



Christ the King Parish / Paroquia de Cristo Rey

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Friday 8:00AM—Noon

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

Sunday, January 10, 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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD
SUNDAY JANUARY 10, 2021

BAPTIZED

“I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

MARK 1:8

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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.

First of all, I forgot the chalk.

Last week was Epiphany, and over the last two years I've tried to restore the tradition of Blessing and Chalking the Doors during Epiphany, and it's been pretty successful. I don't know what it was this year—that the time between Christmas and Epiphany was shorter than normal, or that I've been busy trying to cover Father Reynaldo's schedule, or just plain COVID Brain, but I simply forgot. Fortunately you all didn't. Chalk, along with instructions on how to use it will be available at the doors after all Masses this weekend. Please take home and use liberally—and sorry for the inconvenience.

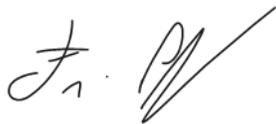
Today the Church celebrates the Baptism of the Lord, which both looks backwards to Jesus' own baptism by John in the Jordan, at the mystery of our own baptism, and forward to baptism's ultimate fulfillment in the Kingdom. It's a day focused on Christian identity, not so much *what we do*, but ***who we are***, and teasing out the consequences of that. And if baptism is to have consequences into eternity (which it surely must, as Christ Himself has promised), then it *must* have consequences for us here and now.

Baptism does a number of things: it forgives our sins (both Original Sin and any personal sins), it gives us new life by water and the Spirit, it gives the gift of sanctifying grace, initiates us as members of the Church, and leaves an indelible mark—a permanent character on our soul to show that we're Christ's forever. But it seems to me that the most practical, immediate, and personal fruit of baptism is this: ***it establishes communion***. This is clear in the ritual, even for infants, in that the rite ends at the altar—not at the baptismal font. Even infants who will not receive Holy Communion for years are shown from the very first moments of their lives as little Christians to belong to the altar—to belong to Christ.

Communion is the first and most fundamental form of Christian protest. It doesn't mean that we're never going to sin again, but that from this moment on *we refuse to be mastered by sin*. It doesn't mean we'll never encounter evil again, but we *refuse to hide or flee in the face of evil*. And perhaps most importantly, it doesn't mean that we're going to be perfect from here on out, *but we refuse to be satisfied with our own mediocrity*. Communion doesn't mean everybody always getting along—any more than being in a family suggests that—but it does mean *refusing to give up on each other*.

And our world, our church, our families today, ***we need people who refuse to give up on each other***.

So again, sorry about the chalk.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Fr. P.J.', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Fr. PJ

A Letter From Father Reynaldo

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTEN-
DIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

10 de enero de 2021
El Bautismo del Señor

Con la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor se termina el ciclo de la Navidad. El Bautismo del Señor es como una nueva Epifanía o manifestación. “*Jesús, el Mesías enviado por Dios*”, se manifiesta al pueblo para salvarlo. En este Evangelio se manifiestan dos voces. La voz de Juan que dice: “*Detrás de mí viene uno con más poder que yo. Yo no soy digno de desatar la correa de sus sandalias, aunque fuera arrodillándome ante él.*” “El mensaje de Juan es simple pero muy claro. Desaparecer él para que Jesús crezca. No menciona su nombre, pero sí, su grandeza y la magnitud de su humildad. Juan se considera indigno, inclusive de arrodillarse ante él. Jesús, es el Hijo de Dios. La segunda voz, es la Divina, se escucha desde el cielo. “*Al momento de salir del agua, Jesús vio los Cielos abiertos: el Espíritu bajaba sobre él como lo hace la paloma, mientras se escuchaban estas palabras del Cielo: “Tú eres mi Hijo, el Amado, mi Elegido.” (Marcos 1:10-11).* Jesús, es el predilecto del Padre. Por eso esas palabras hermosas.

La liturgia de este domingo es un llamado a la comunidad parroquial para no quebrantarse en los momentos difíciles que está pasando. Nuestro compromiso como bautizado, por el contrario, debe salir a flote en cada momento de la vida cotidiana. Como hijo-hija predilecto de Dios debemos seguir a Jesús como único camino. Cada día el deber del bautizado es conocer más y más a Jesucristo, caminando hacia su interior para dar paso al diálogo sincero que torna la vida a Dios. ¡Goza tu bautismo, goza el ser hijo-hija de Dios haciendo el bien!

