



Christ the King Parish / Paroquia de Cristo Rey

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

Sunday, March 14, 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

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT
SUNDAY MARCH 14, 2021

TRUTH

But whoever lives the truth
comes to the light, so that
his works may be clearly
seen as done in God.

JOHN 3:21

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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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 14, 2021
4th Sunday of Lent

Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin.

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A Letter From Father Reynaldo

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

14 de marzo de 2021

4º Domingo de la Cuaresma

“Despierta, tú que duermes, levántate de entre los muertos y la luz de Cristo brillará sobre ti” (Efesios 5:14). Este domingo nos invita a pasar de inmediato de la ceguera a la luz. De la falta de fe a creer. “Mientras estoy en el mundo, soy la luz del mundo” (Juan 9:5). Jesús vino al mundo para que los ciegos puedan ver la luz que es su camino. Ojalá, que abramos nuestros ojos a los acontecimientos que estamos viviendo y veamos las cosas como el Señor las ve. Lo cierto es que solo Dios nos ayuda a ver la realidad cotidiana. Tanta cosa pasa y seguimos de cabeza, duros de creer. Necesitamos la humildad del ciego, quien ante la pregunta de Jesús sobre si creía en el Hijo del Hombre, contestó sin titubear: “Creo, Señor, se arrodilló ante el” (Juan 9:38).

Arrodillarnos en familia y comunidad en este 2121, para agradecer a Dios todos sus beneficios. Hemos sufrido mucho durante esta pandemia; pero no hemos estado solos, Dios nos ha acompañado en el proceso de sanación. El Papa Francisco en su homilía de marzo de 2017 hizo estas preguntas: “¿Creéis que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios? ¿Creéis que puede cambiaros el corazón? ¿Creéis que puede hacer ver la realidad como la ve Él, no como la vemos nosotros? ¿Creéis que Él es la luz, nos da la verdadera luz?” ¿Qué responderíais? Que cada uno responda en su corazón. Durante la semana, reflexionemos sobre estas preguntas que el Papa Francisco recomienda para vivir en la luz de Cristo.

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A Message From The School

Durante la Cuaresma, nuestros estudiantes han estado participando en los servicios de oración, la liturgia y la reconciliación.

Estamos orgullosos y agradecidos de poder ofrecer los sacramentos y las oraciones de temporada para nuestros estudiantes.

Nuestra identidad de fe es la parte más importante de nuestra escuela y es la razón central por la que existimos.

Gracias por su generosidad y oraciones para ayudar a continuar nuestra misión en la Escuela Católica Christ the King.

La próxima semana, nuestros estudiantes estarán en unas merecidas vacaciones de primavera.

¡Esperamos tener unas excelentes 10 semanas cuando regresen!

Daniel Thole.

Going On In Our Parish

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Do you know we have a silent partner? And that he is the Patron of the Church and the Terror of Demons and above all, he's our spiritual father? Introducing St. Joseph! This is the Year of St. Joseph and we need his love and strength now more than ever.

Join me Deacon Tony Valdez to begin our journey to consecrate our lives to St. Joseph, on six Wednesday's starting on March 31st and concluding on May 5th.

Based on Fr. Donald Calloway's best selling book
“**Consecration to St. Joseph**”

The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father”, you'll get to know and love St. Joseph as you never have before. Get your copy of the book now to get started, you can order the book from Divine Treasures or Amazon.com

Call the parish office at **515-285-2888** to register!

I will see you on March 31st ,

Deacon Tony.



Mass Intentions

Saturday March 13th

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

Sunday March 14th

7am– Kenny Rodine+, **9am**– Our Parish, **11am**– Teresa Adame+

Monday March 15th

8:30am– Our Parish Staff, **5:30pm**– Michael & Ruth Zawistowski+

Tuesday March 16th

8:30am– Tresa Gardella, **5:30pm**– Ray & Marie Kinley+

Wednesday March 17th

8:30am– Bruce Johnston+, **5:30pm**– Louis & Alice Lose+

Thursday March 18th

8:30am– Ken Wadle+, **5:30pm**– Billy Mc Fall+

Friday March 19th

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

Saturday March 20th

8:30am- Our Parish School, **5:30pm**– Sidney Yuiller++

Sunday March 21st

7am– Colleen Black+, **9am**– Rose Mary Egan+, **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

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

First I would like to wish everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day on March 17th. The 4th Sunday of Lent, it seems to be flying by this year, may we all take this time to slow down and listen with our hearts what the Holy Spirit is saying to us. We must remember to find time for God in this fast paced world we live in. We must quiet our minds that is the only way we will hear Jesus and what he has planned for us to do with our lives. One of my favorite sayings is, when you're in a dark place you sometimes tend to think you are buried, but perhaps you have been planted, Bloom. Let us all be a beautiful bouquet to our Lord!

Weekday Mass Intentions

If you have requested a Mass to be said for a loved one during the week on **Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's mornings at 8:30AM**, 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.

Stations Of The Cross

Every Friday of Lent

5:00PM– 5:30PM, English

6:00PM– 6:30PM, Spanish

Sunday Lenten Holy Hour

We will be hosting a bilingual Holy Hour on Sundays during Lent after the Spanish Mass. The Holy Hours are for the intentions of the Bishop and for people to return to Mass. There will be a brief bilingual reflection offered by a member of Christ the King community, please join us for this hour of prayer during this Lenten season, confessions will still be available.

