

The Messenger



Christ the King Catholic Community
A Roman Catholic Parish
of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Vegas
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December 6, 2015 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

Today's Readings

First Reading — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalms — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY:
4:00 pm

SUNDAY:
7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am,
1:30 pm (Misa en Español)
4:00 pm

WEEKDAYS:
Mon - Sat ~ 8:00 am

HOLY DAYS:
8:00 am and 7:00 pm

The Children's Choir for Christmas and going forward starting in 2016

The Music Ministry is again forming a Children's Choir for this year's Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 pm in the Church. We are looking for children who are 7 to 12 years old. The rehearsal schedule is as follows:

Thursday, December 3, 2015 4:30 until 5:30pm

Thursday, December 10, 2015 4:30 until 5:30pm

Thursday, December 17, 2015 4:30 until 5:30pm



All rehearsals will be held in the church. Your child must attend **ALL REHEARSALS** in order to participate at the Christmas Eve 4:00 pm Mass.

In 2016, we will also have the Children's Choir sing at Sunday Masses once a month starting in late February. They will alternate between the 9:30am and the 11:30am morning Masses. There would be at least 1-2 rehearsals prior to the times they would sing.

Please see Kenny in the music area of the church after Mass or contact the office, (702) 871-1904, to receive more information.

The Community in Action

PARISH STAFF

Parish Administrator Rev. Ray Rioux
Parish Deacons
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Deacon Jacob Favela
Hospital Ministry Deacon Rich Green
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Director of Parish Finance Roseann Tabick

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Website Bulletin Anna Sy
Suzy Jones

SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY

Baptism: ALPHA PROGRAM (Infants or young children) - Contact parish, (702) 871-1904, during pregnancy or at least 3 months in advance to arrange for preparation program. Parents must complete program before baptism can be scheduled.

First Communion/First Reconciliation

Beth Thompson - (702) 871-1904

Confirmation

Teens & Adults Confirmation: Beth Thompson
R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Inquiry sessions for non-Catholics interested in learning more about the Catholic faith every Thursday at 7:00 pm in Room 5, Activity Center. Call Beth Thompson - (702) 871-1904

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

Anointing of the Sick - Call office if you or a member of your family seek the Sacrament. Please try to call before loved one is in the active process of dying.

Remembering Community: A welcoming process for Catholics who have been away. More information call Beth Thompson - (702) 871-1904

Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada

Business phone: (702) 385-2662
Emergency Assistance: (702) 383-2291
Catholic Charities Adoption:
(702) 385-3351

Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial

José ♥ Maria Rios, (702) 232-9293

Family Promise (formerly IHN) -

Jane Fransioli, (702) 871-1904.

Funeral Ministry - Ministry to bereaved families at time of death. Please call the office (702) 871-1904, **before** making arrangements with the mortuary of your choice.

GriefSHARE - Help and Healing for those who have lost a loved one. Find a meeting near you www.griefshare.org

Hands of Christ - Ministry to the homebound, Jane Fransioli, (702) 871-1904

HELP & HEALING

Al-Anon - Thursdays, 7:30 pm, Room 2

Hospital Ministry - Rich Green, (702) 248-9199, Jeanette Lombardo, (702) 882-8750

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

Knights of Columbus -

Michael Gorts (702) 499-6476

Manna Cupboard - Food pantry for the hungry, Jane Fransioli, (702) 871-1904.

Marriage Encounter - Jim & Mary, (702) 263-2004

Project Rachel - Post Abortion Ministry, (702) 737-1672.

Retrouvaille - A lifeline for troubled marriages, Chuck & Carol Moore, (702) 604-1006

Social Concerns Board - Deals with parish outreach & social justice issues, Dale Devitt, (702) 871-1642

Small Church Communities -

Chris & Sharon Sellman - (702) 257-2511

Spiritual Direction Deacon Rich Green
Jane Fransioli, B.A.

