



Christ the King Parish / *Paroquia de Cristo Rey*

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Parish Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 8:00AM—5:00PM,
Friday 8:00AM—Noon

Pastor: Fr. PJ McManus
Associate: Fr. George Komo
Hispanic Pastor: Fr. Jose Reynaldo

Sunday, January 3, 2021

Mass times: Monday—Friday 5:30PM, Tuesday and Thursday 8:30AM Saturday 5:30PM, Sunday 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM
and 3:15PM in Spanish. **Confession times:** Monday—Friday 6:00PM, Saturday 4:30PM—5:30PM, Sunday 4:30PM--5:30PM

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
SUNDAY JANUARY 3, 2021

RISING

“We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”
MATTHEW 2:2

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[Christ the King Catholic Church Mission Statement](#)

Christ the King is a Catholic community centered on The Risen Lord Jesus, proclaiming His Word and celebrating His presence in the Eucharist. Our commitment to spiritual growth as individuals and families is enhanced by providing opportunities for lifelong spiritual and faith formation. We are committed to becoming good stewards by sharing our time, talent, and treasure in gratitude to God for His many gifts to us. If you are interested in joining Christ the King please pick up a newcomer packet in the back of the Church, or go to our website: www.christthekingparish.org

A Letter From Father P.J.

Just as last week it was wrapping paper littering our floors, now it's New Year's leftovers bulging our fridges. And we're all certainly making resolutions to mark 2021, which I know we all hope and pray is better than 2020 was. But bear in mind, things don't turnaround overnight. Your friends and neighbors will continue to need all of the charity, generosity, and genuine care you can manage—and I will too.

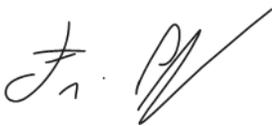
One thing I'm proud of we enter this New Year is how we responded to a very specific need last fall. Father Reynaldo's sister, Sister Sarah, is a Poor Clare nun who has been asked to set up a new community of sisters in El Salvador. In order to support themselves the sisters will make altar bread, and so we banded together as a parish to raise money to buy them a press to make the hosts for Mass. Members of our Hispanic community worked all day and all night, and Anglos and Hispanics alike bought tamale after tamale after tamale, and we not only raised enough to buy the altar bread press, but a little extra to help with shipping and moving costs. We saw a need, judged how we could best respond, and did so with energy and enthusiasm—even in the midst of a pandemic.

I don't know yet what all of our projects will be in the coming year, but one thing I want us all to turn our attention back to are those not yet back in Church. We still have lots and lots of people who seldom if ever leave their homes and don't feel safe yet joining the rest of the community at Mass. There are good reasons for this, but we need to be more attentive as a parish to those who have become distant: first, because they need our care; and second, because of the risk of them falling away.

So reach out yourself and check on your friends and neighbors. And if you know of someone you think hasn't heard from us in a while, let us know. More details will come about our outreach to these "newly shut-ins", but in the meantime, take the initiative yourself and just reach out—the worst they can say is "no".

Finally, please pray for Father Reynaldo as he has travelled back to see his sister before the big move. While he's away I'll be covering the Spanish services between our place, the Basilica, and St. Anthony, so I promise I'm not sick again, but I might not around as much as usual.

Oh, and Gang? Let's make this the best year yet.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. P.J.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Fr. PJ

