

## FROM FR. JOHN KIM

Once there was a monk by the name of Ambrose. An expert on the spiritual life, Ambrose was in great demand for talks and retreats. He was a highly intelligent man, and an extremely hard worker. An out-and-out perfectionist, he always wanted to be organized and in control of things. He dazzled people with his competence and knowledge.

But at the height of his fame, he was struck down with a terminal illness. It seemed as if his ministry was over. However, things didn't turn out that way. Paradoxically, it was when he became weak and things were totally out of his control, that he became most fruitful.

How did this happen? He decided to use his illness to reach out to other sufferers. And so successful was he that his final illness turned out to be the most fruitful period of his life. Before he died he said: "I had been travelling in one direction, when all of a sudden I was forced to go in another. But in the process I learned more about myself and about the goodness of other people than I had learned in all my previous years of living."



And on a personal level, Ambrose underwent a wonderful transformation. It was as if some protective shell cracked open, and there emerged a truly charming person. Before this he had been somewhat of a loner within the community. Now he placed himself at the heart of the community, drinking in the support of his fellow monks, but also contributing handsomely to community spirit by the gentleness and peace he radiated.

It was the work of grace. How strange are the circumstances that open us to what God wants to give us! When we approach God from a position of self-sufficiency and power, we put God off. But when we approach God from weakness and need, we invite God in. It is through our imperfections that our souls become open to God's grace. Our imperfections are the wound that catches God's eye, and qualify us for his mercy and healing.

Holy Father Pope Francis announced this liturgical year as a Holy Year of Mercy with the theme, "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36). It commences on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and will conclude on Sunday, November 20th, 2016 with the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is truly our time to open our hearts and minds to receive the grace of God's mercy and love so that we may become a conduit of the same mercy to others, especially those whom we feel don't deserve it.

"Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ." (Eph 4:32)

*Fr. John Kim*

## 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!***



**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

**THE SICK**

Margaret Boyle  
 Verlon Browning  
 Rosalie Brunkenhoefer  
 Betty Canava  
 Jose Collazo  
 Mark Edwards  
 John Forney  
 Fr. Edward Frazer  
 Silvia Garcia  
 Ernesto Guardiola  
 Pura Guardiola  
 Lorenzo Guzman, Sr.  
 Hanna Haisler  
 William Harlow  
 Mary Huckabee  
 Bobby Hutchins  
 Sarah Kroll  
 Easton Lopez  
 Josh Loving  
 Anna Marie Lozano  
 Marianne Luby  
 Ken Murray  
 Jesus Olivarez, Jr  
 Elena Ornelas  
 Anna Paruzinski  
 John Paruzinski  
 Isabella Ramirez  
 Irene Reyes  
 Agrippin "Rod" Rodriguez  
 Azusena Rodriguez  
 David Rodriguez  
 Leon Savard  
 David Schiefelbein  
 Lena Trevino  
 Robert Trevino  
 Stephanie VanSickler  
 Virginia Vasquez

**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.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, December 5**  
 5:00pm † Sabas Flores

**Sunday, December 6**  
 8:00am † Otila Macias  
 10:30am † John & Frances Antunes  
 5:00pm Pro Populo

**Tuesday, December 8**  
 6:30pm † Guadalupe & † Maria Garza

**Wednesday, December 9**  
 8:00am † Dennis Risinger

**Thursday, December 10**  
 6:30pm † John Richard Aguilar

**Saturday, December 12**  
 5:00pm † Pro Populo

**Sunday, December 13**  
 8:00am † Joseph C. Hamerly

**STEWARDSHIP**

**November 22**

\$11,335

**Second Collection:**  
 Catholic Campaign for  
 Human Development  
 \$2,337

**November 29**

\$12,923

**Loan Balance: \$182,076**



**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS**

Envelopes are located in the pews and in your monthly mailing. Proceeds will help purchase poinsettias for the altar and sanctuary. Place your envelope in the collection basket or return to the Parish Office.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
 (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)**

8:00 A.M. AND 12:00 P.M. ENGLISH MASSES  
 6:30 P.M. BILINGUAL MASS WITH BLESSING OF DIVINE MERCY PORTRAIT



## FAITH FORMATION

## YOUTH

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION****St. Nicholas Day - December 6th**

Please join us to celebrate St. Nicholas Day, December 6th in the Christus Center after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Cookies and cocoa will be served. Bring your camera for a photo op with St. Nicholas!

