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Fifth Sunday of Lent - 3rd Scrutiny

April 6th, 2025.

O Lord, Raise Us Up !

This weekend, let us listen attentively and take to heart the proclamation of the Gospel of the *Raising of Lazarus*, the third and final Scrutiny for The Elect. Let us all hear the Lord, the Son of God asking if we believe in Him, and calling out our name to 'come out'! May our hearts be awakened to the places and ways we are deadened. The Son of God will be glorified by the miracle and wonder of raising us up, for who but God can raise someone up from the dead?

As the Son of God, Jesus knows the will of God, but for the sake of the crowd, Jesus first gives thanks to God for having heard him. Like the people gathered around the tomb, and witnessing Jesus' many miracles, may our lives be raised up from our doubt.

In our times of grief, our trials, fears and anxieties, we are called like Martha, to trust, seek and believe in the glory of God. In his humanity, Jesus wept and was greatly disturbed. In his divinity, He hears our cries and is deeply touched by our suffering. He comes to be with us, to raise us up, to carry and comfort and encourage us to 'take away the stones' of fear and doubt, self-pity and jealousy, arrogance and pride, apathy and indifference. Christ calls out to us, challenging us to choose to take the steps to 'come out' from our tombs, to invite and allow Jesus to raise us up, and to raise us up on the last day. We are called to be of service, and attentive to the ways in which we can unbind each other through the divine power of Christ Jesus within us, sharing Christ's mercy, compassion with one another.

+ May we recognize the gift of Jesus' presence with us, raising us up today and every day, and allow the grace of His holy power to shine forth through us for others.

+ May we follow the example of Christ Jesus by voicing our humble thanks to God.

+ May we know the heart of Christ Jesus wanting our freedom and release, and hear his voice commanding us to work together to take away the stones and boulders in one another's life.

+ May we feel the love of Christ Jesus, and hear his voice calling our name, to come out of our self-made tombs and prisons.

+ May we obey willingly the voice of Christ calling us to compassionately unbind one another, and let each other go.

+ May we respond to the voice of Christ Jesus asking us if we believe, and hear our own voices joyously crying out and proclaiming the glory of God in the grace and promise of resurrection and new life... now, today and always. Let us believe in God's Love for us!

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Next weekend, we will celebrate **Palm-Passion Sunday**. This celebration marks the beginning of Spring in most of the northern hemisphere, and this season is a time for pruning. In Jerusalem and the surrounding area, palm trees are pruned, and the branches are laying on the ground, there for the taking. In Greece and Italy, olive trees are being pruned... In Ukraine and Canada, pussy willows are the first sign of Spring. In Germany, this is *Evergreen Sunday*. In Ukraine, this is *Pussy Willow Sunday*, in the holy city of Rome, this is *Olive Branch Sunday*. And yet, all call it **Palm Sunday**.

The Roman Catholic rubrics ("instructions") for Palm Sunday mandates the use of whatever is local. Palm trees and bushes are not natural in our part of the world, and we pay to import them from other countries.

Amongst the recovered early Church writings, there is only one female author, Egeria, a noble woman, who travels to Jerusalem and writes a detailed report of Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum (pronounced *trī-doo-umm*) as celebrated in that city in the 5th century. She vividly describes the day-long process of pilgrims and local Christians who commemorate the triumphant entrance of Jesus into the holy city on the Sunday before the Sacred Triduum. Just as the historical Jesus entered Jerusalem to waving branches and hosannas, the Patriarch of Jerusalem, five centuries later, enacts the entrance with throngs of people picking up the regional or native branches to wave and sing "hosanna" to Jesus as he entered the holy city of Jerusalem. From Egeria's writings, the Church continues this commemoration with the coined the name, **Palm Sunday**. Next weekend, we too will commemorate this Sunday of the Passion of the Lord with a procession of our own.





Along our continuing lenten journey as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year 2025, we ask you, O Lord, open our hearts to hear you calling out to us in a loud voice to "Come Out" of our tombs! Raise us up to new life, and help us scrutinize and examine ourselves with honesty and truth. Strengthen us, and give us the courage to always reject evil, and lead us away from all temptation.

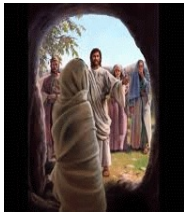
Thank you All for uniting your voices together to pray the special Jubilee prayer, found in your pews. God is Good!

On this Fifth Sunday of Lent, we celebrate the third Scrutiny for The Elect, with Jesus calling Lazarus forth from death to life. Christ Jesus has already offered us the gift of salvation. May we turn to the Lord to be raised up in this great promise on a daily basis, and on the last day. As he raises Lazarus from the tomb, so too he raises Martha's faith, and ours to a strengthened belief in the resurrection and new life.

