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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



Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time - September 6, 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 — September 6, 2026

Happy Sunday, my dear family of Christ the King,

It's indeed God's blessing that we are enjoying some wonderful cooler days in this Summer. Make hay while the sun shines. Jesus says in the holy bible "Let your light shine in front of men, so that your good work can be seen, that they may give praise to the Father." (Mt. 5:16)

There is a story that goes like this:

A blind man happened to be visiting a friend and since it was late, was offered a lantern to take home with him.

He laughed at the suggestion. "Day and night are all the same to me." He said "What would I do with a lantern?"

His friend said, "You do not need it to find your way home, true. But it might help to prevent someone from running into you in the dark."

So the blind man started off with the lantern, it wasn't long before someone crashed into him, knocking him off balance.

"Hey, you careless fellow!" Cried out the blind man "Can't you see this lantern?"

"Brother" said the stranger, "your lantern has gone out."

We are starting our Religious Education for our children. I am so grateful that the parents brought their children to prepare them for sacraments and I am so grateful for Mrs. Teresa Grimm, our Religious Ed. Director and all our volunteer teachers for coming forward to impart the knowledge and faith on the children. It's a very important and responsible task both for parents and teachers. My humble request is that we take this task as a ministry that we render not only unto CTK Parish, but also unto God himself.

As I narrated in the story above, it's time we work together with parents, teachers and the community of Christ the King to shape these children's faith. It's time for them to develop their own faith: a faith not just given, but a faith learned, understood, believed and owned.

They have been under the guardianship of parents so far. They have walked under our light. It's time for them to **own their faith. So, that their light, not our light, shine in front of men. We need to prepare our children for the world, constantly changing in values. One day their faith is going to be the SOLID GROUND UPON WHICH THEY WILL BUILD THEIR LIVES.**

Much in my prayers. Please pray for our children, parents, and teachers of CCD.

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





Feliz domingo, mi querida familia de Cristo Rey,

De hecho, es una bendición de Dios que estemos disfrutando de unos días más frescos en este verano. Aprovecha mientras el Sol brilla. Jesús dice en la santa Biblia: "Deja que tu luz brille delante de los hombres, para que al ver tus buenas obras, den alabanza al Padre". (Mt. 5:16)

Hay una historia que dice así:

Un hombre ciego estaba visitando a un amigo y, como era tarde, le ofrecieron una linterna para llevar a casa.

Se rió de la sugerencia. 'El día y la noche me son todos iguales', dijo. '¿Para qué querría yo una linterna?'

Su amigo dijo: "No lo necesitas para encontrar tu camino a casa, es cierto. Pero podría ayudar a evitar que alguien se choque contigo en la oscuridad"

Así que el hombre ciego salió con la linterna. No pasó mucho tiempo antes de que alguien se estrellara contra él, haciéndolo perder el equilibrio

"¡Oye tú, descuidado!", gritó el hombre parpadeante, "¿No puedes ver la linterna?"

"Hermano», dijo el extraño, «tu linterna se ha apagado"

Estamos comenzando nuestra Educación Religiosa para nuestros niños. Estoy muy agradecido de que los padres trajeran a sus hijos para prepararlos para sus sacramentos. Estoy muy agradecido con la Sra. Teresa Grimm, nuestra Directora de Educación Religiosa, y con todos nuestros maestros voluntarios por ofrecerse para impartir conocimiento y fe a los niños. Es una tarea muy importante y responsable tanto para los padres como para los maestros. Mi humilde solicitud es que tomemos esta tarea como un ministerio que rendimos no solo a la Parroquia Cristo Rey, sino también a Dios mismo.

Como narré en la historia anterior, es hora de que nosotros, junto con los padres, maestros y la comunidad de Cristo Rey, formemos la fe de estos niños. Es hora de que desarrollen su propia fe; una fe no solo otorgada, sino una fe aprendida, entendida, creída y apropiada. Hasta ahora han estado bajo la tutela de los padres. Han caminado bajo nuestra luz. Es hora de que ellos **muestren su fe. Así, su luz, no nuestra luz, brillará ante los hombres. Necesitamos preparar a nuestros hijos para un mundo cuyos valores cambian constantemente. Algún día su fe será EL TERRENO SOLIDO SOBRE EL CUAL CONSTRUIRAN SUS VIDAS.**

Mucho en mis oraciones. Por favor, oren por nuestros niños, padres y maestros de CCD.