During RE that morning, the children will leave their shoes outside their classroom; St. Nicholas will leave treats for all the kids!

**HIGH SCHOOL****World Youth Day Fundraiser**

Leave the cooking to us on Sunday evenings! Please come and join in fellowship over food at the Tacqueria Mexicano Grill on Sparta Rd (across from the Walmart) Sunday evenings after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. The owners have agreed to give the World Youth Day participants 10% of all food bought by CTK parishioners and friends each week after the 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass, from now until the kids fly to Poland in July 2016! Ensure that you write Christ the King on the receipt when paying, and save your copy.

**Service Project - December 12**

Our next Service Project Saturday will take place on Dec. 12th from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. at Park Place Manor Assisted Living Facility, 810 E. 13th Ave., Belton.

**SNL Christmas Party - December 13**

The John Finch band will play a concert for our SNL Christmas party! We ask students to bring a "love offering" of at least \$2 to help offset the band's expenses. Teens are encouraged to bring their friends! It will be a family friendly event, so everyone is invited to join the youth group in celebrating Advent.

**NO SNL Over Christmas Break**

We will not have SNL on Sunday, December 20 & 27, or January 3. Enjoy the break!

**DCYC - January 29 thru 31**

Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference registration is now open! The youth conference will be held in Waco the weekend of Jan 29th- 31st. Registration is \$60, which covers meals, supplies and entrance fees. Lodging is an additional cost; some financial credit will be given to Turkey Trot volunteers. Details and the Parental Consent Form are on the CTK website under **Youth/Young Adult**. Please return the form with payment by December 22.

## ADULT

## It's Here! "Year of Mercy"



The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy opens on Tuesday, December 8 with the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and the feast day for the diocese of the United States of America. We are given twelve months to be merciful like the Father, and to make this a daily habit. Mary's life gives us a pattern for our own when we examine:

- How can I magnify and sing the praise of God today?
- How can I be more like her, full of grace?

**Year of Mercy Events Using Dimensions of Our Faith****Prayer**

Divine Mercy Chaplet - Fridays 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Liturgical Life**

Parish-wide Penance Service - Tues., Dec. 15, 7:00 p.m.

**Missionary Spirit**

Complimentary Book - "Rediscover Jesus" - Dec. 24 & 25

**Knowledge of Faith**

Dives in Misericordia (Mercy of God) - Jan. 3 and 10, 9:15 a.m.

**Communal Life**

"One Book/One Parish" (Church of Mercy) - January 2016

**Moral Formation**

Presentation by Fr. Charlie Garza

Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy - Feb. 13, 2016

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

With the aid of today's technology, life moves at a rapid pace. News breaking events from all corners of the world are broadcast live in the palms of our hands; businesses are able to service more clients in a shorter amount of time; multitasking has become the norm for daily living.

Now, think about the number of times when delayed planes or long grocery lines have caused discomfort and anxieties because it has slowed us down.

Although the days leading up to Christmas may seem busy, Advent is a season in which we are called to wait with joyful expectation! There is a yearning for deliverance as first expressed by Israelite slaves in Egypt. It is the cry of those who have experienced sin and injustice and yet who have hope. It is the hope and promise of a Savior - the Jesus who was, who is, and who is to come.



**CTK ADVENT SCHEDULE**

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

*Holy Day of Obligation*

**Tuesday, December 8**

8:00 a.m. English Mass

12:00 p.m. English Mass

6:30 p.m. Bilingual Mass with Blessing of Divine Mercy Portrait

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass**

**Friday, December 11**

10:30 p.m. Holy Rosary

11:00 p.m. – 11:40 p.m. Mariachi

11:40 p.m. – 11:58 p.m. Matachines

12:00 midnight Spanish Mass

**Parish-wide Penance Service**

**Tuesday, December 15**

7:00 p.m. (no Mass)

