

Christ the King Parish

1800 Bedford Way Bakersfield, CA 93308

Rev. Joseph Warnakulasooriya

warnakulasooriyajoseph@gmail.com

Deacon Fred Ansolabehere, deaconfred@christthekeing.ws

Deacon Joe Parugrug, deaconjoe@christthekeing.ws



PARISH OFFICE

Hours:

Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Closed for lunch: 12 pm - 12:30 pm

(661) 391-4640

Email: ctk@christthekeing.ws

Website: www.christthekeing.ws



**Rev. Joseph
Warnakulasooriya**

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

SUPPORT **RELEVANT RADIO 1050 AM AND 106.7 FM** - YOUR CATHOLIC STATION!

Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time - August 23, 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.

PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS ON THE BACK OF THE BULLETIN



-PASTOR'S PAGE — August 23, 2026

My Dear Family,

In this past week I have been talking in my daily Mass about **the five Steps of Intimacy with God**. This Friday I spoke about the fourth step, that is **SURRENDER**. Surrender has two faces; one, **Trust with your obedience**. That God's direction is clear and the cost is real. The outcome of the journey is not guaranteed and yet you move anyway.

In the book of Genesis, chapter 22 when God spoke to Abraham to take his son and offer him as a living sacrifice, Abraham obeyed God. He didn't know what he was walking into, and still obeyed God, because he knew who is walking with him in this journey.

The second face is **being honest with your pain**. Not the cute self that we bring into the church or our most cleaned up self. But your **REAL SELF. The actual one**; the anger that never fully resolved, the doubt that the discipline couldn't quiet, the tiredness that has nothing to do with sin. The one St. Paul cried out, "I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do, I do not do, but what I hate, I do". Or king David in the Psalms "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me..." but I want to encourage you. Don't feel that God has forgotten you. No! The book of Hebrew 4 says "that we do not have a High Priest who is unable to empathize with our weakness. So, let us approach his throne with confidence..."

How do we reconcile or build between our **conscious self (that is one the world sees) and our unconscious self (the one that we struggle with)? The prayer is the bridge between our conscious and unconscious self.**

Often there is a large abyss between our thoughts, words, and actions, and the many images that emerge in our daydreams and night dreams. The real prayer is nothing but that connects these two sides of our lives by going to the place where God dwells. Prayer is allowing the Spirit of God to enter into our soul and connecting these two selves where God is with us in the most intimate way. God is with us in our deepest wounded and vulnerable self. Thus we must pray without ceasing so that we can become truly whole and holy.

My dear CTK family, I never cease to pray for you all. Especially for our weak, sick, and vulnerable brothers and sisters. Keep me in your prayers.

God Bless You,
~**Father Joseph**~





Mi Querida Familia,

En esta pasada semana, he estado hablando, en mi misa diaria, sobre “**Los cinco pasos de Intimidad con Dios**”.

Este viernes hablé sobre el cuarto paso, que es **RENDIRSE. La rendición tiene dos caras; 1, Confía en tu obediencia.** La dirección de Dios es clara, y el costo es real. El resultado del viaje no está garantizado y aun así sigues adelante. En el libro de Génesis, capítulo 22, cuando Dios le habló a Abraham para que tomara a su hijo y lo ofreciera como un sacrificio vivo, Abraham obedeció a Dios. No sabía a qué se estaba enfrentando, y aun así obedeció a Dios, porque sabía quién estaba caminando con él en este viaje.

La segunda cara consiste en ser **honesto con tu dolor.** No el yo lindo que llevamos a la iglesia ni nuestro yo más arreglado. Sé tu **VERDADERO YO.**

The actual one; la ira que nunca se resuelve por completo, la duda que la disciplina no pudo silenciar, el cansancio que no tiene nada que ver con el pecado. Aquel que San Pablo exclamó, "No entiendo lo que hago, porque lo que quiero hacer no lo hago, pero lo que odio, eso hago" o el Rey David en los Salmos "Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado..." Pero quiero animarte. No sientas que Dios te ha olvidado. ¡No! El libro de Hebreos 4 dice "que no tenemos un Sumo Sacerdote que no pueda empatizar con nuestra debilidad. Así que acerquémonos a su trono con confianza."

