

Christ the King Parish

~ Archdiocese of Saint Boniface ~

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Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

June 23rd, 2024.

Faith & Courage in Life's Storms

"Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?" – Mark 4:40

Pope Francis has so many good things to share with people, to remind us that the Lord wants us to seek his presence in the trials and storms of life: "How often do we remain fixated on problems rather than going to the Lord and casting our concerns upon him?" the Pope asked the pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square. "Today, let us ask for the grace of a faith that never tires of seeking the Lord, of knocking at the door of his Heart," he said.

Speaking from the window of the Vatican's Apostolic Palace, the Pope reflected on the Gospel account of the disciples caught in a storm at sea as Jesus slept on their boat. Filled with fear, the disciples cried out to the Lord, "Teacher, do you not care if we perish?" (Mark 3:38) Pope Francis said: "Quite often, we too, beaten by the trials of life, have cried out to the Lord: 'Why do you remain silent and do nothing for me?' — especially when it seems we are sinking, because of love or the project in which we have laid great hopes disappears; or when we are at the mercy of the unrelenting waves of anxiety; or when we feel we are drowning in problems or lost in the middle of the sea of life, with no course and no harbor."

The Pope urged the faithful to remember that even though Jesus was sleeping on the boat during the storm with his disciples, the Lord was there. "The Lord is there — present. In fact, he expects — so to speak — that we will engage him, to invoke him, to put him at the center of what we are experiencing. His slumber causes us to wake up. Because to be disciples of Jesus it is not enough to believe God is there, that he exists, but we must put ourselves out there with him; we must also raise our voices with him, cry out to him," he said.

"Today we can ask ourselves: What are the winds that beat against my life? What are the waves that prevent my navigation and endanger my spiritual life, my family life and my mental health, as well? Let us tell all this to Jesus; let us tell him

everything," the Pope said. "He wants this; he wants us to grab hold of him to find shelter from the unexpected waves of life." "This is the beginning of our faith: to recognize that alone we are unable to stay afloat; that we need Jesus like sailors need the stars to find their course. Faith begins from believing that we are not enough for ourselves, from feeling in need of God," he said. "When we overcome the temptation to close ourselves off, when we overcome the false religiosity that does not want to disturb God, when we cry out to him, he can work wonders in us. It is the gentle and extraordinary power of prayer, which works miracles."

~ Internet Excerpt



We Can All Relate

Many of Jesus' disciples were fishermen. They were bound to have come across storms now and then, but this one was so large that the disciples were afraid for their lives. Jesus was asleep in the stern. Panicked and worried for their safety, the disciples frantically woke Jesus to tell Him they're in danger. Jesus proceeded to rebuke the wind and the waves, and both stopped. "He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' (Mark 4:40) And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, 'Who then is this, that He commands even winds and water, and they obey him.' (Mark 4:41) It's incredible to see the peace that Jesus had in this situation contrasted with the complete turmoil that the disciples experienced.

We can all relate to the disciples in this moment. When times are good, it's easier to trust God. But we should remember that when times are difficult, it's even more important to trust God. When we become afraid or distressed, it is exposing how weak our faith in Jesus is. It shows that we are not trusting Him and His plan, and that He's got this! Life is not predictable. There will be storms along the way, but God's unchanging character offers us a firm foundation when things feel unsteady and uncertain.

~ Excerpts from Larry O. - Internet Reflection

Through the gift of faith, we are a people who continue to marvel at the revelations of Divine power graciously and delightfully offered to us by our Lord God, particularly in the trials, doubt and fears in life. May we stand in awe and reverence, trusting in God's grace-filled and eternal Presence with us, always, not only in stormy weather.

First Reading (*Job 38:1-4,8-11*) ~ In his grief, Job despairingly lashes out at God, wondering why he is being punished so severely when he is living an upright and righteous life. Out of the whirlwind, the Lord answers Job with challenging questions about Job's knowledge and understanding of the mysteries of God's wisdom and creation.

Second Reading (*2 Corinthians 5:14-17*) ~ Paul challenges and encourages the people to always strive to live in Christ. He calls them to believe that Christ died for all, and to no longer regard one another from a human point of view. In Christ, they become a new creation. The old has passed away; wake up! and see that everything becomes new in Christ Jesus.

