

Christ the King Parish

~ in the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface ~

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EASTER SUNDAY

March 31st, 2024.

The Solemnity of the Resurrection of our Lord

Jesus is Risen, as He said! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear Parishioners, Friends & Neighbors,

Jesus Christ is Risen Today! Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord offers all people the gift of salvation today! God's kingdom is today! Our responsibilities as God's faithful people starts today. We do not have to understand that the tomb is empty with our minds - it is redemptive mystery! In faith, we have already been redeemed,

Today, on this joyous Easter Sunday, we trust, through the grace-filled gift of faith, that the tomb is empty. Jesus is risen! Alleluia! The way to the resurrection of Christ was the way of the Cross. The Lamb of God sacrificed now, and forever, is Christ our LIGHT, the eternal High Priest of the covenant. Our Mother Mary, the Stabat Mater, (the sorrowful mother) of Good Friday, is now the jubilant Regina Caeli, (Queen of Heaven).



and given the offer of the greatest gift of new life... today! Yes, in our humanity, we fail and fall into sin... However, each day is a new day that the Lord has made! The Risen Jesus firmly and gently invites us to repent, and welcomes us back into his embrace with everlasting love. He has never left us! It is we who turn away. We are called to rise up to the Lord God's wondrous mystery

As we celebrate the joy of Easter and the gift of new life in Christ, may we now continue to re-enact and reinvigorate the fullness of God's love for us, by the way and manner we live and respond to the call of being disciples of Christ. Let us continue to replicate God's love and grace in our relationships with others. This is sure way to authentically witness to the POWER of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

today, to rejoice and be glad to live as redeemed people, as the Risen Lord's Alleluia people!

Profound thanks to the many individuals, groups, committees, and ministries that worked tirelessly for us to experience fruitful Lenten and Easter activities and celebrations here at our Parish of Christ the King. May the Risen Lord bless you all superabundantly.

We are Christ's beloved and redeemed people. Do we see? Do we believe? Like Mary Magdalene, and the disciples, The Risen Lord Jesus meets us where we are, and calls each of us by our name to believe in the newness of life he offers. May we let go of our expectations and our own will, and come to see and believe God's wonders and surprises. Through grace and in hope-filled promise, may we have the faith and courage to respond to the Risen Lord's voice with our faithful 'yes'. Let us then go, now, and live the Paschal Mystery...let us share faithfully Christ Jesus' Good News of salvation this day, the day the Lord has made! Let us live truly in the joy of Resurrection by the way we live Christ's love in the world.

Let the radiant light of Christ illumine our lives, so that we may in turn be a light in the world, spreading God's message of salvation, faith, hope, compassion, mercy and love.

Happy Easter to All!

LOVE, Fr. Chrys

Jesus is risen, as He said!

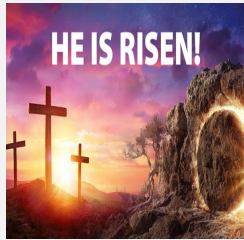
A WARM WELCOME to all Friends & Visitors who are here to celebrate this joyous Feast of Easter with us. If you would like to register with our Parish of Christ the King, there are **blue registration forms** at the *Info Centre* at the parking lot entrance. You may drop it off at the Parish Office, or simply place it in the collection basket when you come to celebrate Mass.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The tomb is empty! Jesus is risen! Alleluia! Easter is the most important solemnity of the liturgical year. We gather to celebrate and give humble thanks to Jesus Christ, who in his great love for each one of us, suffered, died, and was buried, and He rose again, as He said he would. He has conquered and destroyed death forever, and we have been offered the gift of new life through, with, and in Christ. May we trust and believe in its truth. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

FIRST READING (Acts 10:34a-37-43) ~ Peter speaks to the household of Cornelius, the gentile, telling them all about Jesus' life, death and resurrection, and his risen appearances to many people.