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Por esos días, vino Jesús desde Nazaret de Galilea y fue bautizado por Juan en el Jordán. Al salir Jesús del agua, vio que los cielos se rasgaban y que el Espíritu, en figura de paloma, descendía sobre él. Se oyó entonces una voz del cielo que decía: “Tú eres mi Hijo amado; yo tengo en ti mis complacencias”. — Mc 1, 9-11

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Parish Library

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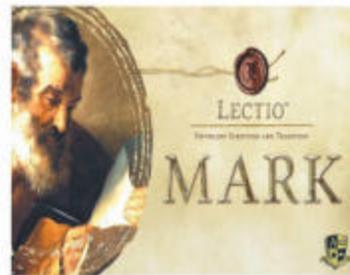
PICK OF THE WEEK

January 10, 2021

WATCH

REBORN - EPISODE 1: A NEW CREATION

This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!



LECTIO: MARK, EPISODE 2: PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

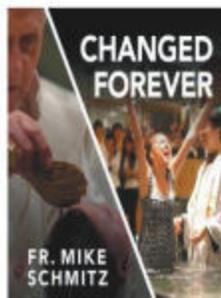
Jesus couldn't have been baptized without a baptizer. Join Dr. Tim Gray as he explains the opening verses of Mark's Gospel that depict the ministry of John the Baptist – the man who would baptize Jesus.

LEARN

LISTEN

CHANGED FOREVER: THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM BY FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

Renowned Catholic speaker and priest, Fr. Mike Schmitz, explores the beautiful gift of the Sacrament of Baptism. In this talk, Fr. Mike provides a wonderful presentation on the waters that give new life!



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Mass Intentions

Saturday January 9th

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

Sunday January 10th

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

Monday January 11th

8:30am– Russell Bardin +, **5:30pm** – Rae Cabrera +

Tuesday January 12th

8:30am – Bilotta Family, **5:30pm** – Rose Mary Egan +

Wednesday January 13th

8:30am – Our Parish Staff, **5:30pm** – Sally Bruner Drees +

Thursday January 14th

8:30am – Our Parish School, **5:30pm**– David T. Gardella +

Friday January 15th

8:30am— Deceased Sisters +, **5:30pm** – Deceased Priests +

Saturday January 16th

8:30am— Daniel Ortiguerra +, **5:30pm** – Deceased of King Family +

Sunday January 17th

7am – Richard Black +, **9am** – Our Parish, **11am** – Tom & Dorothy Halliburton +



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

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

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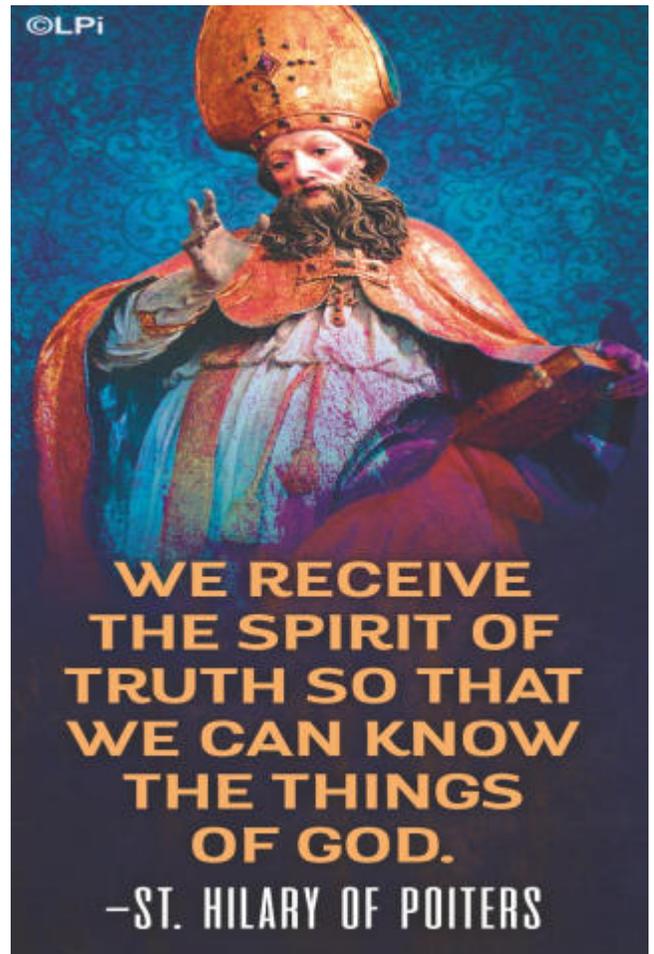
The baptism of the Lord, through this simple act of water of John the Baptist, then the coming down of the Holy Spirit is what happens to all of us through baptism. It may seem simple but it is so much more than what the eyes can see. God loves us so much, that we should all be baptized to the Lord through the Holy Spirit and become part of the church in this act. What a blessing we have been given to be one with everyone through baptism. But to be one given to the Lord through baptism is such an awesome gift!