Gospel (*Mark 4:35-41*) ~ While in a boat on the sea, the disciples find themselves in a great storm, and fear for their lives. They awaken the sleeping Jesus with an accusation that he doesn't care about them. The Lord Jesus rebukes the wind, and calms the storm. He then turns to them, questioning their fear, and challenging their faith. In awe, the disciples wonder 'who is he, that he has power over even the wind and the rough waters of the sea'.



Let us pray fervently for the grace to place our lives and faith in God, trusting that Christ has the power to guide us and give us courage in the ups and downs in our lives. We are never forsaken. Let us humbly turn to the Lord with a thankful heart, and turn courageously with faith to persevere through the storms we all inevitably experience in life. Come Lord!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS, please inform Anthony through the Liturgical Schedule email of any up-coming summer holidays for you and your family, so that the July/August schedules can be created accordingly. Thank you for your ministry and service to our Parish Family!

○ Jesus our Lord, you are always with us in 'our boat of life', amid the good and joyful times, as well as the rains, tidal waves, and windy storms. May we allow you, Christ Jesus, to calm the unnerving fear, turbulent resentment, and ease the chaotic suspicious, doubtful thoughts in our minds, to bring peace to the tidal waves and winds of sorrow, hurt and rejection in our hearts. Give us courageous faith to turn to you in prayerful faith, awe, and thanksgiving.

Courage doesn't mean "absence of fear", but rather, it is brave, wise actions as we face our fears. Let us turn to the Lord Jesus for confidence and peace in the stormy times of life. Christ the Lord's peace is offered abundantly - may we believe it and accept it into our hearts.

Our sincere condolences, thoughts & prayers for Angela Howard, Lucy, & Dan Rourke, & their Family, Friends & Parishioners grieving the death of Mary Lou Rourke. †

Parish Schedule

Saturday, June 22nd, 2024 **Vigil of Twelfth Sunday of OT**
4pm Mass ~ For Aida+ & Albert+ Rahil, Leila Rahil+, & Mona.
By the Rahil Family

Sunday, June 23rd **Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time**
No Catechism. Classes are over for this year.
9am Mass ~ For the needs & intentions of all people.
11am Mass ~ For Lucy Ciuro+. By Marielle & David Brennan

Monday, June 24th **St. John the Baptist**
No Mass in our Parish on Mondays.

The Rosary is prayed Tuesday to Friday
1/2 hour before Mass.

Tuesday, June 25th **Weekday in Ordinary Time**
10am Mass ~ In Thanksgiving for God's Blessings on their 20th
Wedding Anniversary. By Aileen & Giovanni Resurreccion
4:30pm Parish Pastoral Council ("PPC") Meeting

Wednesday, June 26th **Weekday in Ordinary Time**
10am Mass ~ For Eunice Synnott+. By Monika Dueck
7pm Knights' Executive Meeting

Thursday, June 27th **Weekday in Ordinary Time**
10am Mass - Year-end School Mass ~ In Thanksgiving.
By Monika Dueck

Friday, June 28th **St. Irenaeus**
10am Mass ~ For healing for great granddaughter Saidey,
and his sister Jo Anne Berthelette. By Ron Berthelette

Saturday, June 29th **Vigil of Thirteenth Sunday of OT**
4pm Mass ~ For Eufemio Guevarra+. By Eugenia & Kids

Sunday, June 30th **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9am Mass ~ In Thanksgiving. By the Chira Family
11am Mass ~ For the needs & intentions of all Parishioners.

May we unite our hearts together in prayer for:
Elizabeth, Gerry, Jean, John, Joseph, Lizzie, Maria, Harold Abs, Valerie Armstrong, Bernie Bourret, Cam Dueck, Meaghan Dueck, Orval Everett, Helena Facto, Anna-Maria Faullus, Linda Fulmore, Julien & Joanne Gerard, Gerry Grossman, Lisa Hackett, Heinz Herold, Catherine Holmes, Catherine Hyska, Aurise Kondziela, John Laplante, Lois Lecuyer, Olga & Walter Majola, Silvia & Hans J. Müllerleile, Charlene Ottenbreit, Fr. Edmond Paradis, Pamela Rebello, Norbert Remer, Arlette & George Schamber, Priyantha Subasinghe, Makenna Stratton, Marie Viallet...for all who seek healing and comfort in body, mind or spirit... for a spirit of reconciliation and forgiveness among all peoples and nations... for peace between Ukraine and Russia, Palestine and Israel, and all peoples at war...for victims of violence and injustice...

