

Christ the King Parish

~ Archdiocese of Saint Boniface ~

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Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

November 19th, 2023.



2023 Good Shepherd Campaign, with the theme *Forward! With Hope!* supports the ongoing forward momentum in the lives of all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface since we emerged from the pandemic. This year, the goal

of the Campaign is to raise \$400,000.00. The Campaign is vital. Any and all support will aid the formation of priests and seminarians who are on fire for the Word of God and the Eucharist, and will help ensure the future of pastoral work in our Archdiocese.

You are invited to take and read one of the **Good Shepherd Campaign** brochures, available at the entrances of the Church. You are also invited to watch the **Good Shepherd Campaign** video that is available on the archdiocesan website www.archsaintboniface.ca and visit the Facebook page.

Please consider offering a donation of support to the **Good Shepherd Campaign**, which can be made in a variety of ways:

- > place your completed donation form in your Church's Sunday collection basket
- > mail the donation card and cheque directly to the Archdiocese; or drop-off at the Archdiocese Office
- > online through the above website
- > call the Archdiocese and enquire about giving monthly through a PAD ('Pre-Authorized Debit').

Please continue to pray for new vocations, for our seminarians, and the clergy.

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Changing of Seasons . . .

All times, all seasons have been created and belong to God, and to everything there is a season. We are truly blessed and made holy by God's grace through, with, and in the various cycles of nature, the various cycles of our very lives, and the cycles and seasons of worship as God's people, the Church.

In the flow with all seasons and cycles, the Church will soon embark upon a new liturgical season - the *Season of Advent*, which begins the week after our *Feast of Christ the King*, celebrated next weekend, November 25th & 26th.

Let us humbly ask Holy Spirit to grace and imbue us with the oil of wisdom to prepare our hearts well, as we celebrate our special Feast Day, and continue our journey, waiting in joyful hope for the coming of the Lord.

May we strive to be more and more conscious and aware of the gifts and blessings of each present moment, and never go a day without voicing and offering our humble gratitude to God. Abba God makes our lives anything but ordinary. We are not to separate our daily lives from our spiritual lives, but rather, we are encouraged and graced by Holy Spirit to bind them together. We are called to live our unity as one with all.

During these last few days of the Church's liturgical Season of Ordinary Time and beyond, let us strive evermore earnestly:

- + to love with extraordinary mercy
- + to hope with extraordinary confidence
- + to be attentive with extraordinary charity
- + to give with extraordinary generosity
- + to work with extraordinary integrity
- + to pray with extraordinary intimacy
- + to believe with extraordinary faith
- + to live our daily lives with extraordinary courage
- + to seek the Lord with extraordinary zeal



May we persevere in active discipleship each day, receiving and allowing Abba God, through the anointing of Christ Jesus our King's Holy Spirit, to guide and inspire us in Love.

This Sunday's scripture passages continue to give us an opportunity to focus and prepare for the end times. As disciples of Jesus, we trust in faith that Christ Jesus will come again, and gather his faithful disciples to himself into the glory of heaven. The world experiences strife, but we trust that we are sustained in God's true and unending love. Believe with loving faith and trustworthy actions!

First Reading (Proverbs 31:10-13,16-18,20,26,28-31++) ~ This passage from the book of Proverbs praises the actions of one, who like a loving and capable wife, uses one's gifts in the service of others. Each person has the capacity and choice to imitate this wise, balanced example, living in joyful service of God and neighbor.

Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6) ~ Paul's letter tells the people that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. He urges them to be prepared and be ready, because the Day of the Lord will come. No one but God knows the hour, and we do not belong to the darkness, but to the light, who is Christ Jesus!



Gospel (Matthew 25:14-15,19-21) ~ Jesus tells the parable of the master preparing to go on a journey, and he entrusts all his possessions to his servants to care for while he is gone - five talents to one, two to another, and one to another. While the ones who are

trustworthy rejoice, and are rewarded with increased gifts, the fearfilled servant who buries his one talent is the one who suffers great loss and darkness.

Just for Interest's Sake ~The monetary unit of the "talent" in Jesus' time was not a small amount. Even one talent could be worth more than a laborer would earn in a lifetime. The owner entrusted a lot more than just money to the servants - he left them all his possessions. In fact, the owner took a great risk and he wanted them to do the same, not leaving the investment decaying somewhere.

God entrusts great amounts to you and me. Life, abilities, the gift of loving, the living breathing human beings around us. God gives all this free of charge, gives to us our lives with all their rewards and catastrophes, and he says to us, dive in. You are my beloved! ~ Excerpt by Fr. John Foley

The special collection in support of the **Good Shepherd Campaign** will be held in solidarity with all the parishes of the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface, on the last weekend of the month, November 25th & 26th. Our Parish of CTK will have a second collection after Communion. Thank you in advance for your consideration, and generous support.

