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Third Sunday of Lent ~ March 7, 2021

Many prefer a “create as you go” approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a “you can’t tell me what to do” attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other’s space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of “anything goes” and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on “relativism island” where only a possible suggestion to “love and do not harm” may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus’ display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life’s preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost. ©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,

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. **PLEASE**

NOTE: Admittance is on a **first come, first serve** basis. Once Mass begins, doors are closed. There is no late entrance or re-entry to the church.

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:

In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested.
(Exodus 20:11)

Psalm:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.
(Psalm 19)

Second Reading:

For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.
(1 Corinthians 1:25)

Gospel:

"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."
(John 2:19)

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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

JESUS VERSUS HYPOCRISY

Throughout the Gospels, there are only a few times when Jesus acts out in righteous anger. Each of those times, he does so to condemn hypocrisy. Hypocrisy is what Jesus hates: appearing to be one thing on the outside, but actually being something else entirely on the inside. That's exactly what the Temple officials were doing in our gospel reading this Sunday. By all appearances, the Temple officials were directing their fellow Jews in proper rituals of worship. In actual fact, however, they were interfering with that worship.

God had given his people the Temple to be a house of prayer and worship, a place of encountering God's mercy. The buying, selling, and money changing that went on in the Temple area had long been happening there, and for good reason. According to Old Testament law, pilgrims to the Temple had to make animal offerings to the priests, who would sacrifice them on the pilgrims' behalf. Strict rules governed the qualifications of these animal victims - not just any animal would do. Therefore, businesses cropped up that specialized in making the right beasts easily available.

Likewise, pilgrims came from all over the civilized world, and brought money of different currencies. These had to be weighed, valued, and exchanged in order to be used for purchasing the sacrificial victims. But through the years, gradually, greed and corruption had infiltrated even these sacred services, just as the selling posts had infiltrated the Temple's sacred precincts. By the time of Christ, the moneychangers were demanding excessive fees, and the animal vendors were wildly overcharging.

In this way, what was meant to be heartfelt service to God had become a path to worldly success. The Temple officials appeared to be good religious examples, but actually they were greedy merchants. That contradiction between appearances and reality is hypocrisy - the thing Jesus hates most of all. Hypocrisy involves lying, cheating, and deceiving, and all these are the Devil's tactics. They are tactics that perpetuate and spread the division and resentment. They stir up anger and the desire for revenge in their victims. And when they pursue revenge, they do more damage, and the cycle of violence or deception escalates. Hypocrites, in other words, sow the seeds of war. Even on a personal level we recognize this.

When we are the victims of a scam, when we are cheated, deceived, or lied to, it's so easy to become cynical and bitter, even though we know we should forgive. And hypocrisy also destroys the hypocrite himself. He can no longer love God, because God is truth and light. And he can no longer love his neighbor as himself, because his neighbor has become a pawn in his own selfish designs. And if he can't love God and neighbor, he can't fulfill the purpose of his life. Hypocrisy starts by breaking the eighth commandment, which enjoins us to honesty and sincerity, but then it leads to the violation of all the commandments, which in turn tears the soul apart. When we read about prominent people who commit suicide after their deceptions and dishonesty are discovered, that's what happened. These are the reasons why Jesus hates hypocrisy.

Jesus wants our salvation. He wants to give us the wisdom and joy that comes from living in communion with God and in harmony with our neighbor. The Ten Commandments, as we heard in today's First Reading, are designed to lead to that wisdom and joy. But the hypocrite rejects this free offer himself, and also makes it harder for

others to accept it. Hypocrisy is a wolf in sheep's clothing; it is the antithesis of Christianity. That's why Jesus hates it so much.

