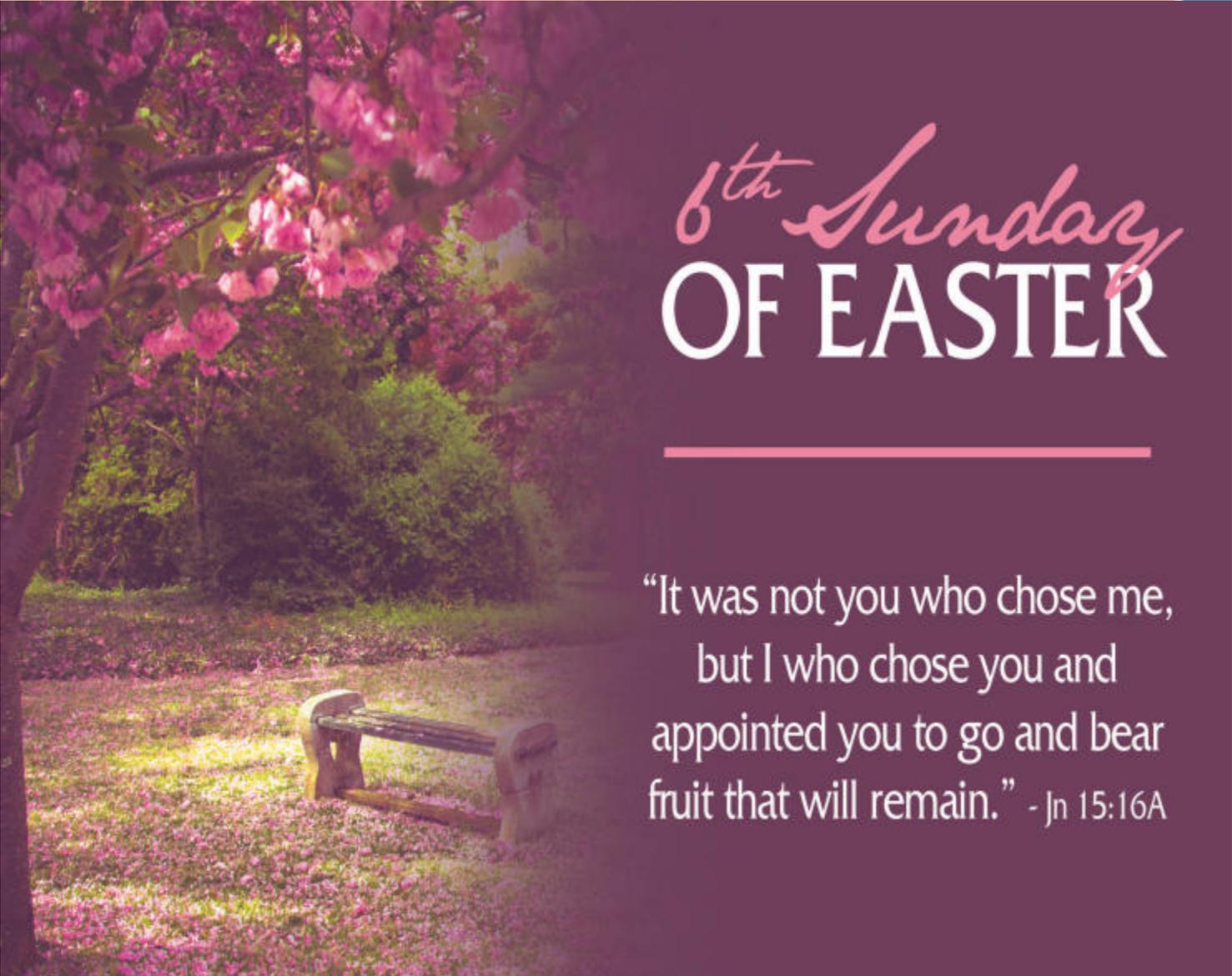




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A photograph of a park-like setting with a wooden bench in the foreground, surrounded by lush green grass and numerous pink cherry blossom trees in full bloom. The scene is bathed in soft, natural light.

