

FROM FR. JOHN KIM

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ:

When you think of Lent, what comes to mind? As soon as the season of Lent arrives, we tend to think that we Catholics are supposed to beat ourselves up over what we have done wrong along with some sort of giving up chocolate, caffeine and nicotine (although it is a good exercise to increase the virtue of prudence and self-control if we have the right intention), which often makes everybody around us uncomfortable. It also implies loud and clear, "It's Lenten season so please stay away from me."

If this is what we think of Lent, then we are really missing the point of Lent and even falsely represent its meaning. Certainly repentance is a core principle of the Lenten season, and practicing self-control is a wonderful way to observe Lent AND any occasion, but we should not narrow down the meaning of Lent only to these.



Lent is the time to meditate upon the mystery of the cross, where the end of the mortal life becomes the beginning of the eternal life. It is time for us to slow down from our hectic and busy lives and focus on the life of Jesus Christ, who suffered, died on the cross AND was resurrected from death so that all those who believe in Him will be free from death, the consequence of Original Sin. Indeed without Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection, we are nothing but a being who comes from dust and returns to dust, thus we should remember, repent and believe in the Gospel. No wonder we begin our Lenten journey with these words on Ash Wednesday, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Or, "Repent and believe in the Gospel." How do we pursue holiness during Lent? We are living simpler lives; fasting. We share what we have with others; almsgiving. We deepen our day-to-day conversations with the Lord; prayer.

So we are giving up something during Lent not for the sake of Lent itself, but we orient our hearts and minds to be actively receptive to the Lord's words. That is, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (Mt 16:24). By denying any earthly pleasure or habit, we empty ourselves to prepare for a bigger place to receive the presence of the Lord in our lives. For this Lent, instead of giving up something, why don't we add something? Why don't we come to one daily Mass if you are a Sunday worshipper? Why don't we help our social ministry organizations such as the Salt and Light Ministry or Helping Hands? Why don't we pray 10 minutes more than our usual prayer time? Or, why don't we stop by the church after work and say hello to Jesus in the tabernacle on the way home? By approaching Lent in this way, Easter will be a profound day of celebration. I hope that you will have a blessed and profound Lent, the season of conversion.



Fr. John Kim

De manera especial, me gustaría expresar mi sincera gratitud a los Guadalupanos que me regalaron un maravilloso ipad. Yo estaba juntando mi dinero con el fin de sustituir un portátil Macbook en la oficina, pero tal vez un pajarito compartió mi intención con ellos. Estoy muy agradecido por su regalo, así como su amor y su apoyo a nuestra parroquia de Cristo Rey. utilizará su regalo para mi trabajo ministerial para traer el Reino de Dios a nuestra parroquia. Nuevamente, muchas gracias por el regalo y el amor.

WELCOME TO CHRIST THE KING!

FOON YING
SALVE G'DAY MATE
BIENVENUE WOLKOM
WELKOM AHLAN'WA SAHLA
WELCOME CROESO
ALOHA VELKOMMEN
 BENVENUTO WILLKOMMEN
SHALOM MERHABA
 BIENVENIDO

Thank you for joining us at Christ the King Catholic Church. We are happy to have you with us today, and hope that you feel welcome. Our parish is a very busy community of faith. Are you new to the Catholic Church? Have you been away from the Church for some time? You are invited to worship with us. Contact our parish office if you would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, discuss plans for marriage or baptism, or schedule a chat with Fr. John. If you would like to become a member of our parish, you can register online, or pick up a form in the office. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

We exist to grow the Body of Christ by Word and Sacrament, bringing people to God.



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THE SICK

- Lorrie Anderson
- Blane Bartek
- Fr. Angelo Bertini
- Amy Bottoms
- Emily Cabaniss
- Dale Duncan
- Mark Edwards
- Joan English
- Quintan Fabiano
- Angel Flores Family
- Fr. Edward Frazer
- Jackie Garcia
- Silvia Garcia
- Rolfe Geisselbrecht
- Sam "The Mailman" Green
- Angel Guajardo
- Mary Guajardo
- Frank Guerra
- William Harlow
- Froylan Hernandez
- Jose Hernandez
- Elena Juarez
- Samuel Kaiser
- Josh Loving
- Marianne Luby
- Jeanne Luttrall
- Alex Mendoza
- Jeff Merriman
- Ken Murray
- Jesus Olivarez, Jr
- Elena Ornales
- Anna Paruzinski
- John Paruzinski
- Patti Quinn
- Richard Quinn
- Myra Ramos
- Cody Rhoades
- Louis Rodriguez
- Elizabeth Rogers
- Brandon Rojas
- Jose Rojas
- Myra Rourke
- Leon Savard
- Jim Starr
- Patricia Starr
- Stephanie Van Sickler
- Henry Taylor
- Robert Trevino
- Patricia Trujillo
- Manuel Vasquez
- Mildred Vasquez
- Raymond Vriseno
- Nettie Wall
- Frank Weis
- Jesus Zapata

