

Christ the King Parish

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19th, 2023.

Our Prayerful Scrutiny Continues . . .

On our spiritual path, it is not optional for us to know ourselves, and it is not optional for us to make mistakes. We sin and suffer, not because we are necessarily weak or wrong, but simply because we are human. Our choices also lead us into consequences, be they positive or negative. Such qualities are essential because they lead to the gradual growth of a person "to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." (Ephesians 4:13)

Our God is always the initiator, the One who reaches out first to us in relationship. God is a God of connection, guidance, inspiration, and salvation. Again, it is our free-will to respond to God's invitation, and through our Lenten prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we have the choice to deepen our relationship and intimacy with the Lord. God's grace is abundant.

In our contemplation, we pray that we allow the Lord's grace to permeate and heal our hearts, minds, and souls. In a spirit of sacred solitude, we strive to listen to the voice of the Lord Jesus, who spoke to us before we could speak a word. We were loved long before we could give love to anyone else. Our Lord God healed us before we could make any gesture to help others. We were saved and set free long before we could free others. We are called to obedience to God's commandments.

It is in this sacred relationship with the Lord that we discover that 'being' is much more important than 'having', and we are worth more than the result of our efforts. Our life is not a possession to be defended, but a gift to be shared. We recognize that the healing words we speak are not our own, but are given to us through in-Spirling. The love we express is part of a greater Love. The new life we bring forth is not a property to cling to, but a gift to be received and fully shared out. God's abundant and loving grace is everywhere. Let us allow Christ Jesus to anoint and open the eyes of our hearts to see, know, and truly believe.

~ Unknown

Spiritual Myopia

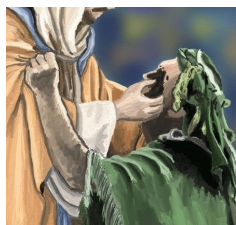
Blindness is not merely a physical challenge. Most of our lives, we all suffer from cases of spiritual blindness and 'myopia' - nearsightedness - in that we only see our own self interests and wants. As a result, we are often filled with fear, doubt, resentment, self-pity, and anger. We can be blind to the gifts in ourselves and others; blind to the ways we hurt, betray or criticize others (even if unintentionally); blind to the numerous injustices in the world.



On this Fourth Sunday of Lent (which is also called "Laetare Sunday", which means 'rejoice' - very similar to the Third Sunday in our Advent Season), we rejoice in the saving grace Christ Jesus offers us as we continue to walk and work on our disciplines of Lent. As we persevere on the journey along our Lenten path toward the celebration of the Paschal Mystery, Jesus offers healing of our blindness and myopia, opening our eyes to a new way of seeing and believing, a new view of life, death and resurrection. We have been called and chosen, not because of distinctions, achievements, family lineage, or personal attractiveness - God's tender love is blind and wise to such plastic and shallow categories. We will always be loved - God sees us as precious children with great potential.

Our need for Jesus' saving grace is the result of our blind compulsions and nearsighted prejudices, negative perceptions and 'super-sensitivities', our jealousies, envy, our weakness, imperfections and feelings of unworthiness... Let us remember that Jesus said, we are 'blind', so that *God's works might be revealed* in us. (John 9:3) Each time we repent and turn from our sins, and allow Jesus to touch and heal us, we see more clearly how to walk in his merciful light, and live life to the fullest.

We pray we may allow ourselves to be anointed by Jesus with a mixture of mud and saliva. May we receive the touch of Christ's healing, and be open to receive more of the vision, the sight, the insight, the wisdom and sensitivities which Jesus comes to reveal. Let us be willing and patient, and believe in the Truth and Light of the Messiah. This Lent, and in all the days to come, may we see with the healed, opened, 'unblinded', new eyes the Lord Jesus anoints with his healing grace for God's glory.



We are all blind and nearsighted, in some way, shape, or form. In our human frailties and insecurities, we often refuse to look beyond our narrow vision. Throughout the happenings of our daily lives, we tend to see things from our own, often small, perspective. We neglect to look and delve more deeply with openness. The scripture message today urges us to see with new vision, to see through and with the loving eyes of the Lord.

First Reading (1Samuel 16:1b,6-7, 10-13) ~ The Lord sends Samuel to seek the anointed one among the sons of Jesse of Bethlehem. He is reminded to not see as mortals do, looking and judging by the outward appearance, but to see as the Lord sees, looking into the heart and soul.

Second Reading (Ephesians 5:8-14) ~ The letter of Paul urges all people to live as children of the Light, producing the fruits of light by living what is good, upright, and true in the name of Christ Jesus.

