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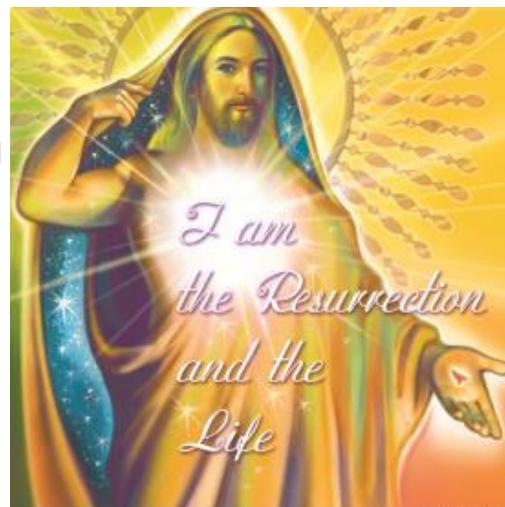
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GIVE GLORY TO GOD

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, just before we begin to enter Holy Week, we are summoned to Bethany. If we had been friends of Mary, Lazarus, and Martha, and found out that Lazarus was gravely ill, we probably would have dropped everything to be with them. This was what was so surprising about the behavior of Jesus. Although he was their close friend, he chose to stay away, that God's glory would be manifested. This is a persistent theme in John's Gospel. Right to the very end, Jesus' works were meant to give glory to the Father. As our Lenten journey reaches a crescendo, let us be mindful that, as people who have "put on Christ" in baptism, we are also called, by our attitudes and actions, to give glory to God.



DA GLORIA A DIOS

En el Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma, justo antes de entrar en la Semana Santa, somos llamados a Betania. Si hubiéramos sido amigos de María, Lázaro y Marta, y nos hubiéramos enterado que Lázaro estaba gravemente enfermo, probablemente lo habríamos dejado todo para estar con ellos. Eso es lo más sorprendente del comportamiento de Jesús. Pese a que era su amigo cercano, eligió mantenerse alejado, para que la gloria de Dios se manifestara. Este es un tema persistente en el Evangelio de Juan. Hasta el mismo final, las obras de Jesús son para dar gloria al Padre. A medida que nuestra jornada de Cuaresma llega a su apogeo, recordemos que, como personas que "se han revestido de Cristo" en el Bautismo, también somos llamados a dar gloria a Dios en nuestras actitudes y acciones. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Due to recent developments regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19), Bishop George Leo Thomas has made the difficult but necessary decision to suspend the public celebration of Mass across the Diocese of Las Vegas, at least through the weekend of Easter Sunday (April 11/12, 2020) or until further notice.

To help further prevent the spread of illness,
Christ the King Catholic Church has taken the following steps:

- ♥ Bishop George Leo Thomas has made the difficult but necessary decision to suspend the public celebration of Mass across the Diocese of Las Vegas, at least through the weekend of Easter Sunday (April 12, 2020) or until further notice.

Although we will not be coming together at mass each weekend, you can watch the televised mass which airs on Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on Channel 6 (CW)

- ♥ We are filming the daily masses on Facebook Live at 8:30 each morning (Monday through Saturday). Please join us by clicking this link ... <https://www.facebook.com/ctklv>
- ♥ The Parish Office will continue to be open Monday through Thursday from 8:00am until noon and 1:00 until 4:00pm. We will also be opened on Saturday and Sunday from 8:00am until 1:00 pm.
- ♥ All children's faith formation classes/programs and youth and young adult ministries and gatherings are suspended until further notice. This includes the Confirmation Retreat that was scheduled for March 28th at CTK.
- ♥ Adult faith formation programs, including RCIA, Welcome Home, and Baptism Preparation meetings have been suspended until further notice.
- ♥ All meetings and gatherings of parish organization and non-parish affiliated groups are suspended until further notice. All FISH FRYs have been canceled. There will be NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS, NO MUSIC REHEARSALS and NO HOLY WEEK REHEARSALS.
Outreach will be opened for this week, for now. We will be servicing one (1) client at a time in adherence to the practice of social distancing, processing each client as quickly as possible.
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We encourage everyone to consider making their weekly contributions through our online giving options which can easily be done on the church website: www.ctklv.org

When it comes to our own health and well-being, it is important for each one of us to be pro-active. Safeguard yourself and others from illness by frequently washing your hands, follow the guidelines published by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) which can be found at cdc.gov and by all means, if you feel sick, stay home. Keeping up with the most current information regarding all aspects of the coronavirus is a very fluid situation. If we are notified of any new developments that will affect our parish community, we will be sure to share that information with you as it comes in.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. May God bless you and keep you and all your loved ones healthy!

Fr. Shawn

THE POWER OF GOD THROUGH WHO THOSE WHO BELIEVE

We're a week away from the start of Holy Week. Our Lord now has his sights set on Jerusalem, and the pace is quickening. In these next two weeks, we're living just one part of the Gospel passage from today: an encounter with the reality of suffering and death. Jesus is asking us to have faith in him.

