

Christ the King Parish Bulletin

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 p.m. (Vigil, English)

Sunday 7:45 a.m. (English)

9:30 a.m. (English)

11:00 a.m. (Spanish)

Daily Mass Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days 8:00 a.m.; 6:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS Saturday 9:30 – 11:00 a.m., Daily: 7:30a.m. – 7:50a.m.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Thursday 9:00–12:00 p.m. (Chapel)

Friday 9:00–12:00 p.m. (Chapel)

HOLY COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND

Call the Parish Office

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES by appointment with the Pastor

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Contact Office

YOUTH MINISTRY

Confirmation – Tuesday 6:00–7:30 p.m., Parish Hall

ADULT RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Ed & Carole Lugo 951-903-8471



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PARISH ACTIVITIES

Parish Finance Council – Dcn. Fred Ansolabehere, Nancy Blair,
Dcn. Joe Parugrug, Mark Hall and Peggy Hubble

Parish Development Committee –

Bazaar (BBQ): Peggy Hubble, 747-5942, phubble523@gmail.com

Altar Servers – Contact Office

Eucharistic Ministers – Contact Office

Greeters/Ushers – Kathy Haynes 588-8877

Lectors – Contact Office

Music Ministry – Jim McClelland 472-1763

Carmelite Secular – 3rd Sunday (monthly) 1:00 p.m., McGovern Hall
Manuel Villicana, President 661-437-2244, villicam@yahoo.com

Ladies Guild – 2nd Thursday (monthly) 6:00 p.m., McGovern Hall
Peggy Hubble, President (c) 747-5942, phubble523@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus – 1st Thursday (monthly) 7:00 p.m., McGovern Hall
Al Perich, Grand Knight (c) 872-1494, alperich049@gmail.com

12-Step Program – 1st Thursday (monthly) 7:00–8:30 p.m., Room A
Glen Chesbrough, 760-417-0193

Bible Study – Tuesday 6:00–7:00 p.m., Room C

Spanish Prayer Group – Tuesday 7:00–9:00 p.m., Room A
Oscar Coreas, 477-2252

Prayer Blanket Ministry – 2nd and 4th Wednesdays (monthly)
9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., Room B, Karen Flores 393-5171
Prayer Blankets are available in the parish office.

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Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22nd, 2024



Therefore the Lord, will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, and the rest of his kindred shall return to the children of Israel. He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD, his God; and they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace. Mi 5:1-4a

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 21 Sat. 4:00pm	+Jose Antonio Maya by Victor/Janet Barreneche	Dec 28 Sat. 4:00pm	+Joe & +Shirley Clerou by George & Sandy Clerou
Dec 22 Sun 7:45am	+Frank Schuman by Pam Greenleaf	Dec 29 Sun 7:45am	+Mary L. Carrasco by Stegall Family
Sun 9:30am	+Leonor Diaz by Her family	Sun 9:30am	+Bill & +Irene Grimm by Madeline Schmitt Grimm
Sun 11:00am	INT Aniversario Rony y Abigail Chavez by Familia	Sun 11:00am	+David Andrade by Familia

WEEKDAY MASSES

Join us to recite the Rosary every weekday morning at 7:20

Dec 23 Mon 8:00 am	Communion Service
Dec 24 Tues 7:00 pm	+Claudia Chavez by Cabrera Family
Dec 25 Wed 8:00 am	+Ann Sill Hayes by Ernest Antongiovanni
Dec 26 Thurs 8:00 am	Jahn Rene Hernandez - for his 8th birthday by His grandmother
Dec 27 Fri. 8:00 am	+Ann Hayes by Betty Bean

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH:
Vigil Mass: 7:00PM

(This is a holy day of obligation)

CHRISTMAS DAY: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH:

8:30 am in English

10:30 am in Spanish/Español



The most important Christmas preparation is a good confession. Make your heart ready for the holy Guest!

Confessions will be held from 9:30-11:30AM on Saturday, December 21, 2024.

HOLIDAY HOURS

There will be adoration on Christmas Eve and there will be no adoration on Christmas Day.

The office will be open from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm on Christmas Eve and will be closed on Christmas Day.

The office will also be closed on New Year's Day.

OREMUS
PLEASE KEEP THESE
PARISHIONERS IN YOUR
PRAYERS

- Art McAdams
- Larry DeAngelis
- Bill & Rita Mills
- Theresa Parra
- Carmen Rodriguez
- Jackie Smith
- Pauline Baker
- Mariette Givens
- Daniel Puskarich
- Patricia Puskarich
- Joan Abler
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Ignacia Villasenor
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Pablo Ayala

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD A
PARISHIONER TO THE PRAYER
LIST, PLEASE CONTACT
DAHLIA CABRERA
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Las Posadas



You are invited to the Posadas here at Christ the King Church. The Posadas will start the 15 of December starting at 6 pm and end the 23 December. There will be Piñatas, candy, cookies, hot chocolate and sweet bread for the cold outside while the kids hit the Piñata, and much more.



