



# Christ the King Parish / *Paroquia de Cristo Rey*

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

## Sunday, May 30, 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

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY  
SUNDAY MAY 30, 2021

# DISCIPLES

“Go, therefore, and make  
disciples of all nations.”  
MATTHEW 28:19

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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](http://www.christthekingparish.org)

# A Letter From Father P.J.

These are the weeks every year when many of us find ourselves at graduation ceremonies of various sorts. As I write this I've just handed out the "diplomas" for this year's Kindergarten Class of 2021. This evening I'll celebrate the Mass for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders as they move on from Christ the King to Dowling, Lincoln, Carlisle, or Norwalk. And in the days to come students from those high schools and others will also find themselves participating in exercises intended to celebrate the accomplishments and mark the end of several years of study. The formal name for these activities is **commencement**, which is a little bit weird when you think about. After all, **to commence** really means, **to begin**.

Historically graduations were limited to colleges and universities. One became a bachelor, or a master, or a doctor in a particular field and this gave them rights and privileges to **begin** a new career. In a certain sense this is true of our little ones too: the kindergartners now join the ranks of those students with numbered grades. The eighth graders now **begin** the adventure of high school. And our graduating seniors prepare to move on to college, trade school, or whatever other adventures await them. And those older graduates too are sent out, equipped to begin a new career, **to start something new**.

We never *graduate from* the Christian life, but there are moments that are something like a **commencement**. Over the next several weeks we'll have several men ordained to the priesthood and the diaconate, and this clearly begins something new both in their lives and in ours as a Church. Likewise, a dozen or so couples will be getting married here at Christ the King this summer, and this too marks a beginning both for them and their families as well as for us in the Church. And, of course, every time we receive any of the sacraments there's a quality of "new beginning" attached to it; whether that's a long-held-off Confession, or Holy Communion on a Thursday night—God has power and we have the opportunity to start things new. But we should always view the sacraments with an eye to **commencement** and not graduation. Too many people have seen Confirmation as their graduation from religious education—nothing could be further from the case. It's not the end—it's just the beginning!

I think the reason graduations continue to hold their appeal for us is because they are moments teeming with possibility. Newly minted professionals, or kids starting at a new school in a new place could turn out to be literally anybody—and some part of us longs for that possibility, because we'd all like to be somebody too. Just remember, the person we're all trying to be, the one to emulate and follow, the point of the whole exercise of the Christian Life—is Jesus. Whether that's as a foreman on a crew or a cook in a restaurant, a doctor at her practice or a lawyer at the bar, or even a priest at the altar and ambo—we're all just trying to grow more and more into the people we were always meant to be—most closely conformed to Jesus.



Fr. PJ

# A Letter From Father Reynaldo

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

**30 de mayo de 2021**  
**La Santísima Trinidad**

Gracias Señor, por estar con nosotros siempre. Aunque por nuestra ceguera no nos demos cuenta que tú siempre has estado ahí. Presente en cada acontecimiento de la historia, guerras, pandemias, y catástrofes. Tú, siempre presente como nos lo prometiste. *“Yo estoy con ustedes todos los días hasta el fin del mundo” (Mateo 28:20)*. Hoy celebramos la Solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad. Presencia de Dios Trino desde la creación del mundo, hasta nuestros días. Gracias Padre, por revelarnos tu amor por medio de Tu Hijo Jesucristo, gracias por tener vida en ti a través del Espíritu Santo.

En la Liturgia de cada Domingo, celebramos lo que creemos, y la Iglesia hoy nos recuerda lo fundamental: Dios Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo. Fuimos bautizados en su nombre, nos santiguamos cada día al comenzar las actividades en el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo. La gran mayoría de nuestras oraciones comienzan o terminan en nombre de la Trinidad. ¡Misterio de unidad y armonía! Somos Trinitarios, somos uno en Dios. Es decir, relación, comunión y comunicación. Somos una comunidad de creyentes, siguiendo el legado de comunión y amor que Jesús enseñó a sus discípulos.

