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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

Teresa Grimm - 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 - Traci Peel (661) 859-4179

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

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM)

Natalie Olvera, (661) 910-5090

youngadultministryctk@gmail.com

Contact Deacon Fred Ansolabehere at

deaconfred@christthekeing.ws

For the following:

Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors



Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time - July 26, 2026

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Parish Finance Council - Dcn. Fred Ansolabehere,

Tom Duncan, Ron Holbert, Jude Hupp, Peggy Hubble,
and Ed Lugo

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, Justin Fleeman, Grand Knight (661) 343-7282,
FLEE_SR@sbcglobal.net

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) 345-5217
Prayer Blankets are available in the parish office.

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-PASTOR'S PAGE — July 26, 2026

My Dear Family,

St. John in his letter says “God is Love”, and in his old age the Community of Ephesus would carry him to daily breaking of the Bread; and they would insist him to tell something. He always ended up saying “Little children, love one another.” John not only knew that his master loved him, but he did love his master so dearly.

So, what can we say about God's love? Well, we can say that God's love is unconditional. God does not say that “I love you, if...” There are no **ifs** in God's heart. God's love for us does not depend on what we do or say, on our looks or intelligence, on our success or popularity. In the book of Ephesians, St. Paul says that ‘God is before the foundations of the world...’ Which means to say, God's love existed for you and me before we were born and will exist after we have died. God's love is from eternity to eternity and is not bound to any time related events or circumstances.

Does this mean that God lives somewhere far away, well beyond the clouds and out of our reach that he doesn't care about what we say or do? No, not so. Because God's love wouldn't be real if he didn't care. ***To love without conditions doesn't mean to love without concern. God wants and yearns to enter into relationship with us and wants us to love God in return.***

The very reason he promised to be with us and would never leave us orphans means, he desires to be with us, to be intimate with us. That's why he left us this beautiful and wonderful ***meal, the holy Eucharist***. He not only wants to be with us but be in us. Every time when we receive the Holy body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ, he enters into this eternal existence which surpasses time and space.

Let's dare to enter into and intimate relationship with ever loving God without fear, trusting that we will receive love and always more love.

My prayers for all my family members. Especially, those who are sick, struggling with anxiety and depression. May our Blessed Mother watch over each one of you. Pray for me.

God Bless You,

~***Father Joseph***~





Mi Querida Familia,

Una vez Sócrates dijo: "Habla solo si tus palabras prueban el silencio que te rodea" Lo que él quería decir era que nuestras palabras deberían ser comunicación intencional y con propósito en lugar de charla sin pensar. Lo que significa decir que nuestras palabras deberían enriquecer en lugar de disminuir el momento. Deben llevar y transmitir sabiduría. Hemos perdido el arte de hablar y nuestras palabras no contienen sabiduría. Por lo tanto, nuestras conversaciones se han llenado de palabras sin sentido y por debajo del estándar. A veces están llenas de vulgaridad, profanidad y enojo.

Es por eso que necesitamos silencio en nuestras vidas. A medida que envejezco, lo deseo tanto. Cuando estoy en mi rectoría, estoy solo. Sin ruidos de televisión, sin ruidos humanos. No he visto televisión durante más de 30 años. El silencio puede traer un entendimiento profundo de uno mismo. Puedes prestar atención a tus pensamientos y observar lo que está sucediendo en tu mundo interior. Pero el silencio también puede permitirnos encontrarnos con muchos ruidos internos; a menudo, estos ruidos internos pueden ser tan perturbadores que una vida ocupada y distraída parece preferible a un tiempo de silencio.

Dos "ruidos" disgustosos se presentan rápidamente en nuestro silencio: ***los sonidos de lujuria y los ruidos de la ira.***

El deseo revela nuestras muchas necesidades insatisfechas, mientras que la ira revela nuestras muchas relaciones no resueltas. Estas dos realidades son muy difíciles de enfrentar. La lujuria a menudo actúa como una señal, una 'máscara' o un síntoma, revelando necesidades emocionales, psicológicas o espirituales más profundas y no atendidas, en lugar de ser simplemente un deseo sexual. Desde las perspectivas psicológica y espiritual, este sentimiento intenso, a menudo compulsivo, surge cuando las personas intentan llenar un vacío interno o manejar el malestar con sentimientos intensos. La ira puede revelar nuestros sentimientos más profundos como el miedo, la soledad y las necesidades insatisfechas. Esto puede mostrar cómo se han violado los límites, cómo las personas han sido injustas con nosotros o la falta de conexiones emocionales con las personas que deberían habernos amado. Bueno, ¿qué vamos a hacer? Jesús dice: "Ve y aprende el significado de las palabras: Misericordia quiero, y no sacrificio" (Mateo 9:13). Lo que Jesús quiso decir con sacrificio aquí es "ofrecer", "cortar", "quemar" o "matar". Esto es lo que mucha gente en mi país hace, cuando se enfrentan a estos problemas. O bien ofrecen sacrificios o realizan 'poojas' (la forma hindú o budista de ofrecer adoración) para superarlos. No deberíamos hacer eso con nuestra lujuria y enojo. Simplemente no funcionará, pero podemos ser misericordiosos con nuestro propio yo ruidoso que grita desde lo profundo de nuestro ser. Podemos convertir a estos enemigos en amigos. ¿Cómo? Bueno, lo dejo para mi próxima página. Permítanme sugerirles, ***sean buenos consigo mismos. Sé amable. ¿Cuál es el segundo mandamiento más importante? Ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo. Aprende a amarte a ti mismo. Perdónate a ti mismo.***

Estás mucho en mis oraciones.

