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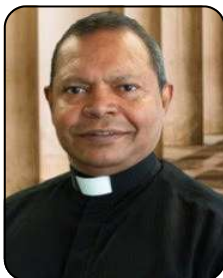
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MASS SCHEDULE

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@christtheking.ws

For the following:

Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors



Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time - August 16, 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 — August 16, 2026

My Dear Family,

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which read, "I am blind, please help." There were only a few coins in the hat - spare change from folks as they hurried past.

A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. Then he put the sign back in the boy's hand so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy.

That afternoon, the man who had changed the sign returned to see how things were. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?"

The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way."

I wrote, "Today is a beautiful day, but I cannot see it."

Both signs spoke the truth. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind, while the second sign conveyed to everyone walking by how grateful they should be to see...

My dear family to be grateful for the good things happen in our lives is easy, but to be grateful for all of our lives - the good as well as the bad, the moments of joy as well as the moments of sorrow, the successes as well as failures, the rewards as well as rejections, the health as well as sicknesses, the wealth as well as poverty - that requires hard spiritual work. Still, we are only truly grateful people when we can say thank you to all that has brought us to the present moment.

As long as we can keep dividing our lives between events, moments, incidents, and people we would like to remember and those we would rather forget, we cannot claim the fullness of our being as a gift of God to be grateful for.

Let's not be afraid to look at everything that has brought us to where we are now, whether happy or sad, fulfilled or empty, broken or healed, lonely or with company, let's trust that we will soon see in it the guiding hand of a loving God.

My prayers for my CTK Family. Stay well and stay blessed. Our God has so much more to give to every child of his to their heart's content.

God Bless You,

~Father Joseph~





Mi Querida Familia,

Un niño ciego estaba sentado en los escalones de un edificio con un sombrero a sus pies. Sostenía un letrero que decía: «Soy ciego, por favor, ayúdeme». En el sombrero solo había unas pocas monedas: el cambio suelto de la gente que pasaba apresurada.

Un hombre pasaba por allí. Sacó unas monedas del bolsillo y las echó en el sombrero. Luego tomó el letrero, le dio la vuelta y escribió unas palabras. Luego volvió a poner el letrero en la mano del niño para que todos los que pasaban vieran las nuevas palabras.

Pronto, el sombrero empezó a llenarse. Mucha más gente le daba dinero al niño ciego.

Aquella tarde, el hombre que había cambiado el letrero regresó para ver cómo iban las cosas. El chico reconoció sus pasos y preguntó: «¿Fuiste tú quien cambió mi letrero esta mañana? ¿Qué escribiste?»

El hombre dijo: “Solo escribí la verdad. Dije lo que tú dijiste, pero de otra manera”

Escribí: “Hoy es un día hermoso, ¿pero no puedo verlo?”.

Ambos carteles decían la verdad. Pero el primero simplemente indicaba que el chico era ciego, mientras que el segundo transmitía a todos los transeúntes lo agradecidos que debían estar por poder ver.

Querida familia: es fácil agradecer las cosas buenas que suceden en nuestras vidas, pero agradecer la vida en su totalidad —lo bueno y lo malo, los momentos de alegría y los de tristeza, los éxitos y los fracasos, las recompensas y los rechazos, la salud y la enfermedad, la riqueza y la pobreza— requiere un arduo trabajo espiritual. Aun así, solo somos personas verdaderamente agradecidas cuando podemos dar las gracias por todo lo que nos ha traído al momento presente.

Mientras sigamos dividiendo nuestras vidas entre acontecimientos, momentos, incidentes y personas que quisiéramos recordar y aquellos que preferiríamos olvidar, no podremos asumir la plenitud de nuestro ser como un don de Dios por el cual dar gracias.

No temamos contemplar todo lo que nos ha traído hasta donde estamos ahora —ya sea felicidad o tristeza, plenitud o vacío, heridas o sanación, soledad o compañía—; confiemos en que pronto veremos en ello la mano guía de un Dios amoroso.

Mis oraciones para mi familia de CTK. Que estén bien y bendecidos. Nuestro Dios tiene mucho más para dar a cada uno de sus hijos, hasta colmar los deseos de sus corazones.

Que Dios te bendiga,

~Padre Joseph~



The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time highlights God's Universal mercy and the power of persistent faith, shown especially through Isaiah's vision of a "house of prayer for all peoples" and the Canaanite woman's bold trust in Jesus

God's Mercy Has No Borders

The readings for this Sunday emphasize that God's saving love extends beyond every cultural, religious, an national boundary. Isaiah proclaims that God's house is open to "all nations", a radical message of inclusion

In Matthew's Gospel, the Canaanite woman, approaches Jesus with a desperate plea for her daughter's healing. At first Jesus seems hesitant, stating His mission is to Israel. Yet her humility, persistence and unwavering trust move Him to act:

**"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish"
Matthew 15:28**

Her story reveals:

- **Faith is not limited by background or status**
- **True prayer perseveres even when answers seem delayed**
 - **God listens to those who seek Him with sincerity and courage**
 - **Break down Barriers**
 - **Persevere in Prayer**
 - **Live Justice and Mercy**
 - **Recognize God's Universal Call**

