

# CHRIST THE KING CATHEDRAL



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OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 a.m. - Noon; 1:00-5:00 p.m. (weekdays) CLOSED WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS

**MASSES:** Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, 8:00, 9:15, 11:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

Nursery offered during 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Mass. Age 35 mo. and under.

**RECONCILIATION:** Confession Saturday 3:30-5:00 p.m. or by appointment.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (children):** A series of 2 instructions with parents and godparents is necessary before Christian Baptism. Parents need to be registered members of Christ the King. These classes can be taken even before the baby is born.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** Please do not make plans or finalize wedding date before visiting with Father Ben Kasteel or Deacon Randy Canale. Attendance at Pre-Cana Classes AND Engaged Encounter Weekend required.

**ANOINTING of the SICK:** Following the 11:00 a.m. Mass each Sunday. Otherwise, please inform the parish office when someone in your family desires the anointing.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Meet the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Family Center.

President Marty Martin, 763-8312  
Vice-President Ken Kruczek, 794-5195

**COMMISSION CHAIRPERSONS:**

Admin/Maintenance Jack Pope, 796-0173  
Religious Education Roy Towle, 745-1820  
Liturgy Ken Kruczek, 794-5195  
Social Ministries Linda Markusen, 792-6746  
Parish Life Diane Acebedo, 791-2176  
Spiritual Life Deacon Dr. Steve Tjia, 794-2134  
Youth Ministry Terri Christensen, 798-1112

**BISHOP OF LUBBOCK DIOCESE:** Most Reverend Plácido Rodríguez

**RECTOR:** Reverend Monsignor Ben Kasteel - ext. 217

Email: [bkasteel@ctkcathedral.org](mailto:bkasteel@ctkcathedral.org)

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR:**

**PRIEST IN RESIDENCE:** Reverend René Perez

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**DEACON:** Dr. Steve Tjia, 794-2134

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**OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCE/CDD):** 792-6168

Charlotte Amato - ext 222 Email: [camato@ctkcathedral.org](mailto:camato@ctkcathedral.org)

**COORDINATOR:** Sr. Evangeline C. Olarte, MSLT

11:00 a.m. Sunday mornings

3 year old through Grade 12

**YOUTH MINISTRY:** 792-6198

**COORDINATOR:** Rose Donaldson - [rdonaldson@ctkcathedral.org](mailto:rdonaldson@ctkcathedral.org)

**CHRIST THE KING CATHEDRAL SCHOOL:**

**PRINCIPAL:** Mrs. Christine Wanjura - ext. 204

Email: [cwanjura@ctkcathedral.org](mailto:cwanjura@ctkcathedral.org)

