

# 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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# Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, December 29th, 2024

God sets a father in honor over his children: a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard....My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him...kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—A house raised in justice to you. —Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

## WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

**Dec 28** Sat. 4:00pm +Joe & +Shirley Clerou by George & Sandy Clerou  
**Dec 29** Sun 7:45am +Mary L. Carrasco by Stegall Family  
Sun 9:30am +Bill & +Irene Grimm by Madeline Schmitt, Grimm  
Sun 11:00am +David Andrade by Familia

**Jan 4** Sat 4pm +Scott Border by Kelly O'Donnell  
**Jan 5** Sun 7:45am +Genovevo Medina by Teresa Medina  
Sun 9:30am +Norma Coleman Hill by Josef & Julienne  
Sun 11am +Aurelio Hernandez by Elizabeth Hernandez

## WEEKDAY MASSES

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

Dec 30 Mon 8:00 am **Communion Service**  
Dec 31 Tues 7:00 pm +**Olga Renteria** by Victor Guerra  
Jan 01 Wed 8:00 am +**Kevin/Scott/Jeff** by Border Family  
Jan 02 Thurs 8:00 am +**Ann Hayes** by Betty Bean  
Jan 03 Fri. 8:00 am +**Leo Ablor** by Joan Ablor

The will be a **First Friday Mass on Jan. 3, and First Sat. Mass on Jan. 4.** The Intention for the Saturday Mass will be for +Roberto & Erlinda De Leon by Teresa Medina  
Please remember that the Office will be closed **New Year's Day, January 1, 2024 BUT there will still be Mass!!!!**

The Mass for the **Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God**  
Is on Wednesday, January 1, 2025 at 8am  
This is not a Holy Day of Obligation, But Our Lady would love to see you there!!



# FEAST OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

*Hail, full of grace!  
The Lord is with you.*

- LUKE 1:28 -

"To give worthy praise to the Lord's mercy, we unite ourselves with Your Immaculate Mother, for then our hymn will be more pleasing to You, because She is chosen from among men and angels. Through Her, as through a pure crystal, Your mercy was passed on to us. Through Her, man became pleasing to God; Through Her, streams of grace flowed down upon us."

- St. Faustina, Diary 1746



## 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.

## Free Lift Chair

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

*The first Christians call Mary the "Mother of God" without hesitation. There was a scriptural precedent, and it seemed logical. If Jesus was God, and Mary was his mother, then that made her the Mother of God. That sort of logic depends on a principle called the "communication of Idioms." According to that principle, whatever one says about either of Christ's natures can be truly said of Christ himself. That's because His two natures, the divine nature and the human nature, were united in Him, He is one divine person....In 431 A.D. at the Council of Ephesus...the Church declared that Jesus is one divine person, with two natures—his Mother's human nature and His Father's divine nature. Mary did not give Jesus his Divine Nature or his divine personhood—those He possessed from all eternity as the only begotten Son of the Father. But she also didn't give Him His flesh: she gave birth to the whole person...Jesus Christ, both God and Man. --From the St. Paul Center*

## 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 Ablor  
Lois McAdoo  
Steve Rodriguez  
Steven Sakowski  
Phillip Kidwell  
Roger Wileman

## REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Ignacia Villasenor  
baby William Carrisalez  
Pablo Ayala/Teacher at OLG

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD A PARISHIONER TO THE PRAYER LIST, PLEASE CONTACT  
DAHLIA CABRERA  
DAHLIACABRE-  
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## December: The Month of the Immaculate Conception

Growing up in a large Catholic family gave me the opportunity to interact with the Catholic Church's love for Mary and the Saints. However, looking back just recently, it is no surprise that my appreciation of Mary came to being as I grew in a deeper appreciation of my own mother. I tell people that I would be content if I were a fraction of the person that she is. While I could go on forever about how wonderful my mother is, I'll limit myself to just sharing one characteristic of her that I think is crucial for understanding and appreciating Mary as the Mother of God: when I go to my mom for advice, she will always end the conversation suggesting that **I pray about it and ask God for the necessary virtues to make an action or decision. By asking me to pray about it, helps me direct my attention toward Christ.**

You may or may not have this same experience with your own mothers, but Mary is the Mother of God, making her Our Mother as well. We all have the opportunity to approach Mary's open arms in the hope of receiving her comfort and love. But even more importantly, she is able to point us to Christ, to encourage us to grow our relationship with her Son. Look at scripture and you can see where Mary helps guide people to Christ. In particular, look at the **Wedding at Cana** in John 2. Mary and Jesus were at a wedding, and the hosts ran out of wine. Mary went to Jesus and told him that they were out of wine and were in need of more. Jesus responded to her, "Woman, what is that to me and to you? My hour is not yet come." ... She knew that he would fulfill her request. Jesus instructed the servants to fill some huge jugs with water. Because of Mary's advice they obeyed. Think about this now: Mary told Christ what the servants needed, ...then immediately told the servants to do as Jesus tell him. Does Mary not tell Christ out needs, then instructs us to do as her son instructs us to to?

### 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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Our Lady of Guadalupe  
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### Get to Heaven

*Join us for inspiring talks, confession, and Holy Hour with Fr. Nathan Cromly.*

**JAN. 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6-9PM**  
DINNER IS INCLUDED

**MENS RETREAT FELLOWSHIP**

Suggested Cost: \$50 (All are welcome)  
Register online: [www.KernCatholic.com](http://www.KernCatholic.com)  
Payment will be collected at the door  
Event held at: Garces Campus, 2800 Loma Linda Dr. Bakersfield, CA 93305

### Let us Adore

*Join us for a walk of the Holy Eucharist presented by Fr. Nathan Cromly, followed by a Liturgical Hour.*

**Thursday, JAN. 9<sup>th</sup> 9-11AM**

**WOMENS RETREAT FELLOWSHIP**

Suggested Cost: Donations welcome  
Register online: [www.KernCatholic.com](http://www.KernCatholic.com)  
Event held at: Garces Chapel, 2800 Loma Linda Dr. Bakersfield, CA 93305

### Office of Vocations

Discernment Group Meetings

Come Follow Me

## Are you called to be a priest?

If so, join our discernment group meetings where we can help answer your questions. One of our goals is to provide you with information, support and encouragement as you consider the vocation to the priesthood.

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

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

### Seminarian Dinner

Mark your calendar!

Supporting our Seminarians


**Saturday, January 18, 2025**  
**5:30 — 8:00 pm**  
Tickets go on sale

Saturday, January 4th, 2025  
Adults: \$20/Children \$10

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Pray for PRIESTS and SEMINARIANS



## Walk for Life

FOR WEST COAST

### SAN FRANCISCO

This year's "Walk for Life" will be held on **Saturday, January 25, 2025**  
**CIVIC CENTER PLAZA**

For additional information see the "Walk for Life" website or email: [info@walkforlifewc.com](mailto:info@walkforlifewc.com)

Remember as Catholics and Christians we believe that life begins at the time of conception until natural death.

**WE CHOOSE LIFE**

## Collection Corner

### ADDITIONAL WAYS TO GIVE:

- USE AUTOMATIC BANK DEPOSIT
- Mail check to CTK office: 1800 Bedford Way, 93308
- On-Line Giving at: [DIOCESE OF FRESNO/CTK](http://DIOCESE OF FRESNO/CTK)

If you no longer wish to receive Envelopes for your donations, please let the office know immediately. Also if your address or phone number has changed, let us know as well.

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

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