FIRST READING (Ezekiel 37:12-14) ~ Ezekiel's vision describes God's Spirit giving new life to dead bones. God raises righteous people to new life and hope, and will enliven all beloved people forever on the last day.

SECOND READING (Romans 8:8-11) ~ Holy Spirit gives to us a type of new life: a life of love and freedom, and a willingness to give oneself in the service to God by our service to others, because the Trinity dwells within us.

GOSPEL (John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33b-45) ~ From the depths of her sadness, grief, and loneliness, Martha still puts her faith in Jesus that Lazarus' life is not ended. In faith, she believes and proclaims that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, the One coming into the world to bring salvation.



O Lord Jesus Christ, the Messiah of all, as we begin another week along our Lenten journey, help us to continue to use this time for stepping back and examining our standards, our priorities, and our life choices. Guide and inspire us as we are challenged to re-direct our thinking, to take away the boulders that are blocking the way for us to accept the new life that You, O Son of God, offer to us each day. May we allow our lives to be transformed by the generous and infinite grace of God raising us to new life.

You are invited to visit CTK Parish Website & Facebook Page > www.ctkp.ca
 CTK School > www.ctkschool.ca
 St. Boniface Archdiocese > www.archsaintboniface.ca

O Lord, heal us. O Lord, heal us.
 Jesus Savior of the world.

O Christ, our Messiah and Lord, you cried out in a loud voice, commanding Lazarus to come out of the tomb, and raised him from the dead. And yet, even after this miraculous, glorious and powerful event of resurrection, we are still reluctant to believe...!

Heal us and help our unbelief.



Stations of the Cross ~ Final Friday of Lent, Apr. 11th at 7pm in CTK Church. All Parishioners & Friends are welcome!

Our sincere condolences, thought & prayers for Velma & Marcel Daigneault & their Family & Friends grieving the death of their sister-in-law Dana Marino. ☩

Parish Schedule

Saturday, Apr. 5th, 2025 **Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of LENT**

1-3pm First Penance Celebration
 4pm Mass ~ For the needs & intentions of all People.
 5pm Fish Dinner - in the gym. *Tickets required.

Sunday, Apr. 6th **Fifth Sunday of LENT**

9am - 10:45am Catechism Classes.
 9am Mass ~ Birthday Blessings & In Thanksgiving for Uguna Family Members. By Gbubemi Uguna & Family
 11am Mass ~ In Thanksgiving to Mary, Our Lady of Good Counsel. By CTK Catholic Women's League ("CWL")
 * D&P Solidarity Sunday - "Soup Meal" after each Mass today.
 1:30pm-3:30pm R.C.I.A. Retreat

Monday, Apr. 7th **Weekday in LENT**

No Mass in our Parish on Mondays.
 Rosary is prayed at 9:30am Tuesday to Friday, followed by 10am morning Mass. Fr. Chrys is also available to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) immediately after morning Mass - Tuesday to Friday.

Tuesday, Apr. 8th **Weekday in LENT**

10am Mass ~ For our intentions for a big change.
 By Reem Rahil Khazen
 7pm Knights General Meeting - St. Mary Room

Wednesday, Apr. 9th **Weekday in LENT**

10am Mass ~ For health, strength & peace for Rick & June Hutchison. By Gayle Fiori

Thursday, Apr. 10th **Weekday in LENT**

10am Mass ~ For the intentions of our supporters for change.
 By Reem Rahil Khazen

Friday, Apr. 11th **Weekday in LENT**

10am Mass ~ For healthy, strength & peace for Lise Daley.
 By Gayle Riori
 7pm R.C.I.A. (Adult Faith Formation) Gathering

Saturday, Apr. 12th **Vigil of PALM-PASSION SUNDAY**

4pm Mass ~ For the needs & intentions of all People.

Sunday, Apr. 13th **PALM-PASSION SUNDAY**

9am - 10:45am Catechism Classes
 9am Mass ~ For Deceased Brother Knights+. By CTK Knights
 11am Mass ~ For Dinali Marianne Batagalla+. By Indrajith & Marian Gunasekera & Family
 Holy Week now begins... Let us keep it holy.