**GRADES:** 3 year-old through 12th grade

**PHONE:** 795-6477 • **FAX Number:** 795-9715

**MUSIC MINISTRY:**

Chancel Choir Sue Arnold, Director, 797-4367

Celebration Choir Dr. Jackie Quitevis, 795-4297

Organist Eduardo Alcaayaga, 441-4499

**LIFE TEEN:** Aduardo Pekowski, 785-2528

**ORGANIZATIONS and MINISTRIES**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Coordinators

Altar Assistant Lyle & Nancy Fetterly, 798-7158

Altar Care Jeff Tucker, 783-0668

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Beverly Wink, 798-3030

Lectors Marty Martin, 763-8312

Ushers Kathy Felts, 796-0319

Parish Visitation Team Dan Kuss, 794-5727

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to Homebound

Catherine Tjia, 794-2134

Linda Markusen, 792-6746

Prayer Line Matta Burns, 795-9220

Mom's Group Kim Sipowicz, 799-1824

Women's Organization Libby White, 698-8276

Loss/Grief Support Group Deacon Randy Canale, 797-2210

Divorced/Separated Rita Stevens, 799-5836, Karen Keel, 794-4130

Senior Citizens Group Annah Thomas, 795-0952

Religious Vocations Barbara McKenna, 793-0945

Grounds Supervisor Gary Simmons, 794-4384

CTK School Board Roy Moritz, 799-5043

CTK Home & School Assoc. Pres., Ralph Rosiles, 749-0147

CTK School Foundation Pres., Patty Shipton, 798-7001

CTK Cursillo Movement Pres., Rufus Mark, 725-7931

Adopt-A-Student Program Art Chavez, 793-0979

Cub Scouts Rosalie Martin, 763-8312

Boy Scouts Charles Leatherwood, Cub Master, 795-2203

Girl Scouts Jim Ambrose, Scout Master, 543-8450

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Suzanne Thomas, 796-2521

Knights of Columbus (Council #3008) Emma Childs, 793-6106

Lubbock Catholic War Veterans Francisco Sotelo, 795-4710

Pro-Life Bill Youngren, 746-5317

Covenant Lakeside Aux. Lawrence D'Souza, 794-6553

Seniors for Service Mary Lou Trelford, 794-5387

Serra Club of Lubbock John Gaschen, 792-8893

Catholic Family Service Carl Sundell, 368-6550

Engaged Sponsor Couples Jeff Malpiede, 765-8475

Mary & Larry Boone, 763-8416

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

*Perpetual Adoration 12:00 a.m. to 12:00 Midnight*

9:15 a.m. RCIA Dismissal (MC Room)

**11:00 a.m. CCE Classes: 3 year old-12 grade**

11:00 a.m. Scripture Study (MC Room)

4:00 p.m. Life Teen Mass (Church)

5:30 p.m. Life Night (JPYC)

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

*Perpetual Adoration 12:00 a.m. to 12:00 Midnight*

**12:00 noon January 6 Bulletin Deadline**

7:00 p.m. Youth Commission (JPYC)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

*Perpetual Adoration 12:00 a.m. to 12:00 Midnight*

7:00 p.m. Life Teen Core (JPYC)

7:30 p.m. Celebration Choir Rehearsal ( Church)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

*Perpetual Adoration 12:00 a.m. to 12:00 Midnight*

\*\*\*\*\* PARISH OFFICE CLOSED \*\*\*\*\*

9:00 a.m. Rosary (Parlor)

6:00 p.m. Dogs/Frogs/Edge Christmas Rehearsal (Church)

7:00 p.m. Men's Spirituality (MC Room)

7:00 p.m. Women's Organization Board Meeting (Parlor)

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Church)

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

*Perpetual Adoration 12:00 a.m. to 12:00 Midnight*

5:30 p.m. School Christmas Program (Gym)

**7:00 P.M. ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE (Church)**

7:00 p.m. Senior Social (Parlor)

7:00 p.m. Cursillo Group (PFC)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21 (St. Peter Canisius)

*Perpetual Adoration 12:00 a.m. to 12:00 Midnight*

12:00 noon AA Meeting (Rm off Kitch)

6:00 p.m. Dogs/Frogs/Edge Christmas Rehearsal (Church)

8:00 p.m. MC Training (Church)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

*Perpetual Adoration 12:00 a.m. to 12:00 Midnight*

10:00 a.m. Christmas Eve Rehearsal for 5:30 Mass (Church)

3:00-4:00 p.m. Confessions (Church)

### CHRISTMAS - NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

Monday, Dec. 24, **Christmas Eve Masses 5:30, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m.** Tuesday, Dec. 25, **Christmas Day Mass 11:00 a.m.** There will be NO childcare Dec. 24 & 25. **The Parish Office will be closed Monday, Dec. 24 through Wednesday, Dec. 26. Bulletin deadline for Dec. 23 & 30 has past.**

**New Year's Day** is celebrated by the Church as the Feast of Mary, Mother of God, a **Holy Day of Obligation.** Masses: **Monday, Dec. 31, 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Jan. 1, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.** The Parish Office will be closed at noon on **Monday, Dec. 31 and Tuesday, Jan. 1.**

Bulletin deadline for **January 6** is **NOON** on **Monday, December 17.**

CCE Classes will resume on **January 6** at **11:00 a.m.**

### MASSES and SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Monday, December 17, Genesis 49:2, 8-10, Matthew 1:1-17*

6:55 a.m. + Ann Kerr by Benny & Rosemary Phillips

8:15 a.m. + Michael Marshall by Carol Marshall

*Tuesday, December 18, Jeremiah 23:5-8, Matthew 1:18-25*

6:55 a.m. Communion Service

8:15 a.m. Spec Int Rita Stevens by Paul & Mary Lou Mosser

*Wednesday, Dec 19, Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a, Luke 1:5-25*

