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## First Sunday of Lent ~ February 21, 2021

St. Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple:

love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the "idol of the self," keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It's not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn't just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. "Being more" means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the "quality" of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God's unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of "life in the good old days." Lent isn't about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It's about becoming something new. It's about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does. ©LPi



# Welcome back to Mass at Christ the King!

## IMPORTANT UPDATE - PLEASE READ!!!

After consultation with the Diocesan Restoration Advisory Council regarding the recent United States Supreme Court and Ninth Circuit rulings, Bishop Thomas and the Council have mandated the following revised protocols for *immediate implementation*:

The maximum number of people that may be in one room at a time is now limited to 35% of fire code capacity. However, you must maintain the six (6) feet of social distancing between congregants that are not of the same household.

This means we can accommodate 266 people in the church, 75 people in the community center and 175 people in the gym.

We will continue to livestream our services online if you choose to stay home and take advantage of Bishop George Leo Thomas' special dispensation from attending Mass. This dispensation is currently in place until April 4, 2021. We are not taking reservations. We have a signup sheet at the entrance of every building. Once one building is full, we will ask that you go to the next building until we have reached our full capacity and then we will not be able to accept any more attendees. We thank you for your cooperation and we have done everything we can to facilitate a safe and welcoming experience for all who choose to attend.

It is still incumbent upon all pastors, principals, and pastoral leaders across the Diocese to ensure that our communities continue to observe the strict protocols listed above and these additional protocols that are currently in place, this includes:

- Limited congregational/choral singing
- No Communion from the Chalice
- No physical contact during the Sign of Peace
- Disinfecting between Masses

At communion time, we encourage you to receive communion in the hand. Please leave 6 feet between you and the next person while receiving communion and while seated. Please keep four empty chairs between you and the next person if you do not live in the same household. We ask also that you stagger seating while in the rows. Please do not sit where there is a blue x on the chair and the front rows of each section. Please do not sit directly in front or behind other attendees.

When Mass is finished, please go directly to your cars so the church can be prepared and disinfected for the next Liturgy. Please refrain from congregating in the entrance way or outside for your safety and the safety of all parishioners.

We thank you for your cooperation and patience during this unprecedented time. We are doing everything we can to keep everyone safe and we ask that you do the same for yourself and others as well.

As we slowly make strides forward to get back to normal congregation it is incumbent that we all take up the cross to do our part during these difficult times.

We ask that people at risk, especially those 65 and older or those with underlying health issues, please continue to stay at home and watch the Mass online. The only Masses which will be live-streamed are Saturdays at 4:00pm and the 1:30 (Spanish) Mass on Sundays. These Masses are being live-streamed on our Facebook page and on YouTube. You can stay home and watch the daily Masses and your preferred weekend Mass.

**Facebook:** <https://facebook.com/ctklv>

**YouTube:** <https://bit.ly/ctk-live>



## Today's Readings

### First Reading:

I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth.  
(Genesis 9:11)

### Psalm:

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.  
(Psalm 25)

### Second Reading:

Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God.  
(1 Peter 3:18)

### Gospel:

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for 40 days, tempted by Satan.  
(Mark 1:12-13)

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## MASS TIMES

### SATURDAY:

4:00 pm

### SUNDAY:

7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am,  
1:30 pm (Misa en Español)  
3:30 pm

### WEEKDAYS:

Mon - Sat ~ 8:30 am

### HOLY DAYS

To Be Announced

# WE ARE CITIZENS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

We just heard the first sermon that Christ gives in the Gospel of Mark. And in it he immediately brings up his favorite subject: the Kingdom of God. Throughout all four Gospels, Jesus is constantly talking about the Kingdom of God. His mission in life and in death was to establish this Kingdom. He taught us to pray for this Kingdom ("Thy Kingdom come..."). He was condemned to death because he claimed to be a King. He told us that true peace of heart and happiness will come to everyone who "seeks first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness." There is no denying that this phrase, this reality, is something front-and-center in Christ's mind. And therefore, it should be something front-and-center in our minds.

