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Question of the Week

What is Candlemas?

Candlemas, also called the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, and the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, marks the fortieth day after the church celebrates the birth of Christ, marking the day in which he was presented in the Temple. Candlemas is also the formal conclusion to the Christmas and Epiphany season. Church archives indicate that the earliest recorded celebration occurred in the fourth century in Jerusalem.

Traditionally, the faithful bring their candles for a blessing from their priest, which symbolizes Christ, as the Light of the World, filling our homes. So, bring your candles on February 2nd for a blessing!

Submit a question to Fr. Taylor for next week!

Connect with Us!

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Christ the King Church - Kansas City
Father Taylor Tracy, SCR, Pastor

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*O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendor,
strength and honor in his holy place.*

Welcome!

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Can you feel the Holy Spirit at work in our parish community? In this Sunday's Epistle, we see Paul exhort and encourage the gifts and contributions of the faithful because our hearts, even in their uniqueness, flow from the same Divine source. When we align our own will and desires with that of the Holy Spirit and work together as co-laborers in the Vineyard, there is nothing we cannot overcome.

It is no secret that our world is filled with adversity. I recently had to adjust my newsfeed because I was unable to read the same dismal reporting over and over. But CtK is a beacon; its very presence is a mission and ministry in and of itself -- a refuge and a safe harbor. A place where you are known, loved and encouraged to grow.

God has called us to plant and cultivate something greater than ourselves, and I look forward to seeing what the New Year holds.

To Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Taylor

Important Dates

Sunday 1/23

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. Choir / 10:15 Sunday school /
11:30 a.m. Holy Mass / 12:45 RCIA Begins

Sunday 1/30

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. Choir / 10:15 Sunday school /
11:30 a.m. Holy Mass / 12:30 p.m. Meal / 1:00 RCIA

Wednesday 2/2

Candlemas

7:00 p.m. Holy Mass / 8:00 Refreshments

Join a CtK Team!

CtK is guided by four teams; **outreach**, **formation**, **worship**, and **administration**.

Each of these teams is composed of excited and passionate people who seek to promote our mission and ministry.

Please contact Father Taylor at frtaylor@christthekingkc.com if you would like to learn more about serving.

Hymn Numbers for Today's Mass

The Mass setting, Missa Pacem,
begins on No. 237 in the GIA Hymnal

Processional Hymn: GIA #849

Psalm: Psalm 19, PG 104, GIA #1117

Preparation Hymn: GIA #730

Communion: GIA #931

Marian Antiphon: (insert)

Recessional Hymn: GIA #787



Prayer Requests & Memorials

As a parish community, we are called to support each other in all aspects of life. So whether you are celebrating a joyous event in life or need healing and comfort, we are here for you.

Please contact Father Taylor if you would like to offer a Mass intention or place a name on our prayer list.

We pray for those in need of healing:

Adrian Taylor, Linda Mouton,
Jesse Ibarra III; Dr. Ken Dantzler;
Fr. Pius Charles Murray, Jesse Garcia; Family of
Greg Schwartz; Ryan Bliss; Bp. Marc Morales

Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong and of good courage, do not fear or be in dread of them: for it is the LORD your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you."



Upcoming Mass Schedule

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 1/23

Greeters: Mary & Terry; Shayna; Bryce
Lector: Marilyn
Sacristan: Andrew
Altar Server: Jack

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1/30

Greeters: Crews Family
Lector: Suzanne
Sacristan: Andrew
Altar Server: Available

Candlemas @ 7:00 2/2

Greeters:
Lector:
Sacristan:
Altar Server:

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2/6

Greeters:
Lector:
Sacristan:
Altar Server:

The Importance of Singing in the Holy Mass

The Second Vatican Council teaches in Sacrosanctum Concilium (The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy) **that all who are present at Mass should fully and actively participate by rite of baptism.** This participation makes Christ truly present in the celebration of the liturgy, in the same manner as he is present in the word, the sacraments (especially the Eucharist), and the celebrant. For when the church prays and sings, Christ is present.

In our participation in word and song, Christ is revealed and made present to us. Our singing serves as a crucial part of the greater mystery we are celebrating: Christ's sacrifice being united to the Father through the Holy Spirit. Why sing at Mass? To make this a reality!

We may not always be in the mood to sing. Perhaps our hearts are heavily burdened with fear and despair, especially in our current world, seemingly torn by strife, sickness, and racism. In "Sing to the Lord," the U.S. bishops speak well of our participation and the occasional challenges we face when singing at Mass: "Sometimes, our voices do not correspond to the convictions of our hearts. At other times, we are distracted or preoccupied with the cares of the world. But Christ always invites us to enter into song, to rise above our own preoccupations, and to give our entire selves to the hymn of his Paschal Sacrifice for the honor and glory of the Most Blessed Trinity."

Sponsor a New Hymnal!

We recently ordered additional hymnals for the church, with scripture readings included. For a donation of \$15.00, you can dedicate a hymnal in honor or memory of a loved one. You can also sponsor a hymnal and have your favorite bible verse, quote, saint, or liturgical celebration included!

To make your donation, please use an envelope at the welcome table and indicate that it is for the hymnal. You will also find a form at the back of the table for you to include your message! Thank you.

Ready to serve?

Please let our Liturgical Coordinator, Andrew Miller, know by sending him an email at socdocmiller@gmail.com or reach out to Father Taylor, and we will be more than happy to get you involved!

***All liturgical ministers are asked to arrive at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday.**

Saint of the Month

St. Thomas Aquinas

By universal consent, Thomas Aquinas is the preeminent spokesman of the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelation. He is one of the great teachers of the medieval Catholic Church, honored with the titles Doctor of the Church and Angelic Doctor.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, pervades his writings. One might expect Thomas, as a man of the gospel, to be an ardent defender of revealed truth. But he was broad enough, deep enough, to see the whole natural order as coming from God the Creator, and to see reason as a divine gift to be highly cherished.

Saint Thomas Aquinas, pray for us!

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January Update

Tithes & Offerings: \$2,770.69
Wedding Donations: \$1,500.00
Total Expenses: \$3,907.43
Total Revenue: \$4,270.69
Financial Goal for Jan. 2022: \$8,000.00

**Amount Still Needed for
January: \$3,729.31**