OUR SERVICE MEMBERS

- Phillip Aiello
- David L. Gomez
- Deana S. Gomez
- Matt Jakircevic
- Reggie Jamo
- Jason Piper
- Daniel J. Scott
- Wilbert Witt

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Feb. 21

- 5:00 p.m. † Otila Macias
- † Wayne Lemons

Sunday, Feb. 22

- 8:00 a.m. † Erasmo Ramirez
- 10:30 a.m. Pro Populo
- 5:00 p.m. † Frank Mares

Sunday, Mar. 1

- 8:00 a.m. † Gabriel Quinones
- 10:30 a.m. Gladys Wilde
- 5:00 p.m. Pro Populo

Monday, Mar. 2

- 8:00 a.m. † Thomas Strmiska

Tuesday, Mar. 2

- 6:30 a.m. † J.W. Conner

Wednesday, Mar. 3

- 8:00 a.m. † Frank Mares

Thursday, Mar. 5

- 6:30 a.m. † Joe R. Castro
- † Deceased

LENTEN PENANCE

As we enter into the Lenten Season, we prepare our hearts for the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We spend time in prayer, we fast and we give alms. This is also the time to clear out the "cobwebs", the sins that are clouding our souls and blocking the ability to hear the Word of God clearly and to create a beautiful relationship with Him.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us to "Repent, and believe in the gospel." How long has it been since your last confession? Lent is the perfect time to seek out this sacrament. Why not make plans to go to confession before Holy Week?

Our Parish-wide Lenten Penance service is March 12 at 7:00 p.m. Bring your family and "repent!"

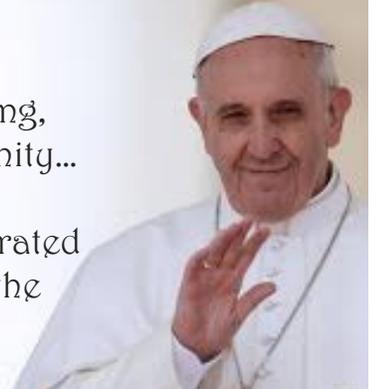


POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS

For February

That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity...

That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community...



STEWARDSHIP

February 15th

Received	\$ 13,034
Goal	\$ 14,000
Difference	- \$966
Loan Balance	\$404,384

Black Bag Collection: \$3,416

"It is more blessed to give than it is to receive."
(Acts 20:35)

Thank you for your generosity!

2014 Contributions

Contribution Statements for 2014 are now available. Call the office to schedule a time to pick up your personalized statement. Tax season is just around the corner!

Online giving is now available at ctkbelton.org



FAITH FORMATION

YOUTH

Junior Youth Ministry (6th - 8th Grade)

Called to Protect our Youth workshop begins on February 25th for three weeks during regularly scheduled religious education classes. All sixth graders must attend. Seventh and eighth graders who have not attended the program will also be attend this workshop.

Called to Protect for Youth provides education to middle school students on appropriate physical, emotional and behavioral boundaries, how to stop adults and other teens from violating those boundaries, and the Catholic Church's understanding of the sacredness of human life. Contact Krissie Lastovica in the church office with any questions.

Sunday Night Lights (High School)

The applications for World Youth Day have now been released and posted on the Christ the King website! We will begin the interview process for the teens this week. Please remember to turn in the forms and deposit ASAP to secure your spot to Poland. Once the 18 spots have been filled for the teens, we will begin the parent/chaperon informational nights to discuss details like fundraising, payment plans, and preparations. If you are interested in chaperoning World Youth Day, please fill out an online application or email me for more information.

Thank you, Fr. John for last week's talk about Lent! We always love your talks and benefit from your wisdom. Our next topic will be on "Masculinity and Femininity Defined," with Anthony Rios speaking to the young women while Miss Abby speaks to the men.



Teens enjoying "Girls Night" and "Guys Night" last week. Fellowship, food, fun and faith discussions.

