

Christ the King Parish

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Third Sunday of Lent

March 12th, 2023.

Our Prayerful Examination . . .

Where in our lives are we
Parched? ... Blinded? ... Deadened? ...

We are all offered an opportunity each year during Lent to deeply examine ourselves, and recognize the grace of God's mercy and salvation in our lives. Lent is a time of purification and enlightenment for all the Baptized in the entire church, particularly for the "Elect", adults journeying the faith formation process of R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), toward the celebration of their Baptism in Christ.

The "Scrutiny Rites", celebrated over these next three Sundays, uncover and reveal the saving power and presence of God through Jesus Christ. Together we examine our lives in the light of God's Word and prepare ourselves to renew our baptismal promises on the Solemnity of Easter. The Scrutiny scripture readings focus on sin and redemption using the images of thirst and water, darkness and light, and death and life. By examining ourselves through the inspiration of the holy Word, we come to know where we are parched, where we are blinded, how we have become deadened and trapped through human sin.

On this Third Sunday of Lent, we will hear Gospel proclamation of Jesus and his purposeful encounter with 'The Woman from Samaria at the well', and her joyful transformation.

Next Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, the Gospel will proclaim the healing that comes to the 'Man Born Blind' (notice it is not the 'Blind Man'. He holds the dignity of being a person first, who is born blind).

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we will hear the Gospel of Jesus our Lord God and his miraculous and powerful 'Raising of Lazarus' from the dead.



A Mediterranean Cultural Perspective

Anyone familiar with Mediterranean culture immediately identifies shocking and jarring elements in the Gospel about "The Woman at the Well". From a Mediterranean cultural perspective, there are irregularities that offer new insight into the story:

(1) Wrong place, wrong time. The Mediterranean world is divided according to gender. Women have their places; men have theirs. The well is a space common to both men and women, but they ought not to be there at the same time. Women can use the place only in morning or evening. Here, the woman comes to the well at noon ... when other women will be properly elsewhere. She is alone.

(2) Speaking to a strange man in public. Even the woman admits this irregularity: "How is it that you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" (Jn 4:9) Culture indicates that the problem is not different ethnic heritage but different genders. For a man to speak to an unchaperoned woman in a public place is considered very imprudent and suspicious.

(3) Talking to other men in a public place. After her discussion with and enlightenment by Jesus, the woman went to the village marketplace, the place reserved for men; women should not enter there when men are present.

Clearly, a cultural subversion is taking place. Modern social scientists would call this a cultural innovation. The Gospel of John seems to be confirming new roles for women in his community. Jesus not only talks with the woman, but in a carefully orchestrated, seven-part dialogue (each speaks seven times) he guides her progressively from ignorance to enlightenment, from misunderstanding to clearer understanding and truth. She is the most carefully and intensely catechized person in this entire Gospel! Though the woman demonstrates her brazenness in discussing "masculine," political-religious topics ("Messiah" and "Temple") with Jesus, he accepts her questions and answers them rather than steering her back to "feminine" topics. Revolutionary indeed!

~ Excerpt from John Pilch, Biblical Scholar, Centre for Liturgy

A WARM WELCOME to all Visitors & Friends to our Parish Community of Christ the King.

Water is an essential element for all life. Our three Readings today are about water, thirst or pouring. We encounter individuals who thirsted for God and whose thirst was quenched. When we open our hearts to Christ's call in our lives, and use our gifts in the service of others, we, like the individuals in the scriptures today, will draw many others to Christ Jesus (make disciples) through our faithful witness.

First Reading (Exodus 17:3-7) ~ On their journey into the unknown desert, the faith of the Hebrew people wavers and they complain, thinking that God has abandoned them. Moses calls upon the power of God, and in the sight of his people, draws water from the rock. The peoples' desert thirst is quenched by God's goodness.

Second Reading (Romans 5:1-2,5-8) ~ The ultimate revelation of God's love for us is the state of grace won for us by Jesus Christ. In pouring the water of salvation into our hearts through the Spirit, even while we are still sinners, God shows his immense and generous love for us.



Gospel (John 4:5-42) ~ In the noon-day heat, Jesus meets a Woman from Samaria at Jacob's well. Jesus gently and slowly reveals himself to her as man, prophet, and Messiah, and helps her enter into a process of conversion and acceptance. The Woman is transformed by her encounter with Jesus, and comes to see the truth of her Self and her life within the heart of the Messiah. Jesus does not force her to drink, but patiently waits for her to ask for living water.