We all understand the evil of hypocrisy when we think about it like that, from a distance. But it's not always easy to avoid it when we face temptations up close. Truth is one of God's characteristics, but lies seem to come to us very easily. One of the common characteristics about the saints is their total commitment to the truth. Because they love God and never want to be separated from him, they also love the truth and sometimes go to extreme measures to abide in the truth. There is an amusing story about St Thomas Aquinas in this regard. One day a fellow Dominican friar played a joke on him. He was standing by the window and cried out to the saint, "Thomas, look here! There's a flying cow outside the window!" St Thomas left the chair where he was sitting and walked over to the window to see. Of course, there was no flying cow. His friend started to laugh and make fun of him for being so gullible. St Thomas replied, "It is much easier to believe that a cow could fly than that a Christian could tell a lie." His friend stopped laughing.

If God is truth, and if we want to stay close to God and live in the peace and wisdom that God brings, we also have to live in the truth. None of us wants to live a divided life, to tear apart our own soul and to lead others to destruction along the way. And yet, when we are honest with ourselves, it is frightening to think how easily we fall into lies, deceptions, and hypocrisy. We easily find ways to make other people think that we are exemplary Catholics, that we have it all together, while on the inside we still seek the kingdom of "me" rather than the Kingdom of Christ. What can we do to grow in our love for and practice of the truth? What can we do to let Christ cleanse the Temple of our hearts from the lies and deceptions that block out his light and his grace? God knows that it is hard for us to live in the truth, and so he has provided wonderful tools to help us. Two of them are especially appropriate for Lent.

First, the sacrament of confession. There is no better way to live in the truth than by going to confession frequently. Confession always starts with a sincere examination of our own conscience, to identify our sinful and selfish actions, thoughts, and omissions. That's being honest; that's seeking the truth, not hiding it or hiding from it. And then, when we confess those sins to Christ through his representative, we permit his grace to cleanse us and give us a fresh start. And at the same time, that grace strengthens us to resist future temptations. What a great invention!

Second, the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the real presence of Christ under the appearances of bread and wine. And Christ said that he is "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). Spending time in his presence, praying, adoring, reading the Scriptures in front of the Eucharist, is a powerful way to allow his truth to penetrate, heal, and protect our minds and hearts.

Jesus hates hypocrisy because hypocrisy separates us from his friendship, which is the real source of the meaning and fulfillment we seek. Today, as Jesus comes to renew his commitment to us, let's ask his forgiveness for our hypocritical moments, and let's promise to do all that is in our power to live in his truth from now on.

Blessings,
Fr. Shawn

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 8: 2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Psalm 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]; Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 9: Daniel 3:25, 34-43; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]; Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 10: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20]; Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, March 11: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]; Luke 11:14-23

Friday, March 12: Hosea 14:2-10; Psalm 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]; Mark 12:28-34

Saturday, March 13: Hosea 6:1-6; Psalm 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hosea 6:6]; Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, March 14: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]; Ephesians 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]; Ephesians 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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

Theresa Boucher

Anthony Brasich

Norma Brewer

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Earlyn Yuzon

Todd Zenter

A NEW RESOURCE FOR CHRIST THE KING

Formed.org from Augustine Institute. Formed.org is an embrasive, 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.

There are a limited supply of Little Black Books available for purchase English, Spanish and Large Print

WEEKLY COLLECTION

February 27/28

WEEKLY GOAL:	\$15,000
Total Collected:	\$ 7,760
E-tithing:	\$ 7,148
TOTAL	\$14,908
OVER/SHORT:	\$ 92
DEBT REDUCTION	\$ 674

Strengthening One Another in the Faith CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2021

Hello CTK,

As you know, the Catholic Stewardship Appeal begins in February of every year. Each parish is assessed according to their financial ability based on their Sunday Collection (Ordinary Income). Last year our diocesan assessment was \$112,106.00. A total of 407 families and individuals pledged \$123,973.80 (prior to the start of the pandemic). I would like to thank them for their generosity. Even with all the problems that 2020 brought CTK still managed to contribute \$115,848—that is 103% of our goal—thank you so much! Our Diocese continues to grow as does the need to continue essential ministries. This year's CSA goal is \$116,592. My friends it is my hope that we can surpass our goal. Anything that goes over the goal of the parish is rebated back to CTK. With this rebate (depending on the amount) we can do things like redo our courtyard, create more handicap parking and fence the parish grounds.

