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First Sunday of Advent ~ November 29, 2020

You are at the eye doctor and it's time for the peripheral vision test. You know the one. It's where you put your head up to a contraption and have to click a switch every time you see a squiggly line. If you don't concentrate and maintain optimal focus, you will miss them and skew the outcome of the test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn't accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God's loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That's why we need Advent. Let's face it. We can easily get distracted, focus on nonessential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. Our attentions wander. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. "Now" moments are so fleeting. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It's the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

God loves surprises and love thrives on them! God's now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where I find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. These are Advent times reflective of the now moments when Christ first was born, when God surprises us during every time we care to watch and when the great surprise of Christ's second coming dawns upon us all. But, to discover the grandeur and experience the awe of these now times, we have to be ready. We have to want to be there. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us. ©LPi



Dispensation from the Obligation to Attend Mass has been extended from now until December 31, 2020. Please see the Decree made by Bishop Thomas posted on the doors of the Church, Community Center, and the Parish Office for more information.

Welcome back to Mass at Christ the King!

IMPORTANT UPDATE - PLEASE READ!!!

Below please find the new mandate sent to us from the Diocese for the next three weeks. Christ the King will be utilizing all our buildings on campus to accommodate our parishioners that want to continue attending services in person. Our Daily Mass 8:30 a.m. will be in the church for 50 people and if needed a communion service will be held in the community center with Deacon Jacob. Our Sunday Mass times are the same: We are allowed to have 50 people attend our services in the church, 50 people in the Community Center, and 50 people in the Gym. There will be priests celebrating Mass in the Gym and the Church. Fr. Ariel will celebrate Mass in the Church at 1:30 pm, Deacon Jacob will lead a communion service in the Gym at 1:30 pm and Ivan Lara, our seminarian, will lead a communion service in our Community Center at 1:30 pm. Wherever you choose to attend, we ask that you go directly to that building to check in. Please note that the total amount of attendees in the whole campus is 150 people. 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 December 31, 2020. 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 of 150 people and then we will not be able to accept any more attendees. On average we've had approximately 125 people attending Mass these last few months, so we don't foresee anyone being turned away at this time. We thank you for your cooperation and again please remember to go directly to the church, gym or community center this weekend if you plan to attend there. 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:

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you. (Isaiah 63:19b)

Psalm:

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Psalm 80)

Second Reading:

God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Corinthians 1:9)

Gospel:

"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning." (Mark 13:35)

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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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

Vigil Mass at 6:00

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:30am, 12:00pm
& 6:00pm (Spanish)

CHRISTIAN HOPE REQUIRES HUMILITY

At the time of the first Christmas, God's Chosen People were in serious trouble. The Jews of Palestine were living under military occupation by the Roman Empire; they did not enjoy political and civil freedom. Before the Romans had taken over, Israel had been ruled for almost 200 years by the successors of Alexander the Great. They not only clamped down on Jewish freedom in the political arena, but also in the religious arena.

In the First and Second Book of Maccabees, the Bible tells us about the violent, gruesome persecution engineered by those Hellenistic rulers. And before that, the Jews had been violently relocated; the Babylonians had forced them out of Palestine and into exile. Add to that the depressing fact that God had not sent a prophet in 300 years, and you have a situation in which God's Chosen People might have been tempted to give up hope.

In fact, however, right around the time of Christ's birth, the Jews were full of expectation; their eagerness for the arrival of the promised Messiah was greater than ever. There is a paradox here, a paradox we Christians need to learn from. Precisely when the Jewish nation had no human solutions to their many problems, they became most open to God's divine solutions. And that's when God sent the Messiah. The incomparable power of Christian hope can only flow through the faucet of humility. Only when we truly acknowledge our need for God is he able to act freely in our lives. When we forget about him and try to manufacture our own happiness without him, like the sleepy servants in today's parable, we actually cut off the flow of God's grace.

