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26th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me.” - Mk 9:39b



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 25

5:00 p.m. Leo Laliberte, John Thomas Sharkey,
John Joseph Sharkey

Sunday, September 26

8:00 a.m. Betty Ann Hogan, Ted Driscoll
Alice Sharkey

9:15 a.m. Timothy Sharkey

11:30 a.m.. Ann Knudsen

Tuesday, September 28

9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, September 29

9:00 a.m. Christine Bernier

Thursday, September 30

9:00 a.m. Vincent Costanza

Saturday, October 2

5:00 p.m. All deceased parishioners

Sunday, October 3

8:00 a.m. All deceased relatives and friends

9:15 a.m. Kyla Vinacco Poland

11:30 a.m.. All deceased parishioners

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

We are looking for new altar servers in grades 4 and up to join us in ministry at Christ the King. Altar Servers assist the priest at the 5 p.m., 9:15 and 11:30 a.m. weekend masses. This ministry is a wonderful way for our young people to become engaged in our liturgies and to serve the community. We will be having altar server training sessions on Saturday, October 23 and 30. Please contact Heather Skidds if you are interested in becoming a new altar server at hskidds@gmail.com or (401) 573-7564.

YOUTH CHOIR & TEEN ENSEMBLE

Christ the King Youth Choir will begin rehearsals in December for children in grades 3-7, on Thursday evenings from 6-7 p.m. They will sing for our 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass, then monthly at the 11:30 a.m. mass through Easter. All children in grades 3-7 are welcome to join the group. We will follow safe singing procedures with the youth choir.



Religious Formation News

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

There will be grade level parent meetings. ALL meetings will be held in the parish hall after the 9:15 a.m. mass (10:00 a.m.) as follows:

September 26 - Grade 1

October 3 - Grade 2

October 17 - Grade 3

October 24 - Grade 4

October 31 - Grade 5

Each parent meeting will address our new program, and schedules will be distributed at that time. We also will be discussing our Youth & Family Ministry program, and soliciting ideas from our RF families for the upcoming year. Please contact the office, 789-0417 for information on previous meetings.

Classes for grades 1-5 will begin December 5.

We are looking for teachers for grades 1, 3 and 4.

Classes are no more than 15 students, and we provide all materials and training.

Contact: Georgann Lardaro at glardaro@ctkri.org.

CONFIRMATION

There are currently 2 confirmation classes in progress: 2021 and 2022.

Final preparation for the 2021 confirmation class is as follows:

Tuesday, September 28: 7 - 8 p.m. REHEARSAL.

The candidate and sponsor must be present. If the sponsor is not available, one parent must attend.

Saturday, October 2: 11:00 a.m.

CONFIRMATION. The ceremony outside of mass will be celebrated by Bishop Tobin. At the present time there are no restrictions on numbers of people who may attend. The ceremony will be livestreamed for those who are unable to attend.

STUDENT/PARENT meeting for the incoming 2022 confirmation class:

Sunday, October 3: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Candidate and one parent must attend. Schedules and signups for volunteer service hours will be done at the meeting. If your child was NOT BAPTISED at Christ the King, please bring a copy of the baptismal certificate if you did not attach it to your registration form.

Quotes of the Week

“Still alive, even though some people wanted me to die. I know there were even meetings between prelates who thought the pope’s condition was more serious than the official version. They were preparing for the conclave. Patience! Thank God, I’m all right.”

- Pope Francis, answering a question from a Jesuit priest who asked him about his health, during a meeting on September 13 with Jesuits in Slovakia’s capital city, Bratislava, during the pope’s visit to the country. “Pope Francis to Slovakian Jesuits: ‘Some people wanted me to die’ amid health problems.” *Catholic News Agency*. September 21, 2021.

“There is, for example, a large Catholic television channel that has no hesitation in continually speaking ill of the pope. I personally deserve attacks and insults because I am a sinner, but the Church does not deserve them. They are the work of the devil.”

- Pope Francis, very likely referring to the American TV network EWTN, as he answered a question from a Jesuit priest who asked him about his critics during a meeting on September 13 with Slovakian Jesuits. “Pope Francis to Slovakian Jesuits: ‘Some people wanted me to die’ amid health problems.” *Catholic News Agency*. September 21, 2021.

“We are suffering this today in the church: the ideology of going backward. It is an ideology that colonizes minds. It is a form of ideological colonization. It frightens us to go forward in pastoral experiences. I think of the work that was done ... at the Synod on the Family to make it understood that couples in second unions are not already condemned to hell. It frightens us to accompany people with sexual diversity. We are afraid of the crossroads and paths that Paul VI spoke of. This is the evil of this moment, namely, to seek the path in rigidity and clericalism, which are two perversions.”

- “Church suffers temptation to go backward, pope tells Jesuits in Slovakia.” *Catholic News Service*. September 21, 2021.

“Last week, 1,150,284 Americans were newly diagnosed with COVID-19, more than 100,000 people were hospitalized and 10,386 people died from it ...

