

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of
Advent
December 22nd

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

On behalf of everyone in the parish, I want to thank those generous parishioners who organized and those who participated in our **Christmas luncheon** and our **St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Box Drive**. I find it so edifying and inspiring that we have such men, women and children in the parish who go the extra mile in providing for those among us who find themselves in need this time of year. **Christian solidarity** is one of the pillars of the Church's social doctrine, flowing from the Gospel itself.

The Catechism teaches (#1939 & #1942): *"The principle of solidarity, also articulated in terms of 'friendship' or 'social charity,' is a direct demand of human and Christian brotherhood.... This law is sealed by the sacrifice of redemption offered by Jesus Christ on the altar of the Cross to his heavenly Father, on behalf of sinful humanity'.... The virtue of solidarity goes beyond material goods. In spreading the spiritual goods of the faith, the Church has promoted, and often opened new paths for, the development of temporal goods as well."* In a nutshell, solidarity means "we're all in this together", and the followers of Jesus must be leading the way in promoting this togetherness.

Pope St. John Paul II brought this aspect of the Church's perennial teaching in helping lead the struggle against Soviet Communism, which sought to destroy solidarity and impose by Marxist violence its own (wrong) idea of human togetherness. True human togetherness can only come from God and from safeguarding and fostering human dignity of the individual and of the family as the irreplaceable building block of human society.

December 17th began the intense preparation for Christmas in the Sacred Liturgy. Let us pray for one another and support one another in solidarity in making a good preparation for the coming of Jesus.

- Msgr. John Cihak

Christmas Mass times:

5:00 pm Christmas Eve

12:00 am Midnight Mass

10:30 am Christmas Day

No Confessions

Tuesday, December 24th.

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass times:

7:00pm December 31st,
New Year's Eve
Adoration with
Benediction until
Midnight

9:00 am January 1st,
New Year's Day

This is a Holy Day of
Obligation.

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

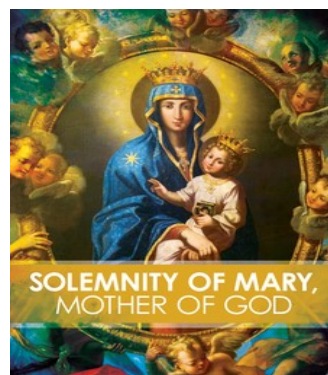
Saturday: 8:00 am

SACRAMENTS:

Confession:

Saturday: 3:30- 5pm, Tuesday: 5-
6pm or by appointment

CHRISTMAS



"My Jesus, let me live in your heart and pour all my bitterness into it, where it will be utterly consumed."

- Saint Claude la Colombiere

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, December 22nd

8:30 am Mass

10:30 am Mass

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

5:00 pm Journey to the Inn/La Posada, Parish Center

Monday, December 23rd

8:00 am Mass

Tuesday, December 24th

5:00 pm No Confession

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, December 25th

12:00 am Christmas Eve Midnight Mass

10:30 am Christmas Mass

Parish Office Closed

Thursday, December 26th

8:30 am Mass, Adoration following Mass

10:30 am Mary's Guild, Rm A

5:45 pm Benediction

Friday, December 27th

8:00 am Mass

Church Cleaning after the Mass

Saturday, December 28TH

8:00 am Mass

3:30– 5:00 pm Confession

5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, December 29TH

8:30 am Mass

10:30 am Mass

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. Dec 23rd Int. Valerie Austin

Tues. Dec 24th Leona Emmel +

Tues Dec 24th Int Dennis Sykes

Wed. Dec 25th People of Parish

Thurs Dec 26th Dolores Wolf +

Fri. Dec 27th Roger Van Dyke +

Sat. Dec 28th Catherine Hosmer +

Sat Dec 28th Int Steve & Karen Timm

Sun. Dec 29th William "Doc" Raven +

Sun. Dec 29th People of Parish



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our Festival of Lessons and Carols was a beautiful service of scripture and song. A wholehearted thank you to Mr. Edward Atkinson, our Director of Sacred Music, for his time and efforts creating this opportunity to celebrate the birth of Jesus and for sharing his amazing talents with our students. And thank you to our students for using your voices and hearts for the glory of our Savior. As we head into Christmas Break, the faculty and staff of Christ the King Catholic School wish you all a blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 2020 will bring with it a focus on our Open House and our school Auction. Check back here in the next few weeks for more information on ways you can participate, including how to volunteer and donation opportunities.

In Christ the King,
Sarah Brentano

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

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 gift cards or anything over email. Check the email address and if it is not from his office email, pas-tor@ctk.cc then it is a scam. Please forward these emails to support@pdx.net. The Archdiocese has asked us to forward these scam emails to this address. Please reach out to the Parish Office for questions and concerns.

Lunch and Learn

A New Event at CTK!

This is a wonderful, new event to come together monthly and listen to a featured speaker, while you eat your lunch with fellow parishioners and friends.

Our first featured speaker will be Julie Onderko. She will discuss her journey to becoming an author and publishing her most recent book.

Bring your own sack lunch. Coffee and water will be provided.

Save the Dates:

Thursday, January 16th 12-1 pm
Julie Onderko, Meet the author

Thursday, February 6th 12-1 pm
Matthew Kelly Book Club

Thursday, March 19th 12-1 pm
Deacon Randy, Life as a Seminarian

5th Sunday Family Rosary

Sunday, December 29th after the 8:30am Mass.

