

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

Third Sunday of
Advent
December 15th

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

This time of year is a time of family gatherings and can also be a time of loneliness. We can experience the intensity of close relationships, both joyful and difficult ones. We can also experience the intensity of not having loved ones around. In both cases, we are to turn to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer, and give our hearts to Him. He is the One who can help us navigate that challenging family relationships, which requires that we practice virtues of patience, magnanimity (being "wide-hearted") and forgiveness. Difficult family members know how to "push our buttons" that set us off in anger, anxiety or sadness. In prayer, Jesus invites us to put our small hearts within His Sacred Heart, which protects us and nourishes us with love so that no matter how challenging the relationship, we can respond with patient love.

Some may also be encountering a lack of family relationships. Perhaps spouses and family members have died or are estranged, leaving a great emptiness in our hearts. The remedy is the same: put our small hearts into the Sacred Heart of Jesus and intensify our relationship with Him, pouring out our sorrow and longing. He responds with His Presence. He is with us in all our loneliness. One glance at the manger teaches that He has come to dwell with us, and one glance at the crucifix reminds us that He went through the worst loneliness possible on the Cross for us – the Godforsakenness of human sin.

As followers of Jesus and members of His parish, let us be mindful of those who may be experiencing difficult family relationships or the lack of relationships, and reach out to them with a word of encouragement, the promise of prayer and perhaps extend to them an invitation to one of your Christmas events. We are in this together.

- Msgr. John Cihak

Christmas Mass times:

5:00 pm Christmas Eve

12:00 am Midnight Mass

10:30 am Christmas Day



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JUST OPEN THE CAMERA ON YOUR SMARTPHONE, HOLD IT STEADY OVER THE BAR CODE. THEN, CLICK ON THE LINK AND ENTER YOUR EMAIL TO SIGN UP!

MASS TIMES:

Sunday:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekday:

Monday: 8:00 am

Tuesday: 6:00 pm

Wednesday: 8:00 am

Thursday: 8:30 am

Friday: 8:00 am

Saturday: 8:00 am

SACRAMENTS:

Confession:

Saturday: 3:00- 5pm, Tuesday: 5-6pm or by appointment

"Be joyful, for there is someone who loves your God as he deserves, who knows him as her only son"

- Saint Teresa of Avila

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, December 15th

8:30 am Mass

10:30 am Mass

Coffee and Donuts in the Parish Center following 8:30 & 10:30 masses.

Altar Society Cookie Sale after each Mass

9:35 am Religious Education

9:40 am RCIA, Rm A

4:30 pm MS Youth Group, Parish Office

6:00 pm HS Youth Group, Parish Center

Monday, December 16th

8:00 am Mass

4:30 pm Cub Scouts, Parish Center West

6:30 pm Bible Study, Rm A

6:30 pm Life is Sacred, Parish Office

Tuesday, December 17th

9:00 am Bible Study, Rm A

5:00pm Confession

6:00 pm Mass

6:30 pm Advent Retreat, Parish Center

Wednesday, December 18th

8:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Men's Group, Rm A

Thursday, December 19th

8:30 am Mass, Adoration following Mass

10:30 am Mary's Guild, Rm A

1:00 pm Centering Prayer, Rm B

6:30pm Lessons & Carols, Church

Friday, December 20th

8:00 am Mass

Church Cleaning after the Mass

Saturday, December 21st

8:00 am Mass

3:00– 5:00 pm Confession

5:30 pm Mass

6:30 pm Saturday Night Social, Parish Center

Sunday, December 22nd

8:30 am Mass

10:30 am Mass

Coffee & donuts in the Parish Center following 8:30 & 10:30 masses.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Dec 16th Int. Ty & Kay Yang