Gospel (John 9:1-41) ~ Jesus anoints the eyes of the Man, blind from birth, with a paste of mud, made from a mixture of the ground and his saliva. After listening and following Jesus' instructions to go and wash in the pool of Siloam (which means 'Sent'), the Man is healed and given the gift of sight. The Man never wavers in his conviction as he responds to the incessant interrogating from the Pharisees. He simply tells the truth of his encounter with the Lord. When the stiff-necked Pharisees refuse to see, they drive the Man away. Jesus seeks him out and reveals himself as the Messiah. The healed Man proclaims his belief in Jesus, and worships him with opened eyes of faith.



Help Us to See You, O Lord of Light

- + Where am I blinded in my daily life? *Heal me, O Lord.*
- + What am I closed to in the world? *Heal me, O Lord.*
- + What beliefs do I have that cause me to be blind and deny the truth? *Heal me, O Lord.*
- + What beliefs do I have that cause me to fear, reject or pre-judge someone? *Heal me, O Lord.*
- + Where do the eyes of my heart refuse to see?
Heal me, O Lord.
- + Who do I refuse to recognize, acknowledge or accept?
Heal me, O Lord.

CTK Parish Sick Visiting Ministry ~ Sick Visiting Ministry Team Members would be happy to arrange with you to bring Holy Communion to your home, care facility, or hospital, or simply arrange a visit with you. Please contact the Parish Office 204-257-3300.
~ Sick/Visiting Ministry Team

Mass Intentions ~ If you would like our Parish Family to join in prayer with you for a special Mass intention, you are invited to phone the Parish Office, and request your intention on an open available date & time. A suggested stipend is \$10.00.

Parish Schedule

Saturday, Mar. 18th, 2023 Vigil of Fourth Sunday of LENT

12noon First Penance Celebration for the young Candidates

4pm Mass ~ For Mom Maxima Aure Gallardo+.

By daughter, Emma Gallardo

Sunday, Mar. 19th Fourth Sunday of LENT

9am-10:45am Catechism Class

9am Mass ~ For Aunt Tess Bader+. *By niece, Barbara Godfrey*

11am Mass ~ For Graham Buckingham+. *By Frances Everett*

Monday, Mar. 20th Weekday of LENT

St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Mary

NO MASS in our Parish on Mondays.

Tuesday, Mar. 21st Weekday of LENT

9:30am Rosary

10am Mass ~ In Thanksgiving to St. Gabriel. *By Angela Petrillo*

Wednesday, Mar. 22nd Weekday of LENT

9:30am Rosary

10am Mass ~ In Thanksgiving. *By Angela Petrillo*

7pm Final evening of Lenten Program - Everyone welcome !

Thursday, Mar. 23rd Weekday of LENT

9:30am Rosary

10am Mass ~ In Thanksgiving. *By Angela Petrillo*

Friday, Mar. 24th Weekday of LENT

9:30am Rosary

10am Mass ~ For Ross Sheldon Davies+. *By Monika Dueck & Fam.*

7pm Stations of the Cross - in the church. Everyone welcome !

Saturday, Mar. 25th Vigil of Fifth Sunday of LENT

The Annunciation of the Lord

4pm Mass ~ For Mom Dorothy Godfrey+. *By Barbara Godfrey*

Sunday, Mar. 26th Fifth Sunday of LENT

No Catechism Classes - Have a great Spring Break this week!

9am Mass ~ For her brother Joseph Kaminski+.

By his sister, Debbie Kaminski

11am Mass ~ For Purificacion Tameta+. *By Ema Tameta & Fam.*

*** Pancake Breakfast in the GYM after Mass times today.**

May we unite our hearts together in prayer for:

Arlette, Carmen, Jean, Mike S., Sandra, Rogers Family, Harold Abs, Valerie Armstrong, Bernie Bourret, Orval Everett, Lisa Hackett, Catherine Hyska, Heinz Herold, Maria Hirschfeld, Lois Lecuyer, Lucille Magne, Olga & Walter Majola, Silvia & Hans J. Müllerleile, Guy Paradis, Fr. Edmond Paradis, Norbert Remer, Makenna Stratton, Ruby Stella & Family, Tillie Suggitt, Marie Vallet...for all suffering from the many virus & flu symptoms... for all who seek healing and comfort in body, mind or spirit... for a spirit of reconciliation among all peoples and nations... for peace between Ukraine and Russia, and all peoples at war... for our CTK Parish Family ...