Parish Schedule

Saturday, Mar. 11th, 2023 **Vigil of Third Sunday of LENT**
4pm Mass ~ For Winston Jody+.

By Marcel & Velma Daigneault & Family

Daylight Saving Time begins this weekend. Spring your clocks forward 1 hour before you go to sleep tonight.

Sunday, Mar. 12th **Third Sunday of LENT**

9am-10:45am Catechism Class

9am Mass ~ For Priyantha Subasinghe (brother) & Bimal Fernando (cousin). By Gunasekera & Novosel & Subasinghe Families

11am Mass ~ For Cynthia Tamandong+ By Lina Soriano & Fam.

Monday, Mar. 13th **Weekday of LENT**

NO MASS in our Parish on Mondays.

Tuesday, Mar. 14th **Weekday of LENT**

9:30am Rosary

10am Mass ~ For Ida+ & Albert+ Rahil & Mona+. By Leila Rahil

7:30pm Knights General Meeting

Wednesday, Mar. 15th **Weekday of LENT**

9:30am Rosary

10am Mass ~ For Graham Buckingham+. By Frances Everett

7pm Lenten Program - Everyone is welcome to come.

Thursday, Mar. 16th **Weekday of LENT**

9:30am Rosary

10am Mass ~ For Valerie Armstrong (healing).

By Mom Agnes Normand

Friday, Mar. 17th **Weekday of LENT**

9:30am Rosary

10am Mass ~ For Ashley Allen+. By Jolene & Alex Allen & Fam.

7pm Stations of the Cross - in the church. Everyone welcome !

Saturday, Mar. 18th **Vigil of Fourth Sunday of LENT**

4pm Mass ~ For Mom Maxima Aure Gallardo+.

By daughter Emma Gallardo

12noon First Penance Celebration

Sunday, Mar. 19th **Fourth Sunday of LENT**

9am Mass ~ For Aunt Tess Bader+. By niece Barbara Godfrey

11am Mass ~ For Graham Buckingham+. By Frances Everett

May we unite our hearts together in prayer for: Arlette, Carmen, Jean, Mike S., Sandra, Rogers Family, Harold Abs, Valerie Armstrong, Bernie Bourret, Orval Everett, Lisa Hackett, Catherine Hyska, Heinz Herold, Maria Hirschfeld, Lois Lecuyer, Lucille Magne, Olga & Walter Majola, John Miller, Silvia & Hans J. Müllerleile, Guy Paradis, Fr. Edmond Paradis, Norbert Remer, Makenna Stratton, Ruby Stella & Family, Tillie Suggitt, Marie Viallet ...for all suffering from the many virus & flu symptoms... for all who seek healing and comfort in body, mind or spirit... for a spirit of reconciliation among all peoples and nations... for peace between Ukraine and Russia, and all peoples at war... for our CTK Parish Family ...

CTK Parish Sick Visiting Ministry ~ Sick Visiting Ministry Team Members would be happy to arrange with you to bring Holy Communion to your home, care facility, or hospital, or simply arrange a visit with you. Please contact the Parish Office 204-257-3300.

~ Sick/Visiting Ministry Team

Mass Intentions ~ If you would like our Parish Family to join in prayer with you for a special Mass intention, you are invited to phone the Parish Office, and request your intention on an open available date & time. A suggested stipend is \$10.00.

Arriving On Time ~ Please make a kind, conscious effort to arrive at least 10-15 minutes before the hour of the start of Mass. Fr. Chrys is conscientious and prompt about beginning our liturgies on time. Out of respect for each other, plan on leaving your home a few minutes earlier so you are on time, too.

Lenten Decor ~ Parishioners & Friends are invited to enjoy looking at and appreciating the creativity and symbolism of the Lenten Scene on the floor by the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, and on the altar platform. Everyone is asked to please be mindful and attentive – do not walk or step in it, and remind Children to please not touch or play with the display pieces.

Parish Registration ~ 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.

It is wonderful news, that we come to God not by our perfection, but by our imperfection and brokenness, because that gives all of us the only chance we will ever have. ~ Fr. R. Rohr

WEDNESDAY EVENING - LENTEN PROGRAM ~ Wednesdays, Mar. 15th, 22nd from 7pm-8:30pm **"Stories of Conversion and Reversion: Metanoia, A Change of Heart."** Everyone is invited and welcome, to come and have your faith enlivened, as we share and listen to the inspiring faith experiences from Parishioners and Friends.