Tues. Dec 17th Ricky Best +

Wed. Dec 18th Kristi Rothenfluch +

Thurs. Dec 19th Int Pegg McLean

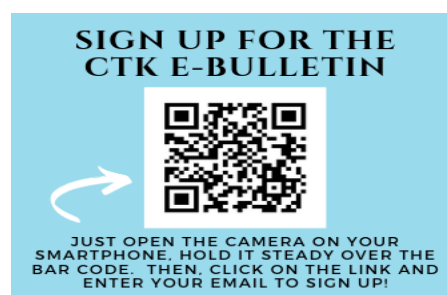
Fri. Dec 20th Aileen Wilkins +

Sat. Dec 21st Roger Van Dyke+

Sat Dec 21st Jim Watkins +

Sun. Dec 22nd People of the Parish

Sun. Dec 22nd Peter Joseph +



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our Open House is scheduled for Sunday, January 26 from 9:30am - 12:30pm and Thursday, January 30 from 5:00 - 7:00pm. We are looking forward to the opportunity to share our wonderful school with prospective families and students. Guests will receive a student led tour, meet the faculty and staff and have the opportunity to apply for enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year. Open House is also the kick off to Catholic Schools' Week. The theme for this year is "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." Each day will have a special focus: Sunday: Celebrating Your Parish, Monday: Celebrating your Community, Tuesday: Celebrating your Students, Wednesday: Celebrating the Nation, Thursday: Celebrating Vocations, Friday: Celebrating Faculty, Staff and Volunteers and Saturday: Celebrating Families. Planning is underway for a week full of festivities!

In Christ the King,

Sarah Brentano

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Advent Retreat

Tuesdays, starting with Mass at 6:00 pm, We will prepare our hearts as we get ready to encounter Jesus at Christmas.



Dec. 17 at 6:30 in the Parish Center
Msgr. Cihak will give a talk on the
"O Antiphons"



accompanied by
Edward Atkinson

One of our Advent treasures from the Sacred Liturgy is the "O Antiphons" that appear during the final days before Christmas (Dec. 17-23). You may know them as the verses from the famous Advent hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel". These ancient texts, formulated primarily from the Old Testament, are as beautiful as they are profound. They provide ample material for prayerful reflection, helping us open our hearts and attuning them to the mystery, making us ready to receive Jesus at His coming. The presentation will include some singing!

Men's Group

Men's Group has changed to a new night! Starting Wednesday, December 18th, Men's Group will now be held at 7pm on Wednesdays in the Parish Office, Room A. If you desire to be holy and recognize God's grace through fellowship with other men, please join us as we grow deeper in faith through reading, dialogue, and prayer. Men's Group meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7pm. For more information please contact Steve Miller (503)-810-9138 or Tom Onderko (503) -806-5235.

Pinot and Prayer Women's Group

Wednesday, January 15th, 7pm in Room B of the Parish Office will kick off our first Women's Group, Pinot and Prayer. Join us for wine, cheese, fellowship, book discussion, and prayer. We will meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Stay tuned for more info

Altar Society

Our sincere appreciation for parish support of our No Bake Sale. Your donations help us provide Altar supplies such as bread, wine and missal's. Thank you!

St. Vincent de Paul

Boy Scout Troop and Pack 141 and 144 and Troop 5144, and Troop 143 had a fantastic day on Dec. 7th with 'Scouting for Food' for St. Vincent de Paul by collecting a combined total of 652 lbs of non perishable food. Thank you for putting your best foot forward for those in need on a very wet day indeed.

SVDP Christmas Food Box 2019

St. Vincent de Paul still needs drivers for the Christmas Food Box deliveries. Please call Stephanie Kummer at **(503) 516-8261** if you can make deliveries. Filled Food Boxes need to be brought to the Church Masses this weekend or leave on the Parish Office porch by 4pm no later than Wednesday, December 18th. If you are able to fill a Christmas Food Box, but need help getting it to the Church or Parish Office because it is too heavy, please call Bill Gula at (503)-490-1119 or Larry Schneider at (503)-698-8449.

Saturday Night Social

Join us for food and fellowship after the Saturday Night Vigil Service at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center on December 21st.