A Letter From Father Reynaldo

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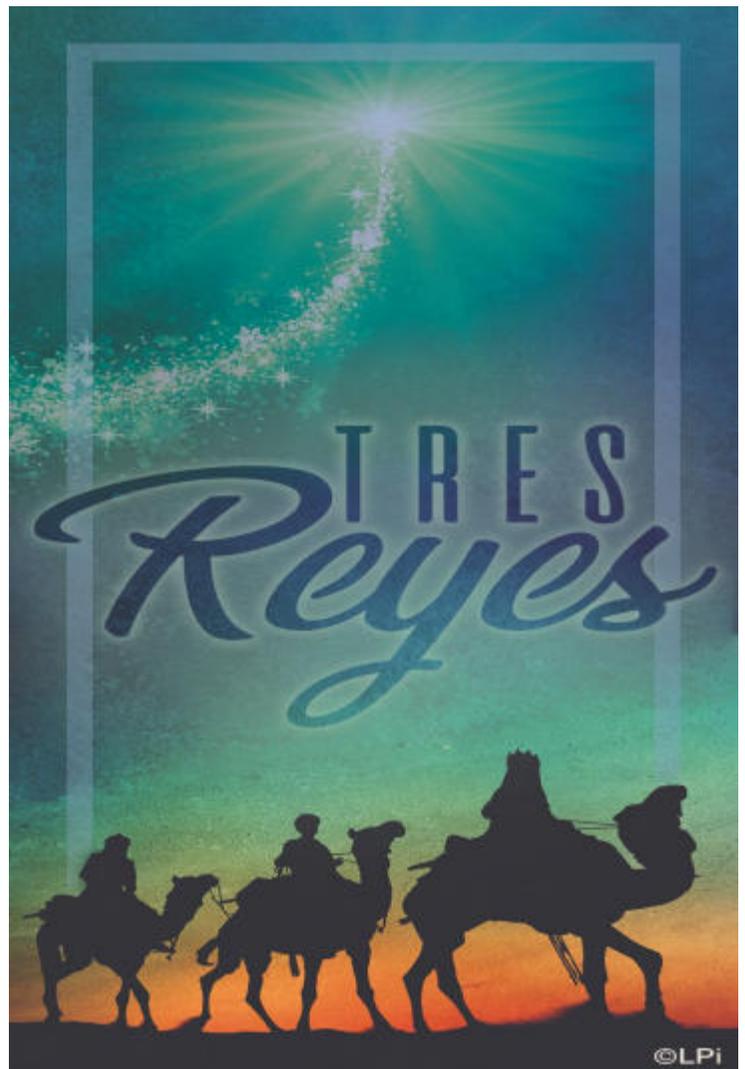
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La Epifanía del Señor

Hoy celebramos la universalidad del Señor, fiesta conocida como la Epifanía. Celebramos, también la luz de Cristo manifestada en una estrella que guiaba a los Magos de Oriente hasta llegar a su encuentro. *“Al entrar en la casa vieron al niño con María su madre; se arrodillaron y le adoraron. Abrieron después sus cofres y le ofrecieron sus regalos de oro, incienso y mirra” (Mateo 2:11).* Y, nosotros, ¿Qué podemos ofrecerte en este tiempo difícil que estamos pasando? Solo, nos resta decirte: ¡Señor, que tu estrella nos guíe y nos ilumine a ser mejores personas, a integrarnos y ayudarnos en este tiempo tan duro que estamos pasando!

Las lecturas nos hablan cómo la luz, de diferentes maneras, nos orienta y marca el camino, que es Cristo. Jesús brilla en todas las personas de diferentes razas y estatus migratorio. El deseo de Jesús es esparcir su luz a toda persona, esa luz en otras palabras es su gracia, dada también en los Sacramentos. A pesar de todo lo que estamos viviendo actualmente, la invitación estriba en que el corazón palpite y desborde de alegría en el Señor. Muchas han sido nuestras experiencias en este tiempo de pandemia. Los momentos han sido difíciles, pero la luz de Cristo ha brillado de mil formas en medio de la oscuridad. Ni la oscuridad de la enfermedad, de perder a un ser querido, de la falta de trabajo, por mencionar algunos, ha matado la esperanza. Esa esperanza que nos hace ir más allá de nosotros mismos para dar ayuda a quien lo necesita. ¿Qué harás hoy para que la luz de Cristo ilumine la oscuridad de otros?

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Going On In Our Parish

Parish Library

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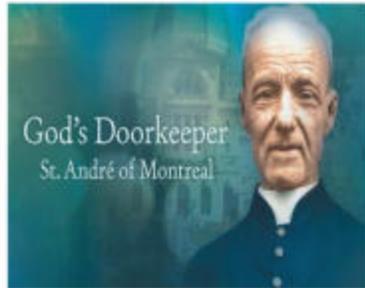
PICK OF THE WEEK

January 3, 2021

WATCH

GOD'S DOORKEEPER: ST. ANDRÉ OF MONTREAL

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



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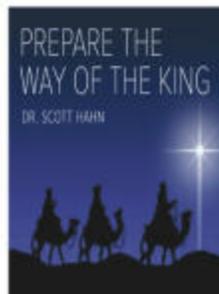
Whether you are a veteran in the spiritual life or are just beginning, start this year off right by recommitting yourself to prayer! Join Drs. Tim Gray and Elizabeth Klein as they discuss ways to kickstart your prayer life this year!

LEARN

LISTEN

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

As we celebrate the Epiphany, Dr. Scott Hahn explains how we should understand the three Magi and their gifts to the Lord!