May we unite our hearts together in prayer for:

Jean, B. John, Harold Abs, George Berthelette, Bernie Bourret, Art Daigneault, Lise Daley, Linda Desmarais, Orval Everett, Helena Facto, Lynne Funk, Lisa Hackett, Manfred Hirschfeld, Catherine Holmes, Catherine Hyska, Ed Labossiere, Lois Lecuyer, Olga & Walter Majola, Helene McShane, Silvia & Hans J. Müllerleile, Eamonn O'Reilly, Charlene Ottenbreit, Pamela Rebello, Rose Rogers, Inez Rowson, Arlette Schamber, Joel Stone, Priyantha Subasinghe, Makenna Stratton, Marcel Verdonck, Marie Viallet... for all the suffering who seek healing and comfort in body, mind or spirit... for a spirit of reconciliation and forgiveness among all peoples and nations... for peace and effective communication between all government leaders... for forgiveness and reconciliation in relationships... for Youth and Young Adults to grow in faith and integrity... for improved health for Pope Francis... for all the Elect preparing for Baptism at Easter Vigil, and Confirmation Candidates...



SAVE THE DATE !!

Christ the King Mini-Folklarama : Unity through Diversity Event ~ Saturday, June 28th: 5:30 - 8:30pm.

A wonderful coming together of all the diverse cultures Christ the King has in a celebration of food, music, dance and song, and hopefully traditional attire! Watch for sign-up sheets at the parking lot entrance. Plan to come!

Mark your Calendars ! **Parish Community Annual Meeting - ("PCAM")** ~ Saturday, April 26th, downstairs in Lennox Hall, from 10am to 12:00noon, followed by lunch. The Theme/focus of our PCAM is: **The Business of the Church is the Mission of Christ.** All Parishioners are invited to attend. A sign-up sheet is available at the parking lot entrance. Sign-up now !

Horizons of Hope Lenten Retreat has concluded ~ Thank you to the Team of organizers, facilitators, invisible helpers, Parishioners from neighboring Parishes, and all CTK Parishioners for coming to participate and share so openly and honestly in this year's Lenten Retreat.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (C.W.L.) NEWS

1/ A Heartfelt Thank You to all who supported the request for toiletry items and a BIG THANK YOU to CWL Members who put together 30 packages - *Street Links* distributed them to very grateful people. On Tuesday, Apr. 8th, after Mass, more packing will take place. Please join them. The CWL will do another collection in the future.

2/ **Solidarity Sunday Soup Meal**, downstairs in Lennox Hall, THIS Sunday, Apr. 6th after the 9am & 11am Mass times. This is the highlight of **Development & Peace "D&P" Share Lent Campaign**. CWL Members will be preparing soups to be served to Parishioners & Friends. May our prayers and support for our sisters and brothers in the world's poorest countries enable them to live with dignity and grace. To donate, there are beige colored D&P envelopes available at the entrances of our church to enclose your offerings, or you may donate online at www.devp.org Thank you for your help.
3/ **The St. Boniface Diocesan Annual Convention** will be hosted by the Morden Council: Saturday, Apr. 26th. Guest Speaker will be Leah Perrault, "Here I Am, Lord". A bus is available. Contact Yvette 204-255-4288 for details.

CTK KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS NEWS

1/ **Next General Meeting** ~ Tuesday, Apr. 8th @ 7pm.
2/ **ICCD ("Inter-Council Charity Drive")** for various prizes - first prize is a Car. Tickets are available for purchase from one of the Knights after Mass times. 3 tickets for \$10.00.
3/ **Fish Dinner** - In the gym, THIS Sunday, Apr. 5th after 4pm Mass. Tickets \$20. each.

Sunday Collection - Weekend Charitable Offerings

- Sunday Collection offering Envs. \$ 12,664.80
- Building (Blue box & pew envs.) \$ 735.00
- Easter Flowers \$ 65.00

Thank you for your kind offerings !



Attention Parents and Guardians: We would like to preserve the safety of all children while they are in Christ the King Church. May we ask please, that parents and guardians maintain a vigilance and take responsibility for the safety of their child/children whether up in the balcony... around staircases...by the vigil lights... in the washrooms, and in the parking lot. We know that children are naturally curious and spontaneous and do not want anything untoward to happen. A gracious thank you.

~ CTK Parish Pastoral Council ("PPC")

A Brief Overview of 2025 Palm Sunday & 2025 Holy Week & Triduum Schedule

PALM - PASSION SUNDAY - Apr. 12th & 13th.

Next weekend, everyone is asked to **GATHER in the GYM.** (Parishioners & Friends with health issues or limited mobility may certainly go directly into the church.) As in past years, we will gather and begin in the gym with the proclamation of the first Gospel. We will then process outside (weather permitting) waving our palm branches while singing our joyous Hosannas, and enter into the church through the front doors. Once settled, we will hear and listen to the proclamation of the Word and the Passion of our Lord Jesus.



Usual Mass times: Saturday 4pm, Sunday 9am & 11am.

Note: NO weekday morning Mass during Holy Week.