Volunteers Needed

The Church Decoration Ministry is looking for volunteers to help set up and decorate Christmas trees in the church on December 18th at 6pm. For more information please contact Shinta at **505-301-9890** (area code is 505) or dokter.obat@gmail.com The Church Cleaning Ministry is looking for Parishioners to help care for the Church. On Fridays after 8am Mass, volunteers work in the church to maintain the beauty of our spiritual home. If you are able to help or for more information please contact JoAnn Cerda (503) 387-3976.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Sacred Music

Third Sunday of Advent Introit antiphon: Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I say, rejoice. Let your forbearance be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Do not be anxious over anything. But in all manner of prayer, let your requests be made known unto God. Verse: O Lord you have favored your land, and brought back the captives of Jacob. You forgave the guilt of your people, and covered all their sins. You averted all your rage. You turned back the heat of your anger.

This Introit combines scripture from Philippians and Psalm 85. It mirrors what we hear in the Old Testament today ("Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee."), as the Psalm reminds us exactly why we rejoice always ("The LORD God keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed"), and the Gospel tells us what happens when we make our requests known unto God ("the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.")

Lessons & Carols

This Advent, the Christ the King students will offer a Lesson & Carols Service. Lessons & Carols is a beautiful service of scripture and song offered across the denominations, originating in England in 1880. In 1918, at the end of World War I, the service exploded in popularity and is now offered worldwide across denomination. In nine brief scripture lessons from Genesis to the Gospels, the service tells the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus. Lessons are interspersed with the singing of favorite Christmas carols and choir anthems, led by the Christ the King students.

Important Notice

If you receive an email from Msgr Cihak asking you to purchase gift cards and send him a photo of the gift cards right away **DO NOT REPLY or RESPOND. This is a scam.** Msgr Cihak will never ask you for anything over email. Contact Parish Office for more info.

Financial Report

Welcome to our business column! Each week there will be information about the business aspects of the parish. This week we will be reporting certain numbers to maintain financial transparency with our parishioners.

Our November 24th budget was for \$13,000 with an actual received of \$11,420.

Our YTD budget is \$307,000 with a YTD actual received of \$298,819. (-8,181)

We thank all of you for being so generous! To donate please visit our website at ctk.cc and click on "Donate"

Volunteer Position Openings

- 1) Life is Sacred is in need of a parishioner to deliver our parish donations to the homeless at St Andre Bessette's on Burnside one weekday afternoon a month. Donations would already be sorted, bagged, and labeled. The monthly delivery takes about 90 minutes total, once a month. If you are interested, please contact Janice Donahue, (503)-475-3646.
- 2) Christ the King Media Ministry is looking for a Director of E-bulletin Revenue and Marketing. This volunteer position is responsible for managing marketing and revenue for the E-bulletin. The position comes complete with everything a volunteer needs to work and procure ads. Please contact Ashley Micciche at media@ctk.cc for more information and to apply.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Oregon Retrouvaille

A Lifeline for Married Couples

Marriage Help - Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information or to register for our next program beginning with a weekend on January 17-19, call (503)-225-9191 or email: portalnd@retrouvaille.org For more information visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

FORMED Pick of the Week

Prepare the Way of the King

Dr. Scott Hahn

The Greatest Gift We Can Ever Receive. Dr. Scott Hahn reveals what scholars know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Your Advent journey will take on new meaning. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind. Listen on **FORMED.ORG**. For info on how to log in please contact the Parish Office.

The Grotto's Christmas Festival of Lights

Now through December 30, 2019
5:00pm- 9:30pm

The Grotto (National Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother)
NE Skidmore St
Portland, OR 97220

The Grotto's 32nd Annual Christmas Festival of Lights will run Friday, November 29 - Monday, December 30. (Except Christmas Day) The Festival opens at 5pm and the last tickets are sold at 9:30pm. Choirs, Lights, Petting Zoo, Puppet Show, Caroling, Concessions, and more.

More info:
thegrotto.org/Christmas-festival-of-lights

NCC Marriage Preparation Workshop

The Northwest Catholic Counseling Center invites engaged couples to attend this important step in marriage preparation. This January class is the first of 5 workshops offered in 2020.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, January 25, 2020. The couple's workshop runs from 9 am to 4 pm at the NCC office, 8383 NE Sandy Blvd., Suite 205, Portland, OR 97220.

