

## FROM FR. JOHN KIM

The baptism of Jesus reminds us of our own baptism. There are many offices that people can hold in the Church. But nothing can compare to the basic gift to all: **baptism**. When we stand before the throne of God, these other offices will be of no importance. Our dignity will depend on one thing only - the extent to which we have lived out our baptismal calling.

The ceremony of baptism is a beautiful one. In the *Rite of Baptism* we were formally given a name and welcomed into the family of God's people. Lovely prayers were said over us. Our body was signed with the sign of the cross, the mark of Christ's love for us. Water was poured over us. Water is a symbol of cleansing, and in baptism we are cleansed of original sin. But it is more especially a symbol of life. In baptism we are given a share in the undying life of God.

Not once but twice our bodies were anointed with holy oil. Just as the bodies of athletes were smeared with oil to give them strength to compete, so we were anointed with holy oil to give us strength for the inevitable struggle against evil. And just as kings, prophets and priests were anointed with oil and thus marked out as God's ministers to the community, so we are anointed with the Oil of Chrism that we may be envoys of Christ in the world.

Our body was covered with a white garment, the outward sign of our Christian dignity. We were given a candle lighted from the Easter candle to signify the precious light of faith. God called us out of darkness into the wonderful light of his Son.

Most of all, what happened at the baptism of Jesus happened at our baptism too. God called us by name. He said to each of us, 'You are my beloved son,' or 'You are my beloved daughter.' And the Spirit descended on us, in order to help us to live the life of a Christian and to participate in the mission of Jesus.

Today, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, let's remember our baptismal calling: *You are a baptized Catholic. You are the beloved son of God, the beloved daughter of God. In you the Father is well pleased.* When we listen to His voice, we enter more and more into a relationship that changes our lives because it changes our hearts; it brings us to see the face of God, made visible for us in Jesus.

Fr. John Kim



*I baptize you in the name  
of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit*

## 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 vibrant 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**

Brenda Bierman  
 Margaret Boyle  
 Verlon Browning  
 Rosalie Brunkenhoefer  
 Betty Canava  
 Dolores Chalupa  
 Mark Edwards  
 John Forney  
 Fr. Edward Frazer  
 Silvia Garcia  
 Jessica Galvan  
 Ernesto Guardiola  
 Pura Guardiola  
 Hanna Haisler  
 William Harlow  
 Bobby Hutchins  
 Josh Loving  
 Anna Marie Lozano  
 Marianne Luby  
 Ken Murray  
 Jesus Olivarez, Jr  
 Elena Ornelas  
 Anna Paruzinski  
 John Paruzinski  
 Isabella Ramirez  
 Agrippin "Rod" Rodriguez  
 Azusena Rodriguez  
 David Rodriguez  
 Leon Savard  
 David Schiefelbein  
 Robert Trevino  
 Stephanie VanSickler  
 Virginia Vasquez

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, January 9**  
 5:00pm † Larry Steven Guzman

**Sunday, January 10**  
 8:00am † Jose Leal  
 10:30am Pro Populo

**Tuesday, January 12**  
 6:30pm † Margaret Richardson

**Thursday, January 14**  
 6:30pm † Matt Conner

† Deceased

**STEWARDSHIP**

**January 3**

Received	\$12,598
Goal	\$14,500
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$1,902)</b>
<b>Loan Balance</b>	<b>\$153,350</b>

Solemnity of Mary  
**\$4,279**



**SERVICE MEMBERS**

Phillip Aiello  
 David L. Gomez  
 Deana S. Gomez  
 Matt Jakircevic  
 Reggie Jamo  
 Christopher Kroll  
 Jason Piper  
 Curtis J. Walters II  
 Wilbert Witt

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



**ADULT  
 CONFIRMATION  
 PREPARATION  
 CLASS**

Are you an adult over the age of 18, who has received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion, but still needs the Sacrament of Confirmation? Christ the King is hosting an Adult Confirmation Preparation Class beginning January 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Christus Center. This will be an 11-week series. For more information and to register, contact Krissie Lastovica at 254-939-0806 or [klastovica@ctkbelton.org](mailto:klastovica@ctkbelton.org).



