

# 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 Baptism of the Lord, January 12th, 2025

*Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one who I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching. (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7)*

### WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

<p><b>Jan 11</b> Sat. 4:00pm +Gary Mesmer by Kelly O'Donnell  <b>Jan 12</b> Sun 7:45am +Jean Pierre Petrissans by Deanna Petrissans          Sun 9:30am +Isaac and +Ishmael Romo by Teresa Medina          Sun 11:00am Emmanuel Baltazar INT of his birthday by Sara</p>	<p><b>Jan 18</b> Sat 4pm +Romaine Clerou by Buddy, Lisa, &amp; Family  <b>Jan 19</b> Sun 7:45am +Ann Hayes by Betty Bean          Sun 9:30am +Gonzalo Sr. and +Margarita Romo by Teresa Medina          Sun 11:00am +Vincent Lopez by Tina Milo</p>
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### WEEKDAY MASSES

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

Jan 13 Mon 8:00 am **Communion Service**  
 Jan 14 Tues 8:00 am +Ann Sill Hayes by Ernest Antongiovanni  
 Jan 15 Wed 8:00 am +Ben Sill Jr. by Ernest Antongiovanni  
 Jan 16 Thurs 8:00 am **John Paul and Lynn Price INT** by Nancy Gallaher  
 Jan 17 Fri. 8:00 am +Adriana Chavez by Cabrera Family

#### Prayers for Los Angeles

Pray abundantly for the people in LA that are suffering due to the fires. That God may protect them and prevent any more losses of homes and loved ones. Pray that He gives them an abundance of peace and comfort during this difficult time. And that He may have mercy on them.



#### 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!

#### OREMUS

**PLEASE KEEP THESE PARISHIONERS IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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#### **REQUIESCAT IN PACE**

Ignacia Villasenor  
 baby William Carrisalez  
 Pablo Ayala/Teacher at OLG

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



The Ladies Guild  
 Knights of Columbus  
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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**

**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord 1/12/25:** Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**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

The *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord* is a liturgical bridge that connects the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. During the Christmas season we pondered the Incarnation, Nativity, Presentation in the Temple, and Epiphany. Today, we see Jesus manifesting Himself to the world as He began His three years of public ministry.

Jesus begins His ministry through an act of deep solidarity with the fallen human race. John the Baptist had been preaching in the desert and offering a baptism of repentance. John's baptism was not the same as our baptism today. Instead, it was only a sign of one's willingness to turn away from sin and turn toward God. Jesus, of course, had nothing to repent of. He was sinless in every way. But that didn't stop Him from freely choosing to receive the baptism of repentance. Why would He do that?

Simply put, Jesus chose to unite Himself with fallen humanity, taking upon Himself our own sins and suffering their consequences. He humbly allowed Himself to be identified as a sinner in need of repentance. This was done out of love for us and out of His longing to become one with us so that we could become one with Him. By bowing His sacred head to receive the baptism of repentance, Jesus united Himself and His divinity to everyone who had already chosen to repent. And He gave power to every forthcoming act of repentance others would make, even until today. When we repent today, we meet Jesus in the same water of repentance.

## 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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## Order of Discalced Carmelite Seculars

*The Maria Mater et Regina Carmeli*

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invites you to their **Come and See Presentation**

Sunday, January 19, 2025

1PM-5PM

Christ the King Queen of Heaven Room



### INTERESTED IN CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY?

Have you ever experienced an inner longing to know God in a more intimate way as a lay person within your faith community?

Come and find out if you may have a possible calling to live the Carmelite Charism.

## Office of Vocations

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Discernment Group Meetings

**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

## 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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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. It will save our Parish the cost of mailing them.

**A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all as we begin this new year of 2025. —The Parish Staff**

**May God bless your 2025!**

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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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