Trained therapists will guide couples through exercises and activities that will help build communication. They will also present conflict resolution skills to use throughout a lifetime.

Cost of the workshop is \$225 per couple. The registration deadline is Friday, January 10, 2020. Register and pay online at www.nwcounseling.org/marriage-prep

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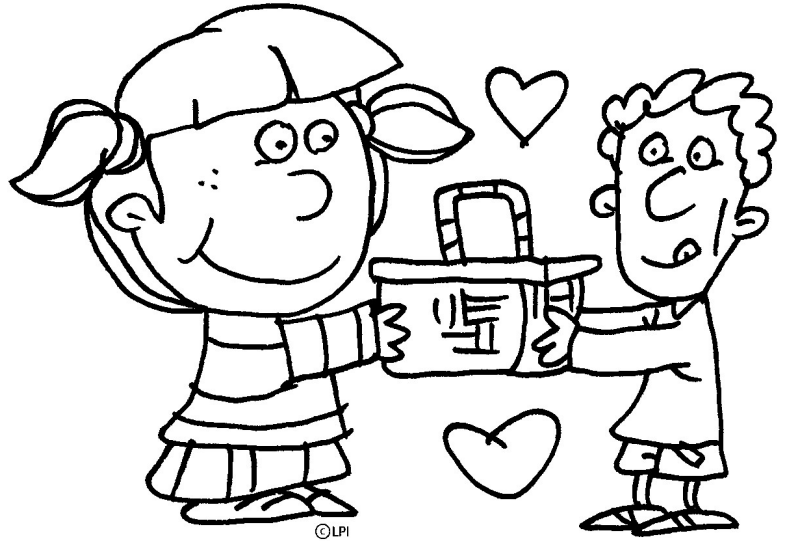
GROWING WITH THE GOSPEL

Sharing the Gospel

(crayons and extra copies located in Parish Center)

Today John the Baptist is visiting your church. You ask him, "What should my family do to serve God?" He answers, "If you have two winter coats, give one to someone who doesn't have any. If you have food, share it with someone else." You tell him, "I can give away a coat and a pair of shoes that's too small for me. I can share a can of carrots from our shelf at home."

How can you show you love God? Instead of keeping all of your clothes and food, share some with people who don't have any. Be happy and thankful for all God has given you. When you love God more than money, you'll be happy to share.



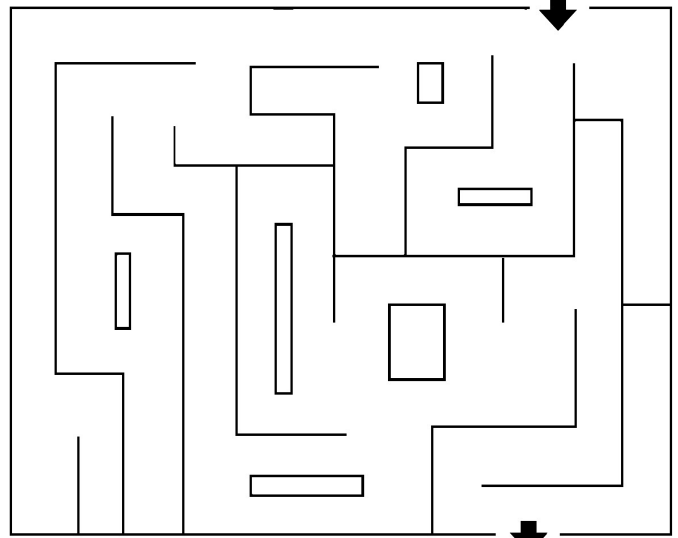
Prayer

Dear God, help me to share happily with others.



Puzzle

Help this child find the path to God.



Mission for the Week

The next time you go grocery shopping with your parents, ask if you can pick out some foods to share with the poor. As a family, talk about how thankful you are for the many ways God takes care of you.