Que Dios te bendiga,

~Padre Joseph~



The Twenty-Third Sunday
Reflects on personal responsibility, communal correction, love and Christian fellowship



In the letter to the Romans, this weekend we are reminded that love take many forms. Love is faithful to it commitments and promises. It respects other people's responsibilities. It respects life absolutely. It respects other people's property. It loves honesty. Love respects other people rights and upholds them

In fact, Saint Paul says that love lies at the heart of all the commandments, just as Our Lord first taught us.

Love is also open to resolving misunderstanding, hurt and harm. Reconciliation, understanding and forgiveness at at the very core of the Gospel, allowing God to soften our hearts.

When there is conflict or misunderstanding things, that often make the situation worse include talking to everyone except the person with who we have the issue. Even if meeting in openness does not resolve the misunderstanding, this still must be centered in charity and love.

Inspired by the readings, there is a saying "If you cannot say something with love and charity, don't say it at all, because it will do no good. So there is always hope, they are by no means lost to ous, and we never give up on someone.

Love and Charity always prevail

Love, not righteousness is the key to all.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat Sept. 5	8 am 4 pm	Int. - Don Border - Birthday +Joe and +Shirley Clerou
Sun Sept. 6	7:45 am 9:30 am 11 am	+Genovevo Medina +Leonor Diaz +Isidro Romero
Mon Sept. 7	8 am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tue Sept. 8	8 am	+Larry Green
Wed Sept. 9	8 am	Int. of Rose Harris on her 95th birthday
Thu Sept. 10	8 am	Available/Disponible
Fri Sept. 11	8 am	Available/Disponible
Sat Sept. 12	4 pm	+Joe and +Shirley Clerou
Sun Sept. 13	7:45 am 9:30 am 11 am	Int. of Jordan Cooper for his birthday Int. of CTK Altar Servers +Eva Lopez and +Carlos Magaña



Lord, hear our prayers!

Christ the King Parish Office, Father Joseph, Saul Molina, CTK Ministries, Deacons Fred & Joe. Carlton Bentley, Alice G., Sara Flores, Dana Soria, John Beath, Greenleaf & Ullrich Family, Cabrera Family, Gloria Ratteliff, Ladies Guild, Phillip P. & Family Betty Bean

Rest in God's Glory

Charles Ullrich



Did you know.....?

As a Christ the King woman from ages 18 to 99 you are **ALREADY** a member of the **LADIES GUILD**? It's true!

Come to our first fall meeting
Thursday, SEPTEMBER 10TH
6:00 pm in the Hall

Meet and greet other women of the parish, enjoy finger foods

And desserts and help us plan the activities for the year.
Bring a friend!

We begin with prayer, and end with friendship.

Lord, as they day ends, I thank you for your blessings. Forgive my faults and watch over me as I rest, so that tomorrow I may serve you better Amen!
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Senor, al terminar este dia, te doy gracias por tus bendiciones. Perdona mis faltas y cuida de mi mientras Descanso, para que manand pueda servirte major Amen!

SEMINARIO DE VIDA EN EL ESPIRITU

Saturday-Sabado, Sept. 12th
7:30 am—5:30 am

&

Sunday-Domingo, September 13th
7:30 am—4:30 pm

Contact Oscar Coreas—661-477-2252
Beatriz Rivera 773-614-1422

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Toda persona que esta en Cristo es una creacion nueva, lo antiguo a pasado, lo nuevo ha llegado
1800 Bedford Way, CCD Classroom

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

CTK Office
1800 Bedford Way, 93308



Your Parish office will be
Closed

Due to the Labor Day Holiday
Monday, September 7th

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There will not be adoration on this day.

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Tu oficina parroquial estará cerrada debido al feriado del
Día
del Trabajo
Lunes, Septiembre 7

No habrá adoración este día.

Thank you ~ Gracias

From The Office of Religious Ed

First Communion (5:30pm) and Confirmation classes (6:00pm) begins this **Wednesday, September 9th!**

If you were not able to make it to the Parent Information Meeting last Wednesday, please email or call me so I can give you the Parent Packet.

Teresa Grimm, DRE (626) 321-7970 & tmariégrimm@gmail.com

De la Oficina de Educación Religiosa

¡Las clases de Primera Comunión (5:30 p.m) y de Confirmación (6:00 p.m) comienzan este Miércoles! Si no pudo asistir a la reunión informativa para padres el miércoles pasado, por favor envíeme un correo electrónico o llámame para que pueda entregarle el paquete informativo para padres.

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