

Christ the King Roman Catholic Parish

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Mass times:

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

Weekdays: Mon, Wed, & Thurs: 9 am

January 26, 2020

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Word of God Sunday

Reading I: Isaiah 8: 23-9:3

Reading II: I Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17

The Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23, or 4: 12-17

REFLECTIONS FROM CARDINAL TOBIN

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him.” MATTHEW 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard Peterson

For quite some time I have been fascinated by the flexibility of our beloved English language. Its development is often rather quick, especially with the advent of “techno speak.” Old words get evicted or completely change their meaning. New words are created swiftly and get widespread use. So it is with the acronym “ASAP.” Its imperative implications come paired with urgency, and in a fast paced world, the letters have even been turned into a word. It has a “cousin,” if you will, in an older creation, namely “PDQ.” The milder translation is “pretty darn quick.” I am deliberately omitting the vulgar meaning of letter “D” because we’re in church for a homily. But you get the idea. I eventually found out that there are 37 other meanings for PDQ, including a restaurant chain!

All this talk of language arose in my mind after rereading what St. Matthew has to say about how Our Lord’s first disciples reacted to His invitation to follow Him. Matthew tells us that they did it “immediately.” How refreshing it was to read that for me. So often I wrestle with indecision. “Immediately” for me involves a certain freedom, unhampered by doubt or indecision. It further notifies all of us that the attraction Jesus had here was for real men used to making quick but important decisions fighting for their livelihood on the open sea. Where and when to toss their nets for fish could almost be a matter of life or death in their daily struggle to provide for their families and themselves.

I read a scriptural commentary in which the writer almost hastens to tell us that Matthew’s account is a compressed one. That St. John’s version of the same incident is more likely because it includes the natural human tendency to be hesitant to embark on a new direction in life. But I thought to myself that “Sure, we all have to do our research and give serious thought to any major decision.” Today we might say “Go on Google first.” Certainly, the early four Apostles likely consulted their wives, children, and others before stepping away from their usual lives to follow this amazing young Rabbi from Nazareth.

But allow me to take Matthew literally for just a moment or two, to admire Saints Peter, Andrew, James and John for following their hearts as well as their heads in answering Jesus’ invitation right away, without consulting a checklist. There is something invigorating about letting go of fear and apprehension and simply saying “Yes” to God right away. I can summon a certain Francis of Assisi who did it centuries later. We all have a knack for delay. We like staying right where we are in our custom made comfort zone and asking Jesus for His understanding.

Such immediate decisions don’t have to be any more uprooting than a change in our daily schedule to get out of bed a half hour earlier to pray each day. Or choosing to fast one day a week to know what it feels like for those among us who through no fault of their own must go hungry most days if not all. You are mature enough to make your own list. But do it immediately.

Beware those well-meaning souls who will happily point out practical obstacles to your decisions. That’s why we have to avoid delay. Like the apostles’ decisions made long ago and far away, which they made “asap.” Look where they are now. Meanwhile, we can imagine those first four Apostles saying to us at times: “Do it now! Today will be yesterday tomorrow.”

Parish Giving

Collections	1/12/20	Y-T-D
Collected	3,218.00	71,599.00
Needed	<u>2,446.00</u>	<u>68,494.00</u>
Difference	772.00	3,105.00

2019 Sharing God’s Blessings Annual Appeal

Goal	Pledged	Received
\$13,596	\$2,725	\$2,675

We Are Living Stones

Goal	Pledged	Received
\$145,484.00	\$61,140.00	\$41,176.74

Our share after meeting tithing goal of \$12,000—\$14,588.37

If you have not yet made a pledge to the *Sharing God’s Blessings Annual Appeal*, there is still time. Please complete a pledge envelope and drop it in the collection basket, or bring it to the parish office. If you have already made a contribution, Thank you.

Prayers for the Dead

Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him/her. May he/she rest in Peace. Amen

May his/her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Prayer requests for the dead and for the recently deceased in our community.

