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MASS SCHEDULE

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

Sunday 7:45 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m. (Spanish)

Daily Masses:

Monday - Communion Service 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 a.m.

First Saturday 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., or by appointment

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (Chapel)

Mon., Tue., Wed. & Fri. 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND

Call the Parish Office

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES

By appointment with the Pastor

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Call the Parish Office (661) 391-4640

ADULT OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Ed & Carole Lugo, (951) 903-8471

Chris & Terry Thompson, (661) 203-7255

LIFE TEEN

2nd & 4th Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

For more information call Traci Peel (661) 859-4179

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM)

For More Information Call

Cintha Reyes, (661) 343-5911

Natalie Olvera, (661) 910-5090

youngadultministryctk@gmail.com

Contact Deacon Fred Ansolabehere at

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For the following:

Altar Servers

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PARISH ACTIVITIES

Parish Finance Council - Dcn. Fred Ansolabehere, Tom Duncan, Ron Holbert, Jude Hupp, Peggy Hubble, and Ed Lugo

Parish Development Committee

Bazaar (BBQ): Peggy Hubble, (661) 747-5942
phubble523@gmail.com

Greeters/Ushers - Kathy Haynes, (661) 588-8877

Music Ministry - Jim McClelland, (661) 472-1763

Carmelite Discalced Secular - 3rd Sunday 1:00 p.m.

McGovern Hall, Carole Souza, (559) 936-5432,
thelittleway73@gmail.com

Ladies Guild - 2nd Thursday (monthly) 6:00 p.m.,

McGovern Hall, Peggy Hubble, President (661) 747-5942,
phubble523@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus - 1st Thursday (monthly) 7:00 p.m.,

McGovern Hall, Al Perich, Grand Knight (661) 872-1494,
alperich049@gmail.com

Right to Life Rosary - 4th Thursday (monthly) 6:30 p.m.

Norm Reimers, ncreimers@att.net

Bible Study - Tuesday 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Room A

Spanish Prayer Group - Tuesday 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

McGovern Hall, Oscar Coreas, (661) 477-2252

Prayer Blanket Ministry - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays (monthly)

9:00 a.m. - Noon, Room B, Karen Flores, (661) 393-5171
Prayer Blankets are available in the parish office.

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Palm Sunday is a time for reflection and celebration, marking the beginning of Holy Week

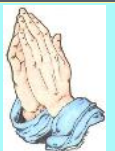
Palm Sunday occurs on the Sunday before Easter and is observed by many Christian denominations worldwide. It celebrates the event described in the Gospels where Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a donkey, while crowds spread palm branches and their cloaks on the road as a sign of honor and recognition of Him as the Messiah. This act symbolizes both peace and kingship, with the palm branches representing victory and triumph.

The day marks the start of Holy Week, leading up to Good Friday and Easter Sunday. It reflects the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy, which foretold that the Messiah would come humbly on a donkey. Palm Sunday emphasizes themes of humility, peace, and divine kingship, contrasting with later events of Crucifixion.

Palm Branches represent victory, triumph and peace. Donkey represents humility and the peaceful nature of Jesus's mission. Cloaks and shouts of "Hosanna" expresses recognition and praise of Jesus as the Messiah. In essence, Palm Sunday is a celebration that combines joy and reflection. Amen!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat Mar. 28	4 pm	+Stephen Elcano
Sun Mar. 29	7:45 am	Int. of Mela Padilla
	9:30 am	+Genovevo Medina
	11 am	Int. of Jesús and Eleazar Hernandez's birthdays
Mon Mar. 30	8 am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tue Mar. 31	8 am	Int. of Deacon Dan Rindge & Family
Wed Apr. 1	8 am	+Mary Drew White
Thu Apr. 2	8 am	Int. of Dahlia Cabrera for her birthday
Fri Apr. 3	8 am	NO MASS/Check Holy Week schedule for Service times
Sat Apr. 4	4 pm	+Tom Greenwood
Sun Apr. 5	7:45 am	Int. of Teresa Thomas & Family
	9:30 am	+Eugene White
	11 am	+Isidro Romero