St. Vincent de Paul Reflection

In today's Gospel, God demonstrates great love for us by sending his Son so that we may believe in him.

We demonstrate our great love for God by doing good works: reaching out to others, acting in justice and charity.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work, far greater than you think. Know that your donations of food and money to St. Vincent de Paul are helping the less fortunate.

Through your gifts, Christ the King/St. Vincent de Paul is able to assist families with utilities, rent, and other needs. God Bless You.

Have you considered answering the call to serve the poor by joining Christ the King/St. Vincent de Paul Conference? Contact Kathy, kahiatt67@gmail.com for more information.

Going On In Our Parish

Rosary For The Unborn

If you cherish all life, born and unborn, please join us in saying the rosary to help save the unborn each Saturday at 10:00am. In front of 1040 E Army Post Rd, Planned Parenthood, on the public sidewalk.

**If you have any questions call Kathy Biederman at
515-953-6330**

If you are unable to attend, join us in prayer wherever you may be. Thank you, and God bless.

St. Vincent de Paul Caring and Sharing

March 20th & March 21st

We will be collecting these items :

Peanut Butter

Canned Tuna

Canned Chicken

Canned Salmon

Please place items in St. Vincent de Paul tote located in gallery of the church.

Monetary donations can be sent to the office. Thank you for your continued support.

A Message From The School

During Lent, our students have been participating in prayer services, the liturgy, and reconciliation.

We are proud and grateful to be able to offer the sacraments and seasonal prayers for our students. Our faith identity is the most important part of our school, and it is the central reason that we exist.

Thank you for your generosity and prayers to help continue our mission at Christ the King Catholic School.

This next week, our students will be on a well-deserved spring break. We look forward to having a great 10 weeks when they return!

Daniel Thole.

Christ the King Auction 2021

New for this year!

We are excited to have a tuition drawing for Christ the King School for the 2021/2022 school year.

A ticket for the drawing in only \$25!

First place is \$1,000 and second place is \$500 towards your tuition.

It's easy to enter! **Download the HANDBID app on your device or scan the code below.**

Tell your family, friends and neighbors!

Anyone can purchase a chance, if you do not have a child that attends CKS, you can tell us which student you would like the credit to go towards.

You do not need to be present to win. Drawing will be done at the end of the auction on Saturday, April 17, 2021 and winner will be announced on Sunday, April 18, 2021 via the Christ the King Auction Facebook group!

For tickets to the auction on go to www.handbid.com or download the HANDBID app on your device.



SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Their enemies burnt the house of God,
tore down the walls of Jerusalem,
set all its palaces afire,
and destroyed all its precious objects. (2 Chr 36:19)

PSALM:

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Ps 137)

SECOND READING:

For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus
for the good works
that God has prepared in advance,
that we should live in them. (Eph 2:10)

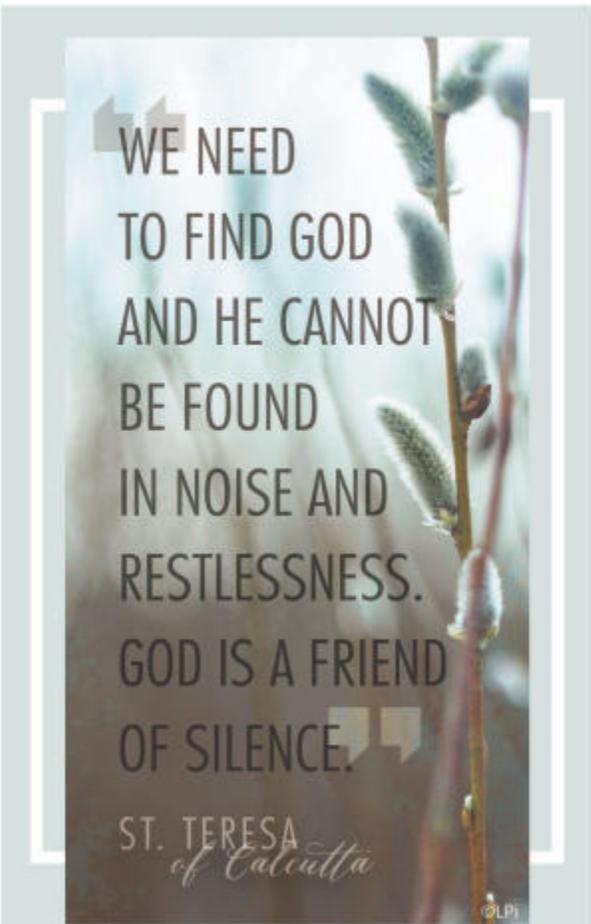
GOSPEL:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021

- Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins
- Wednesday: St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day
- Thursday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Friday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent



REFLECT

FIRST READING

The author of 2 Chronicles reflects on how historically God's fidelity and mercy was often met with Israel's disobedience and arrogance. How does the Lenten journey provoke an examination of conscience for you and your faith life?

SECOND READING

Paul speaks of our faith and our salvation as "the gift of God" to us. In what ways do you show appreciation for God's grace?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus taught Nicodemus that God sent His only Son into the world to offer eternal life to believers. Who in your life needs to hear this message?

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