Jacqueline Simmons, Rashad Thomas, Teresa Garner, Denise Floyd, Tashan Coaxum, Elizabeth Livingstone, Joseph Seals, Douglas Miguel Rodriguez, Leah Mindel

Mass Intention: End to violence in our Community.

Mass Readings for Jan. 26- Feb. 1, 2020

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14; Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mk 4:35-41

Please **PRAY**
for the sick of our parish and those that care for them

Please keep the following parish family members and friends in your prayers:

Francena Thomas, Beverly Chestnut, William Moore, Nathaniel McDougald, Irene Gaynor, Pearl Hardy, John Lott, Connie Moses, Deneen Dorsey, Carol Jones, Julia Hunt-Walker, Mildred Hamm, Elizabeth Gaines, Alicia Brown, Ellen Stuckey, Shirley Connell, James Holloway, Dolores Sanders, Bessie Johnson, Gordon Gladden, Adela Buccilli, Lourdes Ithier, Robert Orange, Aaron Anderson, Bennie Fields, Pat Edomy, Valerie Thomas-Floyd, Davey Bogar, Harriet Donald, Wanda Manning, Roberta Brown, Sharon Massey, Michael J.R. Coates, Claude Hunt, Carolyn K. Rice, Verdena Johnson, Aurora Curry, Elissa Hairston, Valerie Lewis-Mosley, Renade Bigbie, Janie Jackson, Aaron Hairston, Verdell Moses-Boyd, Dad Mallard, Diane Weems, Katherine Graham, Eleanor Mixson, Kadeem Carson, Velma Smith Ingram, Miya Enix, Ruth Ann Watkins, Anna Marie Mosley, Minnie Johnson, Shirley West, Curtis Curry, Bestine Remy, Jessie Williams, Maurice Anyaorah, Charles Simmons, Bryson Nelson, Gail Williams.

God of mercy, ease the suffering of those on our prayer list. Comfort them in their various illnesses. Please give them courage, patience and hope. In their times of loneliness assure them of our love and prayers.

Men's Prayer Group will meet following Mass.

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration in the Rectory Chapel at 6:00PM

Wednesday.

Bible Study meets after Eucharistic Adoration in the Rectory at 7:30 .

Monthly Eucharistic Adoration follows the first Saturday evening Mass.

Lord
teach
 us
 to pray
 Luke 11:1

Lectors

Date		
JAN 26	Patricia Sebron	Rosemary Nwabueze
FEB 2	Diana Maina	Amaury Adolphus
FEB 9	Francisca Osuji	Anthony Oparaji
FEB 16	Patricia Sebron	Rosemary Nwabueze
FEB 23	Lois Salley	Linda Fagan

Eucharistic Ministers

Date	Chalice	Host to Pews	Host
JAN 26	Monica Harwell	Eugene Mosley	Yvonne Bailey
FEB 2	Jeanette Daniels	Ann Warren	Iris Jones
FEB 9	Patrice Maina	Yolanda Jackson	Shirley West
FEB 16	Ceceilia Faulks	Janese Battle	Charnette Lewis
FEB 23	Monica Harwell	Eugene Mosley	Yvonne Bailey

Pastoral Council	
Patrice Maina	Beauty Muswema
Kimberly Robertson	Alan Lee
Rosemary Nwabueze	Devon Roland
Mabel Hawkins	Eleanor Simmons
Charles Simmons	

Finance Council	
Yolanda Jackson	Donna Boyer-Lendor
Fred Garlin	Ronald J. Hunt
Shalitha Nelson	Anthony Ngaojia
Monica Harwell	
Verdena Johnson	Christine Wooten

Sacred Music Ministry
Michelle Adolphus: Children and Youth

Mission Statement of Christ the King Roman Catholic Church

It is our mission that all are welcomed, every race, creed, and color.

To reach out to everyone within our community with love, respect, hospitality, and support.

To worship in a manner which is consistent with our African-American Heritage and culture.