Please call parish office to schedule appointment with Deacon Rich Green or Jane Fransioli. (702) 871-1904

Southern Nevada Women's Resource

Center: (702) 366-1247 - Pro-Life counseling and ministry to the unwed mother.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Preschool - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Level I & II on Wednesdays

Grades 1 - 5: Wednesdays

Grades 6 - 8: Tuesdays

Grades 9 - 12: (see Youth Page)

For all the above programs, pre-registration is required through the parish office. Call the Religious Education office, (702) 871-1904

MASSES

Saturday Mass: 4:00 pm
Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:30
11:30 am and 4:00 pm
1:30 pm ~ Spanish Language

Daily Mass:(Mon-Sat) 8:00 am

HOLY DAYS: 8:00 am

OFFICE HOURS

Monday ~ Thursday
8:00 am – 4:00 pm
(Closed Noon - 1:00 pm)
Friday ~ Closed

CONFESSIONS

By appointment only,
(702) 871-1904

LITURGICAL MINISTRY COORDINATORS

Hospitality Ministers

Teresa Fawley, (702) 953-6332

Environment

Gail Lehtinen, (702) 565-3459

Flowers Eva & Les Iwafuchi,
(702) 332-2865

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Luanne Wagner, (702) 279-2137

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Mike Dunegan, (702) 362-8490

Sacristan - Annabelle Trajano
702-483-9832

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Suzy Jones, (702) 340-8148

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Victim's Advocate - Ron Valance
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Daily Bible Readings

Monday, December 7: Isaiah 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 8: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday, December 9: Isaiah 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday, December 10: Isaiah 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Matthew 11:11-15

Friday, December 11: Isaiah 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday, December 12: Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Sunday, December 13 Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10

MASS INTENTIONS

If you want the name of your loved ones to be read aloud during mass or written in our weekly bulletin it must be turned in to the front desk at least two weeks in advance.

Saturday
8:00 am
4:00 pm

December 5
†Genowefa Dudek
†Demosthenes Navarro

Sunday
7:30 am
9:30 am
11:30 am
1:30 pm
4:00 pm

December 6
†Lilly & Peping Sancho
†Julieta Navarro
†Pete Alheim
People of the Parish
†Sammy Robledo

Monday
8:00 am

December 7
†Anthony Graff

Tuesday
8:00 am

December 8
†Michalena Castiglione

Wednesday
8:00 am

December 9
†Sandra J Ilagan

Thursday
9:30 am

December 10
†Anthony Graff

Friday
8:00 am

December 11
†Julian Rellora

Saturday
8:00 am
4:00 pm

December 12
†Roger Petras
†Judi Auerswald

Sunday
7:30 am
9:30 am
11:30 am
1:30 pm
4:00 pm

December 13
People of the Parish
Narup Family
†Anthony Leva
†Maria Paula Quintanilla
†Jesus Baca



FINANCES

Sunday Collection Nov21/22/2015	\$12,411.50
E-Tithing	\$ 2,894.88
Total	\$15,306.38
Necessary weekly budgeted amount	\$20,000.00
Plus/Minus amount for this week	\$ 4,693.62

Sunday Collection Nov28/29/2015	\$13,393.00
E-Tithing	\$ 1,232.27
Total	\$14,625.27
Necessary weekly budgeted amount	\$20,000.00
Plus/Minus amount for this week	\$ 5,374.73

Thanksgiving	\$ 2,589.00
Debt Owed to Diocese	\$275,000.00
Debt Reduction - Last week \$1,404	
Debt Reduction—This Week \$1,055	Total \$52,226.00
Balance	\$222,774.00

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If you have an envelope # please write it on your check.

Thank you for your generosity!



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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 jacobf@ctkccnv.org or call the office at 871-1904.

Manuel S. Alba	Doreen Hasselman	George B Noyes
Pedro Alejandrino	Adrian Herrera	Logan Noyes
Coral Aponte	Pat Holbury	John O'Connor
Carmen Bonilla	Ellie Hunsberger	Cooper Owen
Maritess R. Boribon	Cathy Janis	Mary Perrin
Anthony Brasich	Tammy Janis	Perla A. Pinuela
Pat Bremer	Alyssa Jones	Romeo Pulido
Peggy Bremer	Thomas Jones	Rudy Regala
Jacqueline T.	Renato Judalena	Billy Ramirez
Cagampang	Mel Kleinschmit	Joseph Reynolds
Angelie A. Canto	Tillie Kucinski	Mary Ricciardi
Jose & Cora Canto	Maria Gladio LaGadia	Richie Rivera
James Celestino	Bob LaPorte	Ramon Rodriguez
Cathy Checkler	Mary LaSalle	Remedios Rodriguez
Eleanor Constantino	Carla Lawler	Sidney L. Rollins
Barbara Corrales	Mary LaSalle	Liam Rooney
Leo Coughlin	Julian Leos, Jr.	Pacita Sabanal
Rogelio Delarosa	Grace Leva	Fe Sales
Rosita Delarosa	Michael Lorenzo	Cheyenne Scott
Vernon Dickinson	Tex Luminarias	Andrea Sevilla
Carol Flynn Donahue	Isabelle Mann	Erena Ellen Sedge
Juan Enriquez	Brittany Marshall	Milana Staklef
Sam Falbo	Steven Marshall	Debby Taber
Bob Foti	Marie McCarty	Tom Thorne Jr.
Mary Fulton	Hortensia Garcia Mesta	Marcela Tumang
Heidi Gatacha Lian	Robert Milianta	Ava Urrea
Maria Gerlacforgione	Bernadette Morley	Marco Vidauri II
Fred Gavitt	Amilita & Tom	Geno Wiczek
Maureen Hart	Morrison	Rebecca Wiczek

