

Christ the King Parish

~ Archdiocese of Saint Boniface ~

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Weekdays: Tuesday to Friday 10:00am

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 14th, 2024.

Christ Jesus is risen, as He said! And walks with us on our journey. Alleluia! Alleluia!

On the Road...

It is the Risen Lord who stands among us, revealing His Risen Presence! Easter is not just one single Sunday-day. It is a Season, and we continue to sing out our joyful Alleluias and humble thanks to the Risen Lord God! God gathers us together as a faith community for the celebration of Mass each Sunday, and we are nurtured, nourished and strengthened by the presence of Jesus our Lord God in the sacred Scriptures, in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist, and in the presence of each other.

In a sense, we all walk an 'Emmaus' journey, as individuals and families, as friends and community, and as a world, all of us connected and united in the Lord, no matter the level, depth, or lack of our belief. Our God is good, and is true Love. Even in our sinfulness and unworthiness, Christ Jesus still loves us, and comes to offer us salvation, healing and joy. As Christians (disciples of Christ), we walk as pilgrims in faith, and like all bewildered disciples, we are sometimes still doubtful and unbelieving. Like the ancient disciples, we, too, often return to our familiar, ordinary activities, day-to-day tasks, jobs and projects, because we don't quite know what to believe, or do. Let us not fall into complacency, being satisfied with so little, when the Risen Lord offers us so much. In God's grace, earnestly and consciously make time to pray and ponder, to work things out, and think things through....and hope and trust. Let us journey forward together with courage and zeal, as disciples who recognize the promises of new life given to us in the daily and ordinary events of our lives. In the revelation of Resurrection, we now have the opportunity to choose to focus on Christ. We now know what to believe, that our daily walk of faith and salvation will always and forever be with our God. Our Risen Lord and Messiah is risen, and promises to be here with us, sharing our joys, laughter, and successes, our sorrows, failures, doubt and confusion... He rejoices with us in our laughter, comforts us in our pain, encourages us in our daily 'dyings' and sufferings, and is the One who lifts us in our 'risings'...

We face a variety of roads and pathways in our lives. Depending on the choices we make, our focus is sometimes faithful, believing, confident and clear, and at times, our vision may be blurred by our tears of unbelief, betrayal, despair, or our anger and pride. Our

challenge is to remember our focus, to recognize the opportunities for new life offered by our Risen Jesus, and turn to Him in repentance and truth. We are given the free-will to choose our paths, and choose the attitudes with which we walk them. Even when we choose poorly, God faithfully loves us, staying by our side, walking with us, inspiring us, again and again, and always guiding our every step toward new life and goodness.

Truly, there is nothing more we can give to our Lord God than a humble heart filled with gratitude and praise. May we have the courage to live an 'Alleluia' life, recognizing the presence of the Risen Lord by serving Him in all those we encounter, and in the wondrous gift of creation.. May we continue to know and deepen our relationships with the Lord God in our hearts, and in the truth of our gathering!

alleluia

Good News

God always entices us through perfect Love. Most of us were taught that God would love us IF and WHEN we change. In fact, God loves you so that you CAN change. What empowers change, what makes you desirous of change, is the experience of Love. It is that inherent experience of love that becomes the engine of change. Because most our common religion has not been at the mystical level, we have been given an inferior message – "that God loves you 'when' you change ("moralism"). It puts it all back on you, which is the opposite of being "saved". Moralism leads you back to "navel-gazing", (the activity of spending too much time considering your own thoughts, feelings, or problems) and you can never succeed at that level. You are never holy enough, never pure enough, refined enough, or loving enough. Whereas, when you fall into God's mercy, when you fall into God's great generosity, you find, seemingly from nowhere, this capacity to change. No one is more surprised than you are. You know it is a gift.

~ Excerpt from Fr. R. Rohr "Seeing God in All Things"



We gather together to worship God with thanksgiving, and commemorate the power in Christ's life, death and resurrection. Easter is to be celebrated as one long 50-day Feast, culminating with the

Solemnity of Pentecost. It is Fifty Days of intense consciousness, of 'mystagogy', continuing to faithfully break open the experience of Christ's Paschal mystery.