To involve ourselves in building up our community, by confronting areas of racial, social and economic injustice.

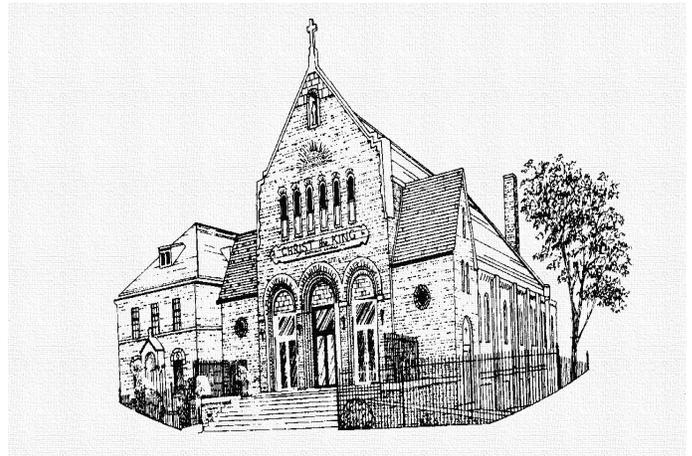
To embrace our youth, understand their needs, nurture them and ensure that the youth are in integral part of our parish.

To become knowledgeable about African-American history,

Reporting Sexual Abuse Information

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by any member of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate actions to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256

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Trustees: **Mrs. Verdena Johnson**
Ms. Christina Wooten

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office Hours

Monday–Thursday 9:00 AM–2:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM–12:00 Noon

The Sacrament of Baptism

Celebrations are held seasonally. Parents should contact the pastor to set up an appointment. Parents and godparents are invited to our baptismal preparation program.

The Sacrament of Marriage

Couples considering marriage are expected to make arrangements with the pastor one year in advance. All couples are welcome to our marriage preparation program.

Parish Membership

Christ the King is a parish that welcomes all. Every member of the parish is expected to be involved in stewardship of time, talent, and treasure and one of the church ministries. Anyone needing offering envelopes should contact the rectory.

Christian Formation

Inquiry classes into Catholic faith RCIA formation for adults seeking full membership in the Catholic Church are held in the rectory. For more information please contact Fr. Mino for meeting times.

Event	Date	Time	Location
Word of God Sunday	January 26 th	10:00 am – Installation Gathering -After Mass	In Church Church Hall
Eucharistic Adoration Bible Study	January 29 th	6pm- Adoration 7 pm-Bible Study	Rectory
Soup Kitchen	February 1 st	9am-1pm	Sacred Heart Church Basement
Caregivers' Workshop	February 8 th	10:30-2:00	Church Hall
Lector Training	February 22	9am-12:30pm	Archdiocesan Center, Newark

FAITH STORIES

Our inventory of faith stories is completely empty. Our community will grow in love when we share our stories.

Share your faith story. Email your story to ctkcnj@gmail.com or amwarren@verizon.net

Caring for a loved one?

Don't Forget to Care For Yourself !

Come join us for Information and Rejuvenation for current or past caregivers.

February 8th, 2020 ~10:30 am~ 2 pm

Where: Christ the King Church Hall

768 Ocean Avenue

Jersey City, New Jersey



Lunch, Learn, Relax, Recharge, Rejuvenate

We pray for the sick but we must also pray for their caregivers. Come and join us. All are welcome.

For more information please contact: Ann Warren 201-333-4862 or

Damali.Campbell.Oparaji@femdocjcmc@yahoo.com

RSVP to ctkcnj@gmail.com



The winter cold is here .The homeless will be homeless in the cold. This winter we will try to do our part. We will open our hearts and our base-ment to them a couple of mornings every week. We want to warm the body and stomachs by provides a little shelter, coffee and donuts, and friendly conversation.

Please contact Ann Warren if you are interested in assisting.

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We serve on the first Saturday of the month. Donations are also needed to stock the food pantry. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.