A Word from Fr. Ray

We are still behind in our pledges for CSA 2015. Many of the pledges are still outstanding by about \$8,000.00. Please be sure to have your pledges in before December 31st 2015. All pledges received after December 31st will automatically be applied to CSA 2016. So it isn't too late to make a pledge for our annual CSA. If you haven't already made a pledge it is never too late to sign up before December 31st. Any amount would benefit our campaign and residuals come back to the parish. So stop by the information desk and pick up an envelope or anytime during business hours at the parish office.

"The birth of Christ is the central event in the history of the earth -- the very thing the whole story has been about." -- C.S. Lewis

Advent is a wonderful season to hope in. We all have hopes and dreams in our lives, but as Christians and Catholics we await our Lord with great anticipation as our physical lives come to an end. We celebrate also with great anticipation the coming of the Mashiah (the anointed one) the long awaited figure in Old Testament history, and we await for him again in celebrating his historic coming to dwell with us on the 25th of December 2015. Let us keep our hearts steadfast on preparing ourselves in the universal celebration of the birth of our Lord and not allow for the distractions of this secular world to interfere with the true meaning of this season of preparation and the final jubilee of the greatest birthday celebration in all of human history.

With much love and gratitude, Fr. Ray

Una Palabra de P. Ray

Todavía estamos atrasados en nuestras promesas de CSA 2015. Muchas de las promesas siguen pendientes en cerca de \$ 8,000.00. Por favor, asegúrese de cumplir sus promesas antes del 31 de Diciembre de 2015. Todas las promesas recibidas después del 31 de diciembre se aplicarán automáticamente al CSA 2016. Así que no es demasiado tarde para hacer una promesa para nuestro CSA anual. Si aún no ha hecho una promesa nunca es demasiado tarde para inscribirse antes del 31 de Diciembre. Cualquier cantidad beneficiaria a nuestra campaña y los residuos se regresaran a la parroquia. Así que pasar por el mostrador de información y recoger un sobre o en cualquier momento durante el horario laboral en la oficina parroquial.

"El nacimiento de Cristo es el acontecimiento central de la historia de la tierra - la misma cosa que la historia ha estado a punto." - C. S. Lewis

El adviento es un tiempo maravilloso para la esperanza. Todos tenemos esperanzas y sueños en nuestras vidas, pero como cristianos y católicos estamos a la espera de nuestro Señor con gran anticipación como nuestra vida física llegan a su fin. Celebramos también con gran expectación la llegada del Mashiaj (el ungido) la cifra esperada en la historia del Antiguo Testamento, y estamos a la espera para él de nuevo en la celebración de su histórica viene a morar con nosotros el 25 de diciembre de 2015. Tengamos nuestros corazones firmes en la preparación de nosotros mismos en la celebración universal del nacimiento de nuestro Señor y no permiten las distracciones de este mundo secular para interferir con el verdadero significado de este tiempo de preparación y el jubileo final de la mayor celebración de cumpleaños en todas humana historia.

Con mucho amor y gratitud, Padre Ray

LITURGY CORNER -

As we continue our Advent journey we reflect...

Last week we began the new liturgical year focusing on our faith journey as we *"Walk the Road with Christ."* You will notice a banner depicting a tree along a road on the right hand side of the screen on the north wall of the church. This banner will remain in the church throughout this year helping us focus on our *"journey"* and *"walk with Christ."* A very big thank you goes to Gail Lehtinen and her husband Tom who created and hung this beautiful work of art for us at Christ the King.