6:55 a.m. + Rose Marie Banks by Randy & Cindy Canale

8:15 a.m. + Mary Pennington by Arthur Cohen

*Thursday, December 20, Isaiah 7:10-14, Luke 1:26-38*

6:55 a.m. + Elizabeth Rutter by Randy & Cindy Canale

8:15 a.m. Deceased Shaughnessy Family by Metzler Family

*Friday, December 21, Song of Songs 2:8-14, Luke 1:39-45*

6:55 a.m. + Joe McInerney by Randy & Cindy Canale

8:15 a.m. Deceased Tjia Family by Steve & Catherine Tjia

*Saturday, December 22, 1 Samuel 1:24-28, Luke 1:46-56*

8:00 a.m. + Mary Ann Mehta by Elayne Banks

5:30 p.m. + Michael Marshall by Weber Family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, ISAIAH 7:10-14, PSALM 24**

**ROMANS 1:1-7, MATTHEW 1:18-24**

8:00 a.m. + Gerardus Y. Kasteel by Msgr. Ben

9:15 a.m. + Zenaida & Winston Whitt by Steve & Catherine Tjia

11:00 a.m. Mr/Mrs Clarence Wagner by Nancy Larson/Jan Bryant

5:30 p.m. + Martha & Carlos Buraye by Amira & Sandra

**SPECIAL REQUEST FOR PRAYERS** for this week are:

+ Alice Martin, mother of Marty Martin

Rita Stevens

Our Prayer Line has the complete list of prayer requests.

### MASTER of CEREMONIES TRAINING

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who would like to become an MC (Master of Ceremonies) at the weekend Masses are invited to attend the training on Friday, December 21, at 8:00 p.m. in the Church. For information, please call Marty Martin, 763-8312.

### ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

Tuesday, Dec. 18, Holy Spirit, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 19, St. John Neumann, 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, December 20, Christ the King, 7:00 p.m.**

### 4:00 P.M. LIFE TEEN MASS RE-SCHEDULED

Beginning January 6 LIFE TEEN Mass will be celebrated on the first Sunday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Today, Sunday, December 16, will be last 4:00 p.m. Mass.

- Sincerely, Msgr. Ben Kasteel

### Knights of Columbus CHRISTMAS BRISKET SALE

Contact Pete Lara, 470-1970, to place your order. Price: \$40 each. Briskets will be ready to pick up in time for Christmas on Friday, Dec. 21. Place your orders now.

**MOVING? Please notify the parish office of your new address and new phone number.**

**Call the parish office 792-6168, or on-line:**

**www.ctkcathedral.org .**

**THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT**

**RETURN GIFTS & OFFERINGS**

**December 9, 2007**

Envelopes .....	\$16,453.00
† Gift-Direct .....	295.00
7 Children Envelopes + Cash .....	68.95
Plate .....	1,085.19
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$17,902.14</b>
Miscellaneous .....	315.63
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$18,217.77</b>
Religious Retirement .....	\$ 5,875.25
325 Identifiable Donors	
Building Fund .....	\$ 89.00

Average Needed Each Week: \$18,350.00

*Please remember CTK in your Will.*



*Time*

*Talent*

*Treasure*

**FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER:**

Jackie Piercy

***In Memory of:***

- George & Beryl D'Mello by Judy & John Stout
- Kettely & Daniel Hyacinthe by Micheline Hyacinthe
- Ramirez Family by David & Beatrice Villalobos
- Lauren Blackwood by Joe Blackwood Family
- Josephina Tobias by William & Susan Fitzgerald
- Joseph Belco by Karen Belco
- Jerry Wille by Barbara Wille
- George J. Blickley by Sharon & Gerry Grant

***In Honor of:***

- Immaculate Mary
- Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Founding Members of CTK School/Parish by Ron & Kathy Thomas
- "Christ's Birth" by Virginia Buck
- Virgin Mary by Binh & Baotram Tran
- Blessed Virgin Mary by Jesus & Carmen Cavazos

If you would like to offer the flowers in the sanctuary for the month of December place your offering in an envelope marked *December* or use the envelope in your offertory envelope packet and place it in the collection basket. ***Your offering will be printed in the month that your envelope is received, unless otherwise designated.. Donation is \$25.***

Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the Kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

***What is Graceful Interdependence?***

**Find out at our Website: [www.ctkcathedral.org](http://www.ctkcathedral.org)!**

**VOCATION AWARENESS VIEW:** Be patient until the Lord comes. Be patient and listen; ask the Lord what he wants of you. (James 5:7-10) -Vocations Committee

**MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS.....**

- Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Masses: 5:30, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m.
- Dec. 25, Christmas Day Mass at 11:00 a.m.
- Feb. 1, 2008 ..... Homecoming Basketball Game
- April 19, 2008 ..... Super Auction
- June 20-21, 2008 ..... All Class Alumni Reunion
- June 21, 2008 ..... 25th Anniversary Mass of Lubbock Diocese

**CTK SENIOR SOCIAL**

The next social will be Thursday, December 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor. Anyone over 55 is welcome to attend (couples, singles and non-catholic spouses). For more information, please contact Annah Thomas, 795-0952, or Barbara McKenna, 793-0945, or Randy Canale, 797-2210.

