



Christ the King Parish / *Paroquia de Cristo Rey*

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Friday 8:00AM—Noon

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

Sunday, April 4, 2021

Mass times: Monday—Friday 5:30PM, Saturday 5:30PM, Sunday 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM and 3:15PM in Spanish.

Confession times: Monday—Friday 6:00PM--7:00PM, Saturday 4:30PM--5:30PM, Sunday 4:30PM--5:30PM

EASTER SUNDAY
SUNDAY APRIL 4, 2021

TOMB

He went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.

JOHN 20:6-7

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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.

Sometimes I wonder if we haven't become *too comfortable* with the resurrection. Images of a flying Jesus, soaring like Superman off of the cross or out of the tomb, robes rippling like a hero's cape fill our churches and float through our imaginations. A lot of very clear answers to questions about the afterlife: heaven, hell, and purgatory get neatly worked out in catechism classes and Catholic schools. And however much we fail at it, *everyone knows* that our true home is heaven, that we should be focused on the life to come and less driven by the life we're living now, and that should inform all that we do.

Except, I'm not so sure.

The disciples in the Upper Room, the women standing outside the Tomb, Peter and John, both breathless, even the two on the Road to Emmaus—they had **none of this**. What they had were *encounters* with a man that thought was dead but who seemed very obviously to be alive. That didn't give them easy answers or help them keep their noses clean—it **changed everything** for them—and not simply their “worldviews” or “value systems” or ideas about the afterlife.

Think about it: What would you do if your dead Aunt Doris, or your coworker who got killed in a mugging, or a friend from school who died in the service overseas showed up in your kitchen one morning to make you breakfast? Or if you went to visit your parents or grandparents at the cemetery and the headstone was there, but in place of the grave was a bare, empty hole? That's the question this Sunday asks us. That's the question every picture of Jesus, every cross or crucifix, and every group or organization bearing His name ought to ask us. **What do you make of a Dead Man, Walking?**

So *celebrate* Easter this year. Bake the ham and go scavenging for eggs. Delight in whatever goodies you have previously given up (provided they're good for you—in moderation!). But above all, ask this question:

Does the Risen Christ still shock me? Shake me? Covert me?

And if not, how can this year be different?

Happy Easter!

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

Fr. PJ

A Letter From Father Reynaldo



Entonces entró también el otro discípulo, el que había llegado primero al sepulcro, y vio y creyó, porque hasta entonces no habían entendido las Escrituras, según las cuales Jesús debía resucitar de entre los muertos. — Jn 20, 8-9

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¡Felices Pascuas! En este hermoso día de regocijo, esperanza y optimismo, recordamos este año con corazones llenos de gracia.

Por loco que parezca, quedan menos de dos meses de escuela, y cuando seguimos mirando hacia atrás en este viaje sin precedentes, es sorprendente ver que hemos llegado a este punto.

Durante esta temporada de Pascua, en la escuela Christ the King estamos orando por todos ustedes en nuestra maravillosa parroquia para que Dios los bendiga durante este tiempo y les traiga la luz de su resurrección.

Daniel Thole.



Avisos

1. El pizarrón de la capilla: escribir el nombre de la persona por quien desean pedir (nada más). Estaremos borrando todos los nombres del pizarrón los lunes a las 9 a.m.
2. Clases de Bautismo el Domingo 11 de abril en las Oficinas (solo este Mes) próximo Mes en el Lunchroom. Hay que registrarse llamando a la oficina.
3. Primeras comuniones: 1 y 2 de mayo hay que registrarse con Eren. 515-285-2888 ext. 8089
4. Confesiones para los niños y padrinos el Domingo 18 y 25 de abril.

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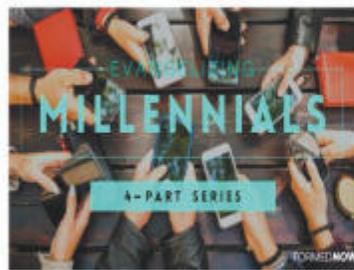
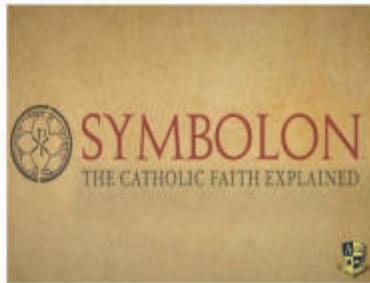
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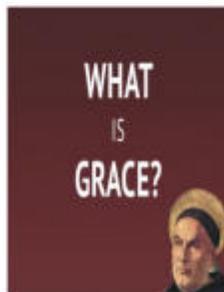
After his Resurrection, Christ told his disciples to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation" (Mk 16:15). To continue this evangelical work today, we have to adapt to diverse audiences. In this series, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down to discuss how to reach one of those audiences—millennials.