Weekday Mass Intentions

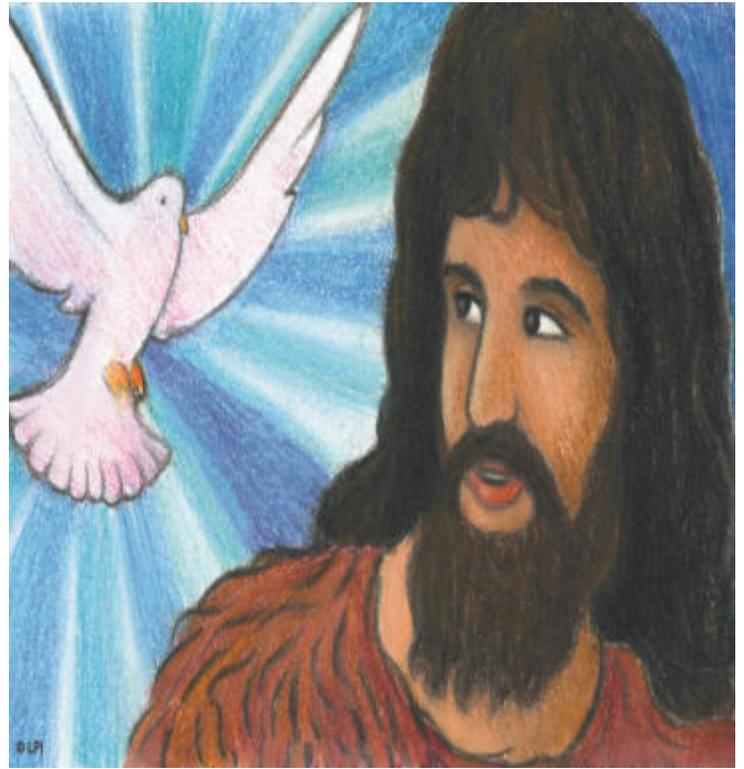
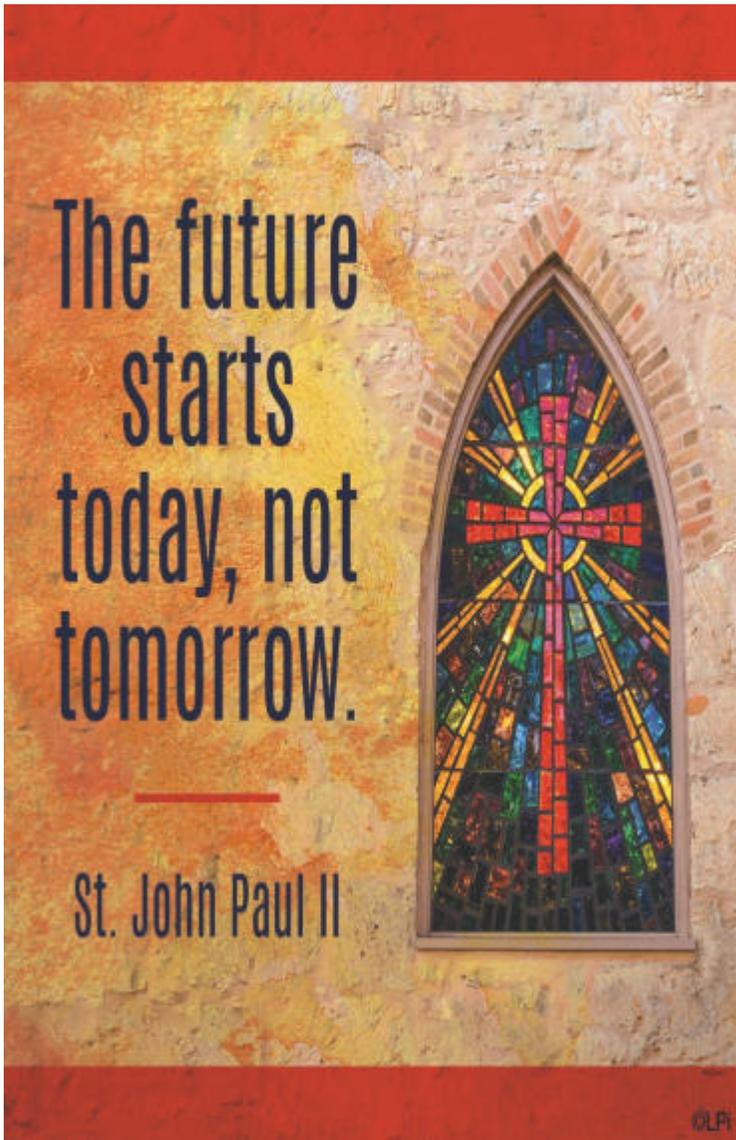
If you have requested a Mass to be said for a loved one, even though the Mass is not celebrated publicly. It is still celebrated privately by one of our priests and your loved one will be remembered at the Mass.