SECOND READING (Colossians 3:1-4) ~ In his letter to the Colossians, Paul urges them to seek the things and set their minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. The Baptized have died with Christ, and our life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life is revealed, we also will be revealed with him in glory.



GOSPEL (John 20:1-18) ~ Early on Easter morning, Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb to care for Jesus' broken, crucified body, only to find the tomb empty. In the desperate grief causing her blurred vision, she doesn't recognize 'the Gardener' as the Risen Lord until he tenderly says her name.

After this encounter, she sees clearly that Jesus is risen, and runs to tell Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. The two disciples run and go directly into the tomb, and see its emptiness and promise. Their eyes are opened to the truth of Jesus' Word. They see, and believe.

What a Team and wonderful Parish Community we are at Christ the King! Sincere thanks & Blessings to the many Parishioners who have worked tirelessly together during these past few weeks, to bring meaning and beauty to our Lenten and Sacred Triduum liturgies, and Easter Sunday Mass. Thank you for sharing so willingly and generously of your precious time, unique talents, and creativity to help, serve, decorate, pray, clean, prepare, and minister to our Parish Family. In our unity, all of you have truly made the celebration of this joyous Season of promise a joy-filled experience. Thank you for sharing of your Self. **Easter Blessings to All Parishioners & Friends!**

Our Risen Lord offers us new life ... with each breath, in each blurred and teary blink... even in our acts of betrayal and doubt... Do we truly believe it? Through our penance, prayer and repentance, may we become increasingly attentive to the true joy, and new 'chances' we are offered today, and share this Good News each day of our new life in Christ.

The seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated as one great Feast Day. Saint Athanasius called them "the great Sunday." Christians sing the "Alleluia" during these days in their rejoicing (GNLY No. 22)

Parish Schedule

Saturday, Mar. 30th, 2024 EASTER VIGIL
(NO 4pm Saturday Mass today - Easter Vigil at 8pm.)
8pm Mass ~ Blessings for the Newly Baptized & Confirmed.

Sunday, Mar. 31st EASTER SUNDAY
NO Catechism Classes
9am Mass ~ For Martha Kucera+. By Gerry Vanderzalm
11am Mass ~ For Agnes Normand+.
By Marielle & David Brennan

No weekday morning Mass this week, from Monday, Apr. 1st to Wednesday, Apr. 3rd

Thursday, April 4th *Thursday within Octave of Easter*
9:30am Rosary
10am Yes, Morning Mass ~ For Living & Deceased+ Family Members. By Cathy Topp
11:30am Funeral Mass - Lorraine Arcand+

Friday, Apr. 5th *Friday within Octave of Easter*
9:30am Rosary
10am Yes Mass, and Anointing ~ For Cindy Deniset+ (2nd Anniv. of death). By the Deniset & Lambert Family

Saturday, Apr. 6th *Vigil of Second Sunday of Easter*
4pm Mass ~ For Arnie Ottenbreit+. By Charlene & Family

Sunday, Apr. 7th *Second Sunday of Easter*
9am - 10:45am Catechism Class
9am Mass ~ For Deceased Brother Knights+. By CTK Knights
11am Mass ~ For Arnie Ottenbreit+.
By Margaret & Bernie Bourret

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, Catherine Holmes, Catherine Hyska, Heinz Herold, Hubertus Kondziela, George Kucera, John Laplante, Lois Lecuyer, Olga & Walter Majola, Silvia & Hans J. Müllerelle, 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... for the newly Baptized & Confirmed...

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.

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



HOLY WATER ~ As you leave the church today to continue your Easter celebration, each household is invited to take a vial of Holy Water, which was blessed at the Easter Vigil liturgy Saturday evening, and the accompanying blessing sheet. You are encouraged to use this Easter Holy Water and Blessing prayer in your home during the Easter Season. Our Risen Lord blesses you always!

Coming up very soon!
**CTK PARISH COMMUNITY
 ANNUAL MEETING ("PCAM")**

Saturday April 13th 10am-12noon. SIGN-UP!