Blessings & Congratulations to Joanne & Julien Gerard celebrating their 67th Wedding Anniversary on June 22nd. May you continue to be open to God's grace, reflecting a wondrous sign of God's love in, and for the world.

Blessings & Congratulations to Aileen & Giovanni Resurreccion celebrating their 20th Wedding Anniversary on June 25th. May you continue to be open to God's grace, reflecting a wondrous sign of God's love in, and for the world.



**25th ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION
of Our Pastor FR. CHRYS AGU.**

Fr. Chrys expresses graciously his invitation to Parishioners & Friends to celebrate with him, the joyful 25th Anniversary of his Ordination. Book the Date: **Sunday, July 21st, 2024.** Come to celebrate Mass at 1:00pm at CTK Parish, followed by a reception in CTK Gymnasium. You are welcome to direct any enquiries to contact@ctkp.ca or 204-257-3300 ext. 2. *Fr. Chrys, we hold you in our prayers with thanksgiving and blessings!*
The Lord is good, all the time!



CTK KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS Council #8124

> **Meat Draw Winners** are Denise Jean, Lesley Malo (CTK School), and Lianne Sabourin. Each of them won one of the \$500.00 prizes. Knights of Columbus want to thank all the people who participated and supported this Draw.

FOOD BIN for the NEEDY ~ Any donations of non-perishable food and items for the needy can be placed in the bin at the parking lot entrance when you come to Mass, or during open Office hours. Thank you for your kind generosity.



The Paschal Mystery of Christ Jesus has the power to cleanse us of our sins and bring new life, to become a new creation, to calm our hearts, and bring peace and freedom to all people.

We all experience times of feeling worried or anxious, afraid, angry, or perplexed. Like the disciples in the Gospel, we are sometimes caught off guard by shocking and unexpected trials and 'tsunami waves, storms and winds' that blow us off the Faith-course. We are human, vulnerable, fragile and confused at times. We are all in the boat of life, and are called to live through Christ in all types of weather that life brings. Jesus is interested in us and never abandons us. The Lord Jesus is calling us to deeper faith, and to work together to love and support each other. May we together stand in wonder and awe, and watch as the Lord calms the waves and the winds, touching and easing the storms within us, and bringing peace to our hearts,

Thank you for your stewardship ~ If you are going to be away (on the weekends/summer/vacation), please help our Parish Community's budget stay on track by kindly dropping off your Offering Envelopes, or post-dated cheques at the Parish Office, or by any of the other options ie. e-transfer, or Pre-Authorized debit. A sincere thank you in advance for your continued faithful support of your Parish of Christ the King.

Stewardship Offerings received: June 15th & 16th:

- + Sunday White Envs. \$1,710.05
- + Building (Blue box & pew envs.) \$ 542.00
- + Parish Washroom Reno donations \$1,765.00

Thank you for your faithful generosity and support.

CLEARLY WRITTEN ~ If you wish to receive an Income Tax Receipt for your donations that you give to Christ the King Parish this year, please clearly & legibly write your name (at least) & address, or attach a personal address label onto your envelopes.

A warm welcome to all Visitors who have come to worship, pray, sing and celebrate God with us today. If you would like to register with our Parish, there are BLUE registration forms at the Info Centre at the parking lot entrance. You may drop it off at the Parish Office during open hours, or simply place it in the Sunday Collection basket when you come to Mass.

~ Parish Washroom Renovation Appeal ~

More contributions were received this week for our Washroom Reno. Thank you! Our **TOTAL is now: \$25,633.80!**

The Parish will certainly continue to receive gratefully any and all contributions toward this Project on any weekend at Mass, or drop off at the Parish during open Office hours. Please **designate** on your cheque, or E-transfer (please use office@ctkp.ca), or blank envelope' - "WASHROOM RENO". *Thank you for your continued prayer & service, support & contributions.*

Sincere THANK YOU to all our faithful and capable Parishioners, who serve, minister, work and support our CTK Parish in so many diverse ways! Thank you for sharing your precious time in ministry, your unique gifts and talents, your stillness in prayer, your attentive behind-the-scenes service... all to enhance our liturgies and church environment, care for our property, and unite our spirits... We have such a blessed Parish community! Thanks to you all! You are loved and appreciated!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults ("R.C.I.A.") is a journey of faith for those who:

- > have the desire to be baptized
- > have the desire to make a profession of faith
- > wish to deepen their understanding of the Roman Catholic faith.