6th Sunday OF EASTER

“It was not you who chose me,
but I who chose you and
appointed you to go and bear
fruit that will remain.” - Jn 15:16A



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 8

4:00 p.m. All deceased relatives and friends

5:00 p.m. All deceased parishioners

Sunday, May 9

8:00 a.m. All deceased mothers

9:00 a.m. All deceased mothers

10:00 a.m. All deceased mothers

11:00 a.m. All deceased mothers

Tuesday, May 11

9:00 a.m. Sr. Cynthia Noble

Wednesday, May 12

9:00 a.m. Andrea Mazzeo

Thursday, May 13

9:00 a.m. Robert McGinn

Saturday, May 15

4:00 p.m. All deceased relatives and friends

5:00 p.m. Steven Desmaris, Alice Perreault

Sunday, May 16

8:00 a.m. Gerry DiSchino, Amy James

9:00 a.m. Lawrence & Lois Bartley, Eleanor King

10:00 a.m. All deceased parishioners

11:00 a.m. Joan DeTorio, Frank SeSantis,
Sandra Actis

Masks are required inside the building. If you forget your mask, extras are available at the doors of the church.



Religious Formation News

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

First Communion

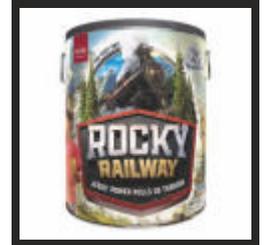
Saturday, May 22: 11 a.m.:

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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Calling all Camp Counselors – grade 8 and above, and adults interested in helping with the camp should email Ms. Eva at

emmancuso60@gmail.com. A brief meeting will be held on Sunday, May 16 after the 9:00 a.m. mass. All are invited to attend. Not available that week but want to help? We have room on our setup crew! All welcomed.

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

Any adult who has received the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist but has not received Confirmation is invited to “receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” during Mass on Pentecost Sunday. Several adults have already expressed their intention to be confirmed at this Mass. While the RCIA program remains in place for those who are unbaptized and have yet to receive the message, this Pentecost ceremony is for Catholic adults who have accepted the message of the Gospel years ago and have been practicing the Catholic faith as initiated disciples who have already been baptized and receive Holy Communion. If you would like to be confirmed during this Confirmation ceremony within Sunday Mass on Pentecost, May 23, please contact Jennifer Marran (jmarran@ctkri.org) for more information.

FRIENDLY VISITOR MESSAGE

It seems like everyday the news is full of cheerful stories about everything reopening and people being able to once again get on with a sort of normal life. When you are homebound, this news may seem more like a downer than good news. Being unable to go out is not an easy thing. It is hard to find good news. There is good news, however. We have Friendly Visitors here at Christ the King who would very much like to visit with you on a regular basis.; someone to just talk with about any subject you'd like. Call Bonnie Feeny at 931-9460 to set up a visit.

“I remember my mother’s prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life.”

Abraham Lincoln

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God is love. These three simple words deserve a great deal of attention. They have the power to transform our relationship with God from something that is static and distant to one that is personal and real. We all know the power of love and how important it is to completing all of the human and divine circuits of our lives. But we do not often consider the awesome fact that it is given to us as a gift and is not simply part and parcel of the human package. God is the author of love and love itself. When we truly love another human being, it is really God being God in and through us. The love to which we are called and the love of which the Gospel speaks is a selfless love that seeks the wellbeing of not only our significant others but of all of our brothers and sisters. This love, which is of God, is a love that will endure all things and bring immeasurable joy when experienced. It is the most sincere form of friendship. ©LPi

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Join South County Habitat as they work towards the day that everyone has a decent place to call home. There are volunteer opportunities for all interests and abilities, both on and off the construction sites!

Here's how you can help:

Pray for the ministry of Habitat for Humanity.

Volunteer. Individuals and groups can volunteer on the construction site (covid restrictions may vary opportunities), individuals can volunteer at the Charlestown Re-Store. If you are interested in helping, please contact caroline@southcountyhabitat.org, 401-211-6711 x301

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>

Parish COVID-19 Update: changes coming May 8/9

In light of the governor's new COVID-19 protocols for houses of worship and new directives from the Diocese of Providence, Christ the King Church will be making several changes to some of the practices we adopted since the pandemic began.