## FAITH FORMATION

## ADULT

**Prayer for a Merciful Home**

Christ Jesus, You open your heart to us with unconditional love and devotion. Help us to follow your example of mercy. May our home provide a warm and welcoming space for all who enter our door. May we strive each day to ask for and extend forgiveness with generous and open hearts. May the words we say be ones of kindness and respect. And may we listen twice as much as we speak, ever willing to remain open to one another. Enfold our home in your merciful love. In your sacred name, we pray. Amen. And may we listen twice as much as we speak, ever willing to remain open to one another. Enfold our home in your merciful love. In your sacred name, we pray. Amen.

**Year of Mercy****Baptism of the Lord**

Baptism starts things off. After his baptism in the Jordan, Jesus became very public. So, too, for each of us. We are saved, surely, in baptism. But we are also sent. The clarity we have today is that we are sent to be missionary disciples - sent to proclaim mercy, sent to be justice. Sent. Maybe sent to my family or neighborhood, maybe sent to where I work, maybe sent to my school, maybe sent to...

• How will I behave this week as one who is both saved and sent?

- How will I behave this week as one who is both saved and sent?

## YOUTH

**SNL Returns - January 10**

We will return with SNL on Sunday, January 10.

**Youth Staff Meeting - January 13**

We have a Staff Meeting on Jan 13th from 6:30- 7:30 pm in the Lifehouse. All Staff Members and interested students are welcome to attend to learn about peer leadership opportunities at Christ the King. See you there!

**High School Confirmation - Starts Feb. 25**

Parents of second year confirmation students, we will begin confirmation class preparation with a mandatory parent meeting on Thursday, February 25. Please see your yearly calendars or view the calendar on the website to see the class schedule.

**DCYC - January 29-31**

Thank you parents and teens who turned in permission forms and money for the upcoming Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference! As a reminder, the conference is taking place in Waco on Jan. 29 -31. Students who did not participate in the Turkey Trot fundraiser must pay \$40 for hotel lodging by Friday, Jan. 22. More information on the conference will be sent by email. If you are not on my e-mail list, drop me a line at ariley@ctkbelton.org. - Abby Riley



*The Lord will bless his people with peace. Ps 29: 11*

The Pastoral Plan explains that learning more about our faith is the call for all the baptized and takes place throughout our lives. In what ways have you tried to learn more about your Catholic faith?

*El Señor bendecirá a su pueblo con paz. Sal 29:11*

El Plan Pastoral explica que el aprender más sobre nuestra fe es el llamado de todos los bautizados y se lleva a cabo durante toda nuestra vida ¿De qué maneras usted ha tratado de aprender más sobre la fe Católica?



**AROUND THE PARISH**

**Women’s Ministry - Jan. 11**

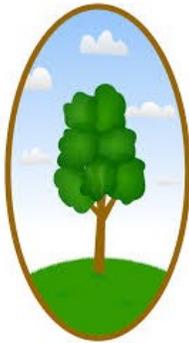
The first meeting of the new year will be held Monday, January 11 in the Christus Center. The social and continental breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m. followed by our regular meeting at 9:15 a.m. All women of the parish are welcome to join us.

**UN-decorating the Sanctuary - Jan. 11**

Thank you to all the volunteers who decorated the sanctuary so beautifully for Christmas! We also thank everyone who helped with our special reception on New Year’s Eve! We are truly blessed to have such dedicated parishioners. Now, it is time to pack up the Christmas decorations and we need volunteers. If you can help, meet in the sanctuary on Monday, Jan. 11 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

**Landscaping - Jan. 14 & 28**

With the holidays behind us, now is the time to focus on our landscaping. It is never too early to begin preparing for Spring! The plan for 2016 is to have workdays from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. on the second and fourth **Thursdays** of the month. January workdays will fall on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. We will also have a Saturday workday on January 23 and April 23. If you are able to help on Thursdays, please come even if the weather is not cooperating so we can have a short meeting.



**Columbian Squires - Feb. 14**

Columbian Squires will not have a meeting in January. The next scheduled meeting is February 14 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

**Holy Trinity Catholic High School**

Applications for 2016-2017 are now being accepted. Go to [holytrinitychs.org](http://holytrinitychs.org) to apply. Eighth grade and high school students - sign up on our website to visit our campus as a student for a day. You have the opportunity to participate in classes and meet your new classmates and teachers!