So, in prayer, our relationships with one another and our discipleship of service of others, we go through this Advent season...WALKING THE ROAD OF HOPE.

Are you walking your faith journey with Christ, in hope?

December 6, 2015 (2nd Sunday of Advent)

Today we hear the gospel proclamation of John the Baptist from the crowd: "What should we do? The gospel gives a simple challenge: make Jesus the center of our lives; make how he responded to people the way we respond to people. *What will you do this week in preparation to celebrate not only Christmas, but all the days ahead?*

06 de Diciembre 2015 (segundo domingo de Adviento)

Hoy escuchamos la proclamación del evangelio de Juan el Bautista "Preparen el camino del Señor."

¿En qué ruta estás haciendo tu viaje en tu camino de fe? ¿Cómo estas preparando el camino para Cristo en tu vida diaria?

OUTREACH

WHOM DID WE SERVE?

October 26 to October 29, 2015
74 Households
118 Adults and 69 Children
Hours: Monday to Thursday 10:00 am until noon
Located in the Parish Office



**Warm Clothing and
Blanket Drive for
Homeless Vigil**
Thursday, December
17th
4:00 – 7:00 pm
The Foley Court House
on Las Vegas Blvd
ALL MAY ATTEND

LOVE TREE Gifts for the Poor

Please bring back all the gifts unwrapped.

Our tree is covered with wishes from the needy: shoes for children staying at Child Haven because of strife in their families; gifts for children staying at Safe Nest because of domestic violence in their homes; gift cards for children and adults staying at Desert Regional Center group homes because of living with mental disabilities; gift cards for Catholic Charities Refugee and Migration for those fleeing violence; books for children at Variety Day Care. All parishioners wanting to fulfill a wish are invited to choose an ornament you know you can provide, purchase the gift, and return it to the Love Tree by this weekend December 6th. Please securely attach the ornament to the gift, so it is plainly visible and will not come loose. The CTK team will see to it that the gift reaches the appropriate agency. **Return Gift Cards by placing them in the Collection Basket during mass rather than putting them under the tree.** Call Jane in the parish office, 871-1904, with questions.



Every year, Straight from the Streets, a non-profit working with the chronically homeless, hosts a vigil for those who have died on the streets during the current year due to the hardships of living there: hunger and dehydration, temperatures, violence, or addictions. We are collecting coats, hats, gloves, and blankets to have available for some of those attending to remember their friends and are also in need of these necessities. You can leave your donation at the parish office.

Help make up care kits for the homeless attending the Straight From the Streets Vigil

Saturday, December 12, Room 1 in the
Activity Center at Christ the King

We will make up care kits of snacks, toiletries and hats and gloves from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon in Room 1 of the Activity Center to be given out at the Straight from the Streets memorial vigil on the 17th. Come down for a few hours on the 12th to help us pack Christmas cheer for those who live on the streets.

Christmas Dinner Foods Needed For the Holiday Food Baskets for the Needy

We are starting to collect the foods and monies for Christmas dinners to the needy. We will be outside after Masses the next two weekends to collect donations for extra foods needed to be purchased for the 100 baskets we have promised. Please include some of these items with your normal Manna Cupboard food donations:

Large Stuffing Mixes
1 lb. Brown Sugar
Chicken Broth

Large Jello
Lipton Onion Soup
Cranberry Sauce

Cookie and Cake Mixes
Cream of Mushroom Soup

HELP MAKE UP CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BASKETS:

We will shop for extra foods for our baskets on Monday, Dec. 14th, at 1:00 p.m. Please meet us in the Community Center at 1:00 pm if you can help us go shopping for the extra foods needed. Later that day, at 6:00 pm, we will gather again to make up our 100 baskets for the needy. Bring a plate of Christmas cookies to share as we put the baskets together, an old CTK tradition. Looking forward to seeing you!

Treasures from our Tradition

By now, trees are beginning to appear in living rooms throughout the parish. To a complete outsider to our culture, it must seem an odd thing indeed. The "roots" of this custom are in liturgical drama: religious plays performed in the churches and town squares of medieval Europe. The favorite theme for this time of year was the "Paradise Play," a dramatic history of the human race from the Garden of Eden to the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. The language and music varied from place to place, but one feature was always in place: a great tree decorated with apples. As a prop, it provided lots of material for the actors: the temptation, shelter for the manger, and a reminder of the wood of the cross. Soon people began to bring "paradise trees" into their homes, decorating them with gifts and lighted candles.

