

# 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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# The Epiphany of the Lord, January 5th, 2025

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place with the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. They then opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

## WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

**Jan 4** Sat. 4:00pm +Scott Border by Kelly O'Donnell

**Jan 11** Sat 4pm +Gary Mesmer by Kelly O'Donnell

**Jan 5** Sun 7:45am +Genovevo Medina by Teresa Medina

**Jan 12** Sun 7:45am +Jean Pierre Petrisans by Deanna Petrisans

Sun 9:30am +Norma Coleman Hill Carpenter by Josef and Julianna Hill

Sun 9:30am +Isaac & +Ishmael Romo by Teresa Medina

Sun 11:00am +Aurelio Hernandez by Elizabeth Hernandez

Sun 11:00am Emmanuel Baltazar INT of his birthday by Sara

## WEEKDAY MASSES

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

Jan 06 Mon 8:00 am **Communion Service**

Jan 07 Tues 8:00 am +**Heidi Noelle Madden** by Cabrera Family

Jan 08 Wed 8:00 am +**Ann Sill Hayes** by Ernest Antongiovanni

Jan 09 Thurs 8:00 am +**Ben Sill Jr.** by Ernest Antongiovanni

Jan 10 Fri. 8:00 am +**Denny Carver** by Jeff and Sheila Bowen

Welcome Ladies!

The Christ the King Ladies Guild will be Meeting on Thursday December January 9th @ 6pm to Discuss future events and enjoy one another's Company! Hope to see you there! God bless!



## 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.



## Save the Date



Religious Education is hosting a:  
Father/Daughter Dance 2/7/25  
Mother/Son Dance 2/8/25

Dance will include a dinner, dessert and picture. Save the date in your calendars!!

More information to come.

## 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!

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PLEASE KEEP THESE  
PARISHIONERS IN YOUR  
PRAYERS

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Larry DeAngelis  
Bill & Rita Mills  
Theresa Parra  
Carmen Rodriguez  
Jackie Smith  
Pauline Baker  
Mariette Givens  
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Pablo Ayala/Teacher at OLG

Religious Education would like to thank the following for their continued support:



The Ladies Guild  
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Leon Family

Thank you for all of your time, efforts and donations made to the children and catechists of religious education.



Young Adult Ministry

## Young Adult Ministry

Donations are being requested for the upcoming young adult mass celebrated on 1/17/2025. Soda cans as well as any financial donations would be greatly appreciated.

Donations can be dropped off at the office or you can contact **Joshua Reyes @ (661) 448-9134**

*The 2025 Jubilee will be centered on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." As His Holiness Pope Francis so beautifully expressed it: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision." The Jubilee begins on December 24, 2024, with the official Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica, and runs to January 6, 2026, the Feast Day of Epiphany, with the Closing of the Holy Door.*

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD A PARISHIONER TO THE PRAYER LIST, PLEASE CONTACT DAHLIA CABRERA DAHLIACABRE-RA89@GMAIL.COM**

# January: The Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

In invoking our Lord's name with reverential faith, one is turning to Him and imploring His divine assistance. An old spiritual manual cited four special rewards of invoking the Holy Name: First, the name of Jesus brings help in bodily needs. Jesus Himself promised at the Ascension, "...In my name they will cast out demons, they will speak in new tongues, they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them, they will lay their hands on the sick and they will recover." (*Mark 16:17-19*). After Pentecost, St. Peter and St. John went to the Temple to preach and encountered a cripple begging; St. Peter commanded, "I have neither silver nor gold, but what I have I give you! In the name of Jesus Christ, the Nazorean, walk!" and the crippled began to walk (*Acts 3:1-10*). Invoking Jesus' name, St. Peter also cured Aeneas (*Acts 9:32ff*). Second, the name of Jesus gives help in spiritual trials. Jesus forgave sins, and through the invocation of His Holy Name, sins continue to be forgiven. At Pentecost, St. Peter echoed the prophecy of Joel, "Then shall everyone be saved who calls on the name of the Lord" (*Acts 2:21*), a teaching echoed by St. Paul in his Letter to the Romans (*10:13*). As St. Stephen, the first martyr, was being stoned, he called upon the name of the Lord and prayed "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit" (*Acts 7:59*). St. Thomas More, the patron saint of our diocese, as he awaited execution wrote to his daughter Margaret, "I will not mistrust Him, Meg, though I shall feel myself weakening and on the verge of being overcome with fear. I shall remember how Saint Peter at a blast of wind began to sink because of his lack of faith, and I shall do as he did: call upon Christ and pray to Him for help. And then I trust He shall place His holy hand on me in the stormy seas hold me up from drowning."

## 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.



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

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

**JAN. 8TH & 9TH 6-9PM**  
DINNERS INCLUDED

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Suggested Cost: \$30 (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.  
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### Let us Adore

*Join us for a talk by the Holy Eucharist presented by Fr. Nathan Cronley, followed by a Holy Hour.*

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## 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.

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](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  
**Sponsored by Christ the King Knights of Columbus Council 12719**




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)

## May God bless your 2025!

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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