Parishioners are invited to sign-up on the sheets at the parking lot entrance, to participate in this Parish Family meeting. Come to be together and hear news from Parish Committees, Ministries, Finances, and etc. Questions will be shared and discussed. Snacks, beverages, and a luncheon will be provided. Hope you will come!

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.

CTK CWL ~ Thank you to all CWL Members & Friends who prepared homemade soup, bread and buns and those who helped out in many ways, to once again, make the Development and Peace hunger meal a success. A special thank you to Debbie Kaminski, the Parishioners & Visitors for your support of this event. Together we can and will make a difference in many lives throughout the world.

+ **Next CWLeague Meeting** - Wednesday, Apr. 3rd at 10:30 am in Lennox Hall.

+ **Easter Blessings** from CWL Members to Christ the King Parishioners and Friends. May this Blessed Easter Season bring you an abundance of love, hope and joy.

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.

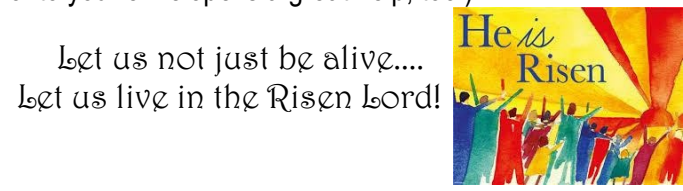
CTK Parish Building Fundraiser Concert, featuring Andre V and The Maze performing Classic country and Classic Rock songs. Saturday, Apr. 20th 2024, from 7-9pm in CTK gymnasium. Tickets are \$15.00, available after each Mass time, at the Parish during Office hours, or phone 204-233-9221.

Stewardship Offerings received: Mar. 23rd & 24th:

- + Sunday White Envs. \$2,978.40
- + Building (Blue box & pew envs.) \$1,206.10
- + Easter Flowers \$ 85.00

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.)



Let us not just be alive...
 Let us live in the Risen Lord!

Blessings & Congratulations!

We rejoice & welcome

Kirk Holyk

Mosh Udobang

newly Baptized in Christ through the waters of the Sacrament of Baptism, and fully initiated through the celebration & anointing with Sacred Chrism in the

Sacrament of Confirmation and the reception of the **Most Holy Sacrament of Eucharist** at the Solemn Easter Vigil on March 30th, 2024

and

Anthony Inyama

Gabriel Orji

Michael Inyama

Shaun Booth

fully initiated through the celebration & anointing with Sacred Chrism in the **Sacrament of Confirmation** and reception of the **Most Holy Sacrament of Eucharist** at the Solemn Easter Vigil on March 30th, 2024.

We pray that the waters of Baptism, Holy Spirit's power and the true Presence of Jesus in the Sacrament of His Most Holy Body & Blood in the Eucharist continue to save, inspire, heal, and guide you on your faith journey. May you deepen your relationship, and grow in your discipleship with Christ Jesus. May your witness in your daily living lead others to our Risen Lord, Who blesses you this glorious Easter Day, and always.

Go now, and live the Good News!

Peace of the Risen Lord be with you!

Easter calls every one of us to grasp, on a deeper and more profound level, what it means to be follower of the crucified and risen Christ. Through the Scripture and prayers of the season, we are led each Sunday to a deeper understanding, for ourselves and for our lives, of what it means to be baptized into the death and Resurrection of Christ. We are called to deeper conversion, deeper immersion into the mystery of our participation in Christ's Passover from death to life. In our own experience of the sacraments of initiation - Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist - God's power and presence in Christ made us a new creation, his adopted sons and daughters, members of his eternal reign.

Easter is a time to reflect on the mysteries of our faith and to meditate on their importance for our lives of faith in the world today. The liturgical life of the Season, the readings, prayers, rites, devotions, all allow us and call us to this reality.

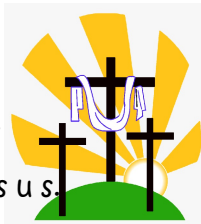
~ Sourcebook for Sundays.



