

Christ the King Parish

~ Archdiocese of Saint Boniface ~

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 4th, 2022.

Speaking the Truth

On this Second Sunday of our Advent journey, the liturgy introduces the controversial figure of John the Baptist. Foretold by ancient prophecies, John will prepare God's people for the coming of the Messiah. This ascetic figure comes out of the desert – the place of purification, the place of intimate encounter with God. His appearance is bazaar, his preaching is powerful, and he calls for conversion and repentance.

John vigorously lived his calling as a prophetic 'voice crying out in the wilderness'. We are urged to heed John the Baptist's message: "Repent, for the kingdom of God is near! Prepare the way of the Lord!" John's conviction and perseverance is an example for every person, encouraging us all to repent, and carry out God's will in the 'mission of Love' to which we are called, both individually, and communally.

It is certainly a crucial for us to faithfully turn to Holy Spirit for wisdom, in order to discern when to speak, and when to be silent... and always to listen. There are times when we may feel like we are walking in a 'desert-situation', and like John the Baptist, we are compelled to confidently speak up in truth, even though the reactions from others may be contrary or negative, or cause a tense encounter.

The Spirit of the Lord was most certainly upon John the Baptist, and as promised, Holy Spirit is graced upon each one of us. Let us repent, and prepare our stable-hearts in order to make room for Emmanuel to come and be born. Throughout our lives, there are opportunities for us to prepare the way of the Lord and make straight his paths by being good and faithful servants. Let us reach out, with God's grace, guidance and inspiration, and share our time, our talent, our treasure... our Selves, in truth and integrity. May we produce good fruit in the reign of Emmanuel, as we live his Gospel with faithful perseverance and truth.

Glorious Return

The Advent Season is a time to hear again and again the call to continuing conversion – the discerning willingness of the call to return to God. In the four weeks of our Advent journey, the liturgy is focused on the 'advent' – the anticipation of the coming of Christ.

This is not just a historical commemoration of his birth in Bethlehem long years ago, but much more a 'waiting' and a preparing for his return in glory. This event will be the real climax of the world's history as well as of our own personal destiny and inheritance in Christ. At this time of year, when the darkness of night is at its longest, we are urged to watch in joyful hope and readiness, preparing and praying that we stay awake for the glorious return of Christ the Lord, who brings perfect light to every heart.



Ransomed Captives, Rejoice!

When we are struggling in our own captivity, loneliness, heartache and sorrow, we are encouraged to wait in repentance, and rejoice in hope, for Emmanuel comes in love and faithfulness to be with us! Only in God will we find healing and wholeness, joy and peace for our souls.

Christ Jesus has already paid the ransom for us by his life, death and resurrection, and freed each one of us from bondage. Once we truly repent (turn back to God) and experience the reality of Emmanuel's holy Presence and constant guidance in our every day, ordinary lives, we cannot help but rejoice!

WARM WELCOME to all new Parishioners & Guests who have come to praise and worship God 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.

In the timelessness of scripture, we hear an urgent yet hopeful message from John the Baptist: 'Repent and be ready, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand! Emmanuel is coming ! Prepare the way !'

FIRST READING (Isaiah 11:1-10) ~ The Prophet Isaiah speaks a message of gentle comfort and hope to the people of Israel. A shoot from the root of Jesse will spring forth and God will come to live among all people. The Spirit of the Lord will come and judgement will be determined with righteousness and equity. Unusual and wondrous happenings will occur but nothing shall be hurt or destroyed on God's holy mountain.

SECOND READING (Romans 15:4-9) ~ Paul's letter to the Roman people encourages them to live in peace and harmony, in one heart with Christ Jesus, and united with one voice, give glory to the one true God. Christ, the God of Israel, has come, and welcomes people of all nations into his flock, and into the promise of salvation.



GOSPEL (Matthew 3:1-12) ~ John the Baptist sees things through the wisdom of Holy Spirit, and is not influenced or dissuaded by society. He preaches a challenging message, reminding people to repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near. Repentance must be sincere for the people to bear good fruit for God's kingdom.

Emmanuel comes in our daily lives as we allow ourselves to be Jesus' instruments, His servants, His ministers. May we willingly and lovingly live His Gospel and care for the poor, touch those in need of healing, console the brokenhearted, comfort those who mourn, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, bring sight to the blind, unbind the captives...

This week Thursday, Dec. 8th, the Church celebrates the *Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, which is often confused with the Feast of the Annunciation. The *Immaculate Conception* is the Feast on which we celebrate that God chose, consecrated, and prepared Blessed Mary from the very beginning of her life, before her birth, to be the Mother of the Lord Jesus. How blessed are we because of her life !

Parishioners and Friends are invited to participate in a Bilingual Eucharistic Celebration on the *Feast of the Immaculate Conception*, Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022, at 7:30pm at Saint Boniface Cathedral. All are welcome !

On March 25th, the Church celebrates the *Feast of The Annunciation*, nine months before Christmas. It is the commemoration of the Archangel Gabriel appearing to the young Virgin Mary, *announcing* (annunciation) that she was chosen from all women to be the Mother of the Son of God. She then proclaimed *The Magnificat*, the greatness of the Lord, and said her living and faithful "yes" to God's will, to carry and give birth to Jesus the Messiah, the salvation of the world.