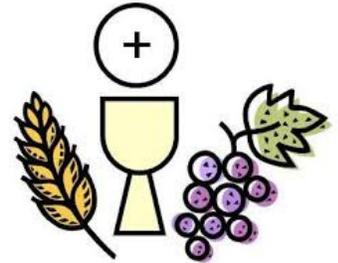
Cru Catholics (UMHB Students)

The Cru Catholics will be having their Lenten Bible study this coming Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Cube. Join us for food, fellowship, and prayer. We will also be hosting a weekly viewing and discussion of the "Catholicism" series by Fr. Robert Barron as a way to prepare for the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. Coffee will be provided. See you soon!

CHILDREN

A Word From the Good Shepherd Atrium

If I blow a kiss or make the "thumbs up" sign, I am able to say something with a gesture. At Mass we see Father make a gesture over the chalice filled with wine and over the paten holding the bread. He looks up and slowly brings his hands down over the bread and wine. With this gesture the priest is asking God to send down a gift to the bread and wine....that invisible gift of the Holy Spirit! By the power of the Holy Spirit, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus. We now know that Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is really present to us in a most particular way. What can we say to the Lord for this great gift? Next time you're at Mass, watch for Father to make this gesture.



First Reconciliation

Congratulations to our second graders who just completed their First Reconciliation! They are on their way in faith to receive their First Communion in April. Keep them and their families in your prayers.

ADULT

The Office of Adult Catechesis and Formation is dedicated to carrying out Christ's mandate. In collaboration with other ministries in the parish and the Diocese of Austin, Christ the King office of Adult Catechesis and Formation has created a variety of programs and events for our Catholic faith community. You are invited to come and learn about Christ and his abundant love for us, how to become intentional disciples, and how to grow in your faith.

Bible Study

Monday evenings from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Christus Center. Contact: Diane Waite.

Bible Timeline

Wednesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. in the Christus Center. Contact: Donna Gelner or Colleen Saxon.

That Man Is You

Wednesday mornings at 6:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Contact: Michael Reyes or Tom Blair.

Between the Masses

Sundays, 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. in the Christus Center .



AROUND THE PARISH

Lenten Fish Fry

Mar. 6, Mar. 20
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the
Parish Hall



Simple Soup Supers

Feb. 27, Mar. 13, Mar. 27
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Christus Center

Joyful Hearts Mother's Group

This ministry is open to all moms. We meet weekly on Wednesdays. Contact Sarah Spellman at 540-845-0215 for more information.

Vacation Bible School

VBS is right around the corner! We still need volunteers. For details, call Patricia Starr at 931-8420, or Krissie Lastovica at 939-0806.

Columbian Squires

This is a leadership development program for young Catholic men, 10 to 18 years of age, and is the Official Youth Organization of the Knights of Columbus. Meetings are held on the second Sunday of the Month after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. To join or for more information, call Eric Roach at 254-743-9903.



Ashes to Easter

Ashes to Easter annual Lenten Mission project has begun. Each family is invited to pick up a special Mission box. You may keep it on or near the dining table in your home. Put in some coins each day during Lent and pray for missions worldwide. Return your Lent box to the parish on Easter. Money collected will help local missionaries and missionary projects from our diocese.



Diocese of Austin

Celtic Trivia Night at Holy Trinity

Friday, March 6 from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person, teams in groups of eight. Includes door prizes, food and drink. Call 254-771-0787 to sign up your team.

Penance Service

Our parish-wide penance service is scheduled for Thursday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. Confessions will be heard in English, Spanish and Korean. For a full list of penance services in our diocese, go to www.austindiocese.org, select **News and Events**, then select **Lenten Penance Services**.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

CEDARBRAKE CATHOLIC RETREAT CENTER - BELTON Marriage Encounter

Married couples are invited to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and renew their marriage with more warmth, passion and intimacy. Come and experience God's love, forgiveness and tenderness with one another. Upcoming weekends are May 15-17 at Cedarbrake, and July 17-19 at the Wingate Hotel in Round Rock. The weekend begins Friday at 7:30 p.m. and ends Sunday around 4:00 p.m. For more information or to apply to attend, visit www.austinme.org or contact Steve and Linda Jaramillo at 512-677-WWME (9963) or wwmeaustin@gmail.com.

"**Lenten Retreat: Living the Beatitudes**" will be held March 13-15 at Cedarbrake. Sister of St. Joseph Carol Cimino will lead retreatants through the beatitudes. The cost is \$195 for a private room, \$160 for a shared room or \$85 for commuters. To register, contact Cedarbrake at 254-780-2436 or cedarbrake@austindiocese.org.