Understanding a little bit better what the Kingdom is can help that happen. When we pray, "thy kingdom come," we mean at least three things. The first and most obvious meaning we have in mind is Christ's second coming. As the Catechism puts it (#2818): "In the Lord's Prayer, 'thy kingdom come' refers primarily to the final coming of the reign of God through Christ's return." Every week when we pray the Creed, we profess our firm conviction that Jesus Christ, the same Jesus who was born of the Virgin, who suffered, died, was buried, rose again, and ascended into heaven - that same person, who is true man and true God, will come again at the end of history. And when he comes, the period of history in which good and evil are mixed together will finally come to an end. Jesus will judge the living and the dead, take away the sin of the world, and banish all evil from the new heavens and the new earth. At that point, all injustice will be corrected, and all those who have lived in friendship with God will be fully healed and given the indescribable happiness that comes from seeing God face-to-face. This is what we look forward to as Christians. And it is not just wishful thinking. Jesus has promised that it will come to pass, and he has backed up his promise in many ways: through his resurrection, through the constant guidance and expansion of his Church, the beginning, on earth, of the everlasting community of his followers, through the lives of so many saints, through the forgiveness and mercy that all of us have experienced in our own lives. The Kingdom of God, then, is in the first place the goal of our earthly pilgrimage, the object of our deepest desires.

But when we pray "thy kingdom come," we have a second meaning in mind too. We are also praying for Christ to come and rule more and more fully in our hearts right now. As members of the Church, we are already citizens of Christ's eternal Kingdom. And so, if we are good citizens, if we strive to follow Christ's example and obey his laws, we will begin to experience true spiritual prosperity. Every good King brings prosperity and security to his faithful people, and Jesus is certainly no exception. St Paul put this very clearly in his Letter to the Romans: "... *the Kingdom of God does not mean eating or drinking this or that, it means righteousness and peace and joy brought by the Holy Spirit*" (Romans 14:17).

Righteousness is a right relationship with God. And that gives us the kind of interior peace that nothing else can give us. And when we are in a right relationship with God, we experience Jesus not as a distant ruler, but as an intimate friend, a friend who dwells deep within us, through the Holy Spirit. And since this friend dwells within us, the joy that comes from this friendship never goes away - we are never separated from him. This explains how so many Christians through the centuries have been able to find joy and peace even in the face of horrible suffering.

The third thing we mean when we pray, "thy kingdom come," has to do with ourselves. We want Jesus to come and bring history to its glorious conclusion. We also want him to come and bring peace and joy to our hearts. But by expressing our desire for the benefits of Christ's rule of justice and mercy, we are also expressing our willingness to live by the law of Christian justice and mercy. This is why Jesus followed up his announcement that "The Kingdom of God is at hand" with a command: "repent and believe in the gospel." Repent: turn away from our selfish habits and inclinations, which are so destructive to ourselves, those around us, and the Church. Believe in the gospel: trust God enough to follow his commandments, the teachings of his Church, and his voice resounding in our conscience. "Teach me your paths," today's Psalm says. And that should be the prayer on all of our lips throughout this season of Lent.

It is no coincidence that in the Our Father Jesus put the phrase, "thy will be done" right after the phrase, "thy kingdom come." Jesus doesn't want to impose his Kingdom, like some tyrannical dictator. Instead, by inviting us to be citizens of his Kingdom, he gives us an active role in building up that Kingdom. Reaching out to those around us, serving those in need, forgiving those who hurt us, comforting those who are troubled, instructing those who are ignorant... These are actions proper to a citizen of the Kingdom of God, and when we pray for that Kingdom to come, we are telling Jesus that we're ready to take them on. This is how we freely choose to make Christ our King.

Lent is a season the Church gives us to renew our citizenship in Christ's Kingdom. It's a six-week process of renewing our Christian identity. Let's decide today, as Christ renews his commitment to us to do our part to make that renewal go deep. If we need to jump-start our personal prayer life, jump-start it. If we need to cut out some selfish habits in order to give self-forgetful, Christ-like love a chance to grow, get out the chainsaw. Christ is the Lord of life and history. He has been present in this world ever since his incarnation, transforming and redeeming it from within by building up his everlasting Kingdom. Today, let each one of us make sure that he is also the Lord of our life and history.