May these 50 days of our wondrous and joyous Solemnity of Easter unfold its mystery and reveal to each of us the promise of new life and truth through, with, and in our Risen Christ. May we humbly and joyously offer our hearts, full of praise and thanks to Christ Jesus, our Risen Lord and Savior for his great love, sacrifice, and the gift of salvation offered to all. May our hearts feel Christ Jesus' Easter joy each day of this year of new life.

FIRST READING (Acts 3:13-15,17-19) ~ Peter addresses the people from the temple gate, witnessing that through God's plan of salvation, the Holy and Righteous One suffered, died, was buried. He assures the Israelites that the God of their ancestors is the same God who fulfilled his promise to raise Jesus from the dead. God's fidelity is without question, and through Jesus, God has fulfilled what was foretold through all the Prophets in the Scriptures. Even in our human weakness and ignorance, all people are called to repent and turn to the God of salvation.

SECOND READING (1 John 2:1-5) ~ Jesus is the ultimate sacrifice and atonement for all our human sinfulness. In his divine obedience, Jesus has taken our sins to death, and offered salvation to all. In turn, we are also called to obey and live God's commandments and in so doing, express the love, compassion and mercy of God to all.

GOSPEL (Luke 24:35-48) ~ Once again, the Risen Lord Jesus appears and stands among his disciples, and offers them peace. The disciples are still filled with doubt, fear and unbelief. Jesus shares a meal with them to calm and quiet their hearts. He reassures them that, in order to fulfil the words of Scripture, he had to suffer, die and rise again. Through this truth, all believers are encouraged and filled with joy.



May we live consciously each day as disciples of the Resurrected Lord, showing compassion, attentive service and care for one another through, with, and in the presence of Christ Jesus, who is risen indeed. Alleluia!

CTK Sick Visiting Ministry ~ Members of the Team would be happy to arrange with you to bring to your home / care facility / hospital a share of Eucharist and the prayers of our Parish Family. Please phone or email the Parish Office.

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.

Parish Schedule

Saturday, Apr. 13th, 2024 Vigil of Third Sunday of Easter
4pm Mass ~ For the souls of her sister-in-law Yvonne+ & brother Clifford+. LaRoque. By Florence Friesen

Sunday, Apr. 14th Second Sunday of Easter
9am-10:45am Catechism Classes
9am Mass ~ For Ruben Ladia+ (2nd year Anniv. of death)
By His wife Bernadette & Family
11am Mass ~ In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Good Counsel.
By CTK C.W.L.

Monday, Apr. 15th Easter Weekday
No Mass in our Parish on Mondays.
Rosary is prayed ½ hour before Mass - Tuesday to Friday.

Tuesday, Apr. 16th Easter Weekday
Fr. Chrys is attending a Council of Priests Meeting today.
NOTE: 9:30am Mass today ~ 90th Birthday Blessings for Irene Giguere. By Inez Rowson

Wednesday, Apr. 17th Easter Weekday
10am Mass ~ 90th Birthday Blessings for Irene Giguere.
By Inez, Kevin & Lisa

Thursday, Apr. 18th Easter Weekday
10am Mass ~ For Birthday Blessings & health for Pamela Rebello. By Florence Friesen
7pm Young Adults Fun Evening "Puzzle Fun" in Lennox Hall

Friday, Apr. 19th Easter Weekday
10am Mass ~ 90th Birthday Blessings for Irene Giguere.
By Antonia Jezik

Saturday, Apr. 20th Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Easter
4pm Mass ~ For her husband, Leo+. By Louise Gagnon
7-9pm Musical Concert Fundraiser - In CTK Gym.

Sunday, Apr. 21st Fourth Sunday of Easter
9am-10:45am Catechism Classes
9am Mass ~ For Heinz Herold (perseverance & health).
By his daughter Monika Dueck & Family
11am Mass ~ For John Gmitrowski+. By Bob & Josephine Mots
There will be a Special Blessing for the young children preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Eucharist.
Children, we hold you in our prayer.

May we unite our hearts together in prayer for: Arlette, Jean, John, Harold Abs, Valerie Armstrong, Bernie Bourret, Cam Dueck, Meaghan Dueck, Orval Everett, Linda Fulmore, Julien & Joanne Gerard, Gerry Grossman, Lisa Hackett, Heinz Herold, Catherine Holmes, Catherine Hyska, Hubertus Kondziela, John Laplante, Lois Lecuyer, Olga & Walter Majola, Silvia & Hans J. Müllerleile, Charlene Ottenbreit, Fr. Edmond Paradis, Pamela Rebello, Norbert Remer, Priyantha Subasinghe, Makenna Stratton, Marie Viallet...for all who seek healing and comfort in body, mind or spirit... persons awaiting and recovering from injury or surgery...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...