Advent is a season of hope, but to feel hope's power, we first have to stir up our humility. Theologians remind us that hope, along with faith and love, is one of the theological virtues. This means that it directs us towards God, and it is based on God. We hope in the forgiveness of sins because we believe in God's power and mercy. We hope in God's help as we go through life dodging temptations and struggling to follow Christ's example, because we believe in God's power and goodness. We hope that God will fulfill all of our desires for happiness when he takes us home to heaven because we know that God would never make a promise he didn't plan to keep. Christian hope is a God-centered virtue. That helps us understand the difference between hope and aspiration.

Aspiration is a joyful desire for some good thing that we are confident we can obtain through our own efforts alone. We aspire to a promotion, to getting into a good college, to buying a new home.

These are good things, but they are not supernatural things. It's important for us to keep this distinction in mind. Our present day culture tends to blur the distinction, and that leads to false hopes. We shouldn't expect our government, our boss, or our spouse to be able to make us perfectly happy - only God can do that, it's something we hope for, not something we aspire to. We shouldn't expect new products to be able to solve all our problems, as advertisements so often try to make us think - we will continue to have problems in this fallen world, no matter what, until God brings us home to heaven.

Keeping in mind the distinction between hope and aspiration, between supernatural confidence and natural confidence, can help us lead a calmer, wiser life. Hope is the engine of our Christian lives. Unless we are truly convinced that living in friendship with God now and forever is the only road to real, lasting, deep happiness, we will simply not be strong enough to resist the many temptations that come our way. But since the flower of hope only grows in the soil of humility, we can't strengthen our hope without growing in humility.

One of the biggest obstacles to that is having the wrong idea about what humility is. We tend to think of humility as passive: we picture the humble person sitting around and getting manipulated by other people. But that's not true; Christian humility is strong as steel. Imagine you were in the passenger seat of a car and God was driving. Imagine you reached over to grab the steering wheel because you wanted to turn left while God wanted to keep going straight. How much of a chance would you have of overpowering that steering wheel, of yanking it out of God's grip? That's right: zero.

Well, humility, for a Christian, means putting ourselves firmly in God's hands, like that steering wheel, through heartfelt obedience to his will. Humility is the ultimate strength, which is why the saints have been such revolutionaries. Humility is active, because it plugs us into God, who is love, and love is the most active thing in the universe. This is the message of today's Gospel.

Jesus warns his disciples to keep on working hard, building up the Church and transforming the world.

That's how they are supposed to prepare for the return of their master. And that's what we are supposed to do this Advent: activate our humility by doing more things for God and neighbor, so that the engine of our Christian lives, hope, can start running on all cylinders.

Blessings,
Fr. Shawn

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 30: Romans 10:9-18;
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]; Matthew 4:18-22

Tuesday, December 1: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm
72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]; Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 2: Isaiah 25:6-10a;
Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]; Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, December 3: Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalm
118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]; Matthew
7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 4: Isaiah 29:17-24; Psalm
27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]; Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday, December 5: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26;
Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]; Matthew
9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 6: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11;
Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]2; Peter 3:8-14;
Mark 1:1-8

**GOD IS EVERYWHERE,
SO PRAY ANYWHERE.**

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

A NEW RESOURCE FOR CHRIST THE KING

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

Some of the items include:

Bibles, Crosses & Crucifixes, Devotional Books, Giftware, Greeting Cards, Holy Cards, Holy Water Bottles, Jewelry, Medals, Novenas, Pocket Tokens & Stones, Rosaries, Scapulars, Statues, Tapestries, Visor Clips, Wedding, Baptism, Communion & Confirmation Gifts

Come check out our newest item

FALL HARVEST
and THANKSGIVING
Angels, Ornaments,
Plaques
10% OFF



A Silver Jubilee of Stewardship 2020 CSA

Diocese of Las Vegas

As Catholics we believe that the ultimate mission of the Church is to bring people into a living relationship with God and each other, through Jesus Christ.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) is essential in furthering that mission. Your contribution has a direct impact on the evangelization and administration of the parishes, missions, and communities of our diocese.

