

Christ the King Parish

~ Archdiocese of Saint Boniface ~

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Weekdays: Tuesday to Friday 10:00am

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Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

June 16th, 2024.

Mustard-Seed-Sized Faith

The glory shared within God's Holy Word is a great gift, filled with abundant love and promise, and holds much wondrous mystery. Humanity will never completely understand the depth and layers of its mystery, but in faith, the Lord offers us comfort, grace, and hope to saturate and nurture our minds and hearts. We are called to contemplate and seek the wisdom and truth in the seeds of the Gospel in order to grow more deeply in our faith, service, and love of God and of neighbor.

Everyone likes and appreciates a good story, and we often learn something from each one if we take the time to ponder it. Jesus wove ordinary things into His timeless stories, 'parables', to teach his disciples and listeners about the kingdom of God, and to reveal the loving, generous, unconditional nature of God the Father's heart.



As an example, in today's Gospel, can you hear and imagine the excitement and hope in Jesus' voice and feel his zeal as he shares the parable of the mustard seed? "With what can we compare the kingdom of God?" (Mark 4:30) The mustard seed is the smallest

seed in the area where Jesus lived and walked upon this earth, and He uses this familiar, uncommonly small mustard to speak about the generous power of God when it is unbound in the lives of those with true, honest, humble faith. When we allow it, our faith, witness, and active service has the potential to reflect the almighty and generous nature of our God, who showers inspiration, guidance, and goodness upon all people. Jesus is perhaps urging us to trust that God can definitely and will certainly work find even that tiny 'mustard-seed-sized' faith in the hearts of God's people. When even our smallest desire for faith is there, God brings these seeds to fruition in abundance beyond all imagining, growing the 'largest of all trees' from the 'smallest of seeds'. God sees our desire and intention, and 'little' is much in the eyes of God. In patience, the tiny beginnings of our faith are created and nurtured through God's infinite love, redeemed in Jesus' ultimate sacrifice, and guided with Holy Spirit's most powerful grace. May we ask and allow the Holy Spirit to inspire us in our faith, to begin from God's tiny mustard seeds to grow and become signs of God's great love and hope.

Happy Father's Day, Dad !

Gracious and Loving God, our Father and Creator of all, in your great wisdom and love, You dwell within the hearts of Your beloved People and bless your Family with all graces and gifts that are good.

O Abba Father, on this special day of Father's Day, we place ourselves in Your Presence, and pray with Holy Spirit, giving thanks to you for the gift of Dad. We pray, too, for those men who are not fathers, but mentor and guide with fatherly love and example.

We ask you to guide him this day and always. Deepen his relationship with you, bringing him to wholeness and holiness as he seeks to model and be an example of love, reflecting Your fatherly love in and for his family.

Comfort and heal any pains, hurts and disappointments Dad has experienced in his life, and in your tender mercy, forgive all that needs to be forgiven.

In the grace of faith, we trust in your eternal love and peace, tenderly embracing all Fathers who have died. We love them, and they will forever be in our hearts and memories.

We humbly ask you, O God our Father, to give them a share at Your heavenly banquet, as they await the day when we will all be together again in Your glorious, loving, and eternal reign.

With our Abba God, we extend our hearts and hands in love and blessing upon you, Dad, on this Father's Day, and all days. May you be open to Holy Spirit, continuing to empower and inspire you, Dad, in your work, and in your play, in your joys and sorrows, in your trials, and in your laughter. Thank you for sharing of your wisdom, integrity, love, and your Self with us. We love you !

We ask in the name of Jesus, who taught us how to pray to our Abba Father in heaven, Who lives and reigns in unity with Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen !

During our WORSHIP and praise to God today, it is appropriate in our season of gardening that the scripture passages speak to our hearts and souls about sprigs and seeds, sowing and planting, and scattering. The Master Gardener has spoken; and will accomplish it.

First Reading (Ezekiel 17:22-24) ~ The people of Israel had turned to idolatry and are unfaithful to the covenant with God. The consequence is exile in Babylon. The Prophet speaks out the word of the Lord, saying that God will take a sprig and will plant it on a high mountain. The cedar Tree will grow, give protection and produce great fruit. All the People of the earth will know that the Lord is God. And all will be accomplished in God.

Second Reading (2 Corinthians 5:6-10) ~ Paul says that while the people live in this mortal body, they are away from the Lord. On this earthly journey, the souls of all humankind desire and yearn for the Lord. Filled with faith, confidence, and hope, he encourages them to aspire to please the Lord by their actions and behavior, while they faithfully await the day they are called to their eternal home with the Lord.