Blessings,  
Fr. Shawn

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, February 15:** Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Psalm 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]; Mark 8:11-13

**Tuesday, February 16:** Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Psalm 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]; Mark 8:14-21

**Wednesday, February 17:** Joel 2:12-18; Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]; 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday, February 18:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Psalm 40:5a]; Luke 9:22-25

**Friday, February 19:** Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]; Matthew 9:14-15

**Saturday, February 20:** Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]; Luke 5:27-32

**Sunday, February 21:** Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

## Prayer List

Join us in Community Prayer for parishioners and their family members who are seriously ill. If you or your immediate family member is seriously ill and would like to be added to our prayer list please e-mail the name to sandrag@ctkccnv.org or call the office at 871-1904.

Bebiana Abogada  
Manuel S. Alba  
Lorena Aldama & Family  
Aurora M. Ascano  
Maria Flores Bachiller  
Lito Balmaceda  
Juan & Kelly Barrajas  
Jerry Benowitz  
Helen Bernardo  
Dan Bongino  
Theresa Boucher  
Anthony Brasich  
Norma Brewer  
Editha Dayao  
Richard DeBiase  
Felipe De la Rosa Jr.  
Marites De la Rosa  
Marlon Delossantos  
Charles Donegan  
John Eisenhardt  
Joan Fincher  
Steve Forte  
Nancy Furstner  
Irene Galang  
Theresa Gass  
Fred Gavitt

Boyce Gitzen, Sr  
Ann Granger  
Barbara Hart  
Alberta Herrod  
Dennis Hook  
Cheryl Jajko  
Renato & Juris Judalena  
Dean Koch  
Teri & Pete Lehner  
R. Limbaugh  
Tim McCarty  
Fr. Tom Montelaro  
Bernadette Morley.  
Stoney & Ilmae Neumayer  
Romeo & Marilou Pulido  
Eileen Rodgers  
Morita Ronco  
Moret Sabanal  
Maria Siniscalchi & Family  
Emy & Amy Tirona  
Fr. Mario Tizziani  
Giuseppe Tomassetti  
Alice Ubando  
Edith Unson  
Krystal Vigilante  
Todd Zenter

## A NEW RESOURCE FOR CHRIST THE KING

Formed.org from Augustine Institute. Formed.org is an embracing, exciting website with Catholic content for faith formation, including movies, audios, and books. This information is also available in Spanish. Formed.org is a digital streaming service that CTK is offering to all its parishioners. Please take the time to sign up.

To register for FORMED.org:

1. Go to <https://formed.org/signup>; and enter our zip code, 89118 and select Christ the King from the dropdown menu
2. Register with your name and email address
3. It will either take you directly to the website or check your email.

## UN NUEVO RECURSO PARA CHRIST THE KING

Formed.org del Instituto Agustín. Formed.org es un sitio web emocionante con contenido católico para la formación de la fe, que incluye películas, audios y libros. Esta información también está disponible en español. Formed .org es un servicio de transmisión digital que CTK ofrece a todos sus feligreses. Por favor, tómese el tiempo para registrarse.

Para registrarse en Formed.org:

1. Vaya a <https://formed.org/signup> e ingrese nuestro código postal 89118 y haga clic en Christ the King.
2. Regístrese con su nombre y correo electrónico.
3. Lo llevará directamente al sitio web o revise su correo electrónico.



## Inspirations Gift Shop

Our goal is to provide you with quality religious articles that enhance your faith and nurture your spirit. The Inspirations Gift Shop is here to serve the needs of our parishioners and the surrounding community. We do this through you, our loyal supporters, who patronize the Gift Shop and through the help of the many volunteers who generously donate their time, efforts, and talents in the service of our Lord through this ministry. Thank you so very much. We appreciate all of you. The Shop is located in the Gathering Space of the Church.