I would ask that all our parishioners prayerfully consider making a pledge. Pledge amounts may be given as a one time donation or in ten installments, and you can choose to receive monthly, quarterly, or semiannual reminders. Credit cards are also accepted. Pledges made by our parish community help us to renew our commitment to one another, and will enable us to continue the key aspects of Jesus' ministry. If we can get 407 families to donate \$287 we make our goal. If we can get 3,000 people to donate \$100 we could easily surpass our goal. Perhaps you can give more than this amount, perhaps less. Whatever you are able to give, know that we are humbled by your expression of support for the work of Christ.

Please add in your prayers that CTK will have a successful CSA in 2021. Thank you all for your support.

Fr. Shawn

The following is the report as of Feb 28, 2021.

PARISH GOAL for 2021: \$116,592.00

PLEDGES: \$39,230.30

CASH RECEIVED: \$29,110.30 (34%)

PARTICIPATION: 92 families



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.



First Communion 2nd year grades 2-4;
Prayer Service March 6 at 8:30am. Please check-in at the gym.

First Communion 2nd 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 Comunión 2do año grados 2-4;**  
Servicio de oración 6 de marzo a las 8:30 am.  
Regístrate en el gimnasio.

**Primera Comunión 2do año grados 5-8;**  
Servicio de oración 13 de marzo a las 8:30 am.  
Regístrate en el gimnasio.

**Servicio de Oración de Confirmación I;** 13 de marzo a las 12:30 pm. Regístrate en el gimnasio

Todos los estudiantes deben usar máscaras y se les revisará 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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Atención padres para la Confirmación I:
habrá una reunión de padres el domingo 7 de marzo a las 2 pm en el gimnasio

Religious Ed Office Hours

Saturday & Sunday - 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Mon, Tues, Wed - 8:00 am to 1:00 pm
Thursday & Friday - Closed



Saturday	March 6
8:30 am	† Philip & Penelope Sherwood
4:00 pm	† Larry Griffith
Sunday	March 7
7:30 am	People of the Parish
9:30 am	† Anne DePozo
11:30 am	† Robert (Bob) C. Conrad
1:30 pm	People of the Parish
3:30 pm	† Robustiano L Villegas
Monday	March 8
8:30 am	† Mariquita Tibo
Tuesday	March 9
8:30 am	Kayleen Manzanares (Living)
Wednesday	March 10
8:30 am	<i>No intentions for this Mass</i>
Thursday	March 11
8:30 am	† William & Catherine Newton
Friday	March 12
8:30 am	† Gloria Espino
Saturday	March 13
8:30 am	† Editha V. Abary
4:00 pm	† Francisca Cardenas
Sunday	March 14
7:30 am	† Reverend Ed Flanagan
9:30 am	† Ruth Ann Walsh
11:30 am	† Howard Nielsen
1:30 pm	People of the Parish
3:30 pm	† Roberto Abiera

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

FIRST READING: In God's revelation to Moses of His "10 Commandments," seven of the ten Commandments regulate how we are to relate to each other. Which of these seven Commandments challenges you most?

SECOND READING: Paul speaks of Jesus as both the "power of God and the wisdom of God." How could you prove Paul's assertion to a non-believer?

GOSPEL: John connects Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem to Jesus' bodily resurrection from the dead with a quote from Psalm 69: "Zeal for your house will consume me." During this season of Lent, how passionate is your faith? ©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

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## 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

It's easier than ever to access all the great resources on FORMED!

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



Our food pantry is open Monday – Wednesday from 10:00am until 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.