LEARN

LISTEN

**PINTS WITH AQUINAS:
WHAT IS GRACE?
WITH MICHAEL GORMLEY**

As Catholics we believe that grace allows us to participate in the life of God. In this episode of Pints with Aquinas, Matt Fradd sits down with Michael Gormley to discuss what this means in our daily lives.



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Mass Intentions

Starting on March 20th the 8:30am Mass intentions will be held privately in the rectory:

Saturday April 3rd

8:30am– Our School Staff, **5:30pm**– Darrell Wolski+

Sunday April 4th

7am– Claudette Wagner+, **9am**– Our Parish, **11am**– Sally Bruner Drees+

Monday April 5th

8:30am– David T. Gardella+, **5:30pm**– John Danaher+

Tuesday April 6th

8:30am– Grace Mauro+, **5:30pm**– Kian Putbrese+

Wednesday April 7th

8:30am– Theresa Contri, **5:30pm**– Michael & Ruth Zawistowski+

Thursday April 8th

8:30am– Rose Mary Egan+, **5:30pm**– Teresa Adame+

Friday April 9th

8:30am– George R. Colt+, **5:30pm**– Our Parish School

Saturday April 10th

8:30am– Rae Cabrera+, **5:30pm**– Ken Wadle+

Sunday April 11th

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



Going On In Our Parish

Magnificat's

The April issue of the Magnificat are ready to be picked up, please call the office to let us know you are coming,

515-285-2888. Thank you and God bless.

Divine Mercy 9 Day Novena

Starts on Good Friday April 2nd, there will be pamphlets at the entrances of each side of the Church on Holy Thursday. Or if you are watching online www.divinemercedesmoines.com

Lectors And Host Ministers

If you are interested in being a Lector or Host Minister, we are looking for extra help at all the Masses. If you are interested please give the office a call at **515-285-2888.**

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

Happy Easter to all, Jesus has risen and freed us from death, through him we are saved from the darkness that was once before. Now we have the Light of the world to guide us, let us all shine our little light within us to show the world Jesus, let our souls rejoice for we are so loved by God! May this Easter be filled with rejoicing with family and friends and let us never forget the sacrifice that was given to us, Amen.

Divine Mercy April 10th– Spanish

Divine Mercy Chaplet: 7:30PM, **Mass:** 8PM

Confessions: 9PM

DOMINGO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA (VIGILIA) 10 DE ABRIL - ESPAÑOL

Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia: 7:30PM, **Misa:** 8PM, **Confesiones:** 9PM— Español

Divine Mercy Sunday April 11th

Confessions: 2PM

Divine Mercy Chaplet: 3PM

Mass: 3:30PM

Domingo de la Divina Misericordia 11 de abril - Ingles

Confesiones: 2PM, **Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia:** 3PM- Inglés, **Misa:** 3:30PM- Inglés

St. Joseph Consecration

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 at 6:30pm in the church.

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.

Going On In Our Parish

Christ the King Auction 2021

No-in person tickets will be sold after Easter masses, but we will be back, in person next weekend!

You can also scan here to get your tickets on HANDBID.



Please join our Facebook group, search for CHRIST THE KING AUCTION for a sneak peak at some of our amazing donations and for all things auction!

We have some amazing vacations, weekend get a ways and staycations! Plus, tons of family friendly outdoor activities! Check it out!



St. Vincent de Paul Reflection

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice which brings new life to others.

Know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them Easter hope and joy.

Spring Cleaning:

St. Vincent de Paul store at 520 Army Post Road is accepting donations Monday- Saturday 9:00am-5:00 pm. Donations of furniture, clothing, household, and other miscellaneous items. Please check svdpdsm.org website for more information.

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.

A Message From The School

Happy Easter! On this beautiful day of rejoicing, hope, and optimism, we look back on this year with gracious hearts.