Sick Visiting Ministry ~ Please contact the Parish Office 204-257-3300 and a Sick Visiting Team Minister will arrange a visit with you, and bring a share of the Eucharist.

The Book of the Names of the Dead ~ Our special **Book** has been placed on a stand by the baptismal font, and will remain there throughout the month of November. You are invited to write in the names of loved ones, family members, and friends who have died, particularly over this past year, (The names of deceased people who are not already in the Book may also be written in.)

Parish Schedule

Saturday, Nov. 18th **Vigil of Thirty-third Sunday of OT**
1-3pm First day of Sacramental Prep Classes.
4pm Mass ~ For Deceased Brother Knights+. By CTK Knights

Sunday, Nov. 19th **Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time**
9am-10:45am Catechism Classes
9am Mass ~ For Richard Simon+ and Merv & Beryl Simon (consolation & healing). By Julie Brodie
11am Mass ~ For Lionel+, Merlyn+, Emmanuel+. Roshan+ and Agnes+. By Gunasekera & Novosel Families

Monday, Nov. 20th **Weekday in Ordinary Time**
NO MASS in our Parish on Mondays.

Tuesday, Nov. 21st **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
9:30am Rosary
10am Mass ~ For Jim Wainwright (healing). By Frances Everett

Wednesday, Nov. 22nd **St. Cecilia**
9:30am Rosary
10am Mass ~ For a return to faith for all who have turned away. By Frances Everett
1pm-3pm Wisdom Community gathering - Lennox Hall
7pm Knights Executive Meeting - St. Mary Room

Thursday, Nov. 23rd **Weekday in Ordinary Time**
9:30am Rosary
10am Mass ~ For a Special Intention. By Angela Petrillo

Friday, Nov. 24th **St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions**
9:30am Rosary
10am Mass ~ In Thanksgiving to All Saints. By Angela Petrillo
6pm RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Meeting

Saturday, Nov. 25th **Vigil of the Feast of Christ the King**
Vigil of Thirty-fourth & Last Sunday of the Liturgical Year
9am-4pm Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting - Lennox Hall
1pm - 3pm Sacramental Prep Classes.
4pm Mass ~ For Mom Dorothy Godfrey+. By her daughter Barbara Godfrey
5-8pm Potluck in celebration of the Feast of Christ the King
His Grace, Archbishop Albert LeGatt will be here to worship, pray, and celebrate with us, and will preside at Mass on this Feast of Christ the King.

Sunday, Nov. 26th **Feast of Christ the King**
Thirty-fourth & Last Sunday of the Liturgical Year
9am-10:45am Catechism Classes
9am Mass ~ For Cyril Ibeneme (healing & quick recovery) By Vivien Farayibi & Family
11am Mass ~ For Nella D'Ignazio+ (1st Anniv. of death) By Tony, Liana, Luca & Nico Romeo & Family
His Grace, Archbishop Albert will be here with us again today.

May we unite our hearts together in prayer for: Arlette, Cam, Carmelle, Carmen, Ginette, Jean, John, Kathie, Rebecca, Sandra, Teresa, Warren, Rogers Family, Harold Abs, Lorraine Arcand, Valerie Armstrong, Bernie Bourret, Orval Everett, Linda Fulmore, Julien & Joanne Gerard, Lisa Hackett, Catherine Holmes, Catherine Hyska, Heinz Harold, Maria Hirschfeld, Antonia Jezik, Hubertus Kondziela, John Laplante, Lois Lecuyer, Olga & Walter Majola, Silvia & Hans J. Müllerleile, Charlene & Arnie Offenbreit, Guy Paradis, Fr. Edmond Paradis, Pamela Rebello, Norbert Remer, Brian & Joanne Steeves, Priyantha Subasinghe, Makenna Stratton, Marie Viallet ... for all who seek healing and comfort in body, mind or spirit... for a spirit of reconciliation among all peoples, nations, and churches... for peace between Ukraine and Russia, and all peoples at war... for forgiveness & reconciliation within families...for our Parish Family ...

Our sincere condolences to Pat O'Connor & his family & friends, grieving the death of his wife Sherry. †

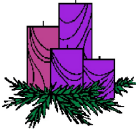
A WARM WELCOME to all visitors to our Parish Community of Christ the King. We are honored and humbled that you have chosen to come to give glory and praise to God in the celebration of Mass with us. If you would like to register with our Parish of Christ the King, there are **blue registration forms** 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.



