

Christ The King Parish

~ A Roman Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Saint Boniface ~

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 8th, 2024.

Opened By Grace

+ WELCOME BACK, Fr. Chrys!

We trust you enjoyed your much-needed and well-deserved holy-days and your visit with your Mom, family, and friends.

Your joyful and pastoral presence was missed, and we're glad you are safely back in Winnipeg, and CTK Parish!

+ THANK YOU again, to Fr. Kingsley Garbo for coming to share his faith, joy, wisdom, ministry, his time, and Self with our CTK Parish Community throughout the month of

August, while our Pastor Fr. Chrys was away. May God continue to bless you in your ministry wherever you serve.

We continue to walk along our pilgrim journey in this liturgical Season of Ordinary Time. It will carry us through to the end of the liturgical year (which culminates each year on the Feast of Christ the King – on November 24th this year.)

God delights in showering us with loving grace and good gifts, all the time! Let us strive to seek and find the mystery of God's holy presence, to trust with extraordinary courage, hope with extraordinary confidence, love with extraordinary compassion, pray with extraordinary fervor, to believe with extraordinary faith. Let us give thanks for the joys each day brings, and persevere through the challenges and trials.

Jesus' word is sufficient... God's loving grace is generous, gifted freely to each one of us. Where do we need to surrender and accept to 'be opened' by grace and freed by the word of Jesus? May we humbly pause, and rest through, with, and in Jesus, and hear His word to us – 'ephphatha' - 'be opened'. He desires and wants us to be healed, to receive and share God's love, offered to each of us in infinite ways. Let us live this Good News with joy and thanksgiving in small, simple extraordinary ways. Let us allow all the seasons of the Lord Jesus' life to be the guide and inspiration in our own.

Goal & Responsibility

As Disciples, and as a Society

"It is not simply a question of eliminating hunger and reducing poverty. It is not enough to combat destitution, urgent and necessary as this is. The point at issue is the establishment of a human society in which everyone, regardless of race, religion, or nationality, can live a truly human life free from bondage imposed by men and the forces of nature not sufficiently mastered, a society in which freedom is not an empty word, and where Lazarus the poor man can sit at the same table as the rich man."

~ Pope Paul VI,

Populorum Progressio, 1967:47



One's response(s) to the calling from the God of Jacob to be followers of Jesus must combine concern for the downtrodden (mercy) with action on their behalf (justice). We must reject the religion of favoritism for the rich, and imitate God who "chose those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and secure justice for the oppressed." We must combine preaching the Good News of the Kingdom with healing the sick. This is the way to offer "true worship" to the "God of peace and love."

~Gerald Darring, Center for Liturgy

A warm Welcome

to all Friends & visitors who have come to pray and worship with our Parish Community of Christ the King. If you would like to register with our Parish, you will find [blue registration forms](#) at the Info Centre by the parking lot entrance.



We are reminded that God the Father unconditionally loves each of us, even with our human imperfections and sinfulness. We are encouraged by grace to strive to be a reflection of Abba's perfect love, understanding and mercy, extending the same compassionate actions to everyone we encounter throughout our daily lives.

First Reading (Isaiah 35:4-7) ~ Isaiah prophesies that the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unstopped, and tongues of the speechless loosened.

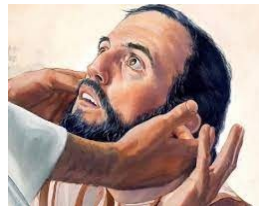
Second Reading (James 2:1-5) ~ God has chosen the poor in spirit to be rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom. Therefore, make no distinctions or negative criticisms or judgements, nor show favoritism to the wealthy and the attractive, but rather, welcome everyone with open arms and gentle hearts.

Gospel (Mark 7:31-37) ~ Jesus fulfils the prophecy of Isaiah through His most merciful actions of compassion. The man who was deaf was brought forward to Jesus. He touches the



man's ears and tongue, and then looking up to heaven, Jesus says, "Ephphatha," which means "Be opened." Jesus orders the people to secrecy about his healing works, but they are so amazed and hope-filled, they cannot help but spread the word of his miracles.