The Knights of Columbus invite all parishioners to participate in praying a Rosary for Families, Sunday 12/29 at 9:40am, in the church chapel. Rosaries will be available.



Journey to the Inn/La Posada

On Sunday Dec. 22nd, the Knights of Columbus are presenting a Journey to the Inn / La Posada, celebrating Mary and Joseph's search for shelter in Bethlehem. After reenacting the journey with prayers and songs in both English and Spanish, we'll have a potluck party, with a piñata for the children. Please plan to come at 5:00pm to the CTK Parish Center and enjoy this multicultural celebration.

Pinot and Prayer Women's Group

Save the date for 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 to come.

Men's Group

Men's Group has changed to a new night! Men's Group will now be held at 7pm on the first and third 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.

Book Discussion

A Matthew Kelly Moment...

"The saints... inspire us to bold action... They remind us over and over again. We can change the world!"

Come and join the discussion and exchange of ideas at the Matthew Kelly book club, in the Parish Center West Side on January 25th from 9:00-10:30. A light breakfast will be provided.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Infant Baptism Preparation Class

Baptism class is required for parents and god-parents of infants and young children to be baptized. We offer our Baptism preparation class 5 times a year.

Our next class is January 26, 2020 in Room A of the Parish office building.

All who wish to attend must register by contacting Julie Onderko at evangelization@ctk.cc

Information regarding baptism preparation can be found on our website <https://www.ctk.cc/baptism>

Adult Confirmation

If you are an adult Catholic who has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, here is your opportunity! Beginning January 5th, adults seeking Confirmation will prepare with our current RCIA class which meets in Rm A of the parish office on Sunday mornings between the Masses beginning at 9:40 am and attend for the duration. For more information or to register for adult confirmation, contact Julie Onderko at evangelization@ctk.cc

Adults will be confirmed Wednesday May 27, 2020 at the Cathedral by Archbishop Sample

St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you Christ the King school for filling the St. Vincent de Paul pantry with 1,129 lbs of non-perishable food items collected in November during your Annual Canned Food Drive. Your bountiful gift of caring will help many families in need, especially during the cold month's ahead. Thank you for making a difference.

Holy Day of Obligation

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is January 1, 2020. Mass will be celebrated at Christ the King on December 31st at 7pm with Adoration after until midnight and January 1st at 9am.

Financial Report

Our December 1st budget was for \$15,000 with an actual received of \$17,157.

Our YTD budget is \$322,000 with a YTD actual received of \$315,976 (-6,024)

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) 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.
- 2) 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

Boy Scouts Tree Recycle

Scout Troop 144 will be recycling Christmas Trees again this year. Trees may be dropped off in the parking lot on Washington St. at St. John the Baptist Church (across from the high school football field). Drop off days are Saturdays Dec. 28th and Jan. 4th., from 10am to 3pm. Suggested donation is \$5. Wreaths, swags and garlands may also be dropped off.

Trees can also be scheduled for pick-up for addresses with 97222 and 97267 zip codes. Tree pick-up days are Dec. 28th and 29th and Jan. 4th and 5th. Suggested donation for pick-up trees is \$10. Please call Joe at 503-760-3454 to arrange for a tree pick-up.

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

The Story of the Nativity

Understanding the Full Story of Jesus' Birth. The birth of Jesus is often misunderstood, but this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity clarifies widespread misunderstandings of Jesus' origin. Join top scholars, inspirational speakers, and popular authors as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus.

Watch 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

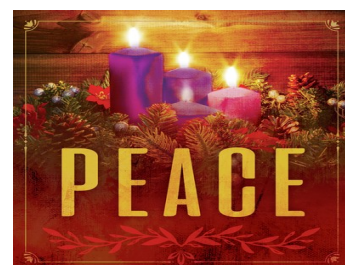
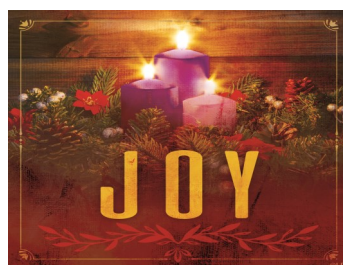
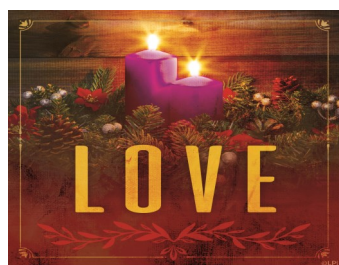
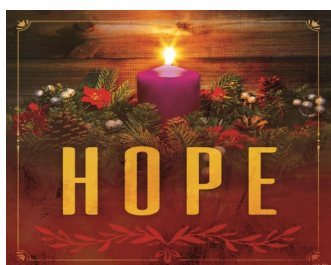
NCC Marriage Preparation Workshop

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



GROWING WITH THE GOSPEL

Sharing the Gospel

(crayons and extra copies located in Parish Center)

Luke 2:15-20

The shepherds in the hills around Bethlehem were the first to find out about the birth of Jesus. They were the first to visit the new baby and his family in the stable. The shepherds of the Lord in your life are people who love God and you very much. They praise God and say wonderful things about God. They tell you how good you are. They protect you from evil and harm.

Prayer

Father, thank you for the shepherds you sent to love and care for me.



Read the Gospel and Color



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Mission for the Week

I will be a good shepherd and protect my brother and sister from harm.