### HOURS OF OPERATION:

**Monday ~ Friday:**  
**after morning Mass**  
(if we have volunteers)  
**or by appointment**

**Saturday and Sunday**  
**after all Masses**  
(if we have volunteers)

*If you would like to volunteer please see Pam in the Gift Shop or call the office at (702) 871-1904.*

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

**February 13/14**

WEEKLY GOAL:	\$15,000
Total Collected:	\$ 7,691
E-tithing:	\$ 4,521
TOTAL	\$12,212
OVER/ <b>SHORT</b> :	<b>\$ 2,788</b>
DEBT REDUCTION	\$ 771

## Strengthening One Another in the Faith CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2021

This past year, the Bishops of the United States made their visit to the successor of Saint Peter, Pope Francis. It was their visit *Ad Limina Apostolorum*, to the threshold of the Apostles, an opportunity to be strengthened and confirmed in faith and ecclesial unity. In this quinquennial visit, they experienced the promise and mission given to Saint Peter by our Lord Jesus himself, a promise that extends to the Apostles and to the entire Church: "I have prayed that your own faith may not fail... you must strengthen your brothers" (Luke 22: 32).

The Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA), our annual Diocesan call to be good stewards in faith of the gifts the Lord has given to us, is a continuation of the Gospel call to strengthen one another in the faith. We strengthen one another spiritually by living our Catholic Faith, in prayer and in practice. That lived faith includes the scriptural mandate of stewardship. Thus, each year we are invited to participate generously in the Catholic Stewardship Appeal, so to be good and faithful Catholic stewards.

CSA is a direct appeal to people of the Diocese, to ask them to make a gift to support the mission and ministries of the Diocese of Las Vegas. These ministries reach many different people in need. Young people learn about Jesus in our parishes and Catholic schools, those in need of help are directed to Catholic Charities, men receive training and formation to become deacons and priests, and pastoral care is available to church members. Your gift to CSA helps us build vibrant parishes and share the Gospel. CSA supports outreach ministries, adult faith formation, and campus ministries for young adults. These are just a few ways your gift to the Catholic Stewardship Appeal makes a difference. Thank you for your support and prayers.

Blessings  
Fr. Shawn



***Christ the King is now available  
on your mobile device!***

Install the WeConnect Parish App through the Apple or the Android app stores. Look under the parishes listed to connect with Christ the King. Through the app, you're able to access the daily readings, the church website, the weekly bulletins, give online, and much more.

If you are not receiving regular emails from CTK, be sure we have an updated email address and if you haven't changed it please check your Spam/Junk accounts.



**First Communion 2<sup>nd</sup> year grades 1-4;**

Prayer Service March 6 at 8:30am.

Please check-in at the gym.

**First Communion 2<sup>nd</sup> year grades 5-8;**

Prayer Service March 13 at 8:30am.

Please check-in at the gym.

**Confirmation I;** Prayer Service March

13 at 12:30pm. Please check-in at the

gym

All students must wear masks, and their temperature will be checked upon entering.

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**Primera Comuni3n 2do a1o grados 1-4;**

Servicio de oraci3n 6 de marzo a las 8:30 am. Reg1strese en el gimnasio.

**Primera Comuni3n 2do a1o grados 5-8;**

Servicio de oraci3n 13 de marzo a las 8:30 am. Reg1strese en el gimnasio.

**Servicio de Oraci3n de Confirmaci3n I;**

13 de marzo a las 12:30 pm. Reg1strese en el gimnasio

Todos los estudiantes deben usar m1scaras y se les revisar1 la temperatura al ingresar.

**Attention Parents for Confirmation**

I: there will be a parent meeting on March 7, Sunday, at 2 pm in the gym

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**Atenci3n padres para la Confirmaci3n I:**

habr1 una reuni3n de padres el domingo 7 de marzo a las 2 pm en el gimnasio

**Saturday**

8:30 am

4:00 pm

**Sunday**

7:30 am

9:30 am

11:30 am

1:30 pm

3:30 pm

**Monday**

8:30 am

**Tuesday**

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**Saturday**

8:30 am

4:00 pm

**Sunday**

7:30 am

9:30 am

11:30 am

1:30 pm

3:30 pm

**February 20**

† Connie Jurado

† Adelaida & Ramon Crisostomo

**February 21**

† Raul & Ramon Gargantos

† Clemente Ruggiero

† Charlene Yvonne Baughn

† Julia Gomez

People of the Parish

**February 22**

† Joseph Patrick Cabaluna

**February 23**

† Renato Mercado

**February 24**

† Jo Ann Finley

**February 25**

† Josefina Tanchoco

**February 26**

† Santiago De La Torre, Sr.