CHRISM MASS - Tuesday, Apr. 15th

7:30pm Mass - * celebrated at St. Boniface Cathedral + All Parishioners are invited to participate in this special celebration. Through the power of Holy Spirit, Archbishop Le Gatt concelebrates Mass with the Priests of our Archdiocese, and to consecrate and bless the Sacred Oils to use for the sacramental life throughout the year. They are then distributed to representatives from each Parish to bring back to the Church community

- + **Oil of the Sick** (for healing)
- + **Oil of Catechumens** (for enlightenment & exorcism)
- + **Oil of Chrism** (for anointing at Baptisms & Confirmations)



TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

+ **Holy Thursday** - Mass of the Lord's Supper - Apr. 17th at 7pm ~ Ritual of washing of feet.



+ **Good Friday Service** - The Passion of the Lord Jesus - Apr. 18th at 3pm



[**Blessing of Easter Foods** - Holy Saturday - Apr. 19th at 1pm in the front narthex of the church.]

Easter Vigil - Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ Saturday, Apr. 19th at 8pm

(**Note:** NO 4pm Mass on Saturday, Apr. 19th)



EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday - Apr. 20th

9am Easter Sunday Mass & 11am Easter Sunday Mass

Children's Corner

Dear Girls & Boys, in today's Gospel, Jesus raises Lazarus from the tomb. This gives us a preview of resurrection, which He promises to us – new life in Christ.



**AGAIN BELIEVE BOUND CHRIST COME CRY
DAYS DEATH FEET GLORY GLORIFY HANDS
ILLNESS JESUS LAZARUS LIFE LOUD LOVED
MARTHA MARY OUT REPENT RESURRECTION
RISE SEE SENT STONE TAKE AWAY THANK YOU
TOMB TWO UNBIND UPWARD VOICE WEPT YES**

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Christ the King School is accepting applications for Junior Kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year (must be 4 years old by December 2025). Go to their application website: <https://www.ctkschool.ca/ctk-application-20252026/> Junior Kindergarten receives a full tax receipt on fees for Income Tax for daycare. For further info, please contact CTK School at 204-257-0027 or office@ctkschool.ca

O Lord, give us the openness of mind and heart, and fill us with the grace and courage to take away the boulders of negative, critical, self-pitying, doubtful, suspicious, self-righteous, arrogant attitudes that keep us from consenting willingly to new life through, with, and in You. Give us generous compassion and mercy to help kindly in taking away one another's stones, and helping to unbind each other.



Through the presence and power of God in the Gospel passage of Lazarus being raised from the dead, we are reminded to trust that Jesus raises us up too, not only to new life in God's eternal kingdom of heaven, but raises us from the many places where we are trapped and entombed and blocked now, in our every day lives. May we become more aware of the Lord Jesus walking with us, calling out to us to "Come out!" from our sealed tombs... raising us up... revealing where in our hearts we need to "take away the stone", and unbind one another. May we heed Jesus' merciful call of grace and redemption.

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

Faith Formation News

Confirmation Classes ~ Saturday, Apr. 12th & 26th.

Confirmation Retreat ~ Saturday, May 3rd, Time TBD.

Confirmation Celebration ~ Thursday, May 15th at 7pm

Last Sacramental Preparation Classes for First Eucharist & Confirmation Candidates will be Saturday, Apr. 26th from 1-3pm.

First Eucharist Retreat - Saturday, June 14th Time TBD.

First Eucharist Celebration ~ Sunday, June 22nd @ 11am Mass.

Lenten Letters Program ~ Thank you for your willing and heartfelt participation in this special Program. God blesses you.



> **Youth Group Meet-Up** ~ All Youth (12-18 yrs) are invited to c'mon out, and join the Group to grow together in faith, and build community. The next Meet-up will be on Good Friday, Mar. 18th from 7-9pm. Come to Lennox Hall for a time of reflection and prayer as we meditate on Jesus' journey to the Sacred Cross.

> The Next Mass with Children will be June 29th at the 11am Mass.

Watch the Bulletin. Questions? Please email suzette@ctkp.ca or phone 431-373-0572.

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Women's Retreat ~ Tuesday, Apr. 29th from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. We are excited to announce that we will be having a Women's Retreat here at Christ the King. All women - parishioners & friends - 18th years and up are invited and welcome to take part. The theme of this Retreat is: "Siena: We are the Clay". The evening will be based on St. Catherine of Siena's life and legacy and our role in the Church and the world as women. If you are interested, please sign-up on the sheet on the counter at the parking lot entrance. Stay tuned for more details!



*Raise us up, O Lord,
from all that entombs and binds us.
Give us the courage to 'come out'
and live in Your generous Love.*