Come experience HOUSEHOLDS of FAITH in an *Advent Diocesan Gathering*, held downstairs in our Christ the King Parish Lennox Hall on **Wednesday, Nov. 29th at 7pm**. This Advent, encounter Jesus through Sharing Scripture and Life ... with one another. Everyone is invited to come and gather together with Archbishop Albert, Parishioners, Friends, and members of our Diocesan Parishes, as we journey toward our Advent Season, and prepare our hearts for Christmas through sharing in a style of *Households of Faith*. All are welcome! Register at households@archsaintboniface.ca or phone (204) 594-0273.

COUNTDOWN ~ The Season of Advent begins in two weeks. This gives us some time to start planning our wreath, 3 purple candles and one pink candle, Advent Booklets (available at the entrances \$3.00), and getting them ready for our prayer corner.

Evening of Preparation for Advent ~ Tuesday, Nov. 28th, from 7-9pm downstairs in Lennox Hall. The Evening will involve videos, sharing and encouragement for the upcoming Advent journey. Refreshments and dainties will be provided. While walk-ins are welcome, if you know you can make it, please sign up at the parking lot entrance.



2024 Sunday Missals ~ There are only a few Missals left. \$5.00 each. They are at both church entrances.



We need not compare or measure our giftedness and talents with others' gifts and talents. All God's gifts are freely given, to benefit the building of God's kingdom. Let us not hide, destroy, hoard, nor be stingy with the special gifts within us because we fear rejection, humiliation, criticism, or any other reason. Believe that God calls us to rejoice in one another's gifts, uniting and using them to the best of our ability. By nurturing, and encouraging each other, we multiply our gifts for the good of all, and each of us bears good fruit for God's glory. We bring joy, peace, happiness, healing, and love to the world. Let us take time to discover and cultivate, and humbly enjoy one another's gifts, giving humble thanks to God. With God's grace, let us all decide to believe and take trustworthy action in Love's mission.

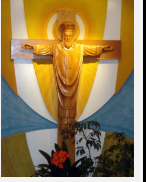
New 2024 Sunday Offering Envelopes will be prepared and ready for pick-up by mid-December. If you are not on the list, but would like to have a box prepared for you, please contact the Parish Office by email contact@ctkp.ca or 204-257-3300.

+ **THANK YOU** for writing your name (at least) on your Sunday Offering Envelopes - an address label works, too. Inform the Parish Office of any changes

+ **THANK YOU** for your faithful stewardship. Offerings received the weekend of Nov. 11th & 12th:

- > Sunday Offerings \$2,070.00
- > Building & Maintenance \$507.60
- > Donations toward Christmas Hampers \$20.00

Feast of Christ The King ~ Our Liturgical Year 'A' is coming to close next weekend, ending, as in all Liturgical Years, with the Feast of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.



This special Feast Day of Christ The King will be commemorated and joyously celebrated on the weekend of Nov. 25th & 26th. This year, we will welcome His Grace, Archbishop Albert LeGatt, who will be coming to preside at all three weekend Mass times, and to worship, praise, pray and celebrate our God and King with our gathered Parish community. You are invited to take a minute to welcome & introduce yourselves to His Grace.

Don't forget to drop off your **Spiritual Bouquet** message for His Grace into one of the little boxes at each entrance.

POTLUCK ~ In celebration of the Feast of Christ the King, you are all invited to a Potluck Dinner on **Saturday, Nov. 25th from 5-8pm in the gym**. Sign-up sheets are on the counter at the parking lot entrance, to list one of your favorite dishes to bring and share (appetizers, entrees, desserts). Watch the Bulletin for allergen-lists and drop-off details. There will also be door prizes, and music by a DJ. People are also needed to help set-up, serve, clean-up – please indicate your availability by signing-up on the appropriate sheet. **IMPORTANT NOTE: All those wishing to participate in the Potluck will need to pick up a FREE ticket**, after Mass, or at CTKP Office during Office hours. Thank you!

There is a happy Winner of the CTK Parish 50/50 Raffle Draw, held last week, Nov. 15th. **Congratulations to Uyi/Irene Osaghae**...winner of **50%** of the Raffle's raised total of \$5,640.00. *Sincere thanks* to everyone who supported the raffle.



Christmas Hamper Packing & Delivery ~ Sunday, Dec. 10th at 12noon in the Gym. CTK Parishioners, you respond with such generosity of heart! It's one of your gifts! Thank you for your help and support for this very important mission.

> **Donations of non-perishable, nutritious food items** ie. peanut butter, canned meats & veggies & fruit, soups, jelly powder, KD, puddings, cereals, tea, coffee, sugar, pasta & sauce, rice, pancake mix & syrup, scalloped potatoes pkgs, etc.

> **Knitted items** ie. scarves, hats, mitts. If anyone has WOOL they would like to donate, please drop it off at the Parish Office.