Jesus does everything well, all the time. In today's Gospel, he communicates with someone who cannot hear, and it amazes and astounds the crowd. In other cases, before He performs a miracle, Jesus talks to the person for whom the miracle will be done, asking the person what it is they need. In this situation, the individual cannot hear, so Jesus uses body language and signs.



Jesus' healing begins by letting the Man who is deaf know that He is putting a part of himself into the deaf Man – his fingers into the Man's ears, his spittle into his mouth. By this means, Jesus invites the Man to accept Jesus into himself – literally.

And then Jesus looks up to heaven to show the Man the source of Jesus' power. It doesn't come from some magic in Jesus' fingers or spittle. It comes from God, whose power is in Jesus, and who is now in the healed Man, by means of these signs. ~ Adapted from Eleanore Stump, Center for Liturgy

Examination of our Selves: Do we do things well, as people were saying about Jesus? Do we do everything to the best of our ability? What obstructs our hearing? How, or why are we closed off ... by prejudices, entitlement, arrogance, unforgiveness, betrayal...? What shuts us down, hinders us, and causes us to not want to hear or listen? Why do we sometimes negatively criticize instead of building up? Jealousy? Why do we not strive to take steps to seek reconciliation? Let us hear Jesus' word: Ephphatha !

Parish Schedule

SATURDAY, Sept. 7th	Vigil of the Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
4pm Mass ~ For the needs & intentions of All.	
SUNDAY, Sept. 8th	Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
<i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
9am Mass ~ For Martha Kucera+. By Gerry Vanderzalm	
11am Mass ~ For Deceased Knights of Columbus+. By CTK Knights Council	
MONDAY, Sept. 9th	Weekday of Ordinary Time
NO MASS in our parish on Mondays year-round.	
<i>The Rosary is prayed every Tuesday to Friday morning at 9:30am, just before morning Mass at 10am.</i>	
TUESDAY, Sept. 10th	Weekday of Ordinary Time
10am Mass ~ For Dorothy Frederick+. By Carole Moran	
7pm Knights General Meeting - downstairs in St. Mary Room	
WEDNESDAY, Sept. 11th	Weekday of Ordinary Time
10am Mass ~ For Alfred Brucher+. By Monika Dueck	
THURSDAY, Sept. 12th	Weekday of Ordinary Time
10am Mass ~ For her son Stephen Moore+. By his Mom Anne Moore & Family	
FRIDAY, Sept. 13th	Weekday of Ordinary Time
10am Mass~ For Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Pamela & Dennis Rebello. By Connie McKay & Florence Friesen	
SATURDAY, Sept. 14th	Vigil of Twenty-Fourth Sunday of OT
4pm Mass ~ For consolation for Christina Lengyel & Family. By CTK Parish Social Committee	
SUNDAY, Sept. 15th	Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
9am Mass ~ For the needs & intentions of All.	
11am Mass ~ For Eufemio Guevarra+ Birthday Remembrance. By his wife Eugenia & Kids.	

May we unite our hearts together in prayer for: Jean, John, Joseph, Lizzie, Maria, Harold Abs, Valerie Armstrong, Bernie Bourret, Cam Dueck, Meaghan Dueck, Orval Everett, Helena Facto, Anna-Maria Faullus, Linda Fulmore, Julien & Joanne Gerard, Gerry Grossman, Lisa Hackett, Heinz Herold, Catherine Holmes, Catherine Hyska, Aurise Kondziela, Ed Labossiere, Lois Lecuyer, Olga & Walter Majola, Silvia & Hans J. Müllerleile, Charlene Ottenbreit, Pamela Rebello, Arlette & George Schamber, Priyantha Subasinghe, Makenna Stratton, Marie Viallet...for all who seek healing and comfort in body, mind or spirit...for reconciliation in relationships...