Our sincere condolences, thoughts & prayers for Edward & Aurore Sawka & their Family, Friends & Parishioners grieving the death of their daughter Susan Sawka. †

Our sincere condolences, thoughts & prayers for Cathy J. Topp & her Family & Friends grieving the death of her sister, Mary Elizabeth Wingrowich. †

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

Fr. Chrys expresses graciously his invitation to Parishioners & Friends to celebrate the joyful **25th Anniversary of his Ordination** with him. *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.



*Dear Fr. Chrys, we hold you in our prayers with thanksgiving and blessings !
The Lord is good, all the time !*

WEEKDAY MASS NOTE: *Fr. Chrys & his brother Priests will be participating in their **Annual Priests' Retreat** from Apr. 29th to May 3rd. There will be NO morning Mass that week. May we hold them in prayer as they pause and pray.*

HOLY WATER ~ Parishioners & Friends are invited to take a vial of Holy Water home, along with the accompanying prayer-blessing sheet. Make some time to bless your homes and your family during this holy and joyful Easter Season. May our eyes and hearts be opened to the generous grace of our Risen Lord, showering abundant blessings of new life upon us all, all the time.



FOOD BIN for the NEEDY ~ Thank you for your most generous and faithful donations of non-perishable food items for the needy. The bin is at the parking lot entrance, and canned goods, cereals, hygiene items can be dropped in when you come to Mass, or during Office hours.

CTK KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS Council #8124

> **Meat Draw** ~ Tickets are available for the Meat Draw for *Miller's Meat* products. Draw will be held on Monday, June 17th. There will be 3 (three) x \$500.00 prizes. Tickets are \$5 each, or 5 tickets for \$20.00. Available online, or see one of the Knights after Mass for assistance. Proceeds will go to CTK Parish & the Knights various charities.

MUSICAL CONCERT FUNDRAISER for CTK PARISH Building Fund, featuring Andre V and The Maze performing Classic country and Classic Rock songs. NEXT Saturday, Apr. 20th 2024, from 7-9pm in CTK gymnasium. Tickets are \$15.00, available after each Mass time, at the Parish during Office hours, or phone 204-233-9221.

Stewardship Offerings received: Apr. 6th & 7th:

+ Sunday White Envs. \$4,255.00

+ Building (Blue box & pew envs.) \$ 546.40

Thank you for your faithful generosity and support.

CLEARLY WRITTEN ~ If you wish to receive an Income Tax Receipt for the donations that you give to Christ the King Parish this year, please clearly & legibly write your name (at least) & address on your envelopes - blank, blue or issued numbered envelopes. (Attaching a personal address label onto your envelope is a great help, too.)

As we ease into this Third Week of our Easter Season, it may be challenging to maintain the same level of Easter exuberance. Nevertheless, we strive in the grace of faith to celebrate and proclaim Christ's Resurrection with hope and joy through our actions of love and sacrifice. In Eucharist, we are called to join in the worship of God with the multitudes of the heavenly court, for salvation is ours through the sacrificial death of the Lamb of God – Jesus, the Christ, who has conquered death, and carried the sins of the world to death, upon the cross. We rejoice as we respond to the invitation to share in the heavenly banquet.

The Eucharist is the action of Christ with His people. Christ established the Eucharist and entrusted it to us, The Church, as a perpetual memorial of his saving passion and resurrection. We gather as a faithful people in community to give thanks and praise to God, celebrating the ancient and present memorial of the Lord's death and resurrection, and the promise of His saving grace for each of us. As disciples, may we recognize the Lord, present to us not only on Sundays during Mass at the breaking open of The Word, and the breaking of bread, but each day through the breaking pouring out of our lives for one another and all of creation. This is true obedience and true love of the Lord God's commandments. We too are blessed by the Lord, and called to be Love freely broken and poured out in thanksgiving and to be witnesses of God's glorious reign.



"We had Hoped..."

Sometimes, things just don't always turn out the way we plan them. It's great to hope and dream, however, when our expected vision isn't the outcome, and we fail to adapt with it, we suffer disillusionment, disappointment, sometimes anger...