English & Spanish

**Christmas Eve**

**Thursday, December 24**

No Confession

5:00 p.m. English Mass

7:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass

12:00 midnight English Mass

**Christmas Mass**

**Friday, December 25**

10:30 a.m. English Mass

**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph**

**Saturday, December 26**

No Confession

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph**

**Sunday, December 27**

8:00 a.m. Spanish

10:30 a.m. English

5:00 p.m. English

**Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God**

*Holy Day of Obligation*

**Thursday, December 31**

No Confession

6:30 p.m. Bilingual Vigil Mass

11:00 p.m. Vigil English Mass followed by  
a reception in the Christus Center

**Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God**

*Holy Day of Obligation*

**Friday, January 1**

10:30 a.m. English Mass

**PENANCE SERVICES**

**Temple Deanery  
Advent Penance Services**

**Friday, December 11**

7:00 p.m.

St. Mary in Temple

English & Spanish

**Tuesday, December 15**

7:00 p.m.

Christ the King in Belton

English & Spanish

**Wednesday, December 16**

7:00 p.m.

St. Luke in Temple

English & Spanish

**Wednesday, December 16**

7:00 p.m.

St. Monica in Cameron

English & Spanish

**Thursday, December 17**

7:00 p.m.

Holy Family in Copperas Cove

English & Spanish

**Friday, December 18**

7:00 p.m.

St. Steven in Salado

English & Spanish

**Sunday, December 20**

7:00 p.m.

Church of the Visitation in Westphalia

English & Spanish

**Monday, December 21**

7:00 p.m.

St. Paul Chong Hasang in Harker Heights

English, Spanish & Korean



**AROUND THE PARISH**

**Ornaments, Tamales and Maple Syrup Pecans - Dec. 5 & 6**  
 Mary Queen of the Rosary will be selling Christmas ornaments, pure maple syrup pecans and tamales after all Masses this weekend! Stop by the Narthex to do some Christmas shopping!

**Bella Sona Christmas Concert - Dec. 11**  
 Bella Sona invites you to a Christmas Concert on Friday, Dec. 11 at 7:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to get in the Christmas spirit! Admission is free. Reception to follow. Holy Trinity High Catholic High School, 6608 W. Adams Ave., Temple.

**Catholic Homeschoolers Mass and Meeting - Dec. 11**  
 We are starting a Catholic homeschool group at Christ the King and would like to invite all homeschooling families to Mass and a meeting on Friday, Dec. 11. Mass will be at 8:00 a.m. followed by fellowship in the Christus Center with Fr. John presenting a class. For more information, call Ami Kachner at 214-727-5757.



**Joyful Hearts Mothers Group**  
 Dec. 9 - Nativity craft, 10:00am  
 Dec. 16 - Arusha's Coffee and book discussion, 7:00pm  
 For more info, contact Sarah Spellman 540-845-0215.

**Clerical Endowment Christmas Cards** are on sale now in the parish office. Both the individual who donates and the person who is remembered shares in:

- The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered monthly by Bishop Vasquez
- The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered monthly by the CEF director
- Daily remembrances by diocesan seminarians and the Nuns of the Monastery of St. Clare.

**Project Angel Tree**  
 God bless everyone who took an angel from the Angel Tree! Each angel represents a child of an incarcerated parent. Thank you for providing Christmas for these children. Please return your wrapped gifts with your angel tag attached no later than weekend of December 19 & 20. Place the gifts under the Christmas tree in the Narthex.



**Women's Ministry** meeting is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 14, at 10:00 am in the Christus Center followed by the Christmas luncheon. Call Maria Ornelas at [817/682-0105](tel:8176820105) if you have any questions.

**Salt & Light Food Pantry - November Report**  
 In November the Food Pantry served 42 families with 152 individuals and 2 new clients. Thanks to all the volunteers and thanks for all the donations!

**The Parish Office will be closed December 8 in observance of The Feast of Immaculate Conception**

**CTK OFFICE DIRECTORY**

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday ..... 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday ..... 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday - Friday ..... 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Closed for lunch ..... 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
 Saturday - Sunday ..... closed

**OFFICE TEAM**

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 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.

**CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT**  
 DECEMBER 24

Please join the King's Chorus  
 for a Christmas Carol Concert and Carol Singing  
 11:30 p.m. to midnight in the sanctuary  
 then celebrate the Birth of Our Savior with  
**Christmas Midnight Mass**