Parish Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 2022 Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent
4pm Mass ~ For Margaret Young+. By Frances Everett

Sunday, Dec. 4th Second Sunday of Advent
9am-10:45am Catechism Class
9am Mass ~ For Warren Weldon+. By Josephine & Bob Mots
11am Mass ~ For brother-in-law, Lucien Laroche+.
By Aurise & Hubertus Kondziela

Monday, Dec. 5th Advent Weekday
NO MASS in our Parish on Mondays.

Tuesday, Dec. 6th Advent Weekday
9:30am Rosary
10am Mass ~ For Father René Chartier+. By Frances Everett

Wednesday, Dec. 7th St. Ambrose
9:30am Rosary
10am Mass ~ For brother, Marcel+ & all Deceased Family.
By Wilf George

Thursday, Dec. 8th Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:30am Rosary
10am Mass ~ For Wilfred Everett+. By Frances Everett

Friday, Dec. 9th Advent Weekday
9:30am Rosary
10am Mass ~ For her deceased Brothers+. By Inez Rowson

Saturday, Dec. 10th Vigil of Third Sunday of Advent
1-3pm Sacramental Prep Class #3
4pm Mass ~ For all CTK Parishioners. By Frances Everett

Sunday, Dec. 11th Third Sunday of Advent
9am Mass ~ For Warren Weldon+. By Josephine & Bob Mots
11am Mass ~ In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe
By CTK C.W.L.

May we unite our hearts together in prayer for:

Arlette, Ene, Sandra, Harold Abs, Valerie Armstrong, Bernie Bourret, Orval Everett, Catherine Hyska, Heinz Herold, Maria Hirschfeld, Lois Lecuyer, Lucille Magne, John Miller, Silvia & Hans J. Müllerleile, Norbert Remer, Makenna Stratton, Tillie Suggitt, 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 between Ukraine and Russia, and all peoples at war...for victims of violence and injustice... for Youth to grow in faith and integrity...for a renewal of our Parish Family of Christ the King...

Our sincere condolences to Wanda Conway & her family, Friends, & Parishioners grieving the death of her husband, Deacon Frank Conway.



HOUSEHOLDS of FAITH ~ Would you like to start up a Household of Faith? Please call the Parish Office 204-257-3300 ext. 2 or contact@ctkp.ca, offering your name, phone number, email, and day/time of the gathering, for fellow Parishioners to contact you.

+ Visit www.archsaintboniface.ca for more info about this Diocesan endeavor, and ways to join in faith.

SICK VISITING MINISTRY ~ If you or a loved one are unable to attend Mass, please contact the parish office 204-257-3300 and a Sick Visiting Team Minister will make arrangements with you to bring Holy Communion to your home, care facility, or hospital. If you do not require Holy Communion but would still like someone to visit you, please also contact the parish office. One of the members of the Team would be happy to arrange a visit with you.

~ From the Sick/Visiting Ministry



CTK C.W.L. (Catholic Women's League) NEWS

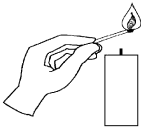
1/ Mark your calendar for the next C.W.L. meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 7th, downstairs in Lennox Hall after the morning Eucharist.

A big thank you to everyone who donated winter clothing and the beautiful, knitted items, toques, mittens and scarves. They will be appreciated by all who receive them.

2023 LIVING WITH CHRIST SUNDAY MISSALS are available for purchase (\$6.50) at the parking lot and front entrances.

ADVENT BOOKLETS ~ Enhance your prayer, meditation, and contemplation during Advent. There are still a few booklets left at the parking lot entrance. 1 Loonie each.

NOTE of SAFETY ~ Please use care and caution when lighting the votive vigil candles, over by the statues of Mary and Joseph. **** Children may light a candle with constant ADULT SUPERVISION ONLY, please.** [Drop a \$1.00 loonie into the coin box for each candle.]



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> www.ctkp.ca

And the Diocese at www.archsaintboniface.ca

2023 SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES will be prepared and available for pick-up mid-December. If your name is not on the list, please phone the Parish Office.

~ **Pre-Authorized Debit Plan** ~ If you would like to consider using this method to make your offerings to Christ the King Parish, Pre-Authorized Debit forms are available by the parking lot doors. Simply fill one out, and drop it off at the Parish Office, or place it in the collection basket when you come to Mass.

Sunday & Miscellaneous Offerings - Nov. 26th & 27th.

> Sunday Offerings \$1,810.00
> Building & Maintenance \$695.50



CTK PARISH ADVENT EVENING for PENANCE (Confessions)

Thursday, Dec. 15th from 6pm-7:30pm.

JUST ONE MORE WEEK 'TIL CHRISTMAS HAMPER PACKING & DELIVERY DAY -

NEXT Sunday, Dec. 11th in the gym @ 12noon

>> **URGENT!** The Hamper Pantry is VERY LOW on many food items. The CWL and Helpers are preparing to fill **11 Hampers** next Sunday.... Can you help get the quota up to Cheer Board's required food items for each Family's Hamper?