O Momma Mary, pray for us, your beloved children! We join our hearts to your motherly heart. Intercede for us, and guide our steps to your Son Jesus. + Amen.

O Good Saint Joseph, may we unite our hearts in prayer with yours! Lead us in the way of your Son Jesus. + Amen.



Did you know:

- + In antiquity, spittle was considered to have healing properties. This is how Jesus touched and healed the Man who was deaf, and who was unable to speak...
- + Aramaic is the native language Jesus spoke...
- + Today's Gospel according to Mark was written in the Greek language. *Ephphatha*, meaning "Be opened" is an Aramaic word, so in today's scripture passage, it seems the Writer was wanting to emphasize that it was indeed Jesus who spoke the healing words.

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS News

- > General Meetings: every second Tuesday of the month at 7pm downstairs in Lennox Hall.
- > Executive Meetings: every fourth Wednesday of the month at 7pm.

FOOD ITEMS for the NEEDY ~ Wow!
Thank you for your thoughtful and generous response. The bin is wonderfully overflowing with food and items! There is a constant need for non-perishable food and hygiene items. They may be placed in the big bin by the parking lot doors year-round. Thank you again for your attentive care.



CTK SCHOOL NEWS

> CTK School community will be gathering for a **Family Fun Day**, scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 19th in the School and playground. Posters & Order Forms for any interested Parishioners are at the Parish parking lot entrance.

> The first **Mass with the School** will be celebrated on Thursday, Sept. 26th at 10am. Parishioners and Friends are welcome to come and join them in prayer and praise to God.

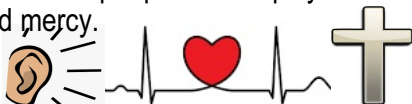


The great novelist Marilynne Robinson was once asked by an interviewer, "What single thing would make the world in general a better place?"

She replied, "Loving it more."

Pope's Intention for September ~ We pray that each one of us will be opened to hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and the cries of the victims of natural disasters and climate change. May we all undertake to personally care for God's people, and the gift of the world in which we live.

Our Lord Jesus knows us. He calls out to each of us and offers to meet our needs in unique and individual ways. When we hear His voice, do we listen? Do we respond? The ears of the Man who was deaf were 'opened' and his tongue loosened. May we, too, be opened, to hear the Lord Jesus speaking his healing word over us, and transforming our hearts to wholeness and fullness. He says to us, **'Ephphatha!'**. **"Be opened!"** In unity with Holy Spirit, may we stand in awe and thankfulness to the Lord, seeking God's will with open ears and eyes, and speaking out with truth and righteousness. May we love and sing out in praise to God, and serve God's people with equity and compassion, with justice and mercy.



Happy Birthday, Momma Mary! The Church commemorates the *Feast of the Birth of Mary* this Sunday, September 8th. With great joy and humility, may we celebrate Mary, the Mother of God and our Holy Mother on the feast of her birthday. May we give thanks to God for the gift of our heavenly Mother who leads us and guides us, with the grace of Holy Spirit, to Jesus, her son, our Lord, our Savior, our God! *Hail Mary! Full of God's grace!*



Celebrating the Sacraments

BAPTISM ~ Baptisms are celebrated in conjunction with one of the weekend Mass times. Please call the Parish Office to register.



PENANCE (Confession) ~ Fr. Chrys is available after weekday morning Mass (Tuesday to Friday). Or phone / email the Parish Office at contact@ctkp.ca, or email him directly, to make a mutually agreeable alternate time.

ANOINTING ~ Mass & the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick are celebrated on the first Friday of each month at 10:00am Mass. If you, or someone you know is homebound, contact the Parish Office to make suitable arrangements.

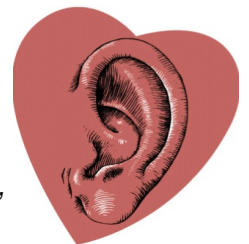
Also, please know that One does not have to wait until their Loved One is taking their last breaths to arrange for Anointing. Make arrangements while they are awake and lucid.

