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2nd Sunday OF ADVENT





MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 4

5:00 p.m. Louis J. Sala

Sunday, December 5

8:00 a.m. Thomas S. Hogan, Dr. Charles Farrell,
Eric Osterhoff

9:15 a.m. Marie Heffernan, James Gallagher, Jr.

11:30 a.m.. All deceased relatives and friends

Tuesday, December 7

9:00 a.m. Cecelia Cinelli Trubiano

Wednesday, December 8

9:00 a.m. Margaret Nesfield

5:00 p.m. Ann Knudsen

Thursday, December 9

9:00 a.m. Valerie Barbato

Saturday, December 11

5:00 p.m. Matthew Siravo, Ali Dunn Packer,
Kimberly Barbera

Sunday, December 12

8:00 a.m. Nadia Reynolds, Linda Gardrel,
Dora Forte

9:15 a.m. Gina Marie Dalton. Chad O'Brien,
Brigid Kelly

11:30 a.m. Dennis Nabb, Jameson Dennis White,
Matthew Sheehan

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS December 11/12

Elderly religious need our help. Thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes, often for little or no pay. Now, many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your contribution to this collection helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Thank you for your support!



Religious Formation News

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

****** MASK FOR CLASS!!!** Everyone who enters a URI building **MUST** wear a mask; adults and children!

Classes for grades 1-5 begin in Swan Hall this Sunday, December 5

- Pick up your child's class assignments/books at SWAN HALL before going to class – teachers will not have books
- ALL class assignments/ books will be in SWAN HALL grouped by family.
- Classes will meet from 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Grade 7 Classes for December: 10:15 a.m.

Class 7B meets December 5 in the parish hall.

Class 7A meets December 12 in the parish hall

SAFETY FIRST

Parking is Behind the Alumni Center and the Welcome Center – accessible by Briar Lane next to the Post Office. Or leave your car in the CTK lot and walk to Swan. CTK Traffic Crossing Guards are stationed on Upper College Rd. at Fortin Rd. and Swan Hall each Sunday morning. Please use these crosswalks for your safety. Please refrain from dropping or picking up children on Upper College Road. Parking is not allowed on the street in front of the buildings, as emergency vehicles cannot get through in case of an emergency. Parking services may tow. Crossing Guards needed – must be 16 ! Contact Religious Formation office – glardaro@ctkri.org

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING AND MOVIE

Saturday, December 18, 6:00-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Grades K-6 are welcome to join the youth ministers as we make Christmas ornaments for our tree, some to take home, and Christmas cards for the elderly and veterans. After the tree is trimmed, we will watch a movie! Of course, there will be lots of snacks. Sign up by email to Ms. Eva at emmanuso60@gmail.com by December 12, so we can plan.

FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY TRIP TO LA SALETTE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Tuesday, December 28, 3:15-8:00 p.m. Spend an evening with other parishioners on a trip to see the beautiful lights at LaSalette. Bus transportation from the parish will be provided if there is enough interest. Reservations must be made no later than December 12 by email to Ms. Eva. emmanuso60@gmail.com. Include the number of family members in your email.

Pope Francis: Catechesis on St. Joseph

Excerpts from the second in a series of weekly reflections on St. Joseph by Pope Francis, from his general audience at the Vatican on Wednesday, November 24. Published by the Vatican Dicastery for Communication in Rome.

Jesus in the Gospels is indicated as the “son of Joseph” and the “carpenter’s son.” Narrating Jesus’ childhood, the evangelists Matthew and Luke dedicate space to the role of Joseph. Both of them compile a “genealogy” to highlight the historicity of Jesus. Addressing himself above all to the Judeo-Christians, Matthew starts from Abraham and ends up at Joseph, defined as “the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.” Luke, on the other hand, goes all the way back to Adam, beginning directly with Jesus, who “was the son of Joseph,” but specifies: “as was supposed.” Therefore, both Evangelists present Joseph not as the biological father, but in any case, as fully the father of Jesus. Through him, Jesus fulfils the history of the covenant and salvation between God and humanity. For Matthew this history begins with Abraham; for Luke, with the very origin of humanity, that is, with Adam.