A Spanish Lenten Retreat will be held March 14 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Cedarbrake. Edgar Ramirez, Director of Hispanic Ministry with the Diocese of Austin, will lead this retreat in Spanish. The cost is \$25 per person, which includes lunch. To register, contact Cedarbrake at 254-780-2436 or cedarbrake@austindiocese.org.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Half-day Pre-K Program

St. Mary's Catholic School will be adding a half day Pre-K component to our existing Pre-K program for the 2015-2016 school year. Students attending for half day, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. session, will be able to take part in the academics of the curriculum and enjoy lunch with their classmates. Afternoons will consist of learning centers, socialization building activities, rest time and snack. Tuition amounts for all grade levels are now available.

Welcome Wednesdays

If you are a new family, seeking quality Catholic education, I have great news for you. We have begun "Welcome Wednesdays". Each Wednesday from 9:00 to 3:00 our school will be open to visits and tours for perspective families. No need to call and schedule an appointment. Simply stop by at your convenience.

St. Luke's Catholic Church - Temple

The women of St. Luke Parish invite you to a "Blessed, Not Stressed" Spiritual Spa Day for mothers on Saturday, Feb. 28th from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Pastoral Center, upper room. Presenter Jenny Klement, a speaker, singer and songwriter will minister to women through her songs, personal testimony and insights into living fully the Catholic Faith.

Cost is \$10 and includes lunch. Registration deadline is Feb. 26th. For more information, call Linda Burke at 254-780-3241 or visit www.JennyKlement.com.

Total Consecration to Jesus Through Mary

February 20 begins the 33 days of preparatory prayers for "Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary" that continue until March 24. Visit www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org to reserve a free book and for more information.

Check out www.austindiocese.org for more information about upcoming events in the Austin Diocese.



SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Fr. Jonathan Raia

Monday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m.
CTK Christus Center

Be Inspired by dynamic speaker, priest, and vocations director, Fr. Jonathan Raia who will address the topic, **Prayer--the Lifeblood of a Relationship with the Lord!** Learn how to come to the Lord as you really are and realize His longing for you!



Fr. Jonathan Raia is the Vocation Director and Director of Seminarians for the Diocese of Austin. He was born in Houston, Texas into a strong Catholic family, where he came to know Jesus Christ as his Lord, Savior and Friend. He felt a call to the priesthood as early as his First Holy Communion, but discerned the call most seriously while a student at the University of Texas at Austin. After graduating in 2002, he entered seminary and was ordained a priest in 2009. He served at St. William in Round

Rock for four years, then at St. Mary's Catholic Center at Texas A&M University for a year before beginning in the Office of Vocations.

LENTEN REFLECTION

Taking Your Spiritual Temperature

Have you ever heard the question, "Why should I confess my sins to a priest, when I can go directly to God?"

One answer is that we can talk directly to God and ask forgiveness for the sins or faults that weigh on us. There is allowance made for this approach in the penitential rite at the beginning of Mass, and surveys indicate that many Catholics use this opportunity to examine their conscience or take their spiritual temperature and ask forgiveness. The Church has always taught that God's love and acceptance are available whenever anyone is truly sorry for harmful words, deeds or attitudes.

Most of you probably find yourselves talking to God at some point during the week, perhaps even daily. You may ask God to help you do well or in an issue you are dealing with.

Other times you may be uncertain about a decision that you have to make and you feel the need to pray over it. At times like this, talking to God will help you sort out your feelings and be honest to your conscience.

MARRIAGE RECOGNITION



55 Years

Pie and Lupe Macias

50 Years

Armando and Maria Aguirre
Tony and Esther Valdez

45 Years

Bob and Colleen Saxon

40 Years

Duke and Cindy Gilleland
Tom and Debbie Blair

35 Years

James and Debbie Hering
Ronald and Krissie Lastovica
Valentine and Sofia Villa
Leo (Skip) and Konny Carmouche
Jeffrey and Janice Pustka
John and Josie Marin

30 Years

Ed and Amy Nash
Juan and Martha Quintana
Vic and Evelyn Malabonga
Ronnie and Karen Hinze
Erasmus and Maria Dolores Gallegos
Dennis and Sheila Hughes