*“Vayan, pues, y hagan que todos los pueblos sean mis discípulos. Bautícenlos en el Nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, y enséñenles a cumplir todo lo que yo les he encomendado a ustedes” (Mateo 28:19)*. Cumplir con el amor y la justicia es urgencia de la sociedad actual. ¿Crees esto? El reto es empezar ahora mismo a relacionarnos en comunidad, aceptándonos con caridad unos a otros.

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*“Vayan, pues, y enseñen a todas las naciones, bautizándolas en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, y enseñándolas a cumplir todo cuanto yo les he mandado; y sepan que yo estaré con ustedes todos los días, hasta el fin del mundo”. — Mt 28, 19-20*

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# Going On In Our Parish

## Library News

### Can You Help?

The good news is the parish library is preparing to reopen. The not-so-good news is that we will not be able to reopen without help. Can you volunteer 2 hours a month (before or after Sunday Mass) to assist parishioners in checking out books and movies? It is an enjoyable way to give to the parish, and you will receive all the training you need to feel comfortable. Questions? **Call Betty McGehe at 515-240-2751 or email [library@christthekingparish.org](mailto:library@christthekingparish.org)**. We would love to have you!

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May 30, 2021

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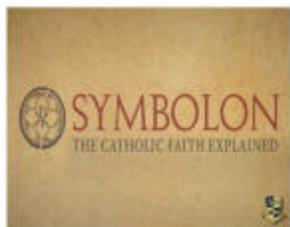
### THE WILD GOOSE: GOD'S LOVE POURED OUT

During the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we remember a fundamental pillar of our Faith: "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8). This simple statement is the beginning and the ending of our pilgrimage of Faith. In this episode of The Wild Goose, join Fr. Dave Pivonka as he illuminates God's eternal pouring out of Love.



## LEARN

### SYMBOLON: EP. 1 - THE JOURNEY: TRINITY, FAITH AND THE GOD WHO IS LOVE



The Bible reveals the mystery of who God is: God is love. God created us out of love, died for us out of love, and invites us on a journey of faith in which we live in his love. In this study, we'll look at the God who is Love and how that love shows itself in the Trinity and the Faith.

## LISTEN

### THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES WITH DENNIS AND ANGELINA GIRARD

As we celebrate the Visitation this week, we invite you to pray the Joyful Mysteries alongside this spoken Rosary set to music. Enter into some of the most joy-filled moments of Our Lord Jesus Christ's life, alongside the Blessed Virgin, through this devotional prayer and accompanying Scripture passages.



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## Mass Intentions

Saturday May 29th

**5:30pm**– Patricia Reed+

Sunday May 30th

**7am**– Dick Ahlberg+, **9am**– Our Parish, **11am**– Our School Staff

Monday May 31st

**5:30pm**– Tresa Gardella+

Tuesday June 1st

**5:30pm**– Bob Breheny+

Wednesday June 2nd

**5:30pm**– Severo & Albina Jarina+

Thursday June 3rd

**5:30pm**– Our Sister Parish, Tanzania

Friday June 4th

**7:00pm**– Our Parish Youth

Saturday June 5th

**5:30pm**– Bill Beck+

Sunday June 6th

**7am**– Colleen Black+, **9am**– Sanita & Catherine Mancuso, **11am**– Our Parish

### **Additional Mass Intentions for the week:**

Our Parish School, Our Clergy, Our Deceased Sisters+, Our Deceased Priests+, Patxi Tames Urdiain+, Our Parish Staff.



# Going On In Our Parish

## Volunteer Opportunities

In the pews we have ministry sign up sheets.

OR



simply scan the QR Code next to this message with your smart phone's camera or QR Code reader App to get to the online copy of the form. You can download a QR Code reader in the Goggle Play Store or the Apple App Store.

