

## FROM FR. JOHN KIM

Due to the technological development of personal devices, today people live closer to one another than ever before. This leads to the fact that the influence they have on each other is greater than ever. Whether we are aware of it or not, we are *stumbling blocks in the path of others, or stepping stones for them on the road to heavenly Jerusalem.*

I happened to find a list of the ways we can be a *scandal, that is, a stumbling block, to another person.*

- You are a scandal to me when you are unkind or unjust in the way you treat me. You make me feel small. You damage my self-confidence.
- You are a scandal to me when you fail to understand my weakness, mistakes, and sins, and write me off as a result of them. When you condemn me you make me feel that I am evil.
- You are a scandal to me when you humiliate me because I do not live up to your expectations. You hurt my pride and damage my self-image.
- You are a scandal to me when you keep me down, or hold me back. When you grab the limelight I am forced to retreat to the shadows and made to feel inferior.
- You are a scandal to me when you exclude me or ignore me. You make me feel a stranger and an outsider.
- You are a scandal to me when you heap unjust criticism on me, and sour me with your own cynicism. You tear down my ideals, and destroy my dreams.
- You are a scandal to me when you pay me poor wages (*see Second Reading*). *You turn me into a slave so that you can live like a lord. You impoverish me so as to enrich yourself.*

If you do any of these things to me you are a darkness to me. You are an obstacle in my path. You are a scandal, a stumbling block to me in the road to self-development, and you make it difficult for me to reach the kingdom of heaven.

But you can also be a *stepping stone to me.*

- You are a stepping stone to me when you support me in moments of weakness and doubt.
- You are a stepping stone to me when you give me a belief in myself, when you boost my self-confidence.
- You are a stepping stone to me when I'm feeling inadequate, and you help me to discover the special talents God has given me.
- You are a stepping stone to me when you make demands on me, are challenging to me, not to hurt me, but to help me to grow and to develop my potential.
- You are a stepping stone to me when you accept me, though others reject me.
- You are a stepping stone to me when you refuse to join the mob and throw the stone of accusation and judgment at me when I sin.
- You are a stepping stone to me when you forgive me. You liberate me from my past, and I am free to move forward again.
- You are a stepping stone to me when you understand me and listen to me.
- You are a stepping stone to me when you employ me and pay me a just wage.

If you have done any of these things for me, you are a light to me in my darkness. You are a signpost to me in my moments of doubt. You are a bridge over troubled waters. You make it easier for me to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus said if you gave me as much as a cup of cold water, you would be rewarded for it. But you have done much more than that. You have led me to your own well and shared it with me.

I am sure that you have excited and listened to the words of our Holy Father Francis, and I am still digesting his wisdom and love to all families around the world. Let us continuously pray for our families, our extended families – the Church, and all the people around the world in joy, love and peace.

*Fr. John Kim*



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THE SICK

George Tyler Bush  
 Mark Edwards  
 Quintan Fabiano  
 Fr. Edward Frazer  
 Jackie Garcia  
 Silvia Garcia  
 Pura Guardiola  
 Mary Huckabee  
 Bobby Hutchins  
 R.J. Knesek  
 Josh Loving  
 Marianne Luby  
 Jesus Olivarez, Jr  
 Elena Ornales  
 John Paruzinski  
 Patti Quinn  
 Filomena Rodriguez  
 Maria Salas  
 Leon Savard  
 Stephanie Van Sickler  
 Grace Smith  
 Ruben Soliz  
 Freddie U. Sotelo  
 Marian Testa  
 Robert Trevino  
 Patricia Trujillo

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 26  
 5:00pm † Larry Steven Guzman

Sunday, September 27  
 8:00am Pro Populo  
 10:30am † Esteban Ramirez  
 5:00pm † Al Bockhold

Saturday, October 3  
 5:00pm † Jimmy A. Lemmons

Sunday, October 4  
 8:00am † Otila Macias  
 10:30am † Edwin Alicea Lopez  
 5:00pm Pro Populo