The Resurrection of Jesus is the centre of our Christian faith, and through his ultimate act of self-sacrifice, the Lord Jesus has conquered death, assuring us the gift of new life. Living in the present moment, today we celebrate the resurrection of Christ with joy and with the knowledge of the new life and hope this wondrous event has brought into the world. This day, we join with Christians everywhere in proclaiming our Lord Jesus Christ, risen from the dead. Through our Baptismal Promises, and with renewed faith, may we bring hope to our world through the beatitudes we live - our acts of compassion, mercy, kindness, gentleness, understanding, mercy, forgiveness, and all the Risen Lord's rich gifts.

Children's Corner

Dear Girls & Boys, Jesus is risen! The tomb is empty, and we have been given new life in Christ! Alleluia means 'Praise to you, Lord!' So let us sing Alleluia! Alleluia! Thank you, Risen Lord Jesus.



Faith Formation News

- > Catechism Classes - Sundays from 9am-10:45am.
 - > Sacramental Preparation Classes - Saturdays from 1:00-3:00pm. Please refer to your schedule for Saturday dates.
- Email suzette@ctkp.ca or phone 431-373-0572.

**ALLELUIA AMEN BELIEVE DAY EMPTY FATHER
GLAD GO GOD GREAT JESUS JOY LIFE
LINENS LORD MADE NAME NEW PRAISE
RABBONI RAN REJOICE RESURRECTION RISE
RISEN SEEK SEEN STONE THANKS TOMB
TRUTH WATCH WON YES**

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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

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Jesus our Risen Savior knows us! He walked on this earth, and has felt, seen, heard, and experienced humanness, with its joys, happiness, growth, fun, our need for connectedness and celebration. He also knows the terror of human fear, feeling it to the extreme with his agony in the garden, as he sweat drops of blood... he experienced human temptation, but did not sin... he experienced rejection, pain, grief, sorrow and humiliation... Our Lord Jesus knows it all first hand. He willingly and lovingly carried all our sinfulness with him, once and for all people, to the cross of death. In his resurrection he offers us a share, too, in the generous gift of eternal life with Abba God, the loving Father of all. All we can offer is our humble grateful hearts, with our joyous thanks and praise. Alleluia, Alleluia. O praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!



The impossible has been fulfilled. Through the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, we know that death is not the end. Christ has indeed conquered death, and from this moment on, everything changes and life will never be the same. May our hearts be filled with grace, to joyfully go out to spread this Good News by the way we live it in the world.

Despite the betrayals and abandonment by his disciples, Jesus does not ever take revenge, and never cuts them off from his love. The Lord is for us, not against us. In the new covenant that Jesus already fulfilled, He willingly came to be the ultimate example of God's love in the world. Jesus reveals himself to all his disciples, then, and now. He speaks and prays with us, visits and walks with us, inspires and comforts, offers us healing, and loves us and forgives us. We don't have to prove anything to the Risen Lord – He already knows everything about us! He just desires our heart, our whole heart. He gives us free-will, and hopes that we express our belief and our 'yes', to accept and live in the embrace of his unconditional, deep, everlasting love.



The words of our Easter Responsorial Psalm proclaims:

"This is the day that the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Today is the day the Lord has made.

+ Today we are called to believe and rejoice in the promise of new life through, with, and in

Christ our Risen Lord.

- + Today we are challenged to 'die to ourselves', and rise to new life in Christ.
- + Today we are called to follow actively Christ Jesus' example in the mission of love more faithfully, in every little thing we do, think, and say.
- + Today we are encouraged to become more deeply mindful of Christ's risen Presence within us already and fully, and model his merciful love today for others.
- + Today Jesus calls our name, to offer our lives like Him, to be broken and shared, and poured out in service to others.
- + Today we are empowered by Holy Spirit to share the Good News, to proclaim the great gift and promise of new life Christ Jesus offers abundantly to all people each and every day.