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**Lord, expand my heart as You expanded the boundaries of Your mercy  
Help me welcome others as You welcome all  
Give me the perseverance of the Canaanite woman,  
That I may trust You even when answers seem slow and remain steadfast in faith, hope and love.  
Amen!**

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The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time invites us to embrace a faith that crosses boundaries and a mercy that mirrors God's own universal love

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat Aug. 15	4 pm	+Genovevo Medina
Sun Aug. 16	7:45 am	+Loretta Becherucci
	9:30 am	+Joseph Passaglia
	11 am	+Rafaela Mejia and +Celestino Andrade
Mon Aug. 17	8 am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tue Aug. 18	8 am	Available/Disponible
Wed Aug. 19	8 am	Available/Disponible
Thu Aug. 20	8 am	Available/Disponible
Fri Aug. 21	8 am	Available/Disponible
Sat Aug. 22	4 pm	+Joe and +Shirley Clerou
Sun Aug. 23	7:45 am	+Chuck Brummer
	9:30 am	+Amanda Duncan and int. of the Duncan Family
	11 am	+Zenaida Herrera



Lord, hear our prayers!

Justin Fleeman, John Beath, Rita Parugrug, Smith Family, Pam Greenleaf, Charles Ullrich, Mary Lou Salas & Family, Pat Murray, Raelyn Antrim, Father Joseph, Deacons Fred & Joe, Dan Hargis, Saul Molina, Dana Soria, Coltan Bentley

**Rest in God's Glory
Amanda Duncan, Gregory Salas
Shirley Heard**

A Message from the CTK Office of Religious Education:

Registration for Sacramental Preparation will end on August 23rd.

A mandatory meeting for parents and guardians will be held on Sept. 2nd at 6pm in the church hall. The first day of classes will be Sept. 9th. First Communion classes will begin at 5:30pm and Confirmation classes at 6pm. Thank 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**

Registration Forms are available in the office, in the back of the church, 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 inscripciones para la preparación sacramental finalizarán el 23 de Agosto.

**Reunion obligatoria para todos los padres/tutores—
Salon de la Iglesia, Septiembre 2nd—6:00 pm.
Primer día de clases—Septiembre 9th
Primera Communion—Septiembre 9—5:30 pm
Confirmacion—6:00 pm**

**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**

Formularios de inscripcion estan en la oficina, y por correo electronico: tmariégrimm@gmail.com



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- 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 requires a Birth Certificate and previous sacrament certificate(s)

Meetings are 1.5 hours in the Queen of Heaven

1st year students - Sept. 10th, Thursdays, 5:30pm
2nd year students - Sept. 8th, Tuesdays, 5:30pm

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1800 Bedford Way, 93308**

- August 16, 2026 -

THREE
POWERFUL
TO
SACRAMENTALS
HAVE IN YOUR
HOMES.

THE CRUCIFIX



The crucifix is not an ornament. It is the sign of victory the banner of the king who conquered death. Place it where it can be seen and let it preach to you without words.

This is how much God loves you. The HOME crowned with a crucifix proclaims.
Christ reigns here.

THE HOLY WATER



The Holy water is no ordinary blessing. It recalls the waters of baptism where you were marked for Christ and cleansed of sin. Keep it at hand and use it daily when you bless yourself. For your children, it whispers you belong to Christ. Sprinkle it in your home and it declares this house is God's.

THE BLESSED SALT



Blessed salt, preserves, purifies, and protects. Blessed salt, used from the earliest days of the church is a hidden shield. When scattered in faith, it speaks, be guarded from evil. It is a quiet weapon against corruption and reminder, God's covenant endures.

These sacramentals are not trinkets. They are signs of faith, weapons of grace, and silent preachers, teaching the soul each day. Christ is the Lord of your home.

- 16 de Agosto de 2026 -

TRES
PODEROSA
A
SACRAMENTALES
TEN EN SUS
CASAS.

EL CRUCIFIJO



El crucifijo no es un adorno. Es el signo de la victoria, el estandarte del Rey que venció a la muerte. Colócalo donde se pueda ver y deja que te predique sin palabras. Así es como Dios te ama. El HOGAR coronado por un crucifijo proclama: “Cristo reina aquí”.

EL AGUA BENDITA



El agua bendita no es una bendición común. Nos recuerda las aguas del bautismo, en las que fuiste marcado para Cristo y purificado del pecado. Tenla a mano y úsala a diario al santiguarte. Para tus hijos, es un susurro que les recuerda que pertenecen a Cristo. Rocíala en tu hogar y declara que esta casa es de Dios.

LA SAL BENDITA



La sal bendita preserva, purifica y protege. La sal bendita, utilizada desde los primeros tiempos de la Iglesia, es un escudo oculto. Al esparcirla con fe, habla y protege del mal. Es un arma silenciosa contra la corrupción y un recordatorio de que la alianza de Dios perdura.

Estos sacramentales no son simples adornos. Son signos de fe, armas de gracia y predicadores silenciosos que instruyen al alma cada día.

Cristo es el Señor de tu hogar.

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