As crazy as it sounds, there are less than two months left of school, and when we continue to look back on this unprecedented journey, it's amazing to see that we have arrived at this point.

During this Easter season, we at Christ the King school are praying for all of you in our wonderful parish that God may bless you during this time and bring you the light of his resurrection.

Daniel Thole.



SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

"To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."
(Acts 10:43)

PSALM:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118) Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING:

Think of what is above, not what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. (Col 3:2-3)

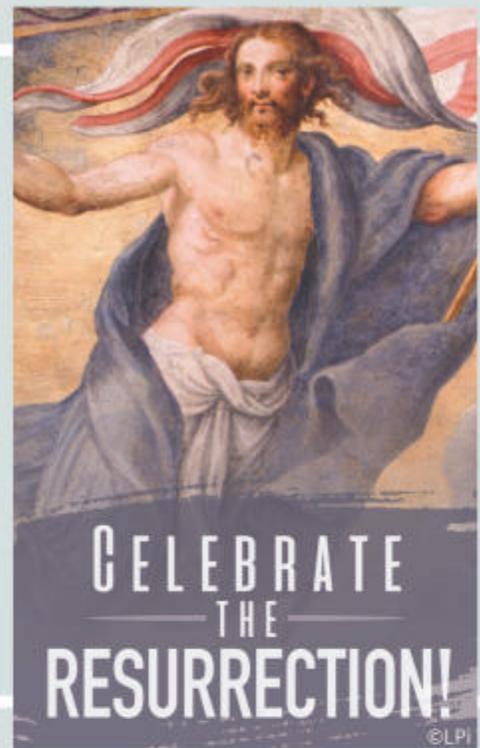
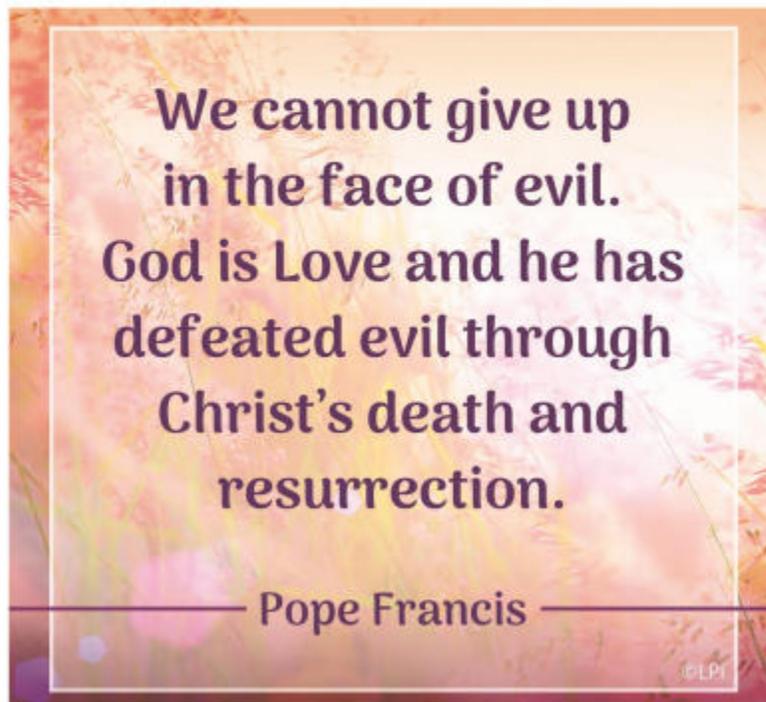
GOSPEL:

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. (Jn 20:8)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 4, 2021

- Sunday: Easter Sunday
- Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
- Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
- Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
- Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
- Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter
- Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter
- Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



REFLECT

FIRST READING

We hear today part of the speech that Peter delivered in the household of Cornelius, a centurion and Gentile-believer in Christ. Peter bore witness to his experiences with Jesus, including Jesus' resurrection. To whom do you bear witness to your faith in the resurrected Jesus?

SECOND READING

Paul urges the Colossians to remain focused on Jesus' resurrection, ascension, and final return — to "seek what is above." What do you find appealing in this spiritual exercise?

GOSPEL READING

Mark's account of Jesus' resurrection focuses on the women's discovery of the empty tomb. In fact, Jesus risen from the tomb is the original ending of the Gospel of Mark. Why do you think Mark would end his Gospel with the empty tomb?

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