**Please prayerfully consider assisting our parish in any of the many ministries we have.**

## 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

Lord, so many friends and family are passing away, come be by our sides and console us. In Your arms Lord hold us tight, hold us in Your embrace like you hold and welcome our loved ones home in heaven. Let us remember that our loved ones who have passed before us, are not gone, for they still watch over for us from heaven. Life is different now, but their love and memories will always live on through us still on earth. Let us pray: Lord, please console our hearts with knowing that we will all meet again, but for now, when we shed our tears of sadness, you weep along side of us. Amen.

## Memorial Day Mass

Monday May 31st at 8:30am

## Corpus Christi and Procession

Sunday June 6th, the procession will start after the 11am Mass in English and the 3:15pm Mass in Spanish.

## Vacation Bible School

**Save the date:**

Monday August 2nd – Friday August 6th from 1pm–4pm.  
Registration is open

[www.christthekingparish.org](http://www.christthekingparish.org)

## Separated or Divorced Classes

Divorced or separated and wondering what your next step is?

Join us Tuesdays starting May 11, at 6pm at Christ the King Pastoral Center in the Blessed Virgin Mary Room. We'll help untangle the knots from a Catholic perspective in our 12 week program. \$35 for the materials.

Call Deacon Tony Valdez at 515-979-2301 or the church office to register 515-285-2888.

## From The Diocese

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The Diocese of Des Moines is looking for an individual with auditing, accounting, finance, or CPA background that is willing to use their business and internal control knowledge to benefit the Catholic Church in Southwest Iowa.

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# Going On In Our Parish

## St. Vincent de Paul Reflection

As we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity we also realize the mystery of how much God loves and cares for us each day.

Believing in this our lives can then overflow in thanksgiving and praise. Your gifts to St. Vincent de Paul will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God's love for them.

Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life" by joining Christ the King/ St. Vincent de Paul.

Contact Kathy at [kahiatt67@gmail.com](mailto:kahiatt67@gmail.com) for more information.

## Knights of Columbus

**Will be collecting worn and frayed American Flags.**

The collection bin will be on the information desk in the Parish Hall, please donate the worn and frayed flags by June 13th at the latest, for them to be retired.

**Flag Retirement will be on June 14th at 8pm at the school playground, all are welcomed to come witness.**



## Night Fire Concerts

**A Night of Praise & Worship**

Nine-Time Grammy Nominee Matt Maher, Featuring Matt Baird, JMMJ and The First Encounter, **Presented By Night Fire Concerts.**

Enjoy a night under the stars, listening to contemporary Christian musicians share their faith in God and Hope in Jesus with you. You are invited to join in prayer and praise, to lift your voice to give glory to God asking Him to heal our community and our world.

Join us on Saturday, June 12, 2021 at 6:00pm - 10:00pm, at the Jamie Hurd Amphitheater 4100 Mills Civic Parkway, West Des Moines, IA. **Bring lawn or camp chairs, but no blankets.** Food Trucks: Roadside Taco and Totally Rolled Ice Cream will be onsite. **Small soft-sided or backpack coolers are allowed, but wheeled or hard-sided coolers are not.** The Concert is free, but you still need a ticket.

Get your tickets and all the information you need to know about the Concert at [www.nightfireconcerts.org](http://www.nightfireconcerts.org)

**Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of this faith-filled evening featuring inspired songs and incredibly talented musicians and song-writers.**

## A Message From The School

We have successfully completed the 2020-2021 school year!

We did not know what to expect this year in all of its unprecedented nature, but we are sure glad it turned out the way it did. Thank you for your prayers and support this year.

We look forward to a great 2021-2022 school year, and all of the promise and hope that it brings.

With your continued prayers and support, we will continue to grow and improve as a school as we strive to give our students the absolute best educational experience possible at Christ the King.

God bless and have a great summer!