Gospel (Mark 4:26-34) ~ Jesus teaches the large gathered crowds through a parable about the kingdom of God, comparing it to seeds growing and maturing to harvest. He then compares it to a mustard seed that, when it is sown in good soil, it springs up and becomes the largest of trees.

The parables of seeds is an analogy for the reign of God, and our responsibility in the mission of the Church: we are called and commissioned to make disciples. With Holy Spirit's grace, let us sow the seeds of the message of Christ Jesus's love and salvation, and bring forth a harvest of faithful disciples for God's glory. God is the Master Gardener. Let us ponder in wonder, awe and thanksgiving, as we wait patiently and watch what kind of tree God is nurturing us to become.



Sow seeds of kindness. Sow seeds of love.
Sow mercy. Sow compassion. Sow goodness.
Sow wisdom. Sow honesty. Sow integrity.
Sow hope. Sow joy!

Any kind of seed needs necessary time to develop – to be planted... to wait... to germinate... to grow... and to produce. We can tend to the seed, water and nurture it with attentive care, but we cannot speed up the growth of that seed; its growing can't be rushed.

Our Lord God has planted seeds of wisdom and goodness within us. Spiritual growth comes in our times of faith and trust in relationship with God. May we cultivate good heart-soil and allow God's gracious seeds to grow, tending them, weed 'n feed and watering them in Spirit's wisdom and discernment with scripture and prayer. May we be patient and attentive, watching with joy and expectant anticipation as God's Spirit creates, nurtures, cultivates and produces growth within and all around us... and mercifully weeds us of prejudice and pride, prunes us of poison (ivy) and all dead sin-branches... May we in turn offer our time to others with encouragement and support in their garden of growth. God the Master Gardener is sowing, showering Spirit upon us, quietly and powerfully working, and helping us to grow ... now.



Parish Schedule

Saturday, June 15th, 2024 Vigil of Eleventh Sunday of OT
4pm Mass ~ For all deceased Members of the Abraham Family+.
By Carmelle Abraham

Sunday, June 16th Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
Happy Father's Day!
No Catechism. Classes are over for this year.
9am Mass ~ For the needs & intentions of all people.
11am Mass ~ For all Deceased Knights+. By CTK Knights
12noon St. Anthony African Group celebration in Lennox Hall.

Monday, June 17th Weekday of Ordinary Time
No Mass in our Parish on Mondays.
The Rosary is prayed Tuesday to Friday
1/2 hour before Mass.

Tuesday, June 18th Weekday in Ordinary Time
9:30am Rosary
10am Mass ~ Birthday Blessings for Agnes Eve Mark.
By Jolene Allen

Wednesday, June 19th Weekday in Ordinary Time
10am Mass ~ In Thanksgiving & Birthday Blessings for
Chizzy Chira. By the Chira Family

Thursday, June 20th Weekday in Ordinary Time
10am Mass ~ For Special Intention. By Angela Petrillo

Friday, June 21st St. Aloysius Gonzaga
10am Mass ~ For the healing of Marian's brother Priyantha
Subasinghe. By the Subasinghe, Gunasekera &
Novosel Families

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

Sunday, June 23rd Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9am Mass ~ For the needs & intentions of all Parishioners.
11am Mass ~ For Lucy Ciuro+. By Marielle & David Brennan

May we unite our hearts together in prayer for:
Elizabeth, Gerry, Jean, John, Joseph, Lizzie, 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, Kristen
Schinkel, 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...

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

Our sincere condolences & prayers for Christina
Lengyel & her family & friends grieving the death of her
husband, Dean Rolfe. ☩

Our sincere condolences & prayers for Grant Omichinski
their family & friends & CTK Knights grieving the death of
Reg Omichinski+. Funeral is on July 23rd @ 11:30am.

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** will take place this Monday, June 17th. Thank you to all who purchased tickets. Good luck, Everyone!
> *Thank you* to Everyone who came out and participated in the Parish BBQ last Sunday afternoon.

Thank You also to the Knights for organizing and hosting the Parish BBQ. Thank you for offering Parishioners & Friends the opportunity to gather for food, fun, and fellowship, building up the faith community and reign of God.

St. Anthony African Catholic Community will be celebrating their **Feast Day THIS** Sunday, June 16th at the 11:00AM Mass. Feast celebration will continue after Mass in the church hall. All CTK Parishioners and Friends are invited to participate.