**MOM and ME**

If you have small children (newborn to pre-school) you might be interested in joining the Mom & Me Group. We meet every Friday at 10:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted with activities for all age groups. Call Kim Sipowicz, 799-1824.

**7 STEPS to BECOMING FINANCIALLY FREE**

**A Catholic Small-Group Study**

If you would like to achieve balance between your faith and finances; deepen your relationship with the Lord; strengthen your marriage and family life; break free from the bondage of consumer debt and make a realistic faith-based plan for the future, come join us! Couples and/or singles welcome. Orientation call is Tuesday, January 8, in the PFC. The 6 (1½ hr) sessions will be scheduled at this meeting. If you can commit to the program, please call Donna Dement at 791-4749 after 5:00 p.m. to sign up and for information regarding program material cost.

**ADORERS NEEDED**

Jesus is asking us, "Could you not watch ONE HOUR with me"? We currently have hours in need of adorers and will have a great need for those who can be substitutes during the upcoming Christmas season. If you can help in any way, please contact or E-mail Lyle or Nancy Fetterly, 798-7158, or E-mail [nanfett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nanfett@sbcglobal.net)

**What is SPIRITUAL DIRECTION?**

Spiritual direction is the art of *Christian listening*, a sacred relationship in which a director helps someone uncover and discover the direction of God in his/her life. It is carried out in the context of a one-to-one trusting and confidential relationship between the spiritual seeker and the trained, competent Christian guide. The spiritual director mentors the seeker by listening to that person's spiritual journey with an ear for the movement of the Holy Spirit.

**NURSERY OFFERED**

**During the 9:15 & 11:00 Mass**

**Please ask the Usher for Directions. Please register 3 year olds in the 11:00 a.m. CCE Program.**





Come Join Us In The  
**John-Paul Youth Center**  
For information about any of the following,  
please call Rose Donaldson at

792-6198 or E-mail [rdonaldson@ctkcathedral.org](mailto:rdonaldson@ctkcathedral.org)

**PARENTS: Drop off and pick up at the JPYC, unless otherwise noted.**

**Dogs & Frogs (3-4th) & EDGE (5-8th):** Wednesday, Dec. 19, no regular youth activities. We will practice for the Christmas Pageant at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

**Prayer for the week:** *Father, thank You for becoming one of us "humans". May we be on the journey to become better people. May we bring You a heart full of joy. The love of a child is pure and full of light. May we become like children and sparkle with the radiance of Your light.*

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** The miracles of Jesus are not merely stories of literary devices used to illustrate points. They are historical fact. God still works miracles. Why is it hard for us to believe?

**Reflection:** "God's salvation is the work of a love greater than man's sin."

**LIFE TEEN Band:** Sanctuary is interested in sharing their talents at Parish and Diocesan events. If you know of any activities where the band can sing His Praises please let us know. Contact Rose, 792-6198, or Audrey, 785-2528, for additional information or to check the band's schedule.

**LIFE TEEN MASS: TODAY,** Sunday, Dec. 16, Mass at 4:00 p.m. If you have committed to serve, please be here at 3:45. Starting in January the Life Teen Mass will be the First Sunday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Please make note of the time change.

**LIFE NIGHT (9-12th): TODAY,** Sunday, Dec. 16, starting after Life Teen Mass at 5:30 p.m. "Celebrate" social. Please bring food to share for the party.

**LIFE TEEN CORE:** Must be 19 years and older to be considered for this ministry. Background check and Safe Environment Training required.

**Youth Ministry Core:** Please consider helping the Dogs & Frogs and Edge Ministries. All current leaders will be moving up with their children. We need to start training leaders for next year's Ministry.

**Parents for LIFE:** Interested in getting involved with Parents for Life? This ministry is for the parents by the parents. Contact Rose for details.