† Deceased

STEWARDSHIP

September 20

Received	\$14,434
Goal	\$14,500
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$66)</b>
<b>Loan Balance</b>	<b>\$210,284</b>

Last week's second collection for  
**Black Bag**  
 Salt & Light Food Pantry  
 Body of Christ Community Clinic  
 Helping Hands of Belton  
**\$2,513**

PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Guided by the Holy Spirit, the Pastoral Council assists our priest in decisions made for the greatest good for our parish. Soon, you will be given the opportunity to nominate yourself or someone else whom you believe would be a good liaison for our parish. We ask that you prayerfully consider nominating someone for this position who is active in our parish and in good standing with the Church. Two positions will be filled. Watch the bulletin for more information and for nomination forms. Or call Margaret Donohoe for more information, 254-780-2973.



SERVICE MEMBERS

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

After 30 days, names will be removed from the lists. Call the church office to extend the date.

SAVE THE DATE!  
 Women's ACTS Retreat  
 October 22 - 25, 2015

Three Mountain Retreat Center  
 Registration deadline is Oct. 9

Christ the King's Women's ACTS Retreat Ministry invites you to join them for an extraordinary weekend! An ACTS weekend is a three-day Catholic lay retreat presented by fellow parishioners like you who are past retreatants. It is intended for anyone who wants to develop a closer relationship with Christ.

The cost is \$165, and includes meals, lodging and round-trip transportation. For more information or to register, contact Lynn Hauger at 254-654-2496 or [lynnhauger@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnhauger@yahoo.com).



FAITH FORMATION

YOUTH

**High School Youth Ministry - Sunday Night Lights**

THANK YOU parents and teens for attending our Youth Ministry Kick-off! We had a great turn-out and are excited to get started for the year. You can still register your teen for the youth ministry program! Please come by the office so you can be on our official roster.

**Parent Volunteers Needed!**

Great news...our youth program is growing! We have more teens than ever participating in SNL. They come to us hungry for God's Word, but around 6:00 p.m. they also come hungry for dinner! We need volunteers to help prepare meals on Sunday. Team up with other parents to lighten the load and make new friends. If you are interested, e-mail Abby at ariley@ctkbelton.org. We will post the dinner schedule online so you can keep track. We also need adult leaders and chaperons for upcoming events. Please contact Abby at ariley@ctkbelton.org so you can be on our email list.

**Camping with Jesus - October 10 & 11**

Please join us for our annual camping event as we wait on the Lord! We are willing to camp out for concert tickets, new movies and technology without a second thought, but we often forget about the amazing reality of the Mass! Camping out on the parish grounds in anticipation of Mass is a way for us to refocus on what is truly important and show the parish that our youth love God! Mark your calendars and contact Abby if you can help chaperone!



ADULT

**Gospel Reflection:** Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

*Jesus uses strong words to teach us how important it is to avoid sin.*

**Ask yourself:** Do I take all of Jesus' words and warnings seriously, or only those that are most appealing to me? Which situations or behaviors is Jesus asking me to avoid?

**Pray:** Jesus my teacher, help me listen to you even when you correct me and challenge me to change my life.

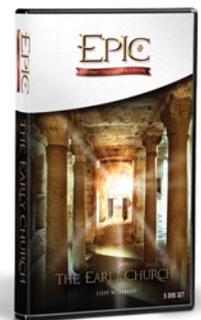
**Men's Morning Ministry: That Man is You**

A new year of "That Man is You" Men's Morning Ministry has begun! All men in the parish are invited to attend. This year's program is called "The Spirit of Nazareth." Join us every Wednesday morning in the Parish Hall at 6:00 a.m. for food, fellowship and faith. For more information, contact Michael Reyes at 254-654-3645 or michael.reyes98@icloud.com.