FOOD BIN for the NEEDY ~ Non-perishable food and items for the needy may be placed in the bin at the parking lot when you come to Mass, or during open Office hours. Thank you for your attentive generosity.

Stewardship Offerings received: June 8th & 9th:

- + Sunday White Envs. \$2,724.40
- + Building (Blue box & pew envs.) \$ 205.00
- + Parish Washroom Reno donations \$ 380.00

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 on your envelopes.

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 i.e. e-transfer, or Pre-Authorized debit. A sincere thank you in advance for your continued faithful support of your Parish of Christ the King.

In our worship at Mass, let us remember
Who our Source and Goal is:
our personal, intimate God from whom we came,
our God who feeds us, and teaches us,
our God who inspires us, and calls us home.

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 Capital Appeal ~

We received a few more contributions toward this Washroom Reno this week. Thank you! Our **TOTAL** is: **\$23,868.80!**

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.

"We must always stay awake and be ready, anticipating something greater than ourselves, something the Spirit bestows.

We are to be humble. The Spirit's plantings in our souls will seem exceedingly tiny, even unnoticeable. Our humility – like the gardeners with seeds – means waiting, or in other words, being patient. This means that the "largest of plants" will not be you or me, but the Lord God - present in our lives and in our communities. Since God is great and to be loved above all things and within all things, then he is large enough to found our greatest plans or hopes. Let us be fallow."



~ Reflection excerpt by John Foley, SJ

"Purificators" are the *sacred linen cloths* used to wipe-off the chalice of the Blood of Christ during the Procession for Communion; and also to clean the *sacred vessels* (the ciboriums and chalices) after Communion. It has been expressed that it is quite difficult to remove the stains and marks of lipstick / lipgloss from the purificators. Your kind effort and attention with regard to this information would be very appreciated, to facilitate the cleaning of our sacred linens.

A sincere heart, with the desire to love and please the Lord, does in fact please God. With sincere intentions and attentive, motivated actions that reflect generous compassion, we please the Lord. Let us hope that we have that desire in all that we do and will do.

~ Paraphrased from Thomas Merton prayer

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Let us be patient as God plants, prunes, nurtures and waters the seeds in our hearts. Let us be active disciples as the harvest comes in God's perfect wisdom and timing, to do our part in building and growing God's kingdom.



Children's Corner ~

Dear Girls & Boys, we are all created and planted by God on this earth, nurtured and anointed by Holy Spirit to be part of the mission of Jesus. We are called to plant the seeds of the Gospel into the soil of peoples' hearts by sharing our faith by our words and actions. May we make our home in heart of our Lord God, and like the birds in the Gospel, nest and rest in the protective branches of the Lord God's love, protection, care and salvation. Let us aim to please God.



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EARTH GRAIN GREATEST GROW GROWTH
HARVEST HEAR HOME MUSTARD NEST
NOURISH NURTURE PARABLE PLANT RIPE
ROOT SCATTER SEEDS SHARE SHRUBS
SMALLEST SOW SPROUT TEND
TIME TREE WORD**

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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

Mass Schedule in Cottage Country & Camping Areas

~ Copies are available at the Info Centre by the parking lot entrance. Info is also online by going to 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.

EXCITING NEWS from the CTK Catechism - Faith Formation Office

YOUTH GROUP START-UP

+ We are very excited to announce that we are starting-up a **YOUTH GROUP**!! 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.

Our very first Youth Group Night will be on:

> **Friday, June 21st from 7-9 pm in Lennox Hall.**

> Bring along \$5.00 if you would like to have some pizza!

> Please email suzette@ctkp.ca for 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.



Young Adults Group >

Watch the Bulletin for meet-ups and events.

Any questions on the above points? Please email suzette@ctkp.ca or phone 431-373-0572.

~ Ms. Suzette, Catechism Co-ordinator

Hey School students! You have only a few more days of school, and then it's Summer vacation time. 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 to write this year's final exams. We pray for you, trusting God's Holy Spirit will guide and inspire you.

When we choose to rely on ourselves, things often don't go very well. Let us turn away from arrogance, for the times we fail to be thankful and appreciative of the gifts and wonders of the Lord right in front of us. When we repent and wake up, trusting in God's wisdom, inspiration and generosity, and act upon this grace, great and unimaginable goodness results. God gives each of us the choice.