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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

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For the following:

Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors



Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time - September 20, 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 20, 2026

Happy Sunday, my dear family of Christ the King,

We are happy to be almost into the fall season and the cool breeze is so pleasant and welcoming. God never fails to give us seasons that keeps the cycle of life going.

Today I want to share with you ***how to turn our loneliness into solitude where we can embrace peace and love***. Solitude is the garden for our hearts which yearns for love. The greatest need of our human heart is love, and St. Augustine beautifully said “our hearts are restless until they rest in thee.” Solitude is the place where our aloneness can bear fruit. It is the ***home for our restless bodies and anxious minds***. It's quite difficult to bring this truth home to many in our present day society, as we are so used to **quick fixes**. Solitude, whether it is connected with physical space or not, it is essential for our spiritual lives. Today, life goes by faster than you can process it. Therefore, to sit quietly in place, needs lots of discipline. It's not an easy place to be, since we are so insecure and fearful that we are easily distracted by whatever promises immediate satisfaction.

My dear family, solitude is not immediately satisfying because in solitude we meet our demons, our addictions, our feelings of lust and anger, jealousy, and our immense need for recognition and approval. But I want to let you know, if you do not run away, if you discipline your life to sit, there you will meet the **One who says: “Do not be afraid. I am with you, and I will guide you through the valley of darkness. No evil shall you fear. And in the midst of all those demons... I shall anoint you and set before you a banquet ...”**

What a beautiful promise from our Lord, isn't it? He keeps calling and we keep returning to our solitude. To be alone with the **ALONE**.

I do see, there is a good attendance for daily Mass. In fact, it keeps increasing. The Holy Eucharist is the best place to come back. If you can make it, it's worth more than anything that we may have in our entire life.

Much in my prayers.

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





Feliz domingo, mi querida familia de Cristo Rey,

Estamos felices de estar casi en la temporada de otoño y la brisa fresca es tan agradable y acogedora. Dios nunca falla en darnos estaciones que mantienen el ciclo de la vida en marcha.

Hoy, quiero compartir con ustedes cómo **convertir nuestra soledad en un momento de tranquilidad donde podamos abrazar la paz y el amor**. La soledad es el jardín para nuestros corazones que anhelan amor. La mayor necesidad de nuestro corazón humano es el amor, y San Agustín dijo bellamente: "nuestros corazones están inquietos hasta que descansan en ti." La soledad es el lugar donde nuestra soledad puede dar fruto. Es el **hogar de nuestros cuerpos inquietos y mentes ansiosas**. Es bastante difícil hacer que muchas personas en nuestra sociedad actual comprendan esta verdad, ya que estamos tan acostumbrados a **soluciones rápidas**. La soledad, ya esté relacionada con el espacio físico o no, es esencial para nuestra vida espiritual. Hoy en día, la vida pasa más rápido de lo que puedes procesarla. Por lo tanto, para quedarte tranquilo en un lugar así, se necesita mucha disciplina. No es un lugar fácil de estar, ya que somos tan inseguros y temerosos que nos distraemos fácilmente con cualquier cosa que prometa satisfacción inmediata. Mi querida familia, la soledad no es inmediatamente satisfactoria porque en la soledad nos encontramos con nuestros demonios, nuestras adicciones, nuestros sentimientos de lujuria y enojo, los celos y nuestra enorme necesidad de reconocimiento y aprobación. Pero quiero que sepan, que si no huyen, si disciplinan su vida para sentarse, allí se encontrarán con **el alguien que dice: "No tengas miedo. Estoy contigo, y te guiaré a través del valle de la oscuridad. No temerás ningún mal. Y en medio de todos esos demonios... te ungiré y pondré ante ti un banquete..."**

Qué hermosa promesa de nuestro Señor, ¿no es así? Él sigue llamando y nosotros seguimos regresando a nuestra soledad. Estar solos con el SOLO.

Veo que hay una buena asistencia a la misa diaria. De hecho, sigue aumentando. La Sagrada Eucaristía es el mejor lugar para regresar. Si puedes asistir, vale más que cualquier cosa que podamos tener en toda nuestra vida.

Mucho en mis oraciones.

Que Dios te bendiga,
~Padre Joseph~



The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Focuses on faithful stewardship, justice for the poor, and choosing God over material wealth.

Core Theme for this 25th Sunday in Ordinary time

- ♦ Honesty—being trustworthy in small matters that leads to trust in greater ones
- ♦ Priorities—No one can serve two masters: allegiance belongs to God, not wealth
- ♦ Charity—Believers are called to care for the vulnerable and marginalized

Luke 16: 1-13

Jesus said to his disciples: “The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones: and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and man.

Two resolutions worthy of your serious consideration today in relation to earthly goods are: Never let them take up all your time. You have a far more serious purpose in life. Give it a little more thought and enterprise than you have been doing. Secondly, be grateful to God for what He has given you in this life. You might like to have a lot more, but God knows best. Work honestly and be generous with what you have. You are serving God, not money. God will be waiting for you when there is no currency and where the one bank account that matters will be the good use that you made of your time and your share of this world’s goods while you were alive.

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*O’God, who founded all the commands of your sacred law upon love of you and our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Receive with favor, O’Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. That we may prove trustworthy in small matters and use the gifts entrusted to us to honor God rather than wealth. That church leaders and all people of power reject dishonesty and instead lift up the lowly, the vulnerable, and the needy. That God guide our work, our families, and our communities through another week with a spirit of generous love an honest service. We pray to the Lord.
Amen!*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Mon Sept. 21	8 am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tue Sept. 22	8 am	Int. of Cole Pinheiro
Wed Sept. 23	8 am	+Celine Larson
Thu Sept. 24	8 am	+Joan Abler +Margarito Reyes
Fri Sept. 25	8 am	+Mike Kelley
Sat Sept. 26	4 pm	+Joe and +Shirley Clerou
Sun Sept. 27	7:45 am	+Joseph Passaglia
	9:30 am	+Amanda Duncan
	11 am	+Adolfo Elvira Cuevas



Let us pray!

Msgr. Stephen Frost,
Father Joseph, CTK Ministries, Deacons
Fred & Joe, Justin Fleeman, Sister Anne
Marie and her ministry, Charles Hudgins &
Bible Study, Angelica Victoria, Maureen
Murphy, Maria Verdin, Cole Pinheiro, Joe
and Marina Ancheta, Mahlon Eaton,
Dana Soria

Rest in God’s Glory

Margarito Reyes



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CTK Office
1800 Bedford Way
93308

YOUR VOICE HAS A PLACE HERE

Come Sing. Come Serve. Come Celebrate.

Have you ever thought about singing, but wondered if you have the time or if you would be able to make a long-term commitment?

Maybe this is your invitation.

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. And 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.,

"Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation Psalm 95:1

Start with Christmas!

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

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



Interested?
Please contact

James McClelland
661-472-1763



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Legion of Mary
1:00 pm
Queen of Heaven

Christ the King
continually

Collects clothing, toiletries, small household items etc.
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Saint Vincent de Paul.

Non-perishable grocery items are also collected for the twice-monthly Golden Empire Gleaners food distribution held at Christ the King—2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month.

Any extra food remaining after distribution goes to Saint Vincent de Paul.

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*Generous God, creator and provider,
We thank you for the gifts of this food and the abundance of your table.*

As we share these provisions with our neighbors in need, open our hearts and our eyes.

Bless the food we give today, that it may nourish bodies, lift spirits, and bring comfort.

*Make us instruments of your compassion
And grant hope to the hungry.*

In your holy name, we pray.

Amen!

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