**CTK Website - Check it out:** [www.ctkcathedral.org](http://www.ctkcathedral.org)

**Seek and you shall find!** The first student who finds the word "presence" within this bulletin will receive a prize.

**Upcoming Events:** Christmas Eve 8:00 p.m. Mass, Christmas Pageant. Rehearsals are: Dec 19 & 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the church. Students will need to be at the JPYC at 7:30 on Christmas Eve.

**Parent & Student Meeting for Edge and Life Teen:** We will have a parent & student meeting on January 7 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for trip planning. We need to inform all parents about trip

goals and make decisions for fundraising. Parents need to attend to approve trip plans and commitments for their student. We also need to make decisions about overall expenses and ways that we can alleviate some of those expenses.

**CUB SCOUTS PACK 513:** CTK Cub Scout Pack 513 is open to all members of the parish. You do not have to attend CTK school to be a member of Pack 513; we welcome all. If you are in 1-5th grade, call Scout Master Charles Leatherwood 795-2203 to find out when we have our next meeting.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 513:** Do you like hiking, fishing, camping, bicycling, campfire cooking, rock climbing, rappelling, back packing? If you like any of these you need to join Boy Scout Troop 513. We are accepting new members. We meet every Monday at 7:15 in the school cafeteria. For information, please call Richard Scheppler at 790-0160 or Jim Ambrose, 780-7817.

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### KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3008



Serve your church, community, family, and youth by becoming a Brother Knight. Wishing all Brothers Knights and their families a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year! Thanks for all the work you do on behalf of Council #3008. Contact Francisco Sotelo, 795-4710, for membership or more details on events.

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### CALLING ALL CTK CHEFS!

The CTK School 10th grade class is putting together a CTK Cathedral Cookbook to raise money for their Senior Trip. Please send all your favorite recipes to Mandy Mantooh: [mandy\\_o@suddenlink.net](mailto:mandy_o@suddenlink.net) by January 15. We hope to have the cookbooks ready to order in time for Mother's Day. Questions: call Mandy at 798-0300.

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Check our Website: [www.ctkcathedral.org](http://www.ctkcathedral.org)  
Inspirational Page for the Stations of the Cross  
which were dedicated November 17.

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### CHRIST THE KING COMMEMORATIVE WINE

Looking for an extra special Christmas gift? Why not give a gift that celebrates Christ the King's 50th Anniversary? CTK 50th Anniversary labeled Llano Estacado wine (white, red and blush) are available through the school development office for a donation of \$20 per bottle. Contact Christy Duran, 795-8283, to place your order.

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### SILVER JUBILEE BIBLICAL CONFERENCE

will host "Jesus and The End Times" February 23 and 24, 2008. Bishop Rodríguez invites everyone to attend this exceptional opportunity for all Catholics in our area. Never before in the history of our diocese has there been an opportunity to see and hear some of the best Biblical scholars in the Catholic Church teach in laymen's terms on the subject of the END TIMES. You will find brochures for registering in the gathering space of the cathedral. For more information contact David Powell at 239-0804.



THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

BAPTISM PREPARATION:

WHY BAPTISM CLASS? This question is often asked when parents and sponsors are informed that baptism classes are necessary prior to having a child baptized in the Catholic Church. Canon 851.2, in the Code of Canon Law, 1983, states: "...the parents of an infant who is to be baptized and likewise those who are to undertake the office of sponsor are to be properly instructed in the meaning of this sacrament and the obligations which are attached to it..."

Here at Christ the King Cathedral we offer baptism preparation classes for parents and godparents three times a year. These classes are for parents who have not baptized a child here at the Cathedral. Parents should be registered and active in parish life and worship. Parents planning to have their child baptized in the parish are urged to call the parish office early in the pregnancy to sign up for baptismal preparation classes. The sessions for baptismal classes will begin **January 7. These sessions will not be offered again until May.** Please call Pat in the parish office at 792-6168, ext. 221 or E-mail [pleach@ctkcathedral.org](mailto:pleach@ctkcathedral.org) to register.

**Pre-registration is required.**

When choosing sponsors/godparents, parents should consider the following: a sponsor must be a registered member of a Catholic parish, have completed the 16th year of age, be a Catholic who has been Confirmed and has received the Sacrament of Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken...; if married, the sponsor must have been married in the Roman Catholic Church, and be aware of and willing to accept the responsibilities of being a sponsor for baptism, **and** have also completed baptismal preparation instructions.