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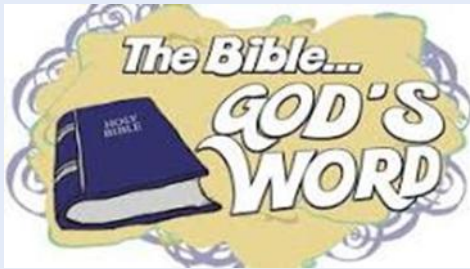
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Christ the King seeks a director for the Altar Circle Cleaners to manage supplies and coordinate monthly cleaning schedules. If interested, please contact Kimberly R. (661) 301-9809.



Seeking a Bible Study Teacher to lead our Tuesday evening adult group. If you love sharing God's word and guiding others in faith, we would love to hear from you!
You are also invited to attend a class as a participant/non-participant prior to blessing this group.

Contact Charles Hudgins
661-393-5076

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 29
PALM SUNDAY
Regular Sunday Mass schedule

April 2
HOLY THURSDAY
Confessions 8:30-10:30 am
The Mass of the Lord's Supper — 7:00 pm

April 3
Good Friday
Confessions 8:30-10:30 am
SERVICES
3:00 pm — English
5:30 pm — Stations of the Cross — English
6:30 pm — Spanish — Followed by Stations of the Cross

April 4
Holy Saturday — Easter Vigil
Confessions 8:30 am-10:30 am
Easter Vigil Mass — 7:00 pm

April 5
Easter Sunday
Regular Sunday Mass schedule

LENTEN PROGRAM—2026

Confessions (Tuesday and Wednesday)
7:30 am—8:00 am
Confessions on Appointment

Holy Thursday—April 2nd
Confessions 8:30-10:30 am

The Mass of the Lord's Supper—7:00 pm

Holy Hours—8:30 pm to 12:00 midnight

Good Friday (services) 3:00 pm—English
Confessions (Good Friday) 8:30 am-10:30 am

(Day of Fasting)

5:30 pm—Stations of the Cross
6:30 pm Service—Spanish
Followed by Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) 7:00 p.m.
Confessions - 8:30 am—10:30 am

Easter Sunday
7:45 am & 9:30 am
English

11:00 am Spanish

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Weekly Inspiration

“Sometimes good things fall apart so better things can fall together.”

Romans 8:28- *“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him...”*

Carrying Our Pain: The Work of Transformation

Two truths of spirituality

- Take responsibility for your life
- Surrender to God

Mystery of paschal transformation: spokes on a wheel that invite active engagement

1. Passion Sunday – take notice of God’s presence in our midst
 - Honor the sacred
 - Use symbols wisely
 - Remember the Tradition
2. Holy Thursday-gratitude for life; celebrate life
 - Gather together
 - Give thanks often
 - Live with gratitude
3. Good Friday – life is lost
 - Respect human limitations
 - Honor tragedy, suffering, loss
 - Silence
 - Ritual
4. Easter Sunday – reception of new life
 - Worship wholeheartedly
 - Share the story
 - Transform your pain, your life
5. Forty days – grieving and adjusting to a new reality
 - Reflection
 - Acceptance of what is
 - Prayer of waiting
6. Ascension – the refusal to cling to the old way of life; letting the old bless us
 - Look for the good, true, beautiful in all things
 - Release (forgive)
 - What needs to change?

7. Pentecost – reception of the new Spirit for a new life one is already living

- Bless others regularly
- Live with meaning and purpose
- Actively love others in compassionate works of peace and justice
- Entrust yourself to God

Therese of Lisieux: whoever is willing to serenely bear the trial of being displeasing to oneself is a pleasant place for Jesus to dwell

Elements of carrying a tragedy, trauma, scandal biblically:

- Name the moment, experience accurately
- Ponder the experience
- Reaffirm the center of your faith
- Create meaningful, transforming rituals

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