Many Germans give credit to Martin Luther for transforming the "Paradise Tree" into the evergreen Christmas tree. Walking home on a starry Advent night, he was so awed by the beauty of the night that he hauled a pine tree inside and decorated it with lighted candles. Americans were holdouts. It took until 1856 for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to decriminalize Christmas decorations, the old Puritan dislikes falling before the waves of Irish and German immigrants with traditions firmly in hand! —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch speaks of the splendor that lies ahead for the city of Jerusalem and for all of us, regardless of where we call home. Throw off strife, he tells us, and put on joy. Like a favorite old sweatshirt, joy fits, and how warm it keeps us, even when the winds blow cold.

Paul knows of this joy as he pens his letter to the Philippians, praying that they may grow in their ability to discern what is righteous and good. And Luke speaks to us of John, who was foretold by Isaiah and who sings a similar song—"Prepare the way of the Lord" (Luke 3:4)—for salvation is at hand.

A man ahead of his time, Baruch spent his days joyful for a distant glory. On this Second Sunday of Advent, Paul and John know that this glory is upon us.

Listening for the Call

John speaks to us from the desert, a quiet place. Jesus went there, too, we must now recall. Few of us, perhaps, spend much time there ourselves, for

our world tends to be loud and boisterous and filled with commotion—especially these days as the holidays approach. But certainly each of us has a quiet place tucked away somewhere, and in our own individual quiet place—be it at the center of a crowded shopping mall during prime time or at the kitchen table at dawn—we are all called to embrace John's message of repentance and preparation.

Following the Calling

But it goes farther than that, much farther, for this is not only our call. This is our calling. Priest or congregation, teacher or student, accountant or zookeeper, parent or child—our collective work in this world is to heed the Baptist's directive to prepare the way of the Lord. And what better time than now, during Advent, to refocus on our mission and to rededicate ourselves to the most important task any of us will ever undertake—the gaining of God's salvation.

Remember Paul's letter to the Philippians? Let's personalize it. Let's each get rid of the "Brothers and sisters" line and replace it with our own name. And in keeping with today's protocol, let's even add a "Dear" to the salutation. Now let's read it again. "Dear Sarah" or "Dear Michael" or "Dear P. J." Suddenly Paul, with joy in his heart, is praying directly for us that we may live our lives in ways pleasing to God, thus following John's call—and our calling—to ready the way of Jesus. Connected in this fashion, we become pen pals from across the millennia, and Paul's joy becomes our joy at the coming of our Lord. And ultimately, Baruch's joy for Jerusalem becomes our very own "Joy to the World." Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Company

Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

En 1726, Juan de la Cruz (1542-1591) fue canonizado por el Papa Benito XIII. Nació en la región de Castilla en España, este doctor de la Iglesia junto con Teresa de Ávila fue reformador de la Orden Carmelita. Muchas órdenes religiosas del siglo XV sufrieron grandes decadencias. Por eso mientras los Protestantes se separaban de la Iglesia, los religiosos descalzos, recoletos y observantes buscaban reformar órdenes religiosas, como la Orden de la Bienaventurada Virgen María del Monte Carmelo, uniéndose siempre más a la Iglesia Romana.

Para los reformadores católicos quedarse en la Iglesia no fue fácil, ¡sin embargo se quedaron! Aunque sus reformas fueron apoyadas por los Papas, muchos de ellos como Juan de

la Cruz tuvieron que aguantar muchas oposiciones y persecuciones para lograr sus reformas. Estas reformas ardían con el deseo de amar bien a Cristo Jesús y a su cuerpo que es la Iglesia.

En sus poesías, Juan de la Cruz muestra la fuerza de esta llama de amor vivo a pesar de la oscuridad de la noche que no lo deja encontrar al amante (Dios).—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Escuchar el llamada

Juan nos habla del desierto, un lugar tranquilo. Nos acordamos que Jesús también fue allí. Ummm. Tal vez, muy pocos de nosotros pasamos mucho tiempo allí, porque nuestro mundo por lo regular es muy ruidoso, estrepitoso y lleno de conmoción -especialmente en estos días cercanos a las fiestas. Pero ciertamente cada uno de nosotros tiene un lugar silencioso escondido en algún sitio, y en ese sitio personal de silencio -ya sea en el centro de una plaza comercial a la hora de más actividad o en la cocina al amanecer- estamos llamados a abrazar el mensaje de Juan de arrepentimiento y preparación.