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM for CONVALIDATION**

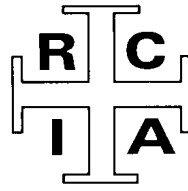
The Lubbock Diocese Family Life Ministry will have five sessions in preparation for convalidation of marriages beginning January 8. Couples will not be admitted without written or verbal approval from their pastor to the Family Life Office. For registration or information, please call Deacon Jesse Esquivel in the Family Life Ministry Office at 792-2234, or Pat in the parish office at 792-6168 or E-mail [pleach@ctkcathedral.org](mailto:pleach@ctkcathedral.org).

**ABORTION AFTERCARE and HEALING**

*When we remember and mourn our losses, we free our souls to move beyond the pain.* Come to Rachel's Vineyard Retreat February 1,2,3. *Remember, mourn, and be set free.* Call 577-5912 or [lbb\\_rachelsvineyard@hotmail.com](mailto:lbb_rachelsvineyard@hotmail.com).

**SOUTH PLAINS CATHOLIC: Free-of Charge Including "In The vineyard of the Lord" a column by Bishop Plácido Rodríguez Call 792-3943, E-mail [pbehnke@catholiclubbock.org](mailto:pbehnke@catholiclubbock.org)**

**WELCOME CATECHUMENS and CANDIDATES**



During the 9:15 Mass on December 2, we celebrated The Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens (for the unbaptized) and Rite of Continued Conversion (for the baptized) with nine INQUIRERS, their family and sponsors. This Rite is our official welcome as Church to those people

who have begun walking the faith journey through the Catechumenate process. During the Rite they made their intent known to us (to be faithful to instructions, diligent in prayer, energetic in good works and grateful for all that has brought them to where they are today). The Catechumens were asked these two questions: "What do you ask of God?" and "What do you ask of God's Church?" Sponsors and the Assembly (representing **all of us** at Christ the King) promised during the Rite to help the Catechumens follow Christ.

Please help these people feel welcome to Christ the King Cathedral parish and keep them in your prayers, along with their families and sponsors.

**CATECHUMENS**

Matthew McEwen ..... Benny Phillips  
Bob Peek ..... Denice DeLeon  
Cheryl Ann Whitely ..... Veronica Solis

**CANDIDATES**

Norma Jean Garcia ..... Rosemary Salazar  
Kim Jumper ..... Janet Alcayaga  
Jeff Kelly ..... Mike Marquez  
Roland Lopez ..... Gilbert Salazar  
Cindy Rugeley ..... Tricia Billingsley  
Dustin Wheeler ..... Barry Donaldson

**SPONSORS**

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Please watch for their photos which will be posted on the bulletin board across from the Baptismal Font.

When the rite was finished, the CATECHUMENS and CANDIDATES were **dismissed** from the assembly for the first time. **Dismissal** is the action by which the community prays over the CATECHUMENS and CANDIDATES and sends them to further reflection on the Word of God. In our parish this happens at the 9:15 a.m. Liturgy, immediately following the Homily.

**Dismissal** emphasizes the presence of Jesus in His Word as REAL presence. CATECHUMENS and CANDIDATES participate fully in the sharing of the Word. It is a dramatic sign of what the CATECHUMENS and CANDIDATES are doing. There is more study of the Word and discussion by the CATECHUMENS and CANDIDATES as they share how the Word they have heard speaks to their own lives and the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church.

Are you thinking of joining the Catholic Church? Do you struggle with questions about life - death - suffering - hope - forgiveness - love - God? People interested in joining **or learning about** the Catholic Church can call Pat Leach in the parish office at 792-6168.

## *Welcome to Our Church House*



This weekend we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent and our focus is on Rejoicing! The Scripture readings ask of us to wait patiently for His coming. Over the next two Sundays of Advent we are called to pray and called to be repentant for our sins and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation so that we may come with a clean heart when we receive the Body and Blood of Christ on Christmas. The week of December 17-23 is recognized as the week of "O Antiphons" which are chanted during Evening prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours. The December antiphons are considered the most important of the church's prayers during the Christmas season. Our Sunday Visitor notes that the O