25 Years

Steve and Marie Pina
Guadalupe and Anna Maria Gaona
Romy and Christina Mortel

20 Years

Charles and Jacqueline Kallina
Vince and Jolanta Sourathathone
Patrick and Valerie Callahan
Angel and Lucidalia Medina
Patric and Valsa Muringathuparambil
Carlson and Diane Young (21 years)

15 Years

Dale and Ami Kachner

10 Years

Rafael and Dulce Maria Payan
John and Donna Forney
Paul and Rachel Koss
Wilbert and Donna Leune



LENT

AT CHRIST THE KING

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

6:30 a.m. Mass
8:00 a.m. Mass
12:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Ashes
5:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Ashes
6:30 p.m. Bilingual Mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday Evenings during Lent
5:00 p.m. Spanish
6:00 p.m. English

LENTEN SUPPERS

Knight of Columbus Fish Fry

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall
Fridays, Feb. 20, Mar. 6, Mar. 20

Simple Soup Supper

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Christus Center
Fri., Feb. 27 - hosted by Women's Ministry
Fri., Mar. 13 - hosted by That Man is You
Fri., Mar. 27 - hosted by ACTS Ministry

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursdays 5:30 p.m. - 6:25 p.m.
Saturdays 3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

PARISH-WIDE PENANCE SERVICE

Thursday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m.
English, Spanish and Korean



EN ESPAÑOL

DE LAS CENIZAS A LA PASCUA

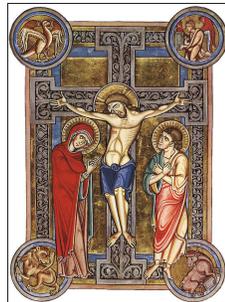
El proyecto anual Misionero de Cuaresma llamado de las Cenizas a la Pascua ha comenzado. Todas las familias están invitadas a recoger una alcancía especial para las Misiones. Usted puede ponerla sobre la mesa del comedor de su casa o cerca de ella. Deposite algunas monedas cada día durante la Cuaresma y ore por las misiones en el mundo entero. Regrese su alcancía de Cuaresma a la parroquia en la Pascua. El dinero juntado ayudará a misioneros locales y a proyectos misioneros de nuestra diócesis.

Un retiro de Cuaresma en español se llevará a cabo el 14 de Marzo de 9 a.m. a 2 p.m. en el Centro de Retiros Católicos Cedarbrake en Belton. El camino del corazón: en comunión con Dios a través del silencio, la oración y la sabiduría eterna del Espíritu Santo. Venga a descansar y renovar su corazón en la quietud del silencio. En este silencio encontrará la fuerza y sabiduría que guio a Jess en el desierto, en su ministerio, a la cruz y finalmente lo premio con la vida eterna. Edgar Ramirez, director de la oficina del Ministerio Hispano para nuestra diócesis guiará este día de oración y reflexión. El costo es de \$25 por persona, e incluye el almuerzo. Para registrarse, llame al 254-780-2436 o escribiendo acedarbrake@austindiocese.org.

HELP WANTED!

Live Stations of the Cross Actors

Mary Queen of the Rosary is seeking volunteers to help with the annual LIVE Stations of the Cross held on Good Friday at 1:00 p.m. on the church grounds. We need people of all ages from children to mature adults. It is a special spiritual experience for the participants, both as actors and spectators. Please pray and discern if God is calling you to this ministry. The first meeting will be Sunday, March 8th at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Contact Janice Nelson at 254-760-5008 or Eva Bright at 254-939-6263.



Springfest 2015 Committee

Springfest and Wingfest are scheduled for the first weekend in May. This is CTK's biggest social and fundraising event of the year! The Springfest Committee has already begun planning, but volunteers are still needed. If you are new to the parish, this is a wonderful opportunity to get involved, meet new people and have fun! For more information, call the church office or send an e-mail to communication@ctkbelton.org.

CTK OFFICE DIRECTORY

OFFICE HOURS

Monday 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

OFFICE TEAM

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Finance Council Chair Tom Blair
 Pastoral Council Chair Margaret Donohoe

Contact the parish office for social needs such as bereavement, illness, Eucharist to the homebound, births, etc. For weddings, contact the office six months prior to the desired wedding date to schedule a consultation. For baptisms, register to attend a preparation class.

COMING SOON

Parish App

CTK will roll out its very own phone app soon! It will be a useful way to have Mass and confession times, bulletins, news, inspiration, scripture and prayer at your fingertips.

Springfest Raffle

We have a new and exciting lineup of prizes for this year's Springfest Raffle. Tickets go on sale next week after all weekend masses!