Beginning this weekend, May 8/9, reservations will no longer be needed for Mass attendance.

All church entrances will be open.

All barriers throughout the church will be removed, and all pews will be available.

When taking a seat, leave at least three feet between you and the nearest person who is not a member of your household. Look behind you, next to you, and in front of you.

Holy Communion will return to its proper place in the Mass. After receiving Communion, please return to your seat for private prayer, and remain for the closing prayer, final blessing, and dismissal.

Masks covering your nose and mouth must be worn inside the church.

The Mass schedule for the month of May is: Saturdays at 4:00pm and 5:00pm; Sundays at 8:00am, 9:00am, 10:00am, and 11:00am.

Beginning on the weekend of June 5/6, we will return to the following schedule: Saturdays at 5:00pm and Sundays at 8:00am, 9:15am, and 11:00am.



Quotes of the Week

“The number of COVID-19 cases reported around the world in the last two weeks was higher than the total of confirmed infections in the first six months of the pandemic, according to the World Health Organization. India and Brazil, which are going through their worst days since the pandemic began, account for more than half of last week’s cases, the agency said.”

- “More people diagnosed with COVID-19 in past 2 weeks than in first 6 months of pandemic, WHO says.” *New York Daily News*. May 3 2021.

“The Diocese of Dumka, also in Jharkhand state [India], lost five priests to COVID-19 in 10 days.

‘But what hurts more is what is happening all around us. There is a shortage of hospital beds. There is a shortage of medicine ... People cannot find a place in any hospital in the city, and you can imagine what is the state of the poor. They can’t even think of rushing their sick to the hospitals, [Bishop] Mascarenhas said.”

- Auxiliary Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas, Archdiocese of Ranchi, India. “Five Catholic priests in Indian diocese die of COVID-19 in 10 days.” Catholic News Agency. April 28, 2021.

“The Catholic Multimedia Centre (CCM) has reported that, from the beginning of the pandemic in 2020 until March 2021, 245 priests and religious [in Mexico] have passed away from complications related to COVID-19. Among the deceased are five bishops, 221 priests and religious, 11 deacons and eight religious sisters.”

- “Dozens of priests are dying of COVID-19 in Latin America.” *Aleteia*. May 2, 2021.

“Catholic chaplains in parishes across Germany plan to invite people to 'blessing services for lovers' on and around May 10... Gay and lesbian couples are invited, which is attracting public attention because the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith said in mid-March that the Catholic Church had no authority to bless same-sex relationships. [The German Catholic news agency] KNA reported the Vatican statement has been widely criticized among Catholics in Germany.

“‘I have blessed buildings and sugar-beet-harvesting machines,’ said Fr. Burkhard Hose of Würzburg. ‘So why not also people who love each other?’”

- “Some German parishes plan blessings for lovers, including lesbian and gay couples.” *National Catholic Reporter*. May 3, 2021.

“Come June, the Allentown Catholic Diocese will say goodbye to a combined 448 years of priestly experience with the retirement of nine pastors...

“With only one priest ordained this year so far, and one other scheduled for ordination in June, [Bishop Alfred] Schlert said the diocese must ‘beg the Lord to open the hearts of young men to answer the call to the priesthood.’”

“Allentown Catholic Diocese losing nine pastors to retirement; bishop encourages prayer for vocations.” *The Morning Call*. April 27, 2021.

“As many as 700 mainly young people formally left the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Antwerp in the two weeks following the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith’s publication of its Responsum barring the blessing of same sex unions, Bishop of Antwerp Johan Bonny has revealed.

“[Bishop Bonny] ... said that as many as 2,000 people had cancelled their baptismal registrations in the Flemish dioceses in Belgium, a traditionally strongly Catholic country.”

“Young people desert Church after same-sex ruling.” *The Tablet*. April 29, 2021.

“You have to discover who you are and develop your own way of being holy, whatever others may say or think. Becoming a saint means becoming more fully yourself, becoming what the Lord wished to dream and create, and not a photocopy... All are born as originals, but many die as photocopies.”

- Pope Francis, in a letter addressed to the altar servers of Portugal. “Pope to altar servers: ‘Offer your hands, thoughts and time to Jesus.’” *Vatican News*. May 3, 2021.