Our sincere condolences & prayers for Emma Gallardo & her family, grieving the death of her sister Nelia Rogelio. ✝

Our sincere condolences & prayers for Brenda Miller & her family, grieving the death of her husband, John Miller. ✝

A WARM WELCOME to all Visitors & Friends to our Parish Community of Christ the King. If you would like to register with our Parish of Christ the King, there are **blue registration forms** at the *Info Centre* at the parking lot entrance. Please fill one out, and you may drop it off at the Parish Office, or simply place it in the collection basket when you come to celebrate Mass.

Arriving On Time ~ Please make a kind, conscious effort to arrive at least 10-15 minutes before the hour of the start of Mass. Fr. Chrys is conscientious and very prompt about beginning our liturgies on time. Out of respect for each other, plan on leaving your home a few minutes earlier so you are on time, too.

Lenten Decor ~ Parishioners & Friends are invited to enjoy the creativity and symbolism of the Lenten Scene on the floor by the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, and on the altar platform. Everyone is asked to please be mindful and attentive to not walk or step in it, and remind Children to please not touch or play with the display pieces.



Lenten PENANCE Evening at CTK Parish (Confession) - Wednesday, Mar. 29th at 7pm
Parishioners & Friends are invited to come to receive the healing and forgiveness of the Lord Jesus in the Sacrament of Penance:

St. Timothy - Sunday, March 19th, 6:30 pm
Holy Cross - Thursday, March 23rd, 7 pm
Mary Mother of the Church - Friday, March 24th, 7 pm
Holy Family - Sunday, March 26th, 2:30 pm
St. Bernadette - Tuesday, March 28th, 7 pm
Christ the King - Wednesday, March 29th, 7 pm

Ministry of Hospitality: Greeters ~ With 2023 being CTK Parish's "**Year of Hospitality**", all of us, as a Parish Family, are called to be "Ministers of Hospitality". If you would like to commit your time to be regularly scheduled in the **Greeters Ministry** (to acknowledge, welcome, greet, hand out Sunday Bulletins at the entrances of the church before Mass, and serve each other, particularly Visitors and Friends who have come to our church to pray, celebrate Mass, and worship God together), contact the Parish Office. If you notice a need, simply step-up to do it. Parishioners who are attending Mass may be gently invited to help out. Thank you for your kind hospitality.

Altar Servers Needed ~ Children, Youth & Young Adults of our Parish, you are invited and encouraged to help Fr. Chrys at Mass as Altar Servers. Are you willing to step forward to minister and help? Training will be provided. Please contact Merv at msimon52@shaw.ca if you are willing to offer your ministry and service at Mass, as one of our CTK Parish Altar Servers.

Though we are all sinners, through God's loving grace and great love, we are tenderly healed, forgiven and saved by Jesus our Shepherd. May our eyes be opened, our sight restored and our faith relationship with Christ deepened.



Anoint my eyes with your grace, and heal me of my blinded-ness, O Lord. Open the eyes of my heart and mind to your truth, to see how you delight in me. Help me to see and depend on your deep, intimate and merciful love for me, and share it with others in thought, word, and action.

FINAL EVENING - LENTEN PROGRAM ~ Wednesday, Mar. 22nd from 7pm-8:30pm "**Stories of Conversion and Reversion: Metanoia, A Change of Heart.**" Thank you to all the individuals who have courageously shared their story of 'metanoia' and to those who participated in this Lenten Program by actively and respectfully listening.

SIGN-UP SHEETS are on the counter at the parking lot entrance for **Holy Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil**, and also for the 2 **Easter Sunday** Mass times. Please sign up on the particular sheet(s) you are willing and able to offer your service in ministry:

1/ Holy Thursday - 7pm - *Washing of the Feet.*
2/ Adoration (downstairs in Lennox Hall, up until 12midnight) after the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper. You are welcome to sign-up to stay for a particular "hour" or two, or stay for the evening.
3/ Altars Servers for Triduum - Holy Thursday, Good Friday, & Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday (2) Mass times

CWL (Catholic Women's League) NEWS

1/ NEXT MEETING ~ Mark your calendar for a CWL meeting after morning Mass on Wednesday, April 5th at 10:30am downstairs in the church's Lennox Hall.

2/ Members thank CTK Parishioners & Friends for your co-operation and support in signing the "Against Pornography" cards last Sunday. FACT: Approximately 35% of all internet downloads are pornographic.

3/ MEANING..... Life has meaning when you recognize your God-given gifts and share them with others. Join the Catholic Women's League and celebrate the meaning of life as you share your gifts.