**St. Mary’s Catholic School**

We invite pre-k through eighth grade students and their families to our Open House on Sunday, Jan. 31st from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Come meet our teachers and staff and take a tour of the school!

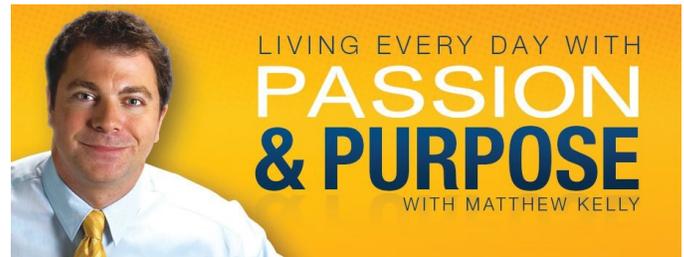
**AROUND THE DIOCESE**



As a kickoff to National Catholic Schools Week, the 8th Annual Celebrating Catholic Schools Dinner and Awards Presentation will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at the Hyatt, Town Lake in downtown Austin. This annual dinner celebrates Catholic education in the Diocese of Austin while honoring the “unsung” heroes at each of our 22 Catholic schools. Additional information will be posted as event day nears. For more information, please contact Jean Bondy at (512) 949-2439 or [jean-bondy@austindiocese.org](mailto:jean-bondy@austindiocese.org)

**Hyatt Regency, Town Lake**

208 Barton Springs, Austin, Texas 78704  
 6:00 p.m. Khaki and Plaid Reception  
 7:00 p.m. Dinner and Awards Presentation  
 9:00 p.m. Recess



Are you thriving or just surviving? Are you ready for more energy? A deeper sense of purpose? More joy? A clearer understanding of God’s plan for your life?

Join us for one of our Living Every Day With Passion & Purpose events. It’s not your typical church event! It has been a life-changing event for tens of thousands of people. Living Every Day With Passion & Purpose is presented by internationally acclaimed speaker and author Matthew Kelly and the incredibly talented musician Eliot Morris.

**January 22**  
 St. John Neumann  
 Austin  
 7:00pm - 10:45pm

**January 23**  
 Sts. Peter & Paul  
 New Braunfels  
 9:00am - 1:30pm

Tickets: \$39 and include a hardcover book, CD, inspirational journal, workbook, Mass journal and pen. For more information and to register, visit [www.dynamiccatholic.com](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com), select **EVENTS**.



**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS**

Rather than compose elaborate resolutions for the year to come, simply do, in some small way, what you intend to do all year:

- Say "Thank you" to at least one person.
- Get quiet for five minutes, just to be still.
- Do one thing well and with full attention.
- Open your arms—and your heart—to God.
- If you did it today, you can do it again, and again.

**BAPTISM/BAUTISMO**

We joyfully welcome into the church and into our parish family, through the Sacrament of Baptism, the following children. May God continue to pour his blessings on the members of these families, that they may continue to grow in faith and love throughout the years.

- Isabelle Katherine Biedrzycki
- Madelyn Mabel Campbell
- Laura May Davidson
- Yamiree Zaelynn Eppinger
- Valera Kathleen Hernandez
- Agustus Kelley Lambert
- Alahni Jade Lopez
- Allen Gathi Muchunu
- Mathias Mwathi Muchunu
- Sylvester Mwaniki Muchunu
- Donovan Carmelo Phillips
- Emily Katherine Ramirez
- Malyn Celeste Schulte

Con alegría les damos a los siguientes niños, por el sacramento de Bautismo, la bienvenida dentro de la iglesia y dentro de nuestra familia parroquial. Que Dios siga derramando sus bendiciones sobre los miembros de estas familias, para que puedan seguir creciendo en la fe y el amor a lo largo de los años.

- Kimberly Marie Balvino
- Rosyanette Cardenas
- Juan Angel Cardenas Escobedo
- Carmen Yaretzi Lechuga-Castro
- Santiago Aaron Rosas

**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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Director of Sacred Music

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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.

The parish office will be closed on **Wednesday, January 13**

as we plan our 2016 parish calendar.

