Redeemer (R2).

As our God, He keeps everything in existence. Without His continued help we all would fall back into the utter nothingness from which we were made, as the light goes out when the electric current is cut. How absolutely dependent we are! Between us and nothingness, there stands only the Son of God. Truly He is King!

As our Redeemer, He is the firstborn of the dead: guaranteeing a second, like the Good Thief, and a third, and a fourth, and so on and on -- a resurrection for all who believe in

#### St. Philip Neri

WOMEN'S club annual Christmas party, at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, Dec. 6 at the Royal Scot Restaurant. Entertainment provided after dinner. Bring a Christmas tree ornament to exchange and \$1 for the needy. More details are available by calling the rectory, 482-2400. Deadline for reservations is Monday, Nov. 28.

#### Sacred Heart Cathedral

HOME School Association will sponsor a pancakes and sausage "Breakfast with Santa" from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3, in the school hall. Santa will visit to distribute gifts and draw for door prizes. Tickets are \$3 per person and must be purchased at the Cathedral rectory or the school office by Wednesday, Nov. 23.

#### St. Andrew

ROSARY society will have their monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, Nov. 22, in the school cafeteria. A "white elephant" sale will headline the night. Public is invited to "come and browse" or trade an article for equal value.

### Discussion Of Pastoral Set for Tonight

The diocese is sponsoring a community forum to provide background on the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter, "The Challenge of Peace: God's Call and Our Response," from 7:15 to 10 p.m., tonight (Wednesday, Nov. 16) at St. Ambrose School.

The forum will discuss the theological foundation of the document, the problems and principles of war and peace, and the promotion of peace. There will also be an opportunity for questions and reactions on the content of the pastoral.

The session is free and open to the public.

#### Exploring Vocations

The Sisters of Mercy invite women interested in exploring the religious life to share supper and prayer at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 29 at Bethany House, 169 St. Bridget's Drive. The evening is part of the Mercy Sisters' monthly Faith Sharing Program, coordinated by the congregation's vocation team. Women interested in attending can contact Sister Sheila Stevenson, vocation director, at 244-2175.

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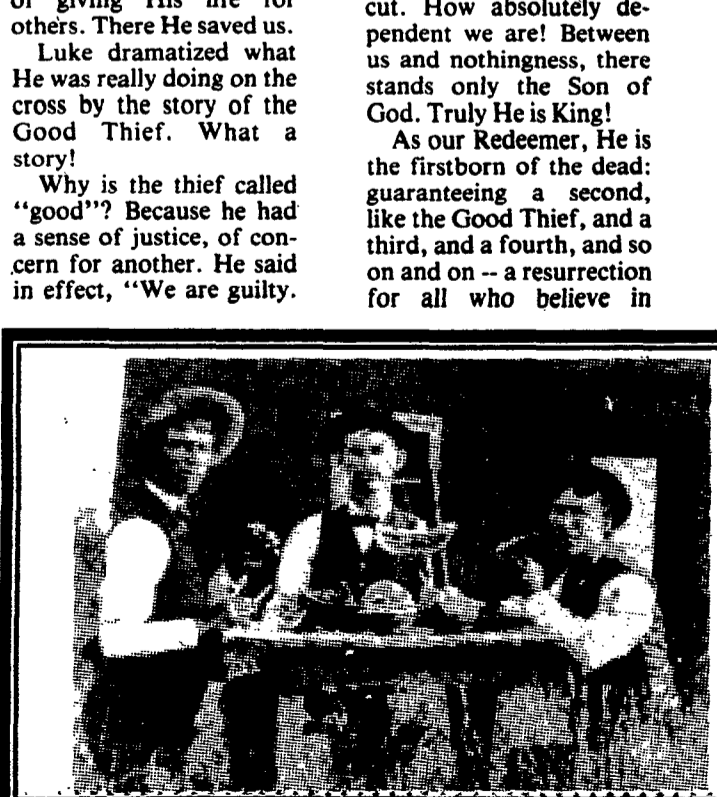
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