SHARE LENT Campaign
DEVELOPMENT & PEACE: Share Lent Campaign 2023 ~ On March 26th, the *Fifth Sunday of Lent*, please join in this Campaign with D&P, who has been holding this collection for 55 years during Lent. This year, the theme is: **Create Hope - Stand For The Land**. Marked beige D&P donation envelopes and pamphlets are available at the entrances of the Church.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST ~ Parishioners & Friends are invited to a Breakfast held in the GYM, on Sunday, Mar. 26th after 9am & 11am Mass times. Adult tickets: \$15.00. As usual, Children under 12 yrs. old do not need a ticket. Everyone is welcome.

Offerings received: Mar. 11th & 12th:

> Sunday Collection	\$2,715.00
> Building & Maintenance	\$ 313.75
> Easter Flowers	\$ 391.00

Thank you so much for your faithful stewardship.

HOUSEHOLDS of FAITH ~ If you are interested in starting up a prayerful Household of Faith, please call the Parish Office. If you would you like more info about this St. Boniface Archdiocesan endeavor, visit www.archsaintboniface.ca

Children's Corner

Dear Girls & Boys, when we humbly repent and turn to the Lord Jesus, he heals us and gives us sight out of his great love and goodness. Jesus helps us to see with our heart. We pray that we are willing let Jesus open our eyes to the ways we are blind and full of pride, to change our hearts to kindness, our minds to thoughts of understanding, our bodies to actions of service, and our mouths to share words of encouragement.



MAN BORN BLIND PHARISEES ARROGANT
PRIDE JUDGE SIN DARKNESS JESUS ANOINT
MUD EYES GO SENT WASH WATER OPENED
SIGHT HEALED YOUR LIGHT AMAZED QUESTIONS
STORY ONLY TRUTH JOY ENCOUNTER BELIEVE
HEART SEES VISIBLE EXCLAIM WORSHIP

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Let us diligently and kindly seek what unites and binds us, rather than what divides. Differences of opinion and disagreements don't need to be a cause of 'blindness' and eternal rifts between one another. Keep lines of communication open, with our hearts, minds, and eyes open to insightful, wise ways to communicate effectively and respectfully.

Our ancestors in faith *mistakenly* believed that any physical illness was due to sin. The Disciples certainly believed this and ask: "Rabbi, who sinned? This man, or his parents?" The belief was, that you are born blind either because God knew that you would sin, and has punished you in advance, or because your parents are sinners. The inability to 'see' is a heavy burden to bear, but add to it the suspicion of sin, and you now have an even heavier burden to bear. The Lord Jesus is very quick to answer: "Neither this man nor his parents sinned.... it is so the works of God may be made visible".

Neighbours and friends, parents and relatives, scribes and pharisees - we all attempt to deny the miracles we see surrounding us in daily life. We deny the redemptive reality of living water and light of the word every time we doubt and are distracted by the world around us. So we too must humbly admit: "I once was blind, and now I see" through the amazing and wondrous grace of God. And the initiative of grace is always from God. Jesus is indeed the Light who dispels the world's darkness of sin. ~ Unknown

Faith Formation News

> **Catechism Classes** ~ Sundays from 9am-10:45am. Families are warmly invited to come to the Church right after Catechism to celebrate and praise God at the 11am Mass.
> **Sacramental Preparation Classes** - Saturdays from 1:00-3pm. Please refer to your schedule for Saturday dates.
NOTE: There is a break for First Eucharist and Confirmation Prep Classes. Next class is Saturday, Apr. 15th from 1-3 pm.

Retreat & Celebration

> **Sacrament of Penance** ~ There are 21 young children preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance for the first time. The children participated in a special **RETREAT DAY** last Saturday, and this Saturday, Mar. 18th will be the **DAY of the CELEBRATION**. Let us hold all the Children in our prayer as they turn to our Lord Jesus for mercy, forgiveness, and healing through the Sacrament of Penance.



YOUNG ADULTS GROUP NEWS

> Come out to our next Young Adults' Monthly Meeting on Monday, Apr. 3 from 7-9 pm in Lennox Hall. The theme is "Arrival: The Messiah Cometh". Join us as we dive into the gravity and depth of Christ's Passion and Death. We will have a talk, activity, small group, and prayer time. We hope to see you there!

Please email suzetted65@gmail.com or phone 431-373-0572 with questions or concerns.

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

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> www.cktp.ca

2/ The **Diocese** at www.archsaintboniface.ca

3/ **Christ the King SCHOOL** Visit www.cktschool.ca

The Annual Caritas Award Dinner (Apr. 27th, 2023) honors those who made outstanding contributions to the fabric of life here in Manitoba. A 13-year-old student has put together a wonderful promotional video of just over 1 minute long that we posted on our Instagram and Facebook page that features some of our past honourees. A full list of all past honourees and tickets are on their website at www.catholicfoundation.mb.ca