Let us gaze with human benevolence and with a deeper human awareness... of our profound, inescapable kinship. Let us always gaze with love. And somehow, the world is made a little better. ~ *Brian McLaren, Center for Contemplation & Action*

Are We Hearing & Truly Listening to Each Other?

What does true listening sound like? Here are some phrases:

- + "So you feel that..."
- + "You sound anxious about..."
- + "It seems you are unsure about..."
- + "So it seemed to you that..."
- + "That was a pretty rough time for you...."
- + "You felt really angry about..."
- + "You were frustrated enough to chew rocks..."
- + "You weren't sure what to do..."

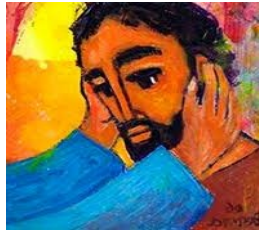


Strive to keep the focus on the Person talking and sharing their feelings and stories, and not on you or *your* story. Your turn will come – for **this** present moment, devote your attention on the One sharing.

There's a beautiful invitation in the circle of life to see how we're all joined together... When we seek and see the sacred dignity, inherent worth, and beauty of something – people and creation – we hold it with a lot more care, tenderness, and compassion. ~ *Felicia Murrell, "Learning How to See"*

Children's Corner

Dear Girls & Boys, The Lord Jesus loves us so much, and wants us to be well and happy and peaceful. He wants to bring healing to all people.



Continue to allow the Lord to open your ears and eyes, your mind and your heart. Be open to learning and growing, not only in School, but as you live each day as a disciple in faith, in your prayer and relationship with the Lord Jesus.

**ACCEPT ACTION ACTIVE AWAKEN BE CLEAR
FACE FREEDOM GOODNESS HEAR IMITATE
INSIGHT JUSTICE KNOW LISTEN MERCY
NOTICE OPENED PROTECT PROVIDE REFLECT
SEE SEEK SIGH SIGN SPEAK
TRUTH WATCH WELCOME**

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We pray that OUR ears, and the eyes of OUR hearts will "Ephphatha" – 'be opened' – to hear, know, and act upon the truth and deep Love within the Good News, the words of the Lord Jesus. We pray that OUR tongues will be loosened to praise God's holy and wondrous name in all things with awe and amazement.



Faith Formation News

2024-25 Catechism Classes > **Registration Forms for Classes** will be available soon. Please watch the Bulletin, Email suzette@ctkp.ca or check on www.ctkp.ca

Youth Group for youth aged 12-18 (must be Confirmed) will be held every 3rd Friday of the month starting Friday, Sept. 20th from 7-9 pm in the church hall! Come on out to meet new friends, learn about God, and have loads of fun! Please email suzette@ctkp.ca to sign up. :)

Young Adults' Group Monthly Meet-Ups will continue every 1st Monday of the month starting on Monday, Oct. 7th from 7-9 pm! We can't wait to begin another year together, building each other up in faith, hope, and love! See you soon!

R.C.I.A. ~ The **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation for **A**dults is a journey of faith for:

- >> those who have the desire to be baptized
- >> those who have the desire to make a profession of faith
- >> those who wish to further deepen their understanding of the Roman Catholic faith.

The process runs once a week, from October to May, and culminates, if the candidate so discerns, with baptism and full initiation in the Catholic faith at Easter Vigil in the Spring!

Children's Mass / Choir ~ The next Mass with Children will be celebrated on Sunday, Sept. 22nd @ 11am Mass.



Families with children are particularly invited to come to this special Mass. *If your child is interested in ministering with the choir, altar serving, reading, greeting at the door, or bringing up the gifts of bread and wine, please contact suzette@ctkp.ca. We will be in touch soon regarding information for choir practices. Thank you!*

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