Ministry of Hospitality: Greeters ~ With 2023 being CTK Parish's **"Year of Hospitality"**, all of us, as a Parish Family, are called to be involved in acknowledging, welcoming, greeting, and serving each other, particularly Visitors and Friends who have come to our church to pray, celebrate Mass, and worship God together with us. In order to help this very important Ministry of Hospitality grow and function effectively, you are invited to please call the Parish Office if you would like to commit your time to be regularly involved in the **Greeters Ministry** (to graciously welcome, hand out Sunday Bulletins at the entrances of the church before Mass), and if you see a need, step-up to do it. Parishioners who are participating at Mass may be gently invited to help out.

Altar Servers ~ Children and Young Adults of our Parish, you are encouraged and invited to help Fr. Chrys at Mass as Altar Servers. Are you willing to step forward to minister and help? There is a particular need at the Saturday 4:00pm Mass. Training will be provided. Please contact the Parish Office if you are willing to offer your ministry and service at Mass as one of our CTK Parish Altar Servers.

CWL (Catholic Women's League) NEWS

~ **THIS Sunday, Mar. 12th** - CWL Members will be handing out "Against Pornography" cards for Parishioners to sign, if they so choose. CWL will collect and mail the cards out to the House of Commons in Ottawa. Your support is very much needed. Thank you.

SHARE LENT Campaign DEVELOPMENT & PEACE: Share Lent Campaign 2023 ~ On March 26th, the *Fifth Sunday of Lent*, please join in this Campaign with D&P, who has been holding this collection for 55 years during Lent. This year, the theme is: **Create Hope - Stand For The Land**. Marked beige D&P donation envelopes are available at the entrances of the Church.



A PANCAKE BREAKFAST ~ Parishioners & Friends are invited to a Breakfast held in the GYM, on Sunday, Mar. 26th after 9am & 11am Mass times. Adult tickets: \$15.00. As usual, Children under 12 yrs. old do not need a ticket. Everyone is welcome.

Offerings received: Mar. 4th & 5th:

> Sunday Collection	\$2,866.00
> Building & Maintenance	\$ 709.35
> Easter Flowers	\$ 170.00

Thank you so much for your faithful stewardship.

HOUSEHOLDS of FAITH ~ If you are interested in starting up a prayerful Household of Faith, please call the Parish Office. If you would you like more info about this St. Boniface Archdiocesan endeavor, visit www.archsaintboniface.ca

Convert my thoughts and intentions to be in line with your goodness and compassion, O Holy Spirit.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins this weekend. Hope you remember to 'spring' your clocks forward 1 hour on Saturday night (Mar. 11th).

Our Lenten "Fasts"

When we think of our Lenten "fasts", our thoughts immediately go toward giving something up. There are many creative, significant ways we can welcome Jesus' healing touch in our lives.

1/ Fast from anger and hatred... Give your family and friends and extra expression of love throughout each day... Ask God to inspire you in the ways you can love your enemies, and those with whom you have difficulty and challenges.

2/ Fast from judging others... as your mind and heart immediately jump in to criticize and judge, recall how Jesus overlooks our faults, our sin, and think of something good...

3/ Fast from being discouraged... Hold onto Jesus' promise that He is with you always, quenching our thirst with living water, and strengthening us with courage and truth.

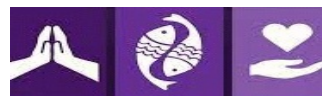
4/ Fast from complaining... Open your heart and mind, and recall even one of the little moments of joy Jesus has given you, and offer a prayer of gratitude.

5/ Fast from resentment or bitterness... Work on forgiving the people you feel have hurt or betrayed you.

6/ Fast from spending too much money... Reduce your spending by even 5%, and give those savings to the poor and the needy.

7/ Fast from surfing the net or reduce your focus/unhealthy 'relationship' with your cell phone. Commit more conscious quality time to a routine of personal prayer, deepening your relationship with the Lord Jesus, and relate and respond to others in attentive love and service.