**February 27**

† Deborah Lalli

People of the Parish

**February 28**

Denise deJesus (Birthday)

† Yoly Bautista

† Pacita Gatchalian

† Santiago De La Torre, Sr.

† Reynaldo Abellanosa

**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**FIRST READING:** God promises Noah to use a “bow in the clouds” (a rainbow) as a sign and symbol of His divine pledge to never again allow a world-wide flood to devastate the earth. This is the Bible’s first recorded covenant between God and humanity. What do you think of when you see a rainbow?

**SECOND READING:** Peter teaches that Jesus preached to both the living and the dead — those dead dating back to the days of Noah — and connecting us through baptism. What do you find intriguing about this idea?

**GOSPEL:** We hear about Jesus’ temptation in the desert and his inaugural gospel message to those living in Galilee. Jesus saw repentance as necessary to believe his good news. As we begin the Lenten journey, what aspects of your life require repentance? ©LPi



## LOOKING for MORE

Are you or someone you know interested in the Catholic Faith?

Are you baptized but have not received First Communion or Confirmation?

Do you or someone you know seek to be baptized in the Catholic Faith?

Then Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is for you!!

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process in which participants “undergo...conversion as they study the Gospel, profess faith in Jesus and the Catholic Church, and receive the sacraments” (USCCB).

RCIA class is on Mondays at 6pm – 8pm in English & Wednesdays at 6:30pm – 8pm in Spanish.

If you have any questions please contact the faith formation office at (702) 871-1904 ext. 288



## BUSCANDO por MAS

¿Está usted o alguien que conoce interesado en la fe católica?

¿Está bautizado pero no ha recibido la Primera Comunión ni la Confirmación?

¿Usted o alguien que conoce busca ser bautizado en la fe católica?

¡¡Entonces el Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos es para ti !!

El RICA (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos) es un proceso en el que los participantes “pasan por ... conversión mientras estudian el Evangelio, profesan fe en Jesús y la Iglesia Católica, y reciben los sacramentos”(USCCB).

La clase de RCIA es los lunes de 6:00 pm a 8:00 pm en inglés y los miércoles de 6:30 pm a 8:00 pm en español.

Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con la oficina de formación en la fe al 702-871-1904 ext. 288



## WHAT ARE VOTIVE CANDLES?

When you enter many Catholic churches, you might see a shrine, small side chapels or side altars with statues or icons and rows of votive candles. The word “votive” comes from the Latin “*votum*” meaning “vow,” and these candles are, when lit, used to symbolize our prayers, vows of prayer, or simply our honoring God or one of His Saints. They are lit by the people outside of Mass (before or after, or during simple visits to a church) – usually for a specific intention. It’s a very Catholic thing to say to someone that you will “light a candle for them,” meaning that you will pray for them and ritually symbolize those prayers by the lighting of votives. Another common reason to light votive candles is out of gratitude to God for answered prayers.

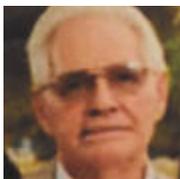
We light the candle while praying for our intention or offering our thanks or when remembering a loved one and then leave the flame burning as signs of our prayers. You might see a little coin box or basket nearby for donations to pay for the candles. If you’re truly poor, don’t worry about it! But if you are able, it is ok to drop in a dollar or two to help support the ministry of the church.

## FORMED

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Our parish’s subscription lets you download movies, study programs, audio talks, e-books, and more for children and adults —and it’s all free to CTK parishioners!