“Data from the end of August show that the unvaccinated account for 94-99% of current COVID-19 deaths. In other words: almost all these deaths could have been prevented.”

- “Catholics seeking ‘religious’ exemptions to vaccines must follow true church teaching on conscience.” *National Catholic Reporter*, September 21, 2021.

“When you look at the actual numbers of traditionalist parishes, you realize how miniscule a segment of the Catholic population they really represent. The United States boasts the largest number of Tridentine churches: 659, according to the Latin Mass Directory at the time of this writing. But in a nation with approximately 70 million Catholics, that’s about 10 venues for every million worshippers. And it’s around 4% of the total 16,700 Catholic parishes in the United States. Globally, only 63 countries even have churches where the traditional mass is celebrated, and many of these have only one or two venues.”

- “Contrary to traditionalist claims, many Catholics are fleeing Latin Mass parishes.” *National Catholic Reporter*. September 21, 2021.

“People who continuously appeal to their right to privacy and the right to their individual conscience are losing sight of the common good. And I haven’t heard anybody argue that [refusing a vaccine] is for the common good. It’s all about their own personal preferences and beliefs.”

- Bishop John Stowe of Lexington, Kentucky, where 70% of Kentucky’s hospitals are reporting critical staff shortages – the highest level yet during the pandemic, according to Governor Andy Beshear. “Bishop Stowe: Catholics deserve to know if their priest is unvaccinated.” *America*. September 16, 2021.

“In all of this madness, every single person that has come to Catholic Charities has received housing, regardless of where they come from and we will do the same thing this coming week. We are here waiting with a smile welcoming people as much as we can and we know that whatever we need to do for people knocking at our doors we will provide.”

- Catholic Charities San Antonio president and chief executive officer Antonio Fernandez. “Catholic Charities in Texas struggles in face of immigration ‘madness.’” *Cruz*. September 20, 2021.

“It’s billed as the largest Catholic parish in the United States and it’s being constructed about 200 miles north of Los Angeles [in Visalia] ... With an estimated \$18.5 million price tag, St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church will seat 3,200 people, will encompass about 33,000 square feet and is expected to open in spring 2022.”

- “Largest U.S. Catholic parish rises in California’s interior.” *Religion News Service*. September 20, 2021.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY SERIES TO RESUME

A new Bible study series with Fr. Jared will begin Wednesday, October 6. We will be reading through the Gospel of Luke.

Mark your calendar and join us: October 6 & 20; November 3 & 17; and December 1 & 15. There are two sessions each day: 1:00pm and 7:00pm.

No experience or expertise is necessary, and homework is always optional! The format is presentation style, so no one is put on the spot to answer questions or share. This is simply a time for us to allow the Spirit to open our minds and hearts to God's Word as we walk with Jesus, listen to his teachings and parables, and witness his love for humanity, particularly the poor and lowly.

If you plan to attend the 1:00pm session, please park in the driveway that surrounds the front and side of the church (the parking lot will be filled with students' cars). Enter the driveway from the back parking lot. Staff will be here to assist you.

Bibles will be available. All are welcome.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Have you thought of receiving Spiritual Direction to help you grow in your relationship with God and with your prayer life? I am a Spiritual Director Intern, currently enrolled with the Sisters of Notre Dame Spiritual Director Internship Initiative, and would be honored to meet with you if this is something you have been hoping to explore.

Please call or text Roger Mencarini at 401-499-6277, or email rmencarini513@gmail.com

FRIENDLY VISITOR MESSAGE

With all the upsetting news that bombards us these days, it is important to get a chance express how you are feeling, and get the take on the news from someone who is not in the business of giving news everyday. A Friend who will talk with you about how you are feeling and how events might affect you.

A Friendly Visitor will talk with you about whatever you choose and give you a chance to air those feelings that are just increasing your anxiety. Call Bonnie Feeny at 391-9460 to get started.

FACE MASKS

Masks will be available in the parish hall this weekend. They are not for sale but if you are able to contribute toward materials that will be appreciated.

REFLECTION

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid. ©LPi



COFFEE & DONUTS

We need more teams for our Sunday Coffee & Donuts ministry. Setup is 7 a.m. which involves picking up the munchkins from Dunkin Donuts on campus, making coffee and lemonade. This takes about 30 minutes. Cleanup is around 10:30, empty and wash coffee pots and lemonade jug, wipe down tables. Again, it takes about 30 minutes. The next schedule will run from October through December. If you would like to help, please call Beth in the office, 783-7459. Thank you for your time!