Siguiendo el llamada

Pero va más lejos, mucho más, porque esto no es sólo nuestro llamado. Es nuestra misión. Sacerdote o congregación, maestro o estudiante, contador o cuidador de animales, padre o niño -nuestra labor colectiva en este mundo es escuchar las instrucciones del Bautista para que preparemos el camino del Señor. Y que mejor momento que ahora, durante el Adviento, para re-enfocar nuestra misión y rededicarnos a la tarea más importante que podemos realizar - obtener la salvación de Dios.

¿Te acuerdas de la carta de Pablo a los filipenses? Personalízala. Echa a un lado la frase "Hermanos y hermanas" y reemplázala con tu propio nombre. Y siguiendo el protocolo de hoy, añadamos un "Querido" al saludo. Léamosla nuevamente. "Querida Sara", o "Querido Miguel", o "Querido J.P." De repente, Pablo, con gran alegría, está orando directamente por nosotros para que tengamos vidas agradables a Dios, y siguiendo el llamado de Juan -y nuestro llamado- para preparar el camino de Jesús. Vinculados así, nos convertimos en amigos por correspondencia en el transcurso de los siglos, y la alegría de Pablo se convierte en nuestra alegría por la venida del Señor. Y a fin de cuentas, la alegría de Baruc en Jerusalén se convierte en nuestra propia Alegría al Mundo. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Company

The Week Ahead



Monday, December 7

1:00 pm Sack Lunches - Room 1

Tuesday, December 8

8:45 am Centering Prayer - Daily Chapel
6:00 pm Middle School Religious Ed - Community Center, Rooms 1-7
6:30 pm Liturgy Meeting - Office Conference Rm
7:30 pm K of C - Community Center

Wednesday, December 9

8:30 am Our Lady of Perpetual Devotion - Church
9:00 am CTK Seniors - Room 1
4:00 pm Elementary School Religious Ed Dinner - Community Center

Thursday, December 10

4:30 pm Music Rehearsal Children's Choir - Church
6:30 pm YMAC - Jr, Sr. Youth Lounge
7:00 pm Readers Study - Room 3
7:30 pm Al Anon - Room 2

Friday, December 11

8:30 am Divine Mercy Devotion

Saturday, December 12

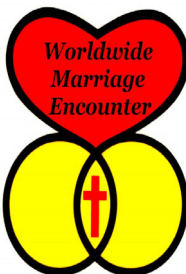
6:00 am Mañanitas Our Lady of Guadalupe - Church
7:30 am Making Homeless Kits for homeless - Room 1
6:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass - Church

Sunday, December 13

7:00 am K of C pancake breakfast - Comm CTR
1:30 pm Misa en Español
5:30 pm Confirmation I & II - Childcare Wing, Rooms 1-7, Youth Lounge

Let us all be thankful for the gift of our vocation. Learn how to enrich your vocation of Marriage or Holy Orders by attending an enrichment made just for you. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in 2016 are on February 19-21st, May 20-22nd and August 12-14th in the Las Vegas area. Early registration is highly recommended.

For more information, call Steve and Terri Sharp at (702) 589-0068 or go to www.lvloveyourspouse.org. For information on Spanish-language weekends, call Javier and Maria Lopez at (702) 243-5934 or (702) 206-4270.



Inspirations Gift Store

Christ the King Catholic Community

Wonderful selection of:
Bibles, both children and adults
Angels and other sculptures
Crosses of all styles
Inspirational Books and Rosaries

**Our Gift Store is now ready for
Fall, Christmas and Advent.**
Please stop by and check it out!

**The little blue books are available
for \$2.00 each!**

**Money worries?
Stressed over finances?
Is there ever enough money at the
end of the month?**

Christ the King has the answer
Financial Peace University

By the award-winning author
and financial guru, Dave Ramsey

This is a 9 week program that will be held at Christ the King on 9 consecutive Sundays beginning on January 24, 2016. There will be a preview and program ordering in January 10th. The classes are about 90 minutes long.

This course is a wonderful opportunity to get your finances in order so you can enjoy life in accordance with God's plan.

The course is FREE, but the course materials cost less than \$100. Some scholarships are available with proof of need.