Food & Item Suggestions needed for Hampers ~ Flour; Sugar; Canned beans (different varieties - not just pork and beans); canned meats (salmon, tuna, chicken, ham). Pancake mix & Syrup; Scalloped/Mashed Potato packages; Jam; coffee; tea; peanut butter; cereals; rice; cake mixes... Items may be placed in the bin by the parking lot entrance. Thank you for your attentive and caring help!

>> **Drivers** are also needed to deliver to the individual Family homes. There is one name listed on the Sign-up Sheet... Can you commit to one of 10 Hamper deliveries in the St. Vital area?

>> **Monetary Donations for the Hampers** would be gratefully appreciated, to purchase vouchers & incidentals. Please place your donation in a separate blank envelope, marked with your name/address & indicating "Hampers".

>> **Knitters / Crocheters** ~ Parishioners/Guests are invited to knit or crochet hats, mitts and scarves in various sizes and drop items off at the parking lot entrance.

>> **Tree of Hope - Children's Gifts** ~ ALL the cards have been chosen from the Tree! Thank you for your prompt and kind response! Those privileged to have a card, if you would please purchase a \$20.00 Gift or a \$20.00 Gift Certificate, and PLEASE be sure to ATTACH the Name-Card (from the Tree) to your wrapped gift, so each child will be assured the gift you have purchased for them, return the gift **BEFORE** Dec. 11th. Thank you for your kindness!

SCAMMY-FRAUDULENT EMAILS / PHONE CALLS ~

Don't be tricked or coerced by deceptively convincing and persuasive emails or phone calls. **DO NOT EVER** send ANY MONEY, nor cards by email, nor e-transfers, nor personal banking information, or anything to anyone. Be confident! If you feel the need to respond, respond with a **separate** email or **separate** phone call **directly to** the person/company/bank making the appeal to you. Always discern wisely.

Christmas & New Year's Mass Times:

Christmas Eve: 4pm, 6pm, 8pm, 12Midnight Masses

Christmas Day: 10am Mass ONLY

New Year's Eve: 4pm Mass

New Year's Day: 9am & 11am Mass

How was the first week of your ADVENTURE?

Children's Corner

Dear Girls & Boys, John the Baptist reminds us to "Repent, for the kingdom of God is near." "Prepare the way of the Lord." What things can YOU do, to prepare the way of the Lord each day? O Come, Emmanuel!



**PREPARE WAY LORD REPENT COMING
KINGDOM PEACE RIGHTEOUS JUSTICE PRODUCE
GOOD FRUIT RULE WISDOM SERVE FREE
HELP LOVE FORGIVENESS GLORIFY
PRAY WAIT JOYFUL HOPE FEAST**

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O Come! O Come Emmanuel!

- + Come to our hearts and fill us with your peace...
- + Come to our minds to calm our anxious thoughts...
- + Come to our souls to raise us up to new life...
- + Come to our being with healing and wholeness...
- + Come to us with your gentle guiding hand...
- + Come to us with your love and wisdom...

Children! Get out your Crayons, paint, felt markers, Craft supplies, and be creative for Christ!

Deadline for posters is THIS Friday, Dec. 9th

KofC "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest is open to CTK School and CTK Parishioner children aged 5-14 years. Entry forms with instructions are located **on the counter at the parking lot entrance**. Completed posters and entry forms can be handed in to the office or to any of the Knights. Prizes awarded for each age category. Contest closes **THIS COMING Friday, Dec. 9th, 2022**. For more information, please contact Alex at 204-298-9335.



Faith Formation News

> **Catechism Classes** ~ Sundays from 9am-10:45am. Families are warmly invited to come to the Church right after Catechism to celebrate and praise God at the 11am Mass.



> **Sacramental Preparation Classes** - Saturdays from 1-3pm. Next Classes are Dec. 10th & 17th. Please refer to your schedule for Saturday dates.

Please email suzette@ctkp.ca or phone 431-373-0572 with questions or concerns.

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

CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL NEWS

1) **OPEN HOUSE** ~ Date: Feb. 2, 2023 at 7:00pm. Application forms can be found on the school website www.ctkschool.ca. Deadline for applications is Feb. 10th, 2023. For more info, please contact office@ctkschool.ca or ph. 204-257-0027.

2) **FUNDRAISER: MLCC Gift Card Raffle**, in time for Christ. Draw date: Dec. 20th at 9:15am. The proceeds will be going to assist the School in creating improvements to the school and enhance the experience for the children. Prizes are MLCC Gift Cards in various denominations. Thank you for your support! Good Luck! Click on the link below to "BUY TICKETS" or "SHARE". Click: <https://www.fundingchange.ca/ctkschoolwpg/Y0m4ynAvlzXqK8FB?ref=YgK71-1BxJB7jen>

O come, Divine Messiah!

Guide our hearts in repentance!

With joyful hope, may we all patiently wait, faithfully watch, and willingly prepare your way, O Lord Emmanuel!