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Mass Intentions

Saturday January 2

8:30am – Our Sister Parish– Tanzania, **5:30pm**– Joe & Marian Drey +

Sunday January 3

7am– William Bernhard +, **9am** Our Parish, **11am** – Saralynn Seward +

Monday January 4

8:30am– Rose Mary Egan +, **5:30pm** – Kirby Black +

Tuesday January 5

8:30am – Mark Morris +, **5:30pm** – John Danaher +

Wednesday January 6

8:30am – Daniel Ortiguerra +, **5:30pm** – Angie Arreola

Thursday January 7

8:30am – Ken Wadle +, **5:30pm**– Dora Camargo

Friday January 8

8:30am– Leo Chapman +, **5:30pm** – Patricia Reed +

Saturday January 9

8:30am– Our Clergy, **5:30pm** – Alfredo Boltron +

Sunday January 10

7am – Colleen Black +, **9am** – William Bernhard +, **11am** – Our Parish



Going On In Our Parish

Mass Live Streaming Help Needed

If you are interested in helping with live streaming the Mass. (we need help with the English and Spanish Masses). Please contact Jason Feeney 515-285-2888 Ext. 8092. Or email at jfeeney@christthekingparish.org

Weekday Mass Intentions

If you have requested a Mass to be said for a loved one, even though the Mass is not celebrated publicly. It is still celebrated privately by one of our priests and your loved one will be remembered at the Mass.

Host Ministers and Lectors

If you would like to be a Host Minister or Lector this is the perfect time, needing extra help right now for all Masses. If you are interested please call the office at **515-285-2888 ext. 8070** or email admin@christthekingparish.org

Mass Intentions

If you have someone you would like to have a Mass said for please contact Julie Lang at **515-285-2580**. She will get you put on the schedule for a Mass to be said for your loved one.

Prayer Chain

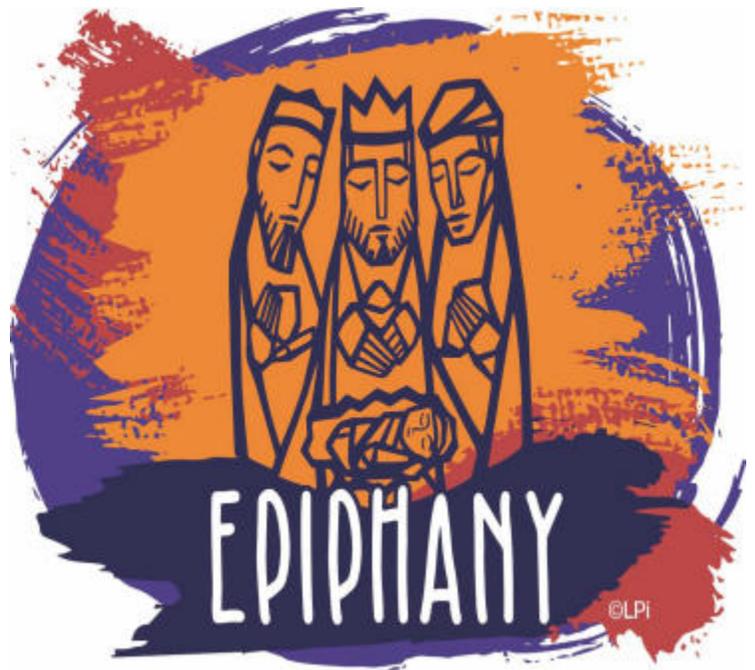
For prayer requests, please call one of the Prayer Chain Leaders listed below. We are always praying for you and for each other, God Bless.

Julie Bruner: 515-256-0216

Mara Camacho: 515-865-8093

Darlene Hiatt: 515-244-9205

Evelyn Shaw: 515-201-0280



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. — Mt 2:10-11

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Epiphany of our Lord, the day the 3 Wisemen came to honor the baby Jesus. We all need to remember this day in our hearts, for Jesus should always be honored in our lives! What a glorious site this must have been to see all those years ago for the Wisemen. To see and know that, yes, this is our King and Savior of the world! May we always remember the great things Jesus has done for us in our lives, no matter how big or small they were, and we must give him thanks and our faith in Him.