# OUTREACH



## Jim Campton

August 30, 1938 ~ January 30, 2021  
Farewell to a Beloved Volunteer  
of Manna Cupboard  
by Jane Fransioli

I was Jim's boss, or at least, that's what he called me, here at Christ the King Catholic Community's food pantry from 1996 until 2016. I took over the reins as director after having raised four children, a couple of dogs and several cats. I believe it was my exceptional ability as a volunteer, stamping letters for mailings, that got me noticed for this position. Well, I mean, just how hard can it be to hand out food to the hungry? Right? Isn't ignorance, bliss? The saying goes: "God won't give you anything to do for which God won't send you the tools with which to accomplish it." I can verify this to be true. I've worked with hundreds of volunteers, all bringing their own particular gifts to problem-solving and improving our ministries. Solutions, I often had no clue about. The body of Christ. Jim was one of these people.

Manna Cupboard had started out small to begin with around '91, I believe, but as the years passed, more and more people came to CTK's doors for help. I don't remember when Jim Campton presented himself at my office door one day; but it seems like almost from the beginning. He asked me graciously, "Do you need any help?" and then he proceeded to explain to me why we DID need his help.

Jim had seen the rough paper work we handed out in the front office to keep tract of those needing food and the large unlocked metal filing cabinets where all the information was stored. He knew we could be liable for storing peoples' personal information so casually.

He told me he would be happy to design a computer program to make things easier for us. I was a little apprehensive, not knowing a lot about computers myself, but I said, "Sure, why not? My motto being, 'Never turn good help away.'"

Jim programmed a simple format for us to use, a version which was user-friendly for computer-illiterate seniors and took his time to gently train us. Carolyn, a petite volunteer, who had retired from the school district and was the soul of our office, mentioned to me she remembered how she would complain to him that the computer was acting up. "What do you mean you can't work this computer, Carolyn? There's nothing to it!" And she would look up at this tall, tall man and give it straight back to him. "Well, you just show me how, Jim! It won't work for me!"

Jim was such an old shoe about his gifts, he thought we'd all understand it as easily as he did; few knew what he was

doing in the background to streamline our office's procedures. Mostly, he just spent time joking with the volunteers and teasing everyone.

He was always wondering who drank the last cup of coffee, since the pot was always empty, spending half his time brewing more coffee or cleaning the Braun machine. He'd say, "Jane, just take this bent paper clip here and run it through the tubing on top there; it'll get rid of all that build-up, and the coffee will taste a lot better." Or he'd say, "Jane, did you know if you take about four or five ice cubes and swirl them around the inside of this glass carafe, it'll take all the coffee stains right off?"

I'm not sure why he thought I was now going to take on maintaining the coffee pots at Christ the King Catholic Community, but that's just how he was. You see, I didn't quite get it; I was supposed to be "feeding the poor." Jesus said, "Peter, do you love me?" "Yes, Lord, you know I do." "Then, feed my sheep." Jim took Christ's mandate to his heart, and whenever he saw a need where he could help, he would serve.

When our numbers of people coming in for food got larger still, we needed to purchase extra food from Three Square Food Bank to keep our shelves full, and they in turn needed all manner of stats from us because of their grant requirements. Had it not been for Jim, we would have been counting pages, stuffed in our cabinets, with tally marks: 1 adult, 2 children, 1 senior down through the alphabet. Instead, Jim's program spat out everything we needed to know in 15 or 20 minutes.

And if Three Square needed even more information than his version could supply, back Jim would go to the drawing board and tweak the program only to return in the next couple of days with a new version that would suit.

I'm not sure what one would have to pay on the open market for such IT support, but Jim never asked for any remuneration; it was a part of his tithe to God, sharing his gifts freely with us, though I will say he had some kind of deal going on with the back kitchen crew, because he always left with a little something in a small bag, a treat for the bus ride on his way home to Toni and his dog with promises from the crew that no one would tell Toni. Only Toni knows the number of hours Jim must have spent helping us, for the price of a cold cup of coffee and a stale, old donut.

I'm sure Gina in the office could tell you some more stories about Jim; isn't it interesting how volunteers stay on long after paid staff have retired and disappeared?