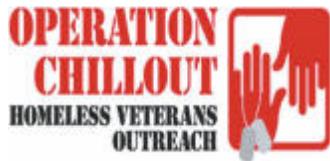
The evangelist Matthew helps us to understand that the person of Joseph, although apparently marginal, discreet, and in the background, is in fact a central element in the history of salvation. Joseph lives his role without ever seeking to take over the scene. If we think about it, “Our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines. . . . How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small ways, and in everyday ways, how to accept and deal with a crisis by adjusting their routines, looking ahead and encouraging the practice of prayer. How many are praying, making sacrifices and interceding for the good of all” (from the Apostolic Letter *Patris corde*). Thus, everyone can find in Saint Joseph, the man who goes unnoticed, the man of daily presence, of discreet and hidden presence, an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of difficulty. He reminds us that all those who are seemingly hidden or in the “second row” are unparalleled protagonists in the history of salvation. The world needs these men and women: men and women in the second row, but who support the development of our life, of every one of us, and who with prayer, and by their example, with their teaching, sustain us on the path of life.

In the Gospel of Luke, Joseph appears as the guardian of Jesus and of Mary. And for this reason, he is also “the Guardian of the Church.” But, if he was the guardian of Jesus and Mary, he works, now that he is in heaven, and continues to be a guardian, in this case of the Church, for the Church is the continuation of the Body of Christ in history, even as Mary’s motherhood is reflected in the motherhood of the Church. In his continued protection of the Church. Please do not forget this: today, Joseph protects the Church – and by continuing to protect the Church, he continues to protect the child and his mother. This aspect of Joseph’s guardianship is the great answer to the story of Genesis. When God asks Cain to account for Abel’s life, he replies: “Am I my brother’s keeper?” With his life, Joseph seems to want to tell us that we are always called to feel that we are our brothers and sisters’ keepers, the guardians of those who are close to us, of those whom the Lord entrusts to us through many circumstances of life.

Dear brothers and sisters, I think of the many people who find it difficult to find meaningful bonds in their lives, and because of this they struggle, they feel alone, they lack the strength and courage to go on. I would like to conclude with a prayer to help them, and all of us, to find in Saint Joseph an ally, a friend and a support.

**Saint Joseph,
you who guarded the bond with Mary and Jesus,
help us to care for the relationships in our lives.
May no one experience that sense of abandonment
that comes from loneliness.
Let each of us be reconciled with our own history,
with those who have gone before,
and recognise even in the mistakes made
a way through which Providence has made its way,
and evil did not have the last word.
Show yourself to be a friend to those who struggle the most,
and as you supported Mary and Jesus in difficult times,
support us too on our journey. Amen.**

OPERATION CHILLOUT



Winter Backpack Veterans Homeless Outreach collection will take place once again for us here at Christ the King Parish. The Veterans and Social Action Committees passed out 240 backpacks with a list of materials to fill them: (knit hat, thermal socks, non-leather gloves, thermal underwear, hooded sweatshirt or heavy jacket shirt). We would like to have the filled backpacks returned by December 4/5 so that we can make the distributions before the real cold weather arrives.

If you would rather, you can make a donation to help fill the backpacks with the above materials by check made out to **Operation Chillout RI**. Send check to Dave Vissoe, Coordinator OCO-RI, PO Box 1277, Charlestown, RI 02813 or you can make a donation to operationchillout.org/ (make a note in a memo that it is for RI).

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Sometimes, especially when life gets overwhelming and difficult, we can find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable. Wallowing in this uncomfortable darkness seems to be our norm and it's difficult to see a way out of, or through, this experience. If we listen carefully enough, we will hear God's voice calling out deep within, beckoning us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Faith tells us that God has already begun the creation of a good work in us and is with us, bringing it to completion, until Christ Jesus comes again. It is this light of God's glory for which we are asked to pave the way and straighten the paths of our lives so that it can shine. With all that life can ask of us and bring to us, it is our task to constantly discern what is of value. So that we do not get so weighed down by things that we no longer see, or feel, God's salvation. ©LPi



GIVING TREE

Since the Social Action Committee began our Giving Tree, parishioners here at Christ the King have given thousands of presents and gift cards to needy children for Christmas. We contribute to children in four Providence churches, to Welcome House in Peace Dale, to the safe house for Domestic Violence, and individual families.