Let's work this 9 week program together to get our finances in order so that we can enjoy life and live life to its fullest,
FREE from financial stress

Call Robert Walsh at (702) 683-2889 or go to this link for further information.

www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/class/1006586

"SIMBANG GABI" ~ December 13 - 24, 2015

BACKGROUND: In the Philippines, "Simbang Gabi" is a daily mass/novena just before Christmas, celebrated early in the morning, 4-5am or in the evening 6-7pm. It is also called "Misa de Gallo" (mass when the cock crows) or "Misa de Aguinaldo". This is a very much desired Filipino religious tradition. Back home, families wake up early, attend mass and fill up many churches. After the liturgy, delicious Filipino food and delicacies are served and shared by families. Thus this becomes both a religious and *social gathering*.

ACTIVITIES: In the Las Vegas valley, "Simbang Gabi 2015" is celebrated in eleven different parishes. The schedule is published in parish bulletins and all parishioners, especially Filipino Catholics, are invited to attend, participate & complete the novena. It is recommended that the Pastor/Associate at the assigned parish presides the liturgy. Other priests are welcome to concelebrate. The readings of the day are read and proclaimed. A simple reception/fellowship takes place after mass.

SCHEDULE of Mass/Novena:

1. December 13, Sunday at 5:00 pm at Saint Francis of Assisi 2300 Sunridge Heights Pkwy, Henderson, NV 89052
2. December 14, Monday at 6:00 pm at Saint John Neumann 2575 El Campo Grande Ave., North Las Vegas, NV 89031
3. December 15, Tuesday at 5:30 pm at Saint Thomas More 130 N. Pecos Road, Henderson, NV 89074
4. December 16, Wednesday at 8:00 am at Saint Joseph, HOM 7260 W Sahara Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89117
5. December 17, Thursday at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of Las Vegas; 3050 Alta Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89107
6. December 18, Friday at 6:00 pm at Christ the King 4925 S. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89118
7. December 19, Saturday at 5:00 pm at Saint Bridget 220 N. 14th Street, Las Vegas, NV 89101
8. December 20, Sunday at 12:30 pm at Holy Spirit 5959 S. Hualapai Way, Las Vegas, NV 89148
9. December 21, Monday at 6:00 pm at St Elizabeth Ann Seton - 1811 Pueblo Vista Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89128
10. December 22, Tuesday at 6:00 pm at Saint Anne 1901 South Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89104
11. December 23, Wednesday at 6:00 pm at St Peter the Apostle; 204 South Boulder Hwy, Henderson, NV 89105
12. December 24, Thursday – 8:00 AM at St Joan of Arc 315 S. Casino Center Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89101



High School Happenin's

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Join us on: Facebook - CTK Youth LV Instagram
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Next class Sunday, December 6th

Sunday, December 13th—Christmas Fun---
Each student should bring a non-perishable
Christmas dinner item for our Manna
Cupboard. Bring a \$5 if you wish to participate
in the gift exchange.

Congratulations to our Confirmation I students
who celebrated the Rite of Acceptance at the
4 pm mass.

Anaheim Youth Day will be Wednesday,
February 24th and Thursday, February 25th
2016. The cost
Will be approximately \$200 per person which
will include transportation, room, most
meals, t-shirt
Knottsberry Farm and Youth Day Registration.

This would be a great Christmas present for
your teen Registration materials and exact
fees will be available in December.

YMAC

(Youth Ministry After Confirmation)

Thursdays

6:30pm - 8pm

in the Youth Lounge

For all juniors, seniors,
college-age students.

We meet every Thursday

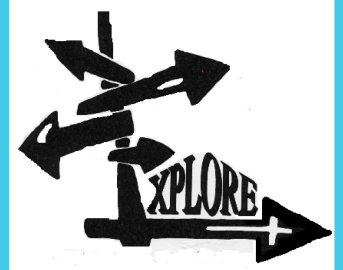
We will continue the tradition of YMAC
and meet on Thursdays in the Youth Room.
Looking forward to seeing you there!

Middle School

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Explore Calendar

All classes are on Tuesday nights 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Dear Explore Family,

NO CLASS Tuesday, December 8th PARENTS AND
STUDENTS ATTEND MASS

THIS IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION . . . THE
FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

Just Five Days is coming next summer. Mark your
calendars now for June 20th through the 24th. The cost
is \$285 per student.

This would be a great Christmas gift for your
student! It is a wonderful week of community building
while serving others.

Fun, service prayer and reflection.