The following is the report as of Nov 8, 2020.

PARISH GOAL for 2020: \$112,106.00

PLEDGES: \$122,573.00

CASH RECEIVED: \$102,206.30 (92%)

PARTICIPATION: 404 families

Your generous support and participation is critical to the success of the Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not made your CSA commitment for this year, please do so as soon as possible. If you have not received the CSA Pledge Form, please call or visit the office so that you can help fund the ministry provided by the diocese with your tax-deductible donation. To the families who have pledged and committed to our 2020 Catholic Stewardship Appeal, thank you for giving selflessly in a spirit of love for the Lord.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

November 21/22

WEEKLY GOAL: \$15,000

Total Collected: \$ 7,741

E-tithing: \$ 2,847

TOTAL \$10,588

OVER/SHORT: **\$ 4,412**

DEBT REDUCTION \$ 191

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.

Welcome

Home Ministry

Statistics show that most people who have drifted away from the Catholic Church still identify themselves as Catholics – it's engrained into their very being. Many want to return to the sacramental life of the Catholic Church, but don't know where to start. Do you know somebody who has been away from the Catholic Church? Often, all it takes is a word of invitation for them to take the first step in returning. Invite them to explore our

Welcome Home Ministry. We offer a series of sessions designed to help seekers find answers to their questions, rediscover their Catholic roots, and gently return to the sacramental life of the Catholic Church. We are currently taking names of people who are interested in our next session. Once we have enough interest, we would like to start this ministry sometime in the new year, please contact Maria for more information mariao@ctkccnv.org



Dear Parents,

After much thought, there will be **NO CLASS until January 3, 2021**; this is for the safety of ALL the students. Please stay in contact with the catechist to continue the lessons at home.

Please contact the faith formation with any questions or concerns.

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Queridos padres,

Después de pensarlo mucho, **NO HABRÁ CLASE hasta el 3 de enero de 2021**; esto es por la seguridad de TODOS los estudiantes. Por favor, manténgase en contacto con el catequista para continuar las lecciones en casa.

No dude en ponerse en contacto con la formación de fe si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud.



### Saturday

8:30 am

4:00 pm

### November 28

† Elie Gonzales

† Joann Sedoti

### Sunday

7:30 am

9:30 am

11:30 am

1:30 pm

3:30 pm

### November 29

† Ramon & Adelaida Crisostomo

† Catalino Cabe, Jr.

† Robert & Lynda & Gary Meininger

† Rodolfo Ruelos

People of the Parish

### Monday

8:30 am

### November 30

Save the Unborn (Living)

### Tuesday

8:30 am

### December 1

† Judge & Rosalind Finley

### Wednesday

8:30 am

### December 2

† Delia Ramos

### Thursday

8:30 am

### December 3

† Joeronell Fontanilla

### Friday

8:30 am

### December 4

Cancer Novena

### Saturday

8:30 am

4:00 pm

### December 5

† Lolita Riego

People of the Parish

### Sunday

7:30 am

9:30 am

11:30 am

1:30 pm

3:30 pm

### December 6

† Ronald Chester Cruz

Francisca Mendoza

† Vincent Mileo

† Martin J. Mongoni

† Nancy Fink

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**FIRST READING:** We hear today the prophet Isaiah's internal spiritual struggle as he questions God's ways and decries our human tendency to sin. What spiritual struggles do you need to confront as we enter into the season of Advent?

**SECOND READING:** In his opening words to the Corinthian Christians, Paul reminds the faithful of God's fidelity to those who believe in his Son. He then cites examples of the blessings they have received since coming to the faith. What are some blessings you have received in your faith journey?

**GOSPEL:** Jesus instructs his disciples to be vigilant for the end times. How can you make this spiritual discipline a focus of your Advent season this year? © LPI



## LOOKING for MORE

Are you seeking a better relationship with God?  
Are you or someone you know interested in the  
Catholic faith?

Want to grow more spiritually?