¿Cómo reconciliamos o construimos un puente entre **nuestro yo consciente (el que el mundo ve) y nuestro yo inconsciente (con el que luchamos)? La oración que es el puente entre nuestro yo consciente y nuestro yo inconsciente.**

La oración que es el puente entre nuestro yo consciente y nuestro yo inconsciente. La verdadera oración no es más que conectar estos dos lados de nuestra vida yendo al lugar donde habita Dios. La oración es permitir que el Espíritu de Dios entre en nuestra alma y conectar estos dos yo donde Dios está con nosotros de la manera más íntima. Dios está con nosotros en nuestro yo más herido y vulnerable. Por eso debemos orar sin cesar para poder llegar a ser verdaderamente completos y santos.

Mi querida familia CTK, nunca dejo de orar por todos ustedes. Especialmente por nuestros hermanos y hermanas débiles, enfermos y vulnerables. Recuérdame en sus oraciones.

Que Dios te bendiga,
~Padre Joseph~



During this Sunday's Mass, the scripture focuses heavily on divine authority, faith, and the foundational role of Peter in the Church.

The liturgical color for the day is **green**

During this Sunday's mass, the scripture focuses heavily on divine authority, faith, and the foundational role of Peter in the Church

In today's Gospel we experience Peter firmly identifying Jesus as the "Christ, the Son of the living God."



So we find Jesus in today's gospel asking "Who do you say that I am?" We find Peter answering the questions. Evidently Peter recognized something deep within Jesus that was divine, someone coming from God. But Peter came to that as a consequence of Jesus asking him a question. Jesus in response sees something deep within Peter that Peter couldn't see for himself.

Peter was now entering a new self-identity...because of Jesus!

Peter couldn't do this by himself, he needed Jesus to draw it out, a new identity, a new self-image

We all have a little inner voice that constantly gives us bad news about ourselves, people around us sometimes give us bad news about ourselves. Jesus on the other hand, comes to give us GOOD NEWS!

Inside each one of us there is the person God meant us to be! Listen to what Jesus is saying to you, face each day of this week in the midst of our troubled world, try to remember just who it is Jesus says you are and who He meant you to be.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Mon Aug. 24	8 am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tue Aug. 25	8 am	Available/Disponible
Wed Aug. 26	8 am	Available/Disponible
Thu Aug. 27	8 am	Available/Disponible
Fri Aug. 28	8 am	Available/Disponible
Sat Aug. 29	4 pm	+Kevin, +Scott, and +Jeff Border
Sun Aug. 30	7:45 am	Available/Disponible
	9:30 am	+Amanda Duncan and int. of the Duncan Family
	11 am	Int. of Victoria and Sharon Jaquez for their birthdays



Lord, hear our prayers!

Justin Fleeman, John Beath, Rita Parugrug, Pam Greenleaf, Mary Lou Salas, Pat Murray, Raelyn Antrim, Father Joseph, Deacons Fred & Joe, Dan Hargis, Dana Soria, Coltan Bentley, Alice G., Sarah Uribe, Caceres Family, Jaidah Tyson & Family

Rest in God's Glory

**Amanda Duncan, Gregory Salas
Shirley Heard, Charles Ullrich**

A Message from the CTK Office of Religious Education:

The last day of registration for Sacramental Preparation was on August 23rd.

Mandatory meeting - for Parents/Guardians on 9/2 at 6pm
First day of classes - September 9th
FHC classes - 5:30pm
Confirmation classes - 6pm

For any questions, please contact Teresa at (626) 321-7970 or tmariégrimm@gmail.com

Un Mensaje de la Oficina de Educación Religiosa de CTK:

El último día para inscribirse en la preparación para los sacramentos fue el 23 de agosto.