St. Vincent de Paul, Warm Clothing Drive

Help those in need stay warm this winter. St. Vincent de Paul Social Services is in need of gently used winter coats, gloves, hoodies, blankets, and sleeping bags. These items will be given out to those in need. Please drop items off at **St. Vincent de Paul Store 520 Army Post Road, and designate at drop off they are for Social Services.**



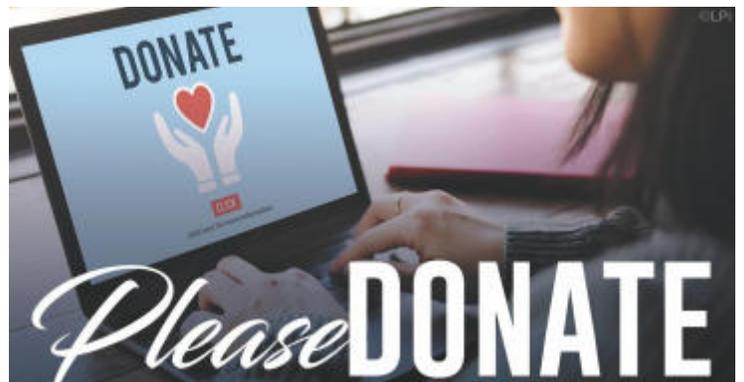
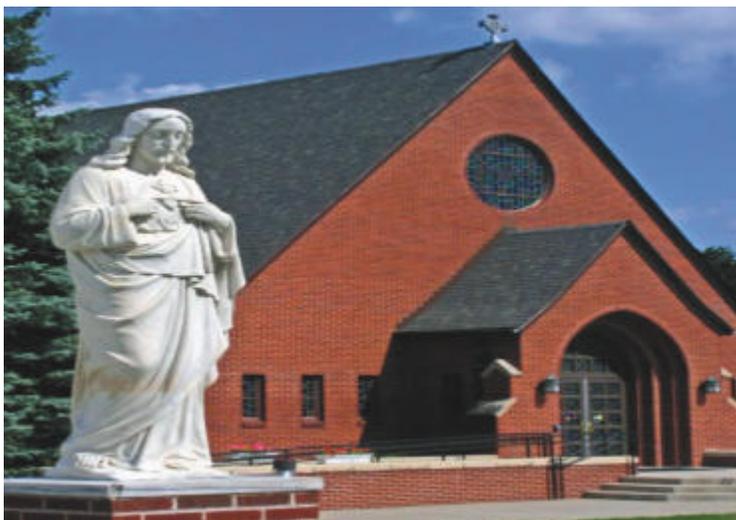
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This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