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)

**ALL ARE WELCOME** to join Christ the King as  
we take you on a faith journey using  
FORMED.org, Symbolon: The Catholic Faith  
Explained.

Due to the governor's statement, RCIA is online  
until December 7. Classes in English will resume  
December 7 at 6pm in room 1 and Spanish  
December 9 at 6:30pm in room 1.

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

## BUSCANDO por MAS

¿Estás buscando una mejor relación con Dios?  
¿Está usted o alguien que conoce interesado en  
la fe católica?

¿Quieres crecer más espiritualmente?

¡¡El Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos  
es para ti !!

El RICA (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para  
Adultos) es un proceso en el que los  
participantes "se someten ... a la conversión  
mientras estudian el Evangelio, profesan fe en  
Jesús y la Iglesia Católica y reciben los  
sacramentos". (USCCB)

**TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS** a unirse a Cristo  
Rey mientras lo llevamos en un viaje de fe  
usando FORMED.org, Symbolon:  
The Catholic Faith Explained.

Debido a la declaración del gobernador, RICA  
estará en línea hasta el 7 de diciembre. Las  
clases en inglés se reanudarán el 7 de  
diciembre a las 6 pm en el salón 1 y en español  
el 9 de diciembre a las 6:30 pm en el salón 1.  
Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con la  
oficina de formación en la fe. (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 sym-  
bolize those prayers by the lighting of votives. An-  
other 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 bas-  
ket 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.

# BE A GAEL

## HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

For incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade applicants

Saturday, December 5, 2020

Saturday, January 9, 2021

 BISHOP GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL  
DIOCESE OF LAS VEGAS



APPLY & REGISTER FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST AT:  
**BISHOPGORMAN.ORG/ADMISSIONS**

# OUTREACH

Our Outreach Office is now open by appointment only. New Outreach phone number (702) 848-3122.

We are looking for volunteers for our Outreach program as well as supplies for our pantry. Our food pantry is bare. We are asking our parishioners if you are able to please pick up an extra 1-2 items when you go grocery shopping and drop it off at the in our gathering space, right inside the church before or after Mass, it would be greatly appreciated as we continue to help the less fortunate. Please call the office for more information.

*A grateful heart is a magnet for miracles*

## Our NEW OFFICE HOURS are as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday:  
8am until 1pm

The office/campus will be closed  
Thursdays and Fridays  
until further notice.

Saturday and Sunday:  
8am until 1pm

**NOTE: We will continue celebrating morning Mass on Thursday and Friday.**

Christ the King's **LOVE TREE** will be going up weekend of November 7 & 8. The "Love Tree" is a beautiful Advent tradition at Christ the King. Each ornament represents a gift for the needy in our Community. All parishioners wanting to fulfill a wish are invited to choose an ornament, purchase the gift, and bring it back by the date indicated below.

### Important Reminders:

- Please **do not** leave gifts or gift cards under the Love Tree
- All presents should be unwrapped or in gift bags
- Please attach the ornament to gift securely, so it is plainly visible
- Return all gifts to the Parish Office or Religious Ed Office before or after Weekend Mass or Monday through Wednesday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm during the week
- **Please place all Gift Cards in the Collection Baskets**
- **We would appreciate all gifts and gift cards returned by December 13, 2020**

### ORNAMENT DESCRIPTION AND AGENCY INFORMATION:

**Brown Gingerbread Man/Catholic Charities** - Has been serving those in need since 1941 and currently operates 16 programs providing support to more than 4,200 people daily in four core areas: Family Services, Food Services, Immigration and Refugee Services, and Homeless and Housing Services. Catholic Charities also operates the largest Meals on Wheels program and Emergency Shelter Services in Southern Nevada. Donations of gift cards will give holiday support to the clients in our Migration and Refugee Services and Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) programs.

**Dark Blue Christmas Boxes/Las Vegas Diocese Seminarians** - Our future priest for the Diocese of Las Vegas. These gifts help to support them throughout the school year.

