

Christ the King Parish

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**Rev. Joseph
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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

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For the following:

Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors



Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time - September 13, 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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The Twenty –Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time emphasizes forgiveness, mercy and living in God’s love, calling believers to forgive others as God forgives them.

The readings for this Sunday focus on mercy, forgiveness, and the Christian call to love others.

The first reading from Sirach (27”30-28.7) warns against wrath and anger, encouraging believers to forgive an overlook faults, recognizing the brevity of life and the importance of God’s commandments.

The second reading from Romans reminds us that whether we live or die, we belong to God and our lives should reflect His love and mercy.

This Sunday challenges believers to confront anger, resentment, and unforgiveness in their own lives. Holding onto anger is likened to poison, harming both the individual and relationships, Christians are called to live in communion with God and others, reflecting God’s mercy in daily interactions. Forgiveness is not always easy, but it is essential for spiritual growth and peace.

- **Forgive others**
- **Reflect on personal anger or grudges**
 - **Embrace mercy in daily life**
- **Remember God’s love and patience**

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time is a call to live in God’s mercy, practice forgiveness, and foster unity, reminding believers that forgiveness is central to Christian life an spiritual well-being

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**Compassionate Father**

**You desire all your children to be reconciled with each other, you forgive our sins when we ourselves forgive the injustices of our neighbors. Soften our hearts with your gentle mercy that we might offer our brother and sisters the kindness and forgiveness that you so readily and lovingly offer to us. Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen!**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

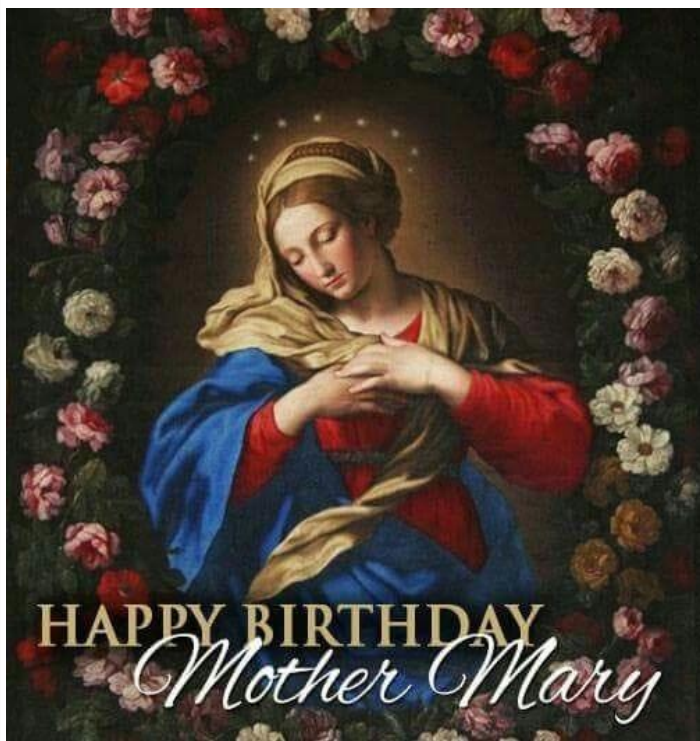
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|--------------|---------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat Sept. 12 | 4 pm    | +Joe and +Shirley Clerou                                |
| Sun Sept. 13 | 7:45 am | Int. of Jordan Cooper for his birthday                  |
|              | 9:30 am | Int. of CTK Altar Servers                               |
|              | 11 am   | +Eva Lopez and +Carlos Magaña                           |
| Mon Sept. 14 | 8 am    | <b>COMMUNION SERVICE</b>                                |
| Tue Sept. 15 | 8 am    | <b>Available/Disponibile</b>                            |
| Wed Sept. 16 | 8 am    | Int. of the 17th anniversary of the Carmelite Community |
| Thu Sept. 17 | 8 am    | +Father Jerry Hartz                                     |
| Fri Sept. 18 | 8 am    | Int. of Melanie Guerra and Eric Guerra                  |
| Sat Sept. 19 | 4 pm    | +Anthony Donmichael                                     |
| Sun Sept. 20 | 7:45 am | +Genovevo Medina                                        |
|              | 9:30 am | +AL Helten                                              |
|              | 11 am   | +Felipe Guzman and +Raquel Guzman                       |



**Let us pray!**

**Father Joseph, CTK Ministries, Deacons Fred & Joe, Carlton Bentley, Joanne Border, Sara Flores, Dana Soria, John Beath, Greenleaf & Ullrich Family, Knights of Columbus, Justin Fleeman, Sister Anne Marie and her ministry, Charles Hudgins & Bible Study, Angelica Victoria**

**Rest in God’s Glory  
Charles Ullrich**



The Catholic Church celebrates the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 8, a fixed feast day observed annually across much of Christianity.

This date is set nine months after the December 8th celebration of her Immaculate Conception, reflecting longstanding tradition rather than biblical record.

The feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is more than just a celebration of her birth, it is a reflection of her unique place in God's plan for humanity. Rooted in ancient tradition, this celebration reminds the faithful of the grace-filled life of Mary and her role as the Mother of God. September 8th is a day to honor her, rejoice in her birth and reflect on the profound impact she has on the Christian faith.

Humility a virtue often overlooked in our world today, lies at the heart of true spiritual greatness.

It opens the door to God's wisdom, "Where there is humility, there is wisdom" (Proverbs 11:2)

No one exemplifies this humility more perfectly than the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose profound trust and openness to God's plan changed the course of history. Her example teaches us that true greatness is found in surrendering to God's will.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church echoes the importance of Mary's humility in God's plan. It teaches that Mary is "full of grace" because of her unique calling and readiness to give herself fully to God's will. Her humility was not merely passive but an active cooperation with divine grace.

Let us pray for the grace to say with Mary, "Be it done unto me according to your word".



# Your VOICE

## HAS A PLACE HERE!

*Come Sing. Come Serve. Come Celebrate.*



The Christ the King Choir is welcoming new voices to help lead our parish in prayer and song at the **9:30 AM Sunday Mass**, and we are especially looking for singers to join us as we prepare for the *Christmas season.*



-  **YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A PROFESSIONAL SINGER.**
-  **YOU DON'T HAVE TO KNOW EVERY SONG.**
-  **YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE YEARS OF CHOIR EXPERIENCE.**

 If you love to sing and want to use your gift to serve the Lord and our parish community, **we would love to have you.**

*Start with*  
**CHRISTMAS!**

If you've been thinking about joining the choir, Christmas is a great time to give it a try.

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Come share your **voice**, your **joy**, and your **faith** with our parish family.

 Your voice may be the encouragement, joy, or prayer someone else needs to hear.

*"Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!"*

— PSALM 95:1 —

**INTERESTED? HAVE QUESTIONS?**

There is no need to wonder if choir is right for you.  
*Come talk to us!*

CONTACT  
**JAMES MCCLELLAND**  
📞 661-472-1763

 **CHRIST THE KING CHURCH**

*Come sing with us. COME SERVE WITH US.*  
**COME MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!** ❤️

Family Adoration Night  
September 17th  
6:00 pm—8:30 pm  
Held every third Thursday of the month

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Noche de Adoracion Familiar  
Septiembre 17th  
6:00 pm—8:30 pm  
Se celebra todos los terceros Jueves  
Del mes



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