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Mass times:

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

Weekdays: Mon, Wed, & Thurs: 9 am

February 23, 2020

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18

Reading II: I Corinthians 3: 16-23

The Gospel: Matthew 5: 38-48

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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“But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...” MATTHEW 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from “me” and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for “our enemy”. When we pray for others, even “our enemies”, maybe it softens their hearts as well.

Parish Giving

Collections	2/2/20	Y-T-D
Collected	1,753.00	76,852.00
Needed	<u>2,446.00</u>	<u>75,832.00</u>
Difference	(693.00)	1,020.00

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

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, Ferencz, Moshe Deutsch, Lisa Stokes, Douglas Dabney, Thomas H. Simmons, Jr., Jacqueline McKnight Myers, Victor Brown.

Reflections on the Gospel by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

My aunt and uncle once lived on a tiny street in the row-house world of South Philly. What fascinated me as a boy when my family and I visited their home was the vestibule, something lacking in our suburban home at the time. This was a very small space, hardly a “room,” formed by the main front door and another one, featuring frosted glass. This second door opened into the living area, the heart of the home, with the dining space further in, ending with the kitchen, from which came the enticing aromas promising a good meal ahead.

I thought of that long ago scene, featuring that vestibule, when I considered the Readings for today and the upcoming season of Lent. With Ash Wednesday a scant three days away, we may consider ourselves “in the vestibule” of Lent. So said, we note that these bible excerpts make for a perfect combination of commandments and practical ways to respond. “A pair of doors” if you will, into the heart of the matter.

The first commands come from the book of Leviticus, where we read that Moses was ordered to give the people the Lord's word that they be holy. How? By not hating anyone, and not hesitating to correct anybody who needs it. Of course, they are to love their neighbor as themselves.

St. Paul weighs in with a reminder that each of us is like a temple in which God dwells. Then we read of how Our Lord spells out two of the hardest choices all Christians have to make, namely: avoiding revenge and actually loving our enemies.

We then exit this “vestibule” and step into Lent and its six weeks that follow for a kind of retreat. The self-imposed prayer and fasting time to drive out any “sludge” from the “piping” of our souls. All of this to prepare for our 2020 celebration of Easter. That celebration, as we know, balances out the calendar with seven weeks of “Alleluias” and rejoicing, with Spring as a bonus.

It seems to me this cyclical rhythm of liturgical observance helps to bring order and purpose to our spiritual life. There may be all kinds of chaos around us, with the pace of modern life never slowing down. So we need to resist that pressure lest we feel like a hamster trapped in a whirling metal circle. We are more than our schedules. More than our obligations and earthly duties. We live for a loving Lord. We trust in His way forward to a future of peace and happiness unending.

Getting back to family memories like that vestibule in my aunt and uncle's home with that vestibule, I think from time to time of an old, now forgotten slogan once used by my Dad's longtime employer, the Prudential Insurance Company. I know he believed in them, on several layers of meaning. The words? *“The future belongs to those who prepare for it.”* Not a bad watchword for all of us, here in the “vestibule” of Lent.

Mass Intention: Sanctity of the African American Family

Mass Readings for Feb. 23- Feb. 29, 2020

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

FAITH STORIES

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

Please
P R A Y
*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 Glad-den, 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, Monica Brown.

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.

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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 on Wednesdays also.

Monthly Eucharistic Adoration follows the first Saturday evening Mass.

Date	Lectors	
FEB 23	Lois Salley	Linda Fagan
MARCH 1	Mae Moses	Mauriella Adolphus
MARCH 8	Silvester Oluokun	Yvonne Bailey
MARCH 15	Kimberly Robertson	Shirley West
MARCH 22	Iris Jones	Mc Koy Fagan
MARCH 29	Patricia Sebron	Rosemary Nwabueze

	Eucharistic Ministers		
Date	Chalice	Host to Pews	Host
FEB 23	Monica Harwell	Eugene Mosley	Yvonne Bailey
MARCH 1	Jeanette Daniels	Mabel Hawkins	Iris Jones
MARCH 8	Patrice Maina	Yolanda Jackson	Shirley West
MARCH 15	Cecelia Faulks	Janese Battle	Charnette Lewis
MARCH 22	Monica Harwell	Eugene Mosley	Yvonne Bailey
MARCH 29	Jeanette Daniels	Mabel Hawkins	Iris Jones

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

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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.

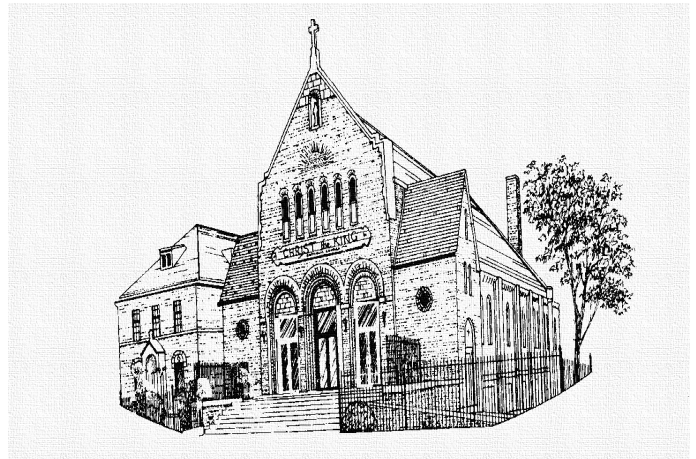
To embrace our youth, understand their needs, nurture them and ensure that the youth are in integral part of our parish.

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
LIVE, LEAD, AND SERVE WITH ABUNDANT JOY! Workshop on Serving the Community	Feb. 22, April 18	10am-2:30pm	Church Hall
Black History Month Day of Reflection	February 23	After Mass	Church Hall
Family Movie Night ("Harriet" or "Black Panther")	February 28	6:30 pm	Church Hall
Soup Kitchen	March 7	9am-1pm	Sacred Heart Parish
Family Social	March 14	6:30-11:30 pm	Church Hall
Workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist	April 25	Preregistration Required	Archdiocesan Center
Ladies of Peter Claver Night of Doo Wop	May 2	6-11 pm	Church Hall

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

CTK T-Shirt Fundraiser

Let's pay homage to our ancestors whom fought to be

"Black & Catholic" which this church was built upon.

Youth Sizes (XS-XL): \$15

Adult Sizes (S-XXL): \$20

Also available for purchase:

"Blessed" T-shirts & "CTK" Reusable Tote bags

Please come down to the church basement after Mass today to purchase items.

See Kimberly Robertson for more information.

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH PRESENTS

THE 2ND ANNUAL FAMILY SOCIAL

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FUN AND CELEBRATION FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
TICKET INCLUDES DINNER, SOUP & WATER

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH
6:30 PM - 11:30 PM

TICKET: ADULTS \$25; KIDS UNDER 12 \$10; 5 & UNDER FREE

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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 basement to them a couple of mornings every week. We want to warm the body and stomachs by providing a little shelter, coffee and donuts, and friendly conversation. **Please contact Ann Warren if you are interested**

The African American, African, and Caribbean Apostolate is coordinating travel to Xavier University in New Orleans to participate in various events over the week of July 12–18, 2020. Opportunities for study, prayer, reflection, discussion, recreation, and renewal will be provided by The Institute for Black Catholic Studies. Contact Rev. Emeka Okwuosa (Rev.Emeka.OkwuosaSDV@rcan.org) or Diana and Patrice Maina for more information.

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