**White Snowman/Manna Cupboard** - Serving the needy in our parish and community.

**Red Candy Cane Tag/Poverello House** - A daytime Homeless Hospitality House, with four days for men and one day for women. We take up to ten people a day. We provide free showers, laundry services, clothing and hygiene items when available, breakfast and lunch.

**Light Blue Snowflakes/Seeds2Succeed** - Works with teens and young adults who are transitioning out of foster care to prepare them with the skills they need to successfully transition into adulthood.

**Green Christmas Tree Tag/St. Therese HIV Outreach Center** - Serves people of all faiths and extends the Lord's healing to all persons infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

**Baby Tag/Women's Resource Medical Center** - Exist to save the lives of unborn children by sharing the love of Jesus Christ through spiritual, physical, emotional and educational support to our clients.



## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Be watchful! Be alert! The core message of Advent cannot be more direct or simple. As those who are postured in a spirit of readiness and anticipation, we must always be attentive and vigilant. We have to be ready not only for the anticipated arrival of our Lord, but watchful and attentive to the unexpected visit as well. While we know that the Christ is coming, we also do not know the exact time. Cultivating this expectant attitude is the purpose of this season. It is easy to grow slack, inattentive, and too self-assured. We can easily deaden ourselves to the wonder and surprise of God's presence. We get so absorbed in so many other distractions that it can seem like Christ's second coming, and even Christ's coming in time are of lesser importance. When it finally dawns on us that we have wandered far away from where we need to be, and lost our attentiveness and focus, we will wonder how this all happened. We may even try to put the onus on God and blame God for a lack of involvement or presence. We are the ones, who through our own choice, put the distance in our relationship and lost touch. Now it's time to come back and perk ourselves up a bit! ©LPi

## VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

¡Sé vigilante! ¡Estar alerta! El mensaje central de Adviento no puede ser más directo o simple. Como aquellos que se postulan en un espíritu de preparación y anticipación, siempre debemos estar atentos y vigilantes. Tenemos que estar preparados no solo para la llegada anticipada de nuestro Señor, sino también vigilantes y atentos a la visita inesperada. Si bien sabemos que Cristo viene, tampoco sabemos la hora exacta. Cultivar esta actitud expectante es el propósito de esta temporada. Es fácil volverse flojo, desatendido y demasiado seguro de sí mismo. Podemos amortiguar fácilmente la maravilla y la sorpresa de la presencia de Dios. Estamos tan absortos en tantas otras distracciones que puede parecer que la segunda venida de Cristo, e incluso la venida de Cristo a tiempo es de menor importancia. Cuando finalmente nos demos cuenta de que nos hemos alejado mucho de donde necesitamos estar y hemos perdido nuestra atención y concentración, nos preguntaremos cómo sucedió todo esto. Incluso podemos tratar de cargarle a Dios la responsabilidad y culpar a Dios por la falta de participación o presencia. Somos nosotros quienes, por nuestra propia elección, ponemos la distancia en nuestra relación y perdemos contacto. ¡Ahora es el momento de regresar y animarnos un poco! ©LPi



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## Please support the CTK Nativity Raffle

Christ the King is raffling an 11-piece cold cast bronze Nativity Set by Veronese. Its estimated retail value is \$500. The Nativity can be seen on display in our Gathering Space and includes the matching manger.

Tickets are \$5 each or 6 tickets for \$20 and can be purchased in the Inspirations Gift Shop after Mass or in the Parish Office. A winner will be drawn on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 13<sup>th</sup>  
(Winner need not be present)

## Sign up for *The Road to Bethlehem* this Advent on FORMED.org

This Advent join us for a journey on *The Road to Bethlehem*, an opt-in digital discipleship program designed to guide you through this important season of preparation.

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  - ♥ E-mail reminders every morning;
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# 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

## 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

**AI-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

**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

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

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

## Tallares de Oración y Vida

Digna Gáelas (702) 742-3733



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