“With sadness I express my closeness to the people of Israel because of the accident last Friday on Mount Meron, which caused the death of 45 people and numerous injuries, I assure you of my remembrance in prayer for the victims of this tragedy and for their families.”

- Pope Francis, in his condolences Sunday to the people of Israel, after the deadliest civilian disaster in the nation’s history, which happened last Friday, when 45 people were killed during a stampede at a religious festival on Mount Meron. “Pope sends prayers for victims of Meron tragedy.” *The Times of Israel*. May 4, 2021.

Quotes of the Week

“As a nation of immigrants, we have a moral obligation to help our brothers and sisters around the world who are in need. The updated refugee admissions cap is a step in the right direction to help those who need it most. We were pleased with the Administration’s previous decision to reinstate the regional allocation framework, but this increase was a crucial step toward rebuilding the crippled Refugee Admissions Program. We view this number as a stepping stone toward the Administration’s stated goal of 125,000 admissions, a figure more consistent with our values and capabilities as a nation.

“For decades, the United States has been a leader in refugee resettlement. We are in the midst of the greatest forced displacement crisis of our lifetime and know that there are more than 26 million refugees worldwide and more than 47 million people who are internally displaced. It is imperative that we act now to ensure the safety of these individuals and their families. The Catholic Church teaches that every person is created in God’s image and must be valued, protected, and respected for the inherent dignity that he or she possesses. It is more important now than ever that our country continue to lead as we address this humanitarian emergency.”

- Bishop Mario Dorsonville, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Migration, after the Biden Administration announced that it will increase the number of refugees who can be resettled in the United States during the current fiscal year to 62,500. *USCCB.org*. May 4, 2021.

“It is the Eucharist, the celebration of the Mass, that makes the Church; and it is the Church, in the gift of the Holy Spirit, which makes the Eucharist. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the lifeblood of the Church. It requires our active participation and, to be fully celebrated, our physical presence.

“At this moment, then, we need to have in our sights the need to restore to its rightful centrality in our lives the Sunday Mass, encouraging each to take his or her place once again in the assembly of our brothers and sisters.

“We face the task of seeking to nurture the sense of Sunday as ‘a weekly gift from God to his people’, and something we cannot do without; to see Sunday as the soul of the week, as giving light and meaning to all the responsibilities we live out each day; to see the Sunday Eucharist as food for the unique mission with which we have been endowed.”

- The Catholic bishops of England and Wales, in a new statement on rekindling the practice of attending Sunday Mass in a post-pandemic world. May 2, 2021.



MOM

*Your mother is always with you.
She's the whisper of the leaves
as you walk down the street.
She's the smell of certain foods
you remember,
the flowers you pick,
the fragrance of life itself.
She's the cool hand on your brow
when you are not feeling well.
She's your breath in the air
on a cold winter's day.
She is the sound of the rain that lulls you
to sleep, the colors of a rainbow,
she is Christmas morning.
Your mother lives inside your laughter.
She's the place you came from, your first
home, and she's the map you follow
with every step you take.
She's your first love, your first friend,
even your first enemy,
but nothing on earth can separate you -
not time, not space, not even death.*

(Unknown)

*To all moms -
HAPPY
MOTHER'S DAY*

*Thank you for
all you do!!!!*



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4, & 5 p.m. Sunday: 8, 9, 10, & 11 a.m.

BAPTISM

Parents should speak to Jennifer Marran to make arrangements.

ADULT INITIATION

Adults wishing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation should speak to Jennifer Marran.

CONFIRMATION

Eighth graders receive Confirmation in the spring. Please speak to Eva Mancuso for more information.

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples should speak to Fr. Jared at least nine months prior to the wedding.

RECONCILIATION

At this time, Reconciliation is available any time by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion regularly, please speak to Jennifer Marran to make arrangements. On the third Tuesday of each month, Mass is celebrated at South Kingstown Nursing & Rehabilitation Center at 10:30 a.m., and at Brookdale South Bay Assisted Living at 1:30 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY w/Fr. Jared

New course and schedule to be announced.

BIBLE STUDY (Shared/Group) 7:00 p.m.

To be announced.

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