Reunión obligatoria - Padres/Tutores el 2 de Septiembre a las 6pm
Primer día de clase - 9 de Septiembre
Clases de Primera Comunión - 5:30pm
Clases de Confirmación - 6pm

Si tienes alguna duda, ponte en contacto con Teresa en tmariégrimm@gmail.com

Heavenly Father, you have chose the parish as the place by which you encounter us in our daily lives. Here your word is proclaimed, the Eucharist is celebrated, and Your people are united in a family of believers.

We thank you for the abundant blessings you have given to our parish and pray that we may continue to serve You in faithfulness and love. Keep us open to our need of Your love and fellowship. Help us to work together to serve You and each other for the good of the Church, for the people of our Parish and for your greater glory Amen!



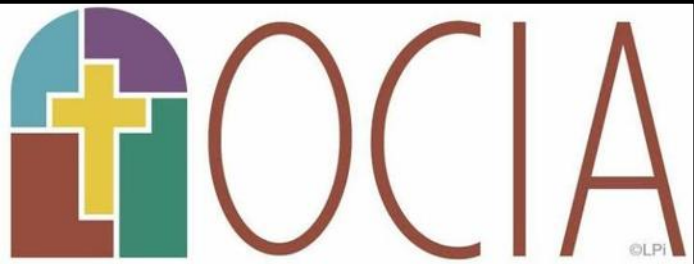
**THE PARISH PARKING LOT
 WILL
 BE CLOSED
 8/17 through 8/21
 8/24 through 8/28
 DUE TO
 PAVING**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
 PATIENCE!**

~PARISH KITCHEN~

**PLEASE BE ADVISED
 THAT THE PARISH
 KITCHEN WILL BE
 CLOSED EFFECTIVE IM-
 MEDIATELY FOR THE
 NEXT TWO (2) MONTHS
 FOR MAJOR
 REPAIR & REMODELING**

**WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
 SUPPORT AND
 PATIENCE.**



Who is O.C.I.A. for?

- 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

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

**A Journey of faith becoming a fully initiated Catholic
 and joining a supportive community of disciples
 Discerning and growing in faith together**



Please donate

Candy, clean clothing, paper, pens, supplies, toiletries, food

Contact Sr. Anne Marie for a complete list - 858-869-5799
 There is a basket in the parish hall with Sister Anne Marie's name.....please help fill the basket with blessings.
 Thank you!