We are called to be open and awoken to the opportunities God is revealing to us – God's plan, God's will – in every situation that doesn't pan-out how we've envisioned. Consciousness means to be present in each moment, recognizing God's Holy and Divine Presence within the situation.

It is not always easy to do... but with willingness and practise, there is opportunity and hope. When Jesus greets us, we are often blind to His presence. We often have the human tendency like the two disciples on the road to *Emmaus*, and the disciples, hiding in the locked Upper Room. We don't believe, because things "*should have been different*". We are disappointed, because we expected things to go our own way, or something 'better'. In our disillusionment, we don't recognize the Truth walking with us, and indeed right within us! We forget to be present and conscious to what is happening now.



The Risen Lord walks with us, and honors our struggles and doubts as we journey the path of our human life. *Through* the Risen Jesus, our whole life is prayer. *With* our Risen Christ, our whole being is prayer. *In* our Risen Jesus our whole existence is prayer. Our longing for hope IS hope. Our desire to believe IS believing. Our longing to love IS love. God honors our efforts and intentions. We are called BE... to be joy-filled... to be courageous... to be active in serving... to be still.... to be open and quiet... to surrender and co-operate with God's plan... to be peaceful and accepting, ... opening ourselves to Holy Presence burning within us, now and always!

And it all happens on the road. . .

Children's Corner
 Dear Girls & Boys, Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Alleluia! The Risen Lord walks with us on any and every path that we are on. He encourages us to seek His help and guidance, and calls us to believe in His salvation.



**ALLELUIA AMONG AWE BREAD BURN BUILD
 CONFUSED BELIEVE EAT EMMAUS FISH
 FULFILLED HANDS HEARD HEARTS JOY KNOWN
 LOOK LOVE OPEN PEACE PRESENCE REPENT
 RISE ROAD SCARED SCRIPTURES SEND SHOW
 SINS STOOD STARTLED TOUCH TURN
 UNDERSTAND WALKING WHY WITNESS
 WONDERING WORDS**

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Faith Formation News

> **Blessing for First Eucharist Candidates ~ Next Sunday, Apr. 21st** at 11am Mass. Children, we hold you in our prayer as you prepare to celebrate and receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist, Jesus' Most Holy Body and Blood.

> **Catechism Rosary Fundraiser:** You may have noticed by the parking lot entrance, that we have crafted a rosary on the wall beside the Cross. This initiative has 3 main goals: to provide an opportunity to bring together our children and our parish, to fundraise for our church, and for the children to learn how to pray for others.

By donating \$5.00 to our parish fundraiser, you can write your name or the name of someone you know onto a bead. Once we have filled out all 60 beads, our class will take the time to pray the rosary together interceding for you and your loved ones.

We are very excited to do this and hope that you will prayerfully consider participating in this project with us. May God Bless you and thank you!
Ms. Suzette, Catechism Co-ordinator

> **Young Adults Group:** We are hosting a Puzzle Competition Night on Thursday, April 18 from 7-9 pm in the parish hall! Teams of 3 or 4 will go head-to-head to see who can complete the most pieces! We will have tea, hot chocolate, and snacks. Bring a friend and be ready for some fun! ~ *Suzette D.*



Young Adults Co-ordinator

> **Children's Mass & Choir:** Children's Masses are back! Join us on Sunday, May 5th at 11 am. Children and youth of our parish will be offering their service in various ministries throughout the Mass. If your child(ren) is interested in greeting at the door or singing in the choir, please email suzette@ctkp.ca



> **Sacramental Preparation Classes** - Saturdays from 1:00-3:00pm. Please refer to your schedule for Saturday dates.

For questions or concerns for any of the above, please email Suzette suzette@ctkp.ca or phone 431-373-0572.

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Christian faith does not counsel the downplaying of the guilt of sin, but it acknowledges a great and more powerful reality through the forgiveness of sin, empowered by the Risen Jesus Christ's grace.

Glory be to you, Abba God, to you, Christ Jesus the Son, to you, Holy Spirit, always and forever. Amen.

*Abba God loves and delights in us.
 Christ Jesus loves and saves us.
 Holy Spirit loves and guides us.*



*We are God's precious and cherished people.
 As Easter Alleluia people, may we unite together
 in love to serve, support, encourage, and pray
 for all God's beloved people.*

**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