Están invitados a participar con toda su familia en las posadas Navideñas Del 15 al 23 de Diciembre A las 6:00 pm

Las posadas Navideñas simbolizan de José y Maria a su salida de Nazaret a la ciudad de Belén, trayecto realizado para esperar el Nacimiento del niño Jesús.

LAS POSADAS

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH



Young Adult Ministry

If you have not yet picked up your certificate for your Pie purchase from the Young Adult Ministry Sale, it's not too late. Your certificate is good for 1 Year. The certificates are available in the office. Thank you to all who supported our Young Adults Ministry. It is most appreciated.

FREE LIFT CHAIR

Jude Hupp is giving an electric lift chair away for free to a parishioner in need. Contact Jude at (661) 570-9239 if you are interested!



December: The Month of the Immaculate Conception



Fourth Week of Advent Candle: LOVE



More so than perhaps any of the other advent candle themes, **LOVE** is easily misunderstood. We often think of **Love** in purely sentimental terms, thinking it means being happy or being nice. The Bible affirms that and that his sending Jesus into the world was an act of perfect **Love** (*1 John 4:8-12*). Jesus loved people, and yet he didn't try to always be nice to people. Sometimes, he pushed people to consider what they really believed if they really wanted to follow him (*Mark 10:17-27*). Sometimes, he got them to admit their mistakes to see how much they needed God (*John 4:1-42*). Throughout his ministry, he maintained that the key to finding God was not to "follow your heart" but to follow him and obey his teachings. The Bible also clarifies that Jesus' death and resurrection was the great act of **Love** (*1 John 3:16*). This helps us see that **Love** is sacrificial. 1 Corinthians 13 describes the attributes we pursue when we **Love** someone (patience, kindness, trust, not having envy, etc.). None of these attributes are easy things to practice, which means that we need God's help to live them out. In fact, God must teach us how to **Love**: before becoming Christians, we were dead in our sins (*Ephesians 3:1*), and we still struggle to do anything that is not self-centered. Therefore, we know that **Love** ultimately is about living a life centered on God. To **Love** God is to obey him (*1 John 5:3*). When we do that, we set our standards not by how we happen to feel but by an eternal standard and a person who can guide us. This helps us go beyond just trying to be nice, giving sacrificially, and doing difficult things because we **Love** others.

Our Lady of Guadalupe School

Our Lady of Guadalupe School - Bakersfield is hosting its 39th Reverse Raffle on February 8, 2025. It will be held at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Co-Patroness of the Unborn Pavilion, 4600 E. Brundage Ln. corner of Oswell & Brundage. We invite you to participate in this fundraiser event and help support our school & SJS Sisters to continue providing a Catholic education to children in Bakersfield. Tickets are now on sale at the school office, 609 E. California Ave. Prices are \$150 for dinner for two and a chance to win \$8,000! Or purchase a raffle ticket for only \$100. For questions, please call the school office at (661) 323-6059 or contact Maria at (661) 832-8681.



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Are you called to be a priest?

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December 7: St Catherine's, Dinuba at 6:00 PM
January 5: St. Joseph's, Bakersfield at 6:00 PM
February 2: Sacred Heart, Merced at 6:00 PM
March 2: St. Philip's, Bakersfield at 6:00 PM
April 6: St. Patrick's, Merced at 6:00 PM
May 4: St. Jude's, Easton at 6:00 PM
June 1: St. Anthony's, Reedley at 6:00 PM

Contact: Fr. Iván Hernández Melchor, Director of Vocations
(559) 488-7424 vocations@dioceseoffresno.org

Seminarian Dinner
Mark your calendar!

Supporting our Seminarians
Saturday, January 18, 2025
5:30 — 8:00 pm
Tickets go on sale in January!

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Pray for PRIESTS and SEMINARIANS

For faithful Catholics, the Christmas season begins at midnight on December 24 and continues well into January. While the rest of the world is winding down their Christmas celebrations, we're just gearing up for ours... According to the Church, the Christmas season officially ends with the Baptism of the Lord, observed this year on January 12th. That gives us twelve more days to celebrate Christmas, so keep those lights up! Bake more cookies! Sing another round of carols! Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good: His love is everlasting.

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For a hundred different things, the answer is still the same... *START OVER AGAIN*. I've failed in God's service, or failed my family, or my work, or my studies, my exercise, my diet. The answer seems to be just the same... *START OVER AGAIN*. And I guess that's the grace to ask for, Lord, I put my self-pity behind me and ask for Your grace and *START OVER AGAIN*. (KNOM)

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How far you go in life depends on how *compassionate* you are with the aged, how tender you are with the young, how *sympathetic* you are with those who are striving and how *tolerant* you are of both the weak and the strong.

Because someday in life, you will have been all of them.

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