~ Unknown



*Lent was never supposed to be about giving up our bad habits. If you have bad habits, why wait for Lent to give them up? Easter, of course, should not be your chance to take up your old and beloved bad habits. The traditional formula for Lent is: **Prayer Fasting Almsgiving**. Each of these three is understood as a way of achieving justice:*

+ *Prayer is justice because it puts you in line with God's wise and loving will.*

+ *Fasting is justice to yourself – not because you don't deserve food and treats, but because a fast ensures that you eat to live, not the other way round.*

+ *Almsgiving is justice to your neighbour (by sharing of your time, talent, attention, prayer, care, concern....)*

~ Excerpt by Michael Swan



We pray during this Lenten journey together, that like the Woman of Samaria at the well, we continue to thirst for the living water that only Christ Jesus can give. May we hear and recognize the truths the Spirit reveals to each of us, and be transformed with joy through God's presence and grace.

Children's Corner

Dear Girls & Boys, may we recognize that it is only the Lord Jesus who can really quench the thirst deep within our heart and soul. Our spirit yearns for the grace only Jesus can offer. Let us continue to make time this Lent to offer our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and faithfully ask the Lord Jesus to give us the grace of his living water.

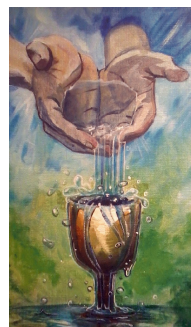


**JESUS SAMARITAN WOMAN WELL GIVE DRINK
ASK BUCKET LIVING WATER WORD KNEW
LONGS WORSHIP SPIRIT TRUTH QUENCH I AM
KNOW MESSIAH TRULY SAVIOR PROCLAIM
HEED BELIEVE NEVER THIRST AGAIN**

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Jesus is the stream of love between God and ourselves. We are invited to drink of the mystery, this outpouring of love, embodied in Jesus, the thirst of God in us. His "I thirst" from the cross is as much the voice of God as it is the stirring of a human heart. It is not Christ's humanity alone that feels the parching. It is his divinity too. The story of the woman at the well, like our own rituals of baptism and the Eucharist, interprets for us the fundamental nature of our relationship to God. We are nothing without God. God is our drink. God is our sustenance.

~ Fr. John Kavanaugh, Centre for Liturgy



This Sunday, we encounter our first companion on our Lenten journey: the Woman at the Well. Sadly, we do not know her name, but perhaps the lack of her name allows us to insert our OWN name in this beautiful encounter. This is the longest conversation that Jesus has with one person in the Gospels. The word "Apostle" literally means *one who is sent*, and this is the first person whom Jesus sends to proclaim the Good News of

the Reign of God. One cannot help but enjoy this bright and witty woman who banters with Jesus, revealing that she (a woman!) is familiar with the Law, and the Prophets.

Water and thirst are central to this story. We often take our utilities for granted and when something happens to disrupt our routines, we are deeply affected and often annoyed. This Samaritan Woman did not take her water supply for granted. She longed to be free from her daily, hot task and she found more than freedom from household work – she found truth, healing and joy in the living water offered to her by Messiah Jesus.

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 1:00-3pm. Please refer to your schedule for Saturday dates.

NOTE: There is a break for First Eucharist and Confirmation Prep Classes. Next class is Saturday, Apr. 15th from 1-3 pm.

Retreat & Celebration

> **Sacrament of Penance** ~ There are 21 young children preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance for the first time. This Saturday, Mar. 11th, they will participate in a special

RETREAT DAY, and next Saturday, Mar. 18th will be the **DAY of the CELEBRATION**. Let us hold all the Children in our prayer as they turn to our Lord Jesus for mercy, forgiveness, and healing through the Sacrament of Penance.



YOUNG ADULTS GROUP NEWS

> Come out to our next Young Adults' Monthly Meeting on Monday, Apr. 3 from 7-9 pm in Lennox Hall. The theme is "Arrival: The Messiah Cometh". Join us as we dive into the gravity and depth of Christ's Passion and Death. We will have a talk, activity, small group, and prayer time. Hope to see you there!

Please email suzetted65@gmail.com 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

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2/ The **Diocese** at www.archsaintboniface.ca

3/ **Christ the King SCHOOL** Visit www.cktschool.ca

Lent and life are not so much about what to accomplish, but what God does in us with our consent. Through God's holy word, we are called to conversion, to change, to uproot our unhealthy attitudes and behaviors. May we thirst for the Good News of our Savior, and respond in truth and with courage. O Lord Jesus, we continue walking our Lenten journey with you, and ask You to hold us in Your mercy.