We are now entering the Liturgical Season of
Advent, This is a time of hope for us as we reflect on
the gift of Jesus in our lives.

As we prepare for the festivities of Christmas, make a
promise to spend time together in prayer as a
family; give thanks to God for the gift of his son in our
lives.

Look for ways that we, as a family, can work together
to make a positive difference in our world.

On December 15th we will be preparing gift bags for
Baby's Bounty, an organization that helps low income
mothers with the needs of their new infants. Please
have your student bring a new baby toy and a baby
bath or lotion for the gift bag they will be preparing!

Thank you

If your Middle School aged student needs
either/both

First Communion or Baptism

Please contact Robyn in the Religious Ed Office
(702) 871-1904 ext. 232

Christian Formation

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betht@ctkccnv.org

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

If you think you would like to become Catholic, or if you would just like to learn about Catholicism, we offer weekly opportunities to learn about the Catholic faith. These informal gatherings for coffee and conversation are held **7:00 pm** each **Thursday** (except major holidays) in **Room 5** of the Activity Center. If, due to your schedule, you can't join us at our regular Thursday night sessions, please call the parish office at (702) 871-1904 and leave your name and phone number. We will do our best to accommodate you. Please contact Beth Thompson at (702) 871-1904 ext. 230 if you have any questions.

Seeking Baptism for your Child?

Please contact our office for information.

(702) 871-1904
ext. 230 or 232

No Baptisms may be scheduled until sessions and requirements are completed.

Religious Education Grades 1-5

First Communion

Baptism of older children

How do I enroll my child?

Elementary Registration for 2015/16 year
Grades 1-5 in the Religious Ed Office
M-TH 8-4:00 pm - Closed from 12-1:00 pm
A BAPTISM CERTIFICATE is required for each child being registered.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Family must be registered at Christ the King
- Family must be worshipping at Christ the King at our weekend liturgy
- Past due balances from the previous Religious Education year must be paid prior to registering

When are classes held?

Classes are held on Wednesdays at either 4:00 or 6:00 pm

SACRAMENTS

(1st Communion, Baptism)

REQUIREMENTS:

- Same as for Religious Education Registration plus:
 - Child is in second grade or above
 - Child is enrolled in and attending weekly age-level Religious Education classes on a regular basis
 - Unbaptized children must attend one full year of Religious Education first
- Our sacrament preparation is a family preparation process that requires the participation of the child and a parent or guardian in monthly sessions.

Attendance at these sessions is mandatory.

Elementary Religious Education

Wednesday Classes: 4:00 to 5:15 or 6:00 to 7:15

- 12/9 No Classes/Family Dinner in the Community Center from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. To attend you **MUST RSVP BY 12/3 at 702-871-1904**
- 12/16 - Regular Classes

Schedules for the year are available in the Religious Ed Office or check our on-line calendar at ctklv.org

Be sure you update your e-mail address with us to received important class notices

If you have any questions please contact Robyn at 871-1904 ext. 232 or robyn@ctkccnv.org

Adult Confirmation

Congratulations to our Adult Confirmation Class who will be confirmed on December 6 at the 1:30 pm Mass

Requirements:

- Adults who are age 18 and above and graduated
- Adults who have been baptized in the Roman Catholic Faith

Please contact Beth Thompson if you have any questions (702) 871-1904 ext. 230

Elementary First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Mandatory Meetings



Wednesday, 1/13 - **PARENT ONLY** Sacrament Meeting in the Community Center at either 4:00 pm or 6:00 pm

Wednesday, 1/20 - First Reconciliation in the Church at **6:00 pm ONLY**

Meetings are for Elementary Students registered in their 2nd year only of Sacramental Preparation.

If you have any questions please contact Robyn at 871-1904 ext. 232 or robyn@ctkccnv.org

Small Church Communities; a way of being Church

"Where ordinary people connect life and faith on a regular basis."

Small Church Communities are groups of 6 to 8 people who gather in homes to reflect on the scriptures of the upcoming Sunday and their significance in their lives. All ministries and organizations connected to Christ the King are asked to use a simple formula for prayer as they gather: Read one of the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday. Take a few moments to reflect on one of the questions related to the scripture (in Fr. Ray's column). Invite individuals to share their response with the person next to them; encourage people to share with someone they do not know well. Before we know it we have grown closer as a community!

Please call Chris at (702) 378-5622 or e-mail at sellmanc@cox.net