The process usually runs once a week, from September to May, and culminates, if the candidate so discerns and desires, with full initiation in the Catholic faith (celebrating and receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil in the Spring. Please call the Office if you are interested.

Pray Always and All Ways ~ Wake up to the perpetual inspiration and 'nudgings' of the Spirit inviting us into prayer and relationship. Holy Spirit is our gift and our constant companion, planting seeds of grace in our hearts, accompanying us on our journey together. Our Lord God abides and moves through, with, and in all people and all of creation, even when we don't see it, or know the reasons why certain things happen. Let us open the eyes of our hearts to recognize and be humbly thankful for God's Holy Presence and Love embracing us. Let us live in hope, becoming more and more attuned and mindful of God's presence in our joys, fun and laughter, in our tears, sorrows and doubt, in and through the storms, waves and the windy, and in all the sunny days life brings. As we go about our day, let us share the wonder and delight of who we are in God with others. The Lord never leaves or rejects us. God is Love, God is Good, and always desires to save and lead us.



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Children's Corner

Dear Girls & Boys, Life is going to have its troubles, trials and sadness. The question is: What is the Lord calling us to learn in these 'storms' of life? Let us turn to the Lord Jesus, trusting in his presence with us, always guiding and inspiring, carrying and supporting us. This is faith. With an open and willing heart, let us remember that Jesus walks with us, and ask him to fill us with the grace and blessings of his Love, peace, faith, hope, courage, bravery, curiosity, awe....and all good things. And let us be thankful!



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CHRIST THE KING PARISH MISSION

Christ the King is a Roman Catholic Parish called to share generously our time, talents and treasures in the making of disciples of Christ.

(Matthew 28:18-20)

VISION

To be an inclusive and caring community of service where everyone is invited and welcomed to be nourished fully through word, witness and worship.

VALUES

Inviting, Welcoming and Outreach
Building Relationships
Faith and Worship
Compassion and Generosity

Copies of Mass Schedule in Cottage Country & Camping Areas are available by the parking lot doors, or online archsaintboniface.ca/summer_chapels

Faith Formation News

> Catechism Classes are now over for this year. Watch for Early-Bird Registration for the Fall.

+ We hope you all have a wonderful, safe, fun and sunny Summer holiday. May you continue to seek God's goodness and wonder in all things, and deepen your relationship with the Lord Jesus in prayer through Holy Spirit's grace and constant, faithful Presence.

Hope to see many of you again in the Fall.

Questions? Please email suzette@ctkp.ca or phone 431-373-0572. ~ Ms. Suzette, Catechism Co-ordinator

EXCITING NEWS from the CTK Catechism - Faith Formation Office

YOUTH GROUP STARTED-UP

+ **YOUTH GROUP** has started-up again, with the first meeting last Friday. This Youth Group is geared toward students who have been **Confirmed**, but not yet old enough for the Young Adults Group. All Youth are invited and welcome. It is an opportunity for fellowship and fun, and learning and growing in our faith together. Hope you can create the time to come out.

God is Good!



> Please email suzette@ctkp.ca for further info and the registration form.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP ("VBC") RETURNS

+ **VACATION BIBLE CAMP** is coming back to Christ the King Parish!! Children between the ages of 5-12 are welcome to sign up for a week-long day camp from:

> **Monday to Friday > August 12th to 16th, 2024.**

> This year's theme is "The Beatitudes!" Join us for time outside, crafts, games, prayer, music, and more!

> Please email suzette@ctkp.ca for more information on how to register and the cost for VBCamp.

Young Adults Group >> Watch the Bulletin for meet-ups and events. Please email suzette@ctkp.ca for information.

YEAR-END MASS with the SCHOOL ~ All our young Parishioners will be finishing their school year within the next few days. CTK School Students and Staff will celebrate their Year-End Mass on Thursday, June 27th at 10am. Parishioners & Friends are welcome to participate with them. Their last day of school is Friday, June 28th.

Hey School students! Even in your excitement about the nice sunny weather and holidays coming soon, keep your focus keen and do your absolute best work, right to the last day of school! Good luck to all students preparing well to write this year's final exams. Turn to the Lord in prayer, trusting God's Holy Spirit will guide and inspire you. We pray for you, too.

"Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him." Do not let your faith lie dormant in your hearts when you are buffeted by the winds and waves of this world. The Lord Jesus' power is by no means dead, *nor* is it asleep.

"There is never a reason to lose hope. Jesus says: 'I am with you until the end of the world.'"