Antiphons uses the title of Jesus as the Messiah, rooted in the prophecies of Isaiah. December 17 O Sapientia (O Wisdom); December 18 O Adonai (O Lord of Israel); December 19 O Radix Jess (O Flower of Jesse's Stem); December 20 O Clavis David (O Key of David); December 21 O Oriens (O Rising Star); December 22 O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations); December 23 O Emmanuel (O Come Emmanuel). Around the world the nine days of December 16-24 are recognized in various ways. The Latin American tradition marks the nine days with the tradition of Las Posadas (posadas means "inn"). The nine nights during the week have a man and a woman representing Joseph and Mary traveling into neighborhood homes and seeking for a place for Mary to give birth. The couple is followed by a crowd singing hymns and carrying candles. Tradition states that it is the third house of the evening that lets them in. Once the couple is welcomed a celebration is held, including praying the rosary. In the Philippines the nine days are celebrated with very early morning Masses. Following the Mass a community breakfast is served. In some Eastern European countries the traditional nine days are marked with a procession of carrying an image of Mary or Joseph from house to house. The nine days are also a time when individuals count the days by praying Christmas Novenas which take on a more solemn note with the use of the major antiphons mentioned above. The Christmas Novena can be found on the Women for Faith and Family Website [www.wf-f.org/ChrisNovena](http://www.wf-f.org/ChrisNovena).

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### **CHRIST THE KING CATHEDRAL SCHOOL NEWS: Peace in our Parish and School Community**

Every parish is a community. Over time parishes will change, depending upon their membership and their make-up. As they grow, they have many pieces that work together, in concert, and they can have, unfortunately, pieces that work apart. Parishes, while joined by our common faith, have members that are diverse in age, size, shape, employment, status, gender and opinions. Each member's needs are different. These needs can also be quite static or quite kinetic. Families look to parishes for schools and programs to educate their children in our faith. Families look to the parish for sacraments, weddings, funerals, support interaction, friendships, community, faith and grace. Peace and harmony are desirable elements for any parish and school. How do both happen in each parish and school? Is respect of each person, program and ministry felt by all? There are some strategies that each can follow that will heighten this respect and bring the peace that is necessary for nurturing environment for all. "Traditions" are very important. What are the annual events that our parish and school celebrate each year? Festivals, fish fries, garage sales, dinners and auctions, service trips and projects, exhibits, etc., all are events that children and families look forward to. They may take work, time and organization but they also build community and stability. They are constants that become, like our family traditions, expected and enjoyed. What can the members of the parish community and school do to instill support and contribution to these events? Do we, as school parents, students and parishioners participate in these events? Do we contribute to and add to them or do we see them as burdens or events only to be tolerated? "Liturgical celebrations" should have common elements and themes that families participate in each year. How does our parish celebrate the Advent season, the Easter Triduum, Church Missions? How can we, as parishioners, church/school employees, students and parents enhance their success? Are there parish liturgical celebrations that our students can participate in and be active? There are many opportunities here for honor, service, respect and tribute. "Shared Space" - All of us are stewards. We are responsible for the upkeep and respect of our classrooms, library, gymnasium, worship space, dining room, meeting rooms, halls and other parts of the physical structure that make up our church, school, ground and parish. How do we welcome those who will use our classrooms and meeting spaces (both the teacher and the catechists)? Communal living is the essence of community. Nothing could be more communal than living and working in our parish and school community. Are we supportive of each other? There can be no greater mission than working on sharing our faith and devoting ourselves to the Roman Catholic Church. Peace in the parish and school happens when we embrace the challenges, sacrifices, struggles, joys and unique experiences we face each day in our respective vocations. We all need to be active members of our parish and school community. Probably the greatest single variable that limits the ability for peace to be felt and transmitted in our parishes is attitude. There are some wonderful works of art by M.C. Escher (1898-1972) where the viewer can witness through a graphic image an illustration that reverses ground. Escher could take something dark and something light and over the course of a page transform the images so they reverse: the dark becomes light and the light becomes dark. He enables his viewers to change their perspective merely by looking. Many times we, as parishioners, parents, teachers, and students need to do everything in our power (not just sight like Escher does, but in all senses) to change perspectives - to travel and respect those who work alongside us every day. We should not be strangers to each other. Peace in our parish and school is not found in the pieces of our parish and school. It is the **unity** that needs to be espoused, lived, modeled and shared. Once we find our inner peace and security we can contribute to peace within our community, city, state and country. All we have to do is to be present like Christ. We do not do our jobs in isolation. We do them together; in calm assurance, in obvious unity, in evident accord and, finally, in lived PEACE! (NCEA Link-Vol. 24.No.3)

-Christine Wanjura, Principal