> **People to pack Hampers & Delivery Drivers** will be needed.

> **Monetary donations** would be gratefully accepted, (cheques payable to CTK Parish, and clearly write your name on a blank envelope, designating "Hampers").

Gifts & Talents ~ The reason we have gifts is so that we can Be gifts for others. Let us not be fearful or overly cautious, nor cling to what we possess, but use and share our gifts and talents, for the good of all.

Have you ever really looked at the word **RESPONSIBILITY**? Try looking at it this way: **response ability**. Let us respond to the best of our ability, and do our part to be trustworthy servants, stepping forward in actions of loving and serving the Lord by loving and serving one another.

Your talent is God's gift to you.
What you do with it is your gift back to God.



Children's Corner ~ Dear Girls & Boys,
God entrusts each of us with unique talents and gifts to share for the good of everyone. Even a warm, welcoming smile, a hello, a helping hand, or a word of encouragement is a gift. Jesus asks us to share and use these God-given gifts and talents to help one another to grow, and live as children of light. Let us ask Holy Spirit for inspiration, for an open heart, and a willingness with positive energy to share the love of God that is within us.

**MASTER GOD ENTRUSTS TALENTS GIFTS USE
 TRUSTWORTHY ACTION ASK SERVE SHARE HEED
 HEAR GENEROSITY ABUNDANT AWE GRACE ABIDE
 THANKFULNESS PREPARE INCREASE MULTIPLY LIGHT
 CHOOSE BLESSED ARISE SHINE REPENT RETURN**

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The Gospel parable of the talents can remind us that God has graced and entrusted each of us with unique gifts. In prayer, discernment and action, with the same spirit of our Lord God's abundant generosity, they are to be used for the good of all. God is pleased with those who put considerable effort and work into bettering their lives and the lives of those in their community. In a spirit of humble thanksgiving and gratefulness, what are we going to choose to do with our talents, our gifts? We are called to responsibly put them to good use, and not hide, hoard, or shelf them. If we don't use them, does your heart hear God threatening us with darkness?, or is it, more accurately, by our own poor choices, decisions, and actions that we place our Selves in darkness? God is Love, and only desires good things for us. It is not possible for us to earn salvation - Jesus has already freely gifted it to us. It is already ours, but without the Lord God, the consequences of our choices lead us to live in darkness. Without choosing to live and work in the light of Christ Jesus, we live in darkness. We have the gift of freewill, and we can choose light, or darkness, freedom, or captivity. Yes, life has its trials and struggles, but God is with us. We choose to recognize God's grace... or not. Through, in, and with the help and inspiration of Holy Spirit's abundant grace dwelling with us, let us choose to be trustworthy servants, working with the gifts and talents we have been given, bringing a bounty of joy, goodness, and healing to the world.

May we be strengthened throughout each day in relationship with God, and God's holy Presence in one another, in the beauty of creation, in the Word and Sacraments. O Lord God, may we notice and give thanks for little things, even in our sufferings, knowing in faith that You are here with us! O Emmanuel, You faithfully come!

Faith Formation News

> **Catechism Classes** are held on Sundays from 9am-10:45am. Families, right after Classes, come to celebrate and worship together at 11am Mass.
 > **Sacramental Preparation Classes** began this Saturday, Nov. 18th from 1-3 pm. The second class (Parent Day #1) is Saturday, Nov. 25th from 1-3 pm. Watch for emails from Suzette for further information.



Parishioners & Friends, please pray for our 45 children as they embark on their journey to receiving Jesus' love, grace, and mercy and for our leaders as they guide these children in their walk with our Lord. Contact Suzette at suzette@ctkp.ca or Ph. 431-373-0572.

Young Adults' Group Meet-Up



The next monthly meet-up for the young adults group is Monday, Dec. 4 from 7-9 pm in the church hall! We are beginning a series on The Life of Christ as His identity as fully God and fully man. Come on out as we dive deeper into the mystery of Christ and His role in our lives. Contact Suzette for more info.



> Our **CHILDREN'S CHOIR** will be ministering on **Sunday, Dec. 31st, 2023** at **11:00am Mass** for the **Feast of the Holy Family**. Children aged 5 yrs. and older who are interested can sign-up by emailing suzette@ctkp.ca. Stay tuned **for details about the practices**. If your child still has their folder from when we sang together at Pentecost, please make sure they bring it to practice.

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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> Visit **CTK School** www.ctkschool.ca

> Visit Saint Boniface **Archdiocese website** for Newsletter & etc. www.archsaintboniface.ca

Remember... there has never been a millisecond, or even a picosecond that we have not been loved by God. In such a large family, know that you, yes **YOU**, are Abba God's favorite child!