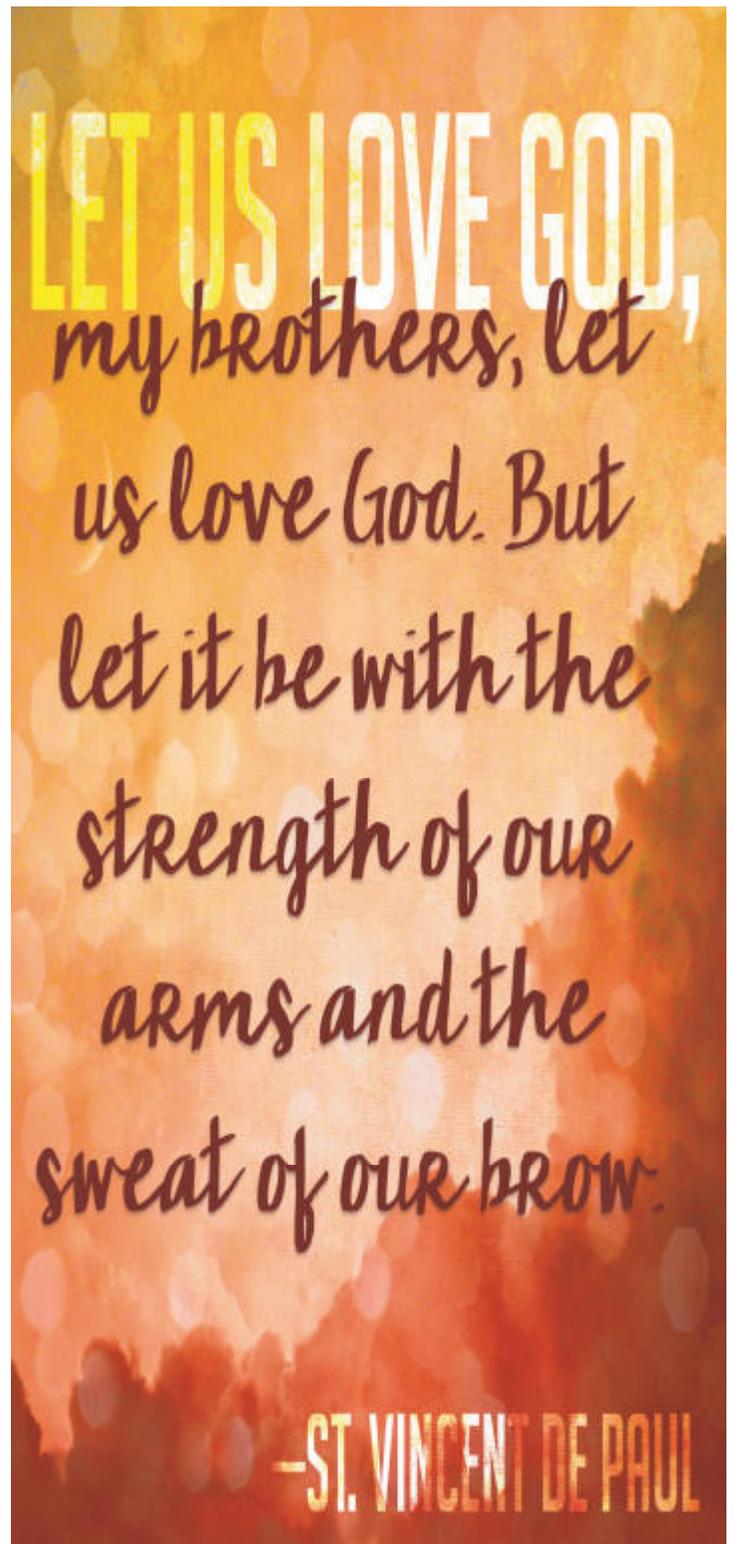
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Who are the little ones? They are the many and varied faces of people who see hope in Jesus' message about the Kingdom of God. They have come to believe that there is a different world to be had: a place where everyone has a home, all have an equal opportunity to share in God's bountiful gifts and blessings, where justice reigns, truth presides, and peace fills hearts. The little ones are those who may have left their former views behind, perhaps even their former lives to follow Jesus and believe in the Beatitudes as God's world vision. They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who have learned that suffering and death are nothing to fear. These are all of the little ones. Jesus gathers and protects them as a shepherd guards his sheep. Whoever causes one of these little ones to sin deserves the greatest wrath. Be more concerned about what people are doing than where they came from.

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CANCER SUPPORT MEETING:

Do you know a parishioner or have a friend recently diagnosed with cancer, undergoing treatment or in recovery? Encourage them to come to our next Cancer Support Group meeting on Tuesday, September 28, from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This is an opportunity to discuss their unique situations with other survivors having similar experiences. The meetings are confidential, and information shared will be held in strict confidence by participants. For information or questions, please contact group facilitator and fellow parishioner/cancer survivor Bob Maher: bmaher71@verizon.net





Parish Directory

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 8, 9:15 & 11:30 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

Saturdays at 4:30 p.m.

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

1 – 1:45 p.m. or 7 - 7:45 p.m..

Wednesdays: October 6 & 20. November 3 & 17,
December 1 & 15

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

Thursdays;
October 7, 14, 21, 28

GODPARENTS & SPONSORS

Please see one of the priests for a sponsor form, or visit ctkri.org/sponsor.

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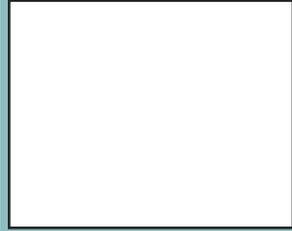


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