Que Dios te bendiga,
~Padre Joseph~



The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time reminds us that God listens to those who seek Him with faith.

Solomon asks for wisdom, and God answers. Abraham pleads for mercy, and God is willing to spare a city for the sake of a few good people. Jesus teaches us to pray with trust, knowing God is generous and kind. He gives what is needed, especially the Holy Spirit. These readings also show the value of God's gifts. The Kingdom of Heaven is a treasure worth more than anything. God's word brings joy and wisdom Jesus feeds the hungry crowd, and there is more than enough. We are called to live with humility and unity, formed by God's love and grace. In all things, God is at work, shaping us through prayer, mercy and faith.

The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time teaches us to look for what truly matters. His word is worth more than wealth or power.

Jesus says the kingdom of heaven is like a hidden treasure or a valuable pearl. We are called to seek what lasts and trust God to guide our lives.

Romans 8:28-30

God ensures all events benefit those who love Him, shaping them to resemble His Son, calling, justifying, and glorifying them as part of His divine plan.



A special "thank you" to
Mario Gomez, Michael Salas, Sophia Murillo
For taking the time to clean the CCD Classrooms this past
Saturday as well as the other children that assisted them.
Patricia Arredondo wishes to thank all the adolescent children
in our parish and community who have a passion for service,
kindness and dedication to make this world a better place.
Our heavenly Father
is doing encouraging work with the youth!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat July 25	4 pm	Int. - Joanne Border - Birthday
Sun July 26	7:45 am	Int. of Ullrich Family
	9:30 am	+Bob and +Rosemary Anspach
	11 am	+David Andrade
Mon July 27	8 am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tue July 28	8 am	Int. of Joanne Border on her birthday
Wed July 29	8 am	Int. of Jeff Dundas for his healing
Thu July 30	8 am	+Jan Cooper
Fri July 31	8 am	Available/Disponibile
Sat Aug. 1	8 am	+Mary Drew White
	4 pm	+Joe and +Shirley Clerou
Sun Aug. 2	7:45 am	+Genovevo Medina
	9:30 am	+Larry DeAngelis
	11 am	+Isidro Romero

OREMUS

Please keep these parishioners in your prayers

*Chris Thompson
Justin Fleeman
Elizabeth Alvarez
Father Joseph
The MacKelvey Family
Carolina Berkshire
Mahlen Eaton
Sarah Halbur
The Smith Family
Raelyn (Pinser) Antrim
Requiescat in Pace
Sam Vallentich
Shirley Heard*

The Guadalupe Ministry
Invite their fellow parishioners to enjoy
“Breakfast Burritos”

\$10.00 - August 9th—after all Masses
Proceeds for “Our Lady of Guadalupe Ministry”

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\$10.00 cada burrito, Agosto 9, despues de cada misa
Los Fondos seran para las fiestas de Nuestra Sra. de Guadalupe

Buen Provecho!



A Message from the CTK Office of Religious Education:

Registration for Sacramental Preparation began on **July 17th!** Classes begin Sept. 2nd

Who? YOU!

First Communion - Year One and Year Two
Confirmation - Year One and Year Two
Sacramental Prep for older children and adults
Homeschooling Families
Children with Special Needs
Those wishing to come into the Catholic Church

Registration Forms and more information will be available after July 1st in the office, after Mass and through email: tmariégrimm@gmail.com

For any questions, please call Teresa (626) 321-7970

Un Mensaje de la Oficina de Educación Religiosa de CTK:

¡Las inscripción para la Preparación Sacramental comenzó el **17 de Julio!** Las clases inician el 2 de Septiembre.

¿Quiénes? ¡Ustedes!

Primera Comunión: Primer y Segundo Año
Confirmación: Primer y Segundo Año
Preparación sacramental para niños mayores y adultos
Familias que educan en casa (homeschooling)
Ninos con necesidades especiales
Personas que deseen ingresar a la Iglesia Católica

Los formularios de inscripción y más información estarán disponibles a partir del 1 de Julio en la oficina, al finalizar la Misa y por correo electrónico: tmariégrimm@gmail.com
Para cualquier pregunta, por favor llame a Teresa al (626) 321-7970.



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- Those in need of Baptism
- Those baptized in another Christian tradition desiring to become Catholic
- Those baptized Catholic in need of First Communion and/or Confirmation
- Catholics who wish to refresh and re-explore their Catholic education

Moved, interested or questions?
Please contact Mr. Ed Lugo,
(951) 903-8471

The class is free and only requires
Birth Certificate and any documentation of
previous sacraments received

Meetings are in the Queen of Heaven

1st yr student - Sept. 10th., Thursday, 5:30 pm—7:30 pm
2nd yr student, Sept 8th, Tuesday, 5:30 pm—7:30 pm

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