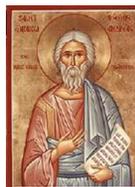
**Epic: The Early Church**

Discover the amazing story of the first 500 years of Church history—a time filled with courageous saints, brilliant philosophers, eloquent theologians, ruthless emperors, and heroic martyrs. Blessed John Paul II said, "Christ is the foundation and center of history, he is its meaning and ultimate goal." This exciting study program encourages people to grow closer to Christ through a deeper understanding of His Church. This 10 part study features dynamic DVD presentation with Church history professor Steve Weidenkopf.

Don't miss this opportunity to take part in a compelling and inspiring learning experience that is sure to draw you closer to Christ through a deeper understanding of His church! Join us for in the Christus Center beginning Sunday, September 27th at 9:15AM. For more information contact Krissie Lastovica, 254-939-0806, or klastovica@ctkbelton.org.



**St. Jerome, (330-420), Church Father, Feast Day September 30**



If Christ did not want to dismiss the Jews without food in the desert for fear that they would collapse on the way, it was to teach us that it is dangerous to try to get to heaven without the Bread of Heaven.



AROUND THE PARISH

**Joyful Hearts Mothers Ministry**

Joyful Hearts Mothers Ministry is open to all mothers. We invite you to join us for fellowship and fun!

- October 7 - Mom's Night Out, 6:00 p.m.
- October 14 - Rosary & Activity, 10:00 a.m.
- October 21 - Coffee, Jim Gaffigan's book "Dad is Fat", 7:00 p.m.
- October 28 - Halloween costumes, 10:00 a.m.

For more information call Sarah Spellman at 540-845-0215.

**Women's Ministry Corporate Communion - September 27**

Corporate Communion will be celebrated for all members of CTK's Women's Ministry on Sunday, Sept. 27 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

**Adoration - Friday, October 2**

Adoration is Friday, Oct. 2, beginning with Mass at 6:30 a.m. through Benediction at 8:00 a.m.

Saturday. The sign-up board is in the Narthex. It doesn't matter if the hour that you would like to fill has a name in it. Please add your name.

*"So, could you not watch with me one hour?" Mt 26:40*

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - October 3**

Our parish is very much in need of parishioners to distribute Holy Communion for all masses. A meeting to provide information for those questioning or answering this call to service will be held in the main sanctuary on Saturday, October 3, from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. This is your opportunity to be considered EXTRAordinary! So, please prayerfully consider committing to this most blessed ministry. For more info, call Diane Waite (254-780-2298) or Steve Wick (254-780-1632).

**Guadalupano Garage Sale - October 3**

Your donations for this fundraiser are needed and appreciated! The Garage Sale is Friday, Oct.3 in Temple off West Adams/FM 2305 and Old Waco Rd. at 811 Saturn Circle-detour to Old Waco Rd. For more info contact Maria Aguirre at 254-939-7651.

Venta de Garaje-el 3 de octubre,se llevará a cabo para recaudar fondos para la acociasion de Nuestra Señora de Guadaupe.- direccion 811 Saturn, Temple. #de telefono 254-939-7651. Donaciones seran agradecidas. Hay un desvio en West Adams para Old Waco Rd.

**Baptism Class - October 24th**

Christ the King Parish has an English baptismal class scheduled for Saturday, October 24th at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Center. Parents / Sponsors should contact the parish office at 254-939-0806 to register and for more information. We are located at 210 E. 24th Ave. Belton, 76513

**Clase Bautismo en Español - 24 de Octubre**

La Iglesia de Cristo Rey tiene una clase de bautismo programado para Sabado, 24 de Octubre a las 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. en el Centro Christus. Padres/Padrinos deben ponerse en contacto con la oficina parroquial al 254-939-0806 para registrarse y obtener mas informacion. Estamos ubicados en 210 E. 24th Ave. Belton, 76513

**Annunciation Maternity Home**

The baby crib is now in the Narthex to accept your donations for Annunciation Maternity Home. Items needed include diapers, wipes, new or gently used baby and maternity clothes, and personal toiletry items for both baby and mom. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by these moms and their unborn babies!