Going On In Our Parish

A Message From The School

THE BENEFITS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

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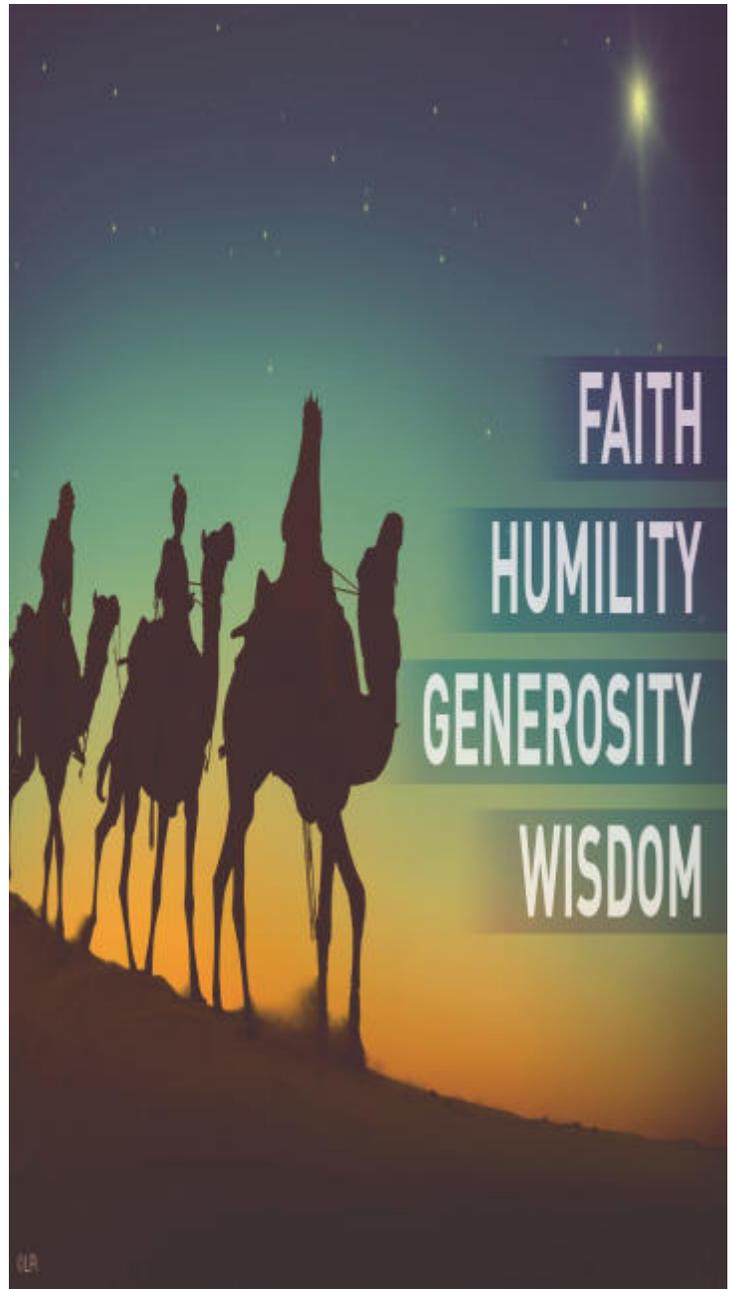
Christ the King School,

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

PSALM:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

SECOND READING:

It was not made known to people in other generation as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 2:5-6)

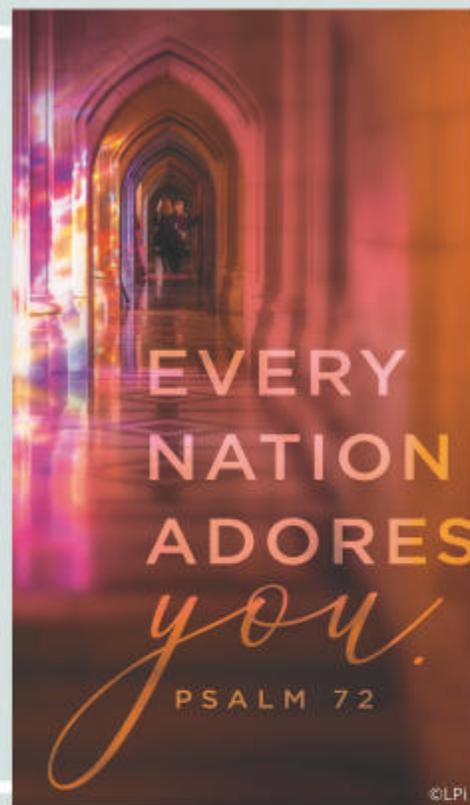
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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2021

- Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week
- Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
- Tuesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
- Wednesday: St. André Bessette, Religious
- Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
- Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord



REFLECT

FIRST READING

In late 6th century BC, the prophet Isaiah proclaimed an unimaginable future of glory for Israel in the wake of their return from seventy years of captivity in Babylon. What message of hope does our nation need today?

SECOND READING

Paul speaks of God's "revelation" to include Gentiles as "coheirs" and "copartners" with Jews in the divine promise fulfilled in Christ Jesus. How welcoming are you to those you consider outsiders?

GOSPEL READING

The magi's visit to discover the "newborn king of the Jews" caused great anxiety for the religious leaders of Jerusalem, including King Herod. Why do you think some people are not open to the good news of Jesus Christ?

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