**If you're not in town,
 Consider mailing your donation to:**

**CTK Office
 1800 Bedford Way, 93308**

 Your Practicing Catholic Painter • COMMERCIAL • RESIDENTIAL • INTERIOR • EXTERIOR KEITH PETERS 661-871-5533 Lic. #767773	 Pyrenee's FRENCH BAKERY, INC. BAKERSFIELD, CA "Taste the Difference" Since 1945 717 East 21st St (661) 322-7159 Tues-Fri 7-4 • Saturday 7-1 • Closed Sun-Mon	725 E. 19th St. 322-0926  Luigi's Restaurant Old World Delicatessen & Wine Shop
GEORGE CLEROU  COMPLETE TIRE SERVICE 530 E. 21st Street Bakersfield, CA 93305 324-6069 FAX 324-2267	MISSION FAMILY MORTUARY 661-323-3339 531 California Avenue, Bakersfield	RAY & DAVID MISH KENNY MOUNT Pre-Need Funeral or Cremation Plan "The Real Catholic Funeral Directors"
 Kathleen Clerou REALTOR® (661) 377-3800 office (661) 201-1636 cell • (661) 377-3801 fax 1700 K Street, Suite 200, Bakersfield, CA KClerou@StockdaleREG.com Visit Our Listings at: www.StockdaleRealEstateGroup.com	 Knights of Columbus License #0J14044 Uriel Payan Fraternal Insurance Agent P: 661-699-0366 uriel.payan@kofc.org LIFE INSURANCE • LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE RETIREMENT ANNUITIES • DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE Protecting Catholic families since 1882	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School Catholic Education for ages 2 years - 8th Grade Inspired by Faith, Driven by Excellence 124 Columbus St., Bakersfield, CA (661) 327-7741 • olph1.org
SAN RUCCI WINERY BAKERSFIELD'S FIRST URBAN WINERY 6201 Schirra Ct. Suite 7, Bakersfield, CA 661-376-0611	Anthony & Sarah Merz Bill & Lisa Merz Parishioners www.sanrucci.com IG@san_rucci_winery info@sanrucci.com	Kathryn Mika Mortgage Loan Officer NMLS# 257071 CA-DRE# 00614869 Direct: 661-301-4662 EFax: 661-591-4130 mika.mortgage kathryn@mikamortgage.com 5000 California Ave., Ste. 208 Bakersfield
 Garces Memorial High School 2800 LOMA LINDA DRIVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA WWW.GARCES.ORG	CALIRLNS • LIVE SCAN • VEHICLE REGISTRATION • NOTARY • & MUCH MORE 661.344.1890 • service@calirlns.com 6720 DISTRICT BLVD. BAKERSFIELD, CA PRESENT THIS BULLETIN FOR A 10% DISCOUNT	 Helping to Alleviate Hunger in Kern County! Donate or Volunteer 661-324-2767
 ESPEECO Federal Credit Union AT ESPEECO FCU, YOU ARE NOT JUST A NUMBER, YOU ARE A MEMBER! Membership entitles you to an array of products & services designed to meet your financial needs! 661-327-5548 2801 H Street Bakersfield, CA www.espeeco.org	WORLD RECORDS Where Music Matters Most Since 1982 2815 F Street • (661) 325-1982 Wool Growers RESTAURANT FRENCH BASQUE LUNCH & DINNERS Christiane Camou (661) 327-9584 620 E. 19th St. Bakersfield, CA	maisonlaw a professional legal corporation ABOGADOS DE INMIGRACION, DEFENSA CRIMINAL Y ACCIDENTES 661-322-6776 CONSULTAS GRATIS! 235 H Street Bakersfield, CA 93304 Elizabeth Villanueva Abogada de Inmigracion Martin Gasparian Abogado de Accidentes DOUGHTY-CALHOUN-O'MEARA, INC. The Fanucchi Family Your Catholic Funeral Directors 1100 TRUXTON AVE. AT N ST. BAKERSFIELD TELEPHONE: 324-9821 FD #359
 Greenlawn FUNERAL HOMES CREMATIONS • CEMETERIES	Marcela Gallardo (Hablo Español) ADVANCE PLANNING SPECIALIST Greenlawn Funeral Homes Southwest 2739 Panama Lane, Bakersfield, CA 93313 Cell: (661) 428-3014 Agent #OD86846 Email: Marcela.Gallardo@greenlawnfunereals.com	"Help Us Help Others" ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HOMELESS CENTER 300 BAKER ST. (661) 323-7340 Donate-Volunteer Proceeds benefit our local SYDP homeless center
 Visit our NEW Website! BERCHTOLD.COM Call/Text Us! (661) 323-7817 3000 Pegasus Dr. Bakersfield, CA 93308 NEW HOLLAND Kubota Bobcat DEVELON	Action Glass inc. 633-9618 www.actionglass-inc.com Complete Glass Service • Commercial Storefronts Residential • Replacements • Showers • Mirrors Specializing in Aluminum Door Repair and Service	Proud sponsors of Christ the King Church! CCM CENTRAL CAL MANAGEMENT DRE #02093841 • PROPERTY MANAGEMENT • REAL ESTATE SALES (661) 243-3877 WWW.CENTRALCALMGMT.COM