**Bible Study Groups**

Don't forget we have several study groups underway:

- Mondays at 6:30 p.m. ACTS Bible Study
- Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. Apologetics 101
- Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. Matthew Bible Study

AROUND THE DIOCESE

**15th Annual Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Procession**

St. Paul Chong Hasang Catholic Church invites you to join them for "Praying for Peace" on Sunday, Oct 11, 4:00 p.m., 1000 E. FM 2410, Harker Heights, TX. Potluck reception will follow. Call Lucy Ciesiolka, 254-220-9086 for more info.

**Fest of All - October 4**

St. Joseph Church, Killeen TX, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Come and join us at this family day activity which includes: German food, Puerto Rican food, Mexican food, American food, funnel cakes, paella, Filipino food, cakes and sweets, drink booth, moon bounce, train rides, plants, cascarones, books, craft vendors, pony rides, unicorn, petting zoo, McGruff the Crime Dog and fire trucks and police cars. Also be sure to buy a raffle ticket! 2903 E. Rancier Ave., call 254-634-7878 for more info.

**Fall Festival - October 4**

St. Matthew Catholic Church, Rogers Texas 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. BBQ pulled pork and sausage dinner with all the trimmings starts at 11:00 a.m., \$9/plate, dine-in or carry out. Games start at noon, as well as bingo, food booths, raffle, bake and craft sale.

**St. Joseph Catholic School Alumni Banquet - November 7**

The Alumni Association of St. Joseph Catholic School of Killeen honors its school with a 60 year banquet celebration in the Parish Activity Center on Saturday, November 7, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Students, teachers, staff, and benefactors from all decades are welcome! Dinner tickets go on sale Saturday, October 10, after our 5:30 p.m. Mass (\$20 per person and \$35 per couple). If you need dinner tickets or have any questions, please call Kathy and Bernie Schwertner, Co-chairs, School Alumni Association, at 254-526-7266.

**St. Mary's School Casino Night - November 21**

Save the date! Tickets are on sale now for \$50 each, or you can purchase them at the door. This year's theme is "A Night in Vegas", an includes music, food, drinks, live and silent auction, games and prizes, doors open at 6:00 p.m. Join us at the Cultural Activities Center, 3011 N. 3rd St., Temple, TX 76501.



*Celebrate the Visit!*

*The Pope in America 2015*



Pope Francis has arrived! This time coincides with the time when we shift into a period of learning and change of routine in family life. As members of the Church, we welcome the Pope's presence among us. We celebrate an opportunity to know that he is in our midst for a brief time. Yet, we pray that, as leader of the Church, he will awaken in our minds and hearts the importance of our faith in today's society.

- ◆ We pray that we will hunger for a deeper understanding of our faith as we participate in programs and events in our parishes that increase our knowledge of the Catholic faith and Church teachings.
- ◆ We pray that we will seek opportunities to deepen our faith life through prayer, Mass attendance and reception of the Sacraments.
- ◆ We pray that family life will be nurtured by a strong effort to practice our faith traditions and be nurtured by our relationship with Jesus.
- ◆ We pray that we will strive to grow in holiness as we follow the example of Jesus and live as his disciples.
- ◆ We pray that we will make an effort to discover ways in which we can share with one another the Gospel message and the faith we profess.



**CTK OFFICE DIRECTORY**

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday ..... 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday - Friday ..... 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Closed for lunch ..... 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**OFFICE TEAM**

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 Director of Youth Ministry  
 Abby Riley ..... ariley@ctkbelton.org

Director of Sacred Music

Pam Fette ..... 493-1477

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.

**SPECIAL THANKS!**

Fr. John and Abby Riley would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make our high school youth ministry kick-off a success: the Trevinos, the Cantus, the Rios', the Haugers, the Rockwoods, the RE office staff, our teen staff leaders, the Knights of Columbus and many other volunteers who quietly donate their time, talent and treasure working tirelessly behind the scenes, all to bring our teens to Jesus!