There's really no way to say good-bye to a man with such a big heart; I expect he's still looking over Manna Cupboard, asking God to send the grace we need to continue our mission. Thank you, Jim; we all miss you and look forward to seeing you again one of these days.

Our food pantry is open Monday –  
Wednesday from 10:00am until to 11:30am  
If you are in need of some help during  
these trying times, please call our office at  
702-871-1904.

The Outreach pantry shelves are in desperate need of replenishment. Consider purchasing additional items of canned meats, pancake mix, syrup and dry powdered milk during your next grocery visit to help restock the food pantry. Your donations can be left in the gathering space or the Parish Office during office hours. It would be greatly appreciated as we continue to help the less fortunate. Please call the office for more information.

# LENT

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## RECONCILIATION

**Following each Saturday morning Mass of Lent**, confessions with a priest will be in the church. They can be heard in both English and Spanish. Individual appointments for Reconciliation can be made by calling the Parish office.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent  
in the Church  
5:00 pm in English  
& 6:00 pm in Spanish

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Fridays of Lent  
After the 8:30am  
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**DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?**  
In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words; be silent and listen.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### **The Unlikely Suspects**

Have you ever taken a nature walk? Have you leisurely strolled through a forest or field, with no real destination in mind and your only objective being receptivity to and observation of all God's creation?

Sometimes, Scripture readings can feel like a nature walk. All of salvation history plays out against the backdrop of the natural world, with all elements of God's creation — plants and animals and the dust of the earth itself — turning in a supporting performance. How about Jesus in the hot and dusty desert, tempted, living "among the wild beasts?" Noah departed from his ark with the animals he rescued, observing God's sign in the very clouds of the sky. Even God Himself, offering us salvation from original sin through the waters of baptism.

How often do we remember that God speaks to us through all of His creation, even in the unlikeliest suspects?

Let's go back to the nature walk. It sounds like a lovely way to pass an afternoon, amongst wildflowers and butterflies, but don't forget the beating hot sun, mosquitos, and threat of rain on the horizon. Remember, we're not in heaven yet. Here on earth, God may be present in His creation, but that doesn't mean it's always easy to endure.

Lent is, essentially, a time to listen for the voice of God in places we may not expect: the mild irritations you experience when you're craving the chocolate you gave up, or the dull pangs of hunger during the Ash Wednesday fast. It's a golden opportunity to see the divine hand in all of creation, even those unlikely suspects. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi*



## LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA - RECONOCER A DIOS EN LOS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

### **Los Sospechosos improbables**

¿Alguna vez has dado un paseo por la naturaleza? ¿Ha paseado tranquilamente por un bosque o campo, sin un destino real en mente y que tu único objetivo sea la receptividad y la observación de toda la creación de Dios?

A veces, la lectura de las Escrituras puede parecer un paseo por la naturaleza. Toda la historia de la salvación se desarrolla con el telón de fondo del mundo natural, con todos los elementos de la creación de Dios - plantas y animales y el polvo de la tierra misma - convirtiéndose en una actuación de apoyo. ¿Qué tal Jesús en el desierto caluroso y polvoriento, tentado, viviendo "entre las fieras?" Noé partió de su arca con los animales que rescató, observando la señal de Dios en las mismas nubes del cielo. Incluso Dios mismo, ofreciéndonos la salvación del pecado original a través de las aguas del bautismo.

¿Con qué frecuencia recordamos que Dios nos habla a través de toda su creación, incluso en los sospechosos más improbables?

Volvamos al paseo por la naturaleza. Suena como una manera encantadora de pasar una tarde entre flores silvestres y mariposas, pero no olvides el sol abrasador, los mosquitos y la amenaza de lluvia en el horizonte. Recuerda, todavía no estamos en el cielo. Aquí en la tierra, Dios puede estar presente en Su creación, pero eso no significa que siempre sea fácil de soportar.