In today's First Reading the prophet Ezekiel reminds us of the Lord's promise to not only to bring us back to life but to bring us home. It doesn't take theology or catechism to realize that death is the biggest "game over" we experience in life. Even believing in the Resurrection does not spare us from fearing the fact that we have to be resurrected from something intrinsically unpleasant: death. Even as we lower our loved ones into the tomb, we are encouraged by the promise of the Lord that death will not have the last word. We'll not only be restored to life; we'll be brought home and returned to those we love.

In today's Second Reading Paul reminds us that faith in being restored to life is not enough. We have to believe that we have to bear Christ within us to that the Spirit may restore us to life. If we just believe in reincarnation or being absorbed into some cosmic energy, or just living on in the memory of those we leave behind or some cold stone monument, God's power cannot restore us to life. When we receive baptism, we die in Christ. We go under the water to represent descending into death, but we also bind our fate with that of Christ's and rise from the waters of death into new life. Next Sunday we'll remember Christ's journey from Incarnation to Passion and Death, and we'll participate in that. However, in faith and in Christ, we know that was not the end of Our Lord's story, and it will not be the end of ours either.

In the Gospel today, Jesus shows us our faith combined with him is something much more. It is not just a passive faith that takes the shots as they come. Through Martha's faith in Christ, we see the power of belief conjoined to God. When news reaches him that Lazarus was sick, he didn't go hurrying to Bethany and said the illness would not end in death. However, he also added something a little more mysterious, something the disciples didn't pick up on: the illness was "for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

In our life of faith, we have to be attentive to Our Lord's words, because often at first glance we can pass over what he is trying to say to us. Faith is not just an assent to something presented to us as credible. It is also a source of light. We can go back to Our Lord's words over and over in faith and find new light and new meaning. No one expected Our Lord would be able to bring back someone who'd been dead for days. All the other people he'd raised from the dead had only recently died.

When Jesus told Martha her brother would rise, she knew, but she just thought Jesus was consoling her with the Jewish belief – even before Christ's Resurrection – that Lazarus would be raised with everyone else on the last day. Martha's faith had been strong enough to withstand not seeing Jesus for days and watching her brother die. It was strong enough to be the instrument for the sign he wanted to work for many other believers: the raising of her brother from death. So he invited her to believe that even those who believed and died would live. She put her faith in him, not just the Jewish teaching about a future resurrection. When Jesus ordered the tomb to be opened, Martha's faith was rewarded, and the power of God through those who believe was shown.

In Charles Dicken's novel *Great Expectations* the orphan Pip receives a windfall from an anonymous benefactor after living in poverty with his abusive sister. He'd been frequenting the home of a strange, wealthy, reclusive woman, Miss Havisham, and, due to his romantic interest in her adopted daughter (Estella), assumed the windfall came from her and continued to curry her favor.

Wealth doesn't help Pip grow as he should. He's so concerned with impressing Estella, a girl trained by Miss Havisham to disdain men, that he starts to swell in self-importance too and believe he's being prepared for a life among the elite and his benefactor means he's someone important. Pip's expectations are dashed when he discovers that his benefactor is an escaped convict (Abel Magwitch) that he was forced to help as a boy who later went to Australia and made a fortune and wanted to repay Pip for helping him. Suddenly his newfound wealth was tainted, his reputation threatened, and he realized Miss Havisham had been insincere to him. Estella marries someone else. This experience forces Pip to reframe his expectations. Eventually, he reconciles with Magwitch, appreciates his kindness, and is with him on this deathbed.

What has Our Lord said in your life that might be worth a second look? What hints has he dropped to get you to take that second look? And how will that second look change your life? In the light of that second look, Jesus wants to work miracles through your life, not just for us, but for those we love, just like he did through Mary and Martha for Lazarus. Ask him for the grace to be that instrument of faith that unlocks his power of life in so many lives. As you re-examine your life, keep the end of today's story in mind: let the light of the Resurrection guide you through the gloom of that mystery of sin that put God on a cross for your salvation.

Blessings,
Fr. Shawn

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 #4.**

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 every Saturday from 8:45 until 9:30am or if the line is finished (whichever comes first) or by appointment. 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
Beth Thompson (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.
Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in Activity Center Room 5.
Call Beth Thompson (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 Beth Thompson (702) 871-1904

Other Information

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

Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial

Javier & Maria Lopez (702) 243-5934

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

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

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

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

Social Concerns Board - Deals with parish outreach and social justice issues (702) 871-1904

Small Church Communities - Beth (702) 871-1904

Spiritual Direction - Jane Fransioli, BA.

Please call parish office to schedule an appointment with Jane (702) 871-1904

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

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Digna Gáelas (702) 742-3733



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