As we did last year, we are asking this year for gift cards of \$25 to Walmart, Amazon, Target, and Marshall's; it would help if you put the amount for the card on its envelope. Please drop them in the collection box this weekend and next weekend. We have collected 128 cards so far. (It is better for us to receive four \$25 cards than one for \$100.) Again: thank you for your past (and future) generosity.

YOUTH CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS

Christ the King Youth Choir will begin rehearsals on December 9 at 6 p.m. for children in grades 3-7 as we prepare to sing for Christmas! The Youth Choir will rehearse on Thursday evenings from 6-7 p.m. and will sing for the 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. Please contact Heather Skidds if you are interested in joining the youth choir at hskidds@gmail.com or 573-7564. Sign-up sheets are available outside the music office.

FACE MASKS

Face Masks will be available in the Parish Hall this weekend. These are not for sale but if you are able to contribute to the cost of materials, it will help keep providing for those who cannot afford these. Cash, check or Venmo accepted and appreciated.

THE PROUT SCHOOL

The High School Placement Test (HSPT) will be administered for incoming 9th grade students at The Prout School on Saturday, December 4 or 11.

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REFLECTION

St. Ambrose shares some wisdom on our need to prepare the way and open the door for Christ. "You see that when the Word of God knocks hardest on your door, it is when his hair is wet with the dew of the night. In fact, he chooses to visit those who are in tribulation and trial, lest one of them be overwhelmed by distress. So, his head is covered with dew, with drops, when his body is laboring hard. It is important to keep watch so that when the Bridegroom comes, he is not shut out. If you are asleep and your heart is not keeping watch, he will go away without knocking; but if your heart is alert for his coming, he knocks and asks for the door to be opened to him." When life gets overwhelming and difficult and we find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable, these words can bring great comfort.

We sometimes choose to remain stuck in our uncomfortable darkness and being stuck becomes our norm. In this time of self-focus our hearts are closed to the graces and life God desires to give us. Wrapped in the robe of mourning and misery, we fail to see the mercy, justice, and love the Bridegroom wants to bring. If we take seriously the need to prepare the way for Christ and open our hearts in preparation for his visit, we can hear God's gentle voice calling us deep within. It beckons us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Sometimes our darkness is so dark that it may seem unsurmountable. Trusting in the spiritual friends who journey with us, and God's promise may bring a glimmer of light even when it is most difficult to keep our hearts' doors open. Sometimes, the only light in the darkness is found in trusting the faith of others both past and present.

We have to trust that God has already begun the accomplishment of good work in us and that humanity is on an incredible journey to something wonderful and awesome. God is not done. When we open the doors of our hearts, straighten the paths of our lives, and prepare the way, Jesus can come with God's simple gifts of peace, grace, and joy. Life throws a great deal at us. It is easy to get tired and confused. We have to train our hearts to keep watch, discern what is of value, and forge ahead. Not allowing ourselves to become so weighed down by things and brought out of focus is a tremendous goal to achieve this Advent season. God is knocking. Answer the door. You will see and understand life in ways you never thought possible before.

THE AFGHAN EVACUEES COLLECTION: ABUNDANT SHARING

The Social Action Committee organized the collection to help the Afghan evacuees who have recently arrived or will soon be arriving in RI. Filling a caravan of seven to eight vehicles (many of which were very large, and some made more than one trip) chock full of essentials that the new arrivals will need in Rhode Island speaks to the tremendous generosity of Christ the King Parish. Everyone who was a part of this project, from all those who donated (especially), to those who sorted, packed, and delivered as part of that caravan that made its way up Elmwood Avenue to an appreciative Dorcas International in Providence was each essential to the abundant sharing that reflects so well on this amazing parish!

PREPARE

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

*"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths."*

- Lk 3:4



Parish Directory

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m. & 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 Assisted Living at 1:30 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY w/Fr. Jared (Gospel of Luke)

December 15 at 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. (church hall)

BIBLE STUDY w/Fr. Jared FOR URI STUDENTS

December 6 & 13 at 8:00 p.m. (church hall)

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

Spring dates TBD.

GODPARENTS & SPONSORS

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

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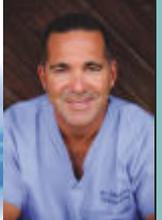
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