Our next Blood Drive is TODAY ... Sunday, March 7

You're part of something bigger than yourself. The ultimate pay-it-forward moment—in order to move life forward—is the simple act of giving blood. You have a source of life pulsing within you that has the power to transform another life.

All blood and platelet donations are tested for COVID-19 antibodies. We'll let you know your results, and how you can help patients fighting the virus.

If you are eligible ... please consider donating to this life saving process.



## IS YOUR MARRIAGE HURTING?

Does the distance between you seem wide?  
Are you already separated?  
Looking for a better way?

**Retrouvaille** is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. **Retrouvaille** is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples.

**There is HOPE!**

**VIRTUAL WEEKEND  
April 22-25, 2021**

For more information contact Josh and Alma at (702) 812-8873 or visit our website:

**HELPOURMARRIAGE.COM**

"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

John 6:35

# LENT

prayer • fasting • almsgiving

## 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.

**All Day Penance for Lent** is Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm and 4 to 8:00pm.

Confessions can be heard in both English and Spanish.

## 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  
Daily Mass



*There are a limited supply of Little Black Books available for purchase in the Gift Shop English, Spanish and Large Print*

*You can also get all the seasonal books on the Little Books app available for iOS and Android devices. To learn more about the app, go to [littlebooks.org/app](http://littlebooks.org/app) or search for little books in your app store.*



## FISH FRY

Every Friday during Lent  
from 4:30 until 7:30  
**TO GO ORDERS ONLY**



Enter through the courtyard doors,  
pay, pickup your order and  
exit through the parking lot door.

## MENU

Deep Fried Pollock  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Cole Slaw  
French Fries  
Roll  
**\$10.00**

WATER OR SODA **\$1.00**

## 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.

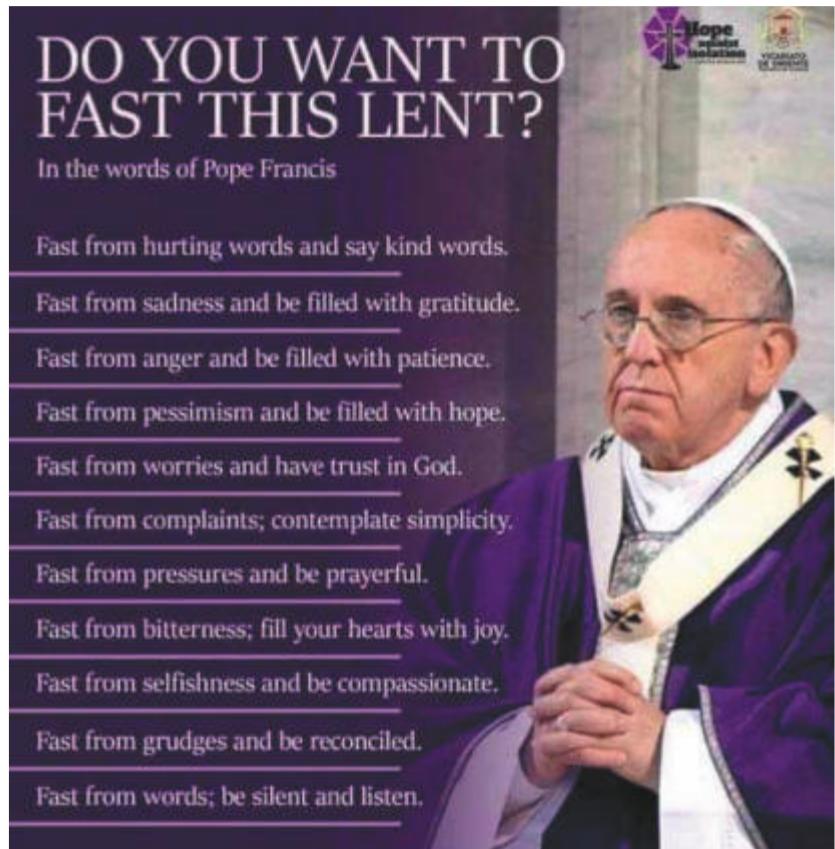
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

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.



## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

With our world in such constant turmoil and conflict, it makes such good sense to return to the simple directives given in the Ten Commandments. God's unassuming guidelines provide the perfect recipe for ordering our relationships with God, others, and even ourselves. But yet, we are so quick to glance beyond them and even remove them from public view because we foolishly believe we can create something better. Arrogance runs far deeper in the members of our society than we can ever imagine. Lent is a perfect time to call ourselves back to our foundations and the basic relationships that comprise our lives. It is also a time to remember that Jesus is the true sign of God's presence. Everything he says and does, including his suffering and death, is a sign of the God who sent him. The anger we witness when Jesus exhorts those in the temple to stop making his Father's house a marketplace can equally be seen in his anger and frustration over humanity's constant mission to turn God's creation into a secular world. We have a lot of work to do for sure. ©LPi

## VIVIR LA LITURGIA INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Con nuestro mundo en constante tumulto y conflicto, tiene mucho sentido volver a las sencillas instrucciones dadas en los Diez Mandamientos. Las pautas sencillas de Dios proporcionan la receta perfecta para ordenar nuestras relaciones con Dios, los demás e incluso con nosotros mismos. Pero, sin embargo, nos apresuramos a mirar más allá de ellas e incluso las quitamos de la vista del público porque creemos tontamente que podemos crear algo mejor. La arrogancia es mucho más profunda en los miembros de nuestra sociedad de lo que podamos imaginar. La Cuaresma es un momento perfecto para recuperar nuestros cimientos y las relaciones básicas que componen nuestra vida. También es un momento para recordar que Jesús es el verdadero signo de la presencia de Dios. Todo lo que dice y hace, incluyendo su sufrimiento y muerte, es una señal del Dios que lo envió. La ira que presenciamos cuando Jesús exhorta a los que están en el templo a que dejen de hacer de la casa de su Padre un mercado se puede ver igualmente en su ira y frustración por la misión constante de la humanidad de convertir la creación de Dios en un mundo secular. Definitivamente, tenemos mucho trabajo por hacer. ©LPi

### U.S. Bishop Chairmen for Doctrine and for Pro-Life Address the Use of the Johnson & Johnson Covid-19 Vaccine

**WASHINGTON**– On March 2, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Doctrine, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued a statement on the Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccine recently approved for use in the United States.

"The approval of Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine for use in the United States again raises questions about the moral permissibility of using vaccines developed, tested, and/or produced with the help of abortion-derived cell lines.

"Pfizer and Moderna's vaccines raised concerns because an abortion-derived cell line was used for testing them, but not in their production. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine, however, was developed, tested and is produced with abortion-derived cell lines raising additional moral concerns. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has judged that '*when ethically irreproachable Covid-19 vaccines are not available ... it is morally acceptable to receive Covid-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process.<sup>[1]</sup>*' However, if one can choose among equally safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines should be chosen. Therefore, if one has the ability to choose a vaccine, Pfizer or Moderna's vaccines should be chosen over Johnson & Johnson's.

"While we should continue to insist that pharmaceutical companies stop using abortion-derived cell lines, given the world-wide suffering that this pandemic is causing, we affirm again that being vaccinated can be an act of charity that serves the common good.

For further details, we refer people to our earlier [December 2020 statement](#), to our [Answers to Key Ethical Questions About COVID-19 Vaccines](#), to the [Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith's Note](#), and to the [statement of the Vatican Covid-19 Commission in collaboration with the Pontifical Academy for Life](#).

[1] Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, "Note on the morality of using some anti-Covid-19 vaccines" (17 Dec 2020), no. 2.

# 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 home-bound, 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 learning 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

**Southern Nevada Resource Center** - Pro-Life counseling & ministry to the unwed mother (702) 366-1247

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Digna Gáleas (702) 742-3733



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