La Cuaresma es, esencialmente, un tiempo para escuchar la voz de Dios en lugares que tal vez no esperemos: las leves irritaciones que experimentas cuando anhelas el chocolate que dejaste, o las punzadas del hambre durante el ayuno del Miércoles de Ceniza. Es una oportunidad de oro para ver la mano divina en toda la creación, incluso en esos sospechosos poco probables. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi*

# Parish Information

**Book of Prayers:** You are welcome to inscribe names of loved ones, living and deceased, as well as special intentions for inclusion in Masses and prayers in our Parish Book of Prayers, located as you enter the church.

**Mass Intention:** The suggested free will offering of each Mass intention is \$10 and will come with a card that has the name of your loved one and the date of the Mass. One intention per Mass is accepted unless two people share the same last name, husband and wife or father or mother, for example. For more information please come to the office to make your requests or call (702) 871-1904

**Flowers Remembrance:** The fresh flower arrangement at the altar are donated in remembrance of loved ones. If you would like to dedicate flowers, the offering is \$100. Your special intention will be printed in the bulletin. Please contact the Parish Office at (702) 871-1904 for details.

**Prayer List:** If you would like to add a name to our Prayer List, contact the parish office at (702) 871-1904 with the name of the person and how long you would like the person to remain on the list. If it is for an indefinite amount of time, please notify the parish office when you would like the name removed. Please note this list may not be in every bulletin.

**Anointing of the Sick:** If you need to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at home or in a hospital please call (702) 871-1904 and listen to the prompts. A priest will be notified and will contact you directly. The Sacrament is also offered communally within the Mass. Watch the bulletin for upcoming Anointing of the Sick Masses. **If you are calling after hours please call (702) 871-1904 and push #3.**

**Holy Communion for the Sick:** If you are homebound, please call the front office at (702) 871-1904 to coordinate a visit with an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. In case of hospitalization, inform the hospital staff that you are Catholic and would like to receive Communion (you may have to provide them with the number of the parish).

**Funerals:** In the event of a death of a loved one, please contact Fr. Shawn or a member of our staff who will talk to you directly as soon as possible at (702) 871-1904. Please be aware that a Catholic Mass can only be celebrated within a Church and not at a mortuary.

**Confession:** Confessions are by appointment ONLY. Confessions in Spanish depends on the priest.

**Baptism:** Please contact parish at (702) 871-1904, at least 3 months in advance to arrange for preparation program. Parents and Godparents must complete program before baptism can be scheduled.

**Marriage:** Contact the parish office 8-12 months in advance. Call Deacon Jacob for details of the 6-month preparation program. For annulments also call Deacon Jacob Favela - (702) 871-1904

## Other Sacramental questions:

First Communion • Reconciliation • Confirmation  
Please call our Faith Formation Department  
Maria Oswald (702) 871-1904

## R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Inquiry sessions for non-Catholics interested in earning more about the Catholic faith.  
Mondays at 6:00 pm in Activity Center Room 1.  
Call Maria Oswald (702) 871-1904

## Welcome Home

A welcoming process for Catholics who have been away or for adults who need to be confirmed. Fr. Shawn will be teaching this class. Call Maria Oswald (702) 871-1904

## Other Information

**Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada** (702) 385-2662  
**Emergency Assistance** (702) 383-2291  
**Catholic Charities Adoption** (702) 385-3351

**GriefSHARE** - Help and healing for those who have lost a loved one. Find a meeting near you ~ griefshare.org

## Ministry to Homebound

Mel Kleinschmit (702) 871-1904

## HELP & HEALING

**Hospital Ministry** (702) 871-1904

**Inch for Life** - Help available for unwanted pregnancies  
Pro Life Office (702) 212-6472

**Knights of Columbus** - Al Wagner (702) 800-5965

**Ladies Auxiliary** - Digna Pena (702) 726-7040

**Manna Cupboard Food Pantry** (702) 871-1904

**Marriage Encounter** - Tom & Vickie (702) 379-2395

**Project Rachel** - Post Abortion Ministry (702) 737-1672

**Retrouvaille** - Help for troubled marriages (702) 812-8873

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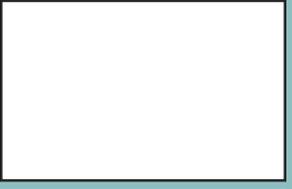
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