Daniel Thole

# SUNDAY'S READINGS

## FIRST READING:

This is why you must now know,  
and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God  
in the heavens above and on earth below,  
and that there is no other. (Dt 4:39)

## PSALM:

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. (Ps 33)

## SECOND READING:

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.  
For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,  
but you received a Spirit of adoption,  
through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" (Rom 8:14-15)

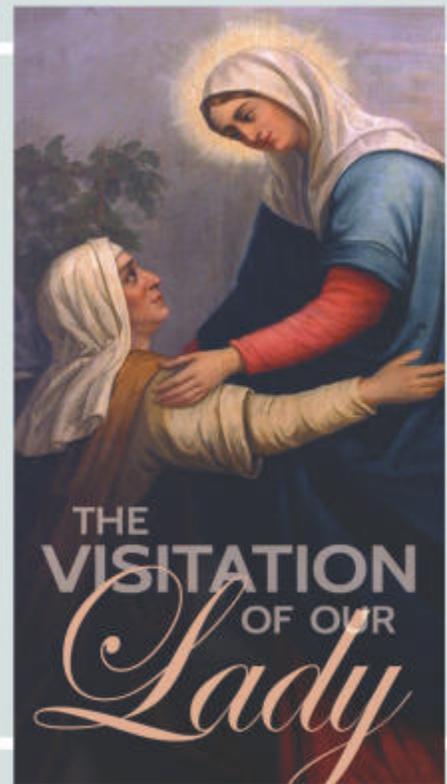
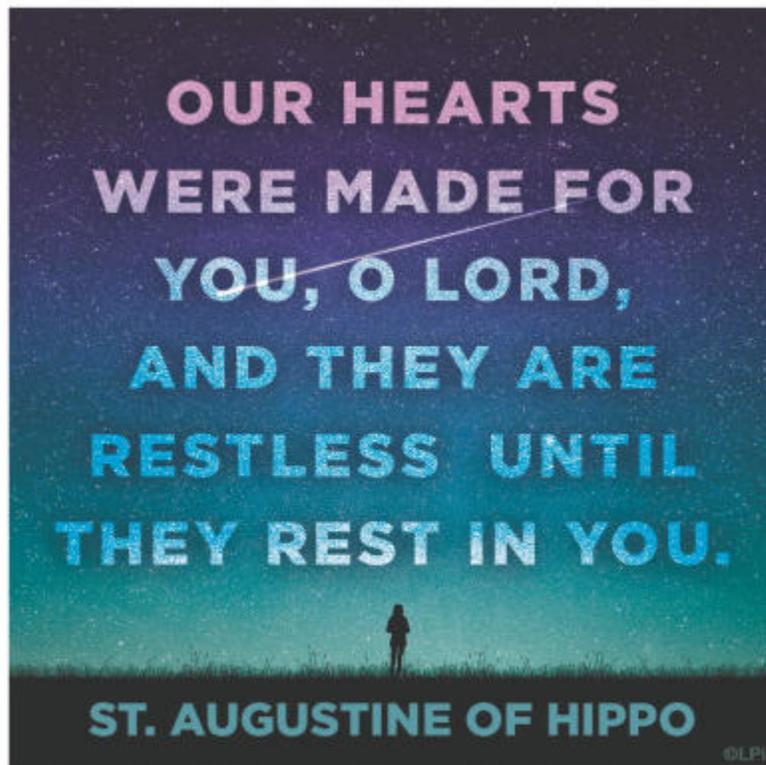
## GOSPEL:

"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Mt 28:16)

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## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 30, 2021

- Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity
- Monday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Memorial Day
- Tuesday: St. Justin, Martyr
- Wednesday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
- Thursday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
- Saturday: St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
- Next Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

In the closing remarks of the speech delivered to the Israelites in the desert, Moses reflects on God's fidelity and love for them. In return for God's favor, the Israelites are instructed to keep God's statutes and commandments. Why do you think so many people are resistant to this divine expectation?

### SECOND READING

Paul sees the Holy Spirit as integral to our identity as "children of God" and "joint heirs with Christ." How do you sense our Triune God at work in your life?

### GOSPEL READING

We hear today the closing words in the Gospel of Matthew — Jesus' final commissioning of the disciples to evangelize and baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. What insights to the nature of God does this divine relationship offer?

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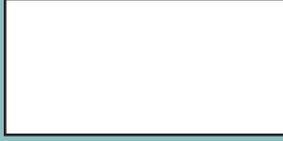
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