— Mk 1:7-8

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call him while he is near.
Let the scoundrel forsake his way,
and the wicked man his thoughts;
Let him turn to the LORD for mercy,
to our God, who is generous in forgiving (Is 55:6-7)

PSALM:

You will draw water joyfully from the springs of
salvation. (Is 12:3)

SECOND READING:

This is the one who came through water and blood,
Jesus Christ,
not by water alone, but by water and blood. (1 Jn 5:6)

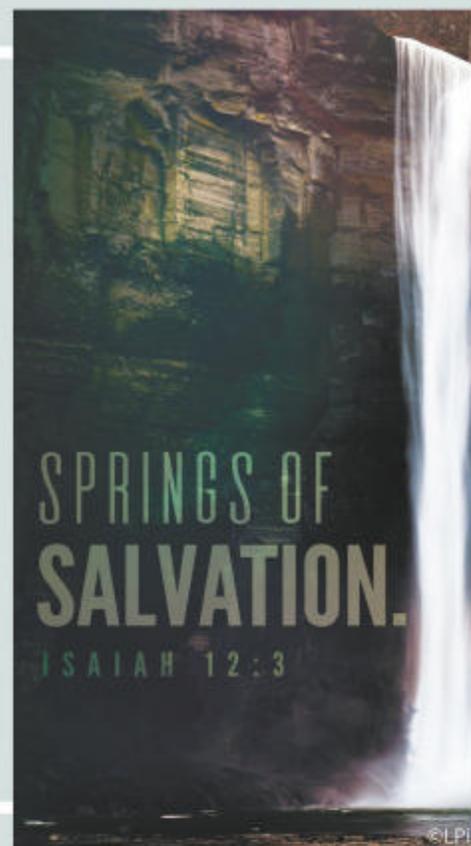
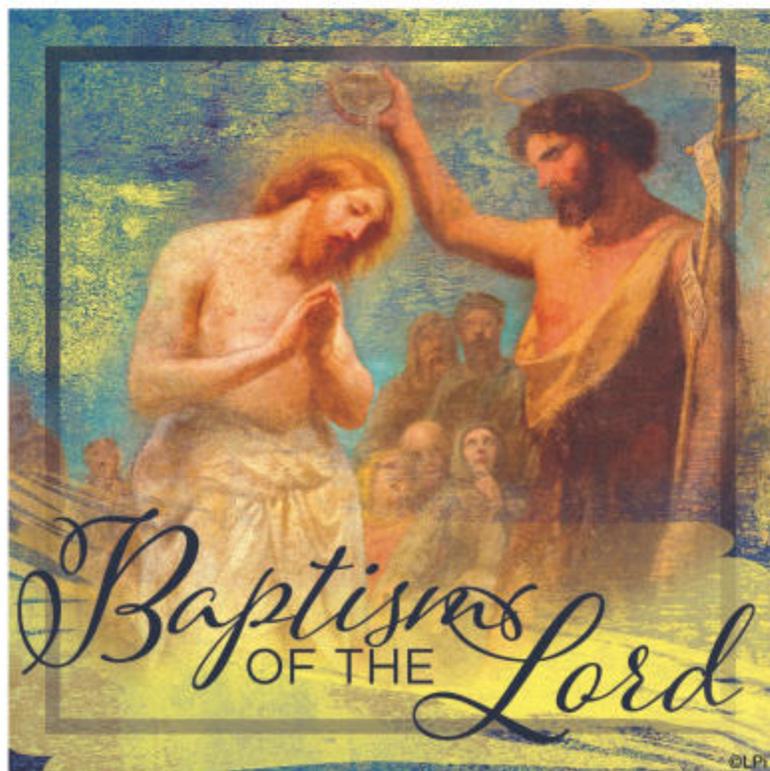
GOSPEL:

And a voice came from the heavens,
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."
(Mk 1:11)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2021

- Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
- Wednesday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Isaiah was called to be a prophet to bring justice and freedom to those suffering, to be a "light for the nations." How do you see yourself serving others in need in your life?

SECOND READING

John teaches his community that God Himself has "testified on behalf of His Son." In what way does this divine assurance help strengthen your faith?

GOSPEL READING

The preaching of John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus is the opening scene in the Gospel of Mark. In Jesus' baptism, the Father, Son, and Spirit were fully present. As a baptized Christian, can you think of a time when you experienced God's presence?

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