The wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.

*Daniel 12:3*

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, 11/15**
- CLOW during 9:15 mass
- RE 3 yr old prgm, Rm D 9:15 am
- RE Classes, Hall/School 9:15 am
- RE Older Sac, Rm D 11:00 am
- Confirmation Sponsor Mtg 4pm-7 pm

**Monday, 11/16**
- RE Older Sacraments, Parish Hall 4 pm
- ICF Mtg, Parish Hall 7 pm

**Tuesday, 11/17**
- RE Grds 1-3, School 3:40 - 5 pm
- RE Grds 4-5, Parish Hall 3:40 - 5 pm
- RE Grds 7-8, Parish Hall 7 - 8:15 pm

**Tuesday, 11/17 cont.**
- Rosary & Perpetual Help, Church 7pm
- Spanish Prayer, Church 7:30 pm
- Knights of Columbus, Min. Ctr 7 pm

**Wednesday 11/18**
- No Sewing Ministry
- RE Grds 1-3, School 3:40 - 5 pm
- RE Grds 4-5, Parish Hall 3:40 - 5 pm
- RE Grd 6, Parish Hall 7 - 8:15 pm

**Thursday, 11/19**
- Centering Prayer, Min. Ctr 9 am
- RE Grds 1-3, School 3:40 - 5 pm

**Thursday, 11/19 - cont.**
- RE Grds 4-5, Parish Hall 3:40 - 5 pm
- RCIA, Chapel 7 pm

**Friday, 11/20**

**Saturday, 11/21**
- Secular Franciscans, Min. Ctr 9 am
- Altar Society Boutique, 10 am - 8 pm

**Sunday, 11/22**
- Altar Society Boutique, 10 am - 8 pm
- No CLOW
- No RE classes

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

**Daily Masses:**
- Monday-Friday, 8:00 am

**Saturday Masses:**
- 8:00 am & 5:00 pm

**Sunday Masses:**
- 7 am, 8 am, 9:15 am, 10:45 am, 12:15 pm, 6:00 pm

**CONFESSIONS:**
- Saturday: 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

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[www.ctkreligionseducation.org](http://www.ctkreligionseducation.org)

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Dear Parishioners,

First and foremost, I want to thank all of you for your concern and support; and for not forgetting me and my 26 years as Pastor of Christ the King. I also want to thank, personally and publicly, Father Paulson, not only for the great job he is continuing to do, but also for his gracious and warm hospitality; making me feel always welcome here, especially during my recent health crisis in August.

Secondly, and as background, I want to let you know what I’ve been up to in my “retirement”. It involves a good deal of travel; my work on publishing a book; and finally my recent health issues.

After my retirement on September 15, 2014, I spent several days in Ashland, Oregon; then a visit to China (Hong Kong, Macau, Shanghai, and Suzhou); then my annual trip to Fort Benning in protest of the School of Americas (again this November 20th); and then again to Memphis for the “Call to Action” (this November 5th-8th in Milwaukee); a cruise to Alaska; then from New Orleans to Memphis with my sister, as well as a week long visit to Arkansas (!?); a drive to So CA and finally a two week visit with my friend, Fr. Frank McNulty, in New Jersey and New York and more recently three weeks of rehabilitation in Maui.

Also, with great help from Marilyn Joost and Barbara Doan, I have been re-working a book entitled, “The Catholic Parish Today”, to be published shortly.

Regarding my health issues: My on-going Parkinson’s Disease affects my balance and my voice, preventing me (and saving you!) from my being able to speak audibly or to write at all. In late July, after completing a community 20 block “Cease Fire” walk in Oakland, I fell in my room at St. Albert’s and could not get up. As a result, I was rushed to Alameda Hospital on August 1, with a temperature of 106 which was first diagnosed as pneumonia and a slight stroke. Later, examinations showed that it was all the result of a urinary tract infection. After one week in the Alameda hospital, I was transferred to Tampico Terrace in Walnut Creek, for three weeks of rehabilitation. Upon my release, I was welcomed here at Christ the King through the generosity of Father Paulson and all of you.

Finally, about the book: It’s full title is The Catholic Parish Today: Substantial, Controversial and Uncensored. It is really written by all of you since it is primarily a collection of bulletin letters, homilies and “four minute specials”, originally put together and shared for you and because of you. Normally it is available through Amazon and Barnes and Noble, at the cost of $28.50 per copy, but since you are really the co-authors, it will be available for $20.00 per copy here at Church after masses, in a few weeks (as soon as the books arrive!) Also available, my previously published book, Soulful Emotions, a coffee table book with prayers by myself and photographs by parishioner Mark Boris, plus with a DVD of my Retirement Mass Celebration with highlights of the mass plus the homily by Bishop Barber and final comments about my life and ministry by Bishop John Cummins. You can purchase my new book for $20.00 or the “whole works” (new book, previous book and entire DVD) for $60.00. Any and all profits whatsoever will go to the Adult Education Ministry here at Christ the King.

Sincerely and gratefully yours,

Fr. Brian Joyce

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**Reflections on Sunday Readings:**

**First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3**

The book of Daniel was written 150 years before Christ, when the Jews were experiencing fierce persecution. The author wanted to encourage the people by telling heroic stories about a person named Daniel who lived many centuries earlier. For most of their history, Old Testament people believed only in, at best, a shadowy existence after death. Today’s passage contains one of the earliest references to a growing belief in a more developed form of life after death.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18**

Scholars feel that the community for which the Letter to the Hebrews was written included Christians of Jewish origin. Since the letter was written after the Jewish temple was destroyed, they were pining for the old days when the high priest offered daily sacrifices in the temple. The author says they shouldn't feel sad. They no longer needed a temple, sacrifices or priests because Jesus is all of these and more.
Are you in 5th through 8th grade? If so, would you like to try your hand at being an altar server? We are looking for interested students and we will provide significant training. You will serve about once a month at the mass of your choice. Talk it over with your parents and give Mary Jo Robinson a call or email at 925-285-4337 or maryjorobinson1941@gmail.com.

The holiday season is quickly approaching and so is the season to buy your Christmas Wreath. Boy Scouts will be outside church after all masses beginning 11/21-11/22, selling fresh Oregon Christmas wreaths. Be sure to support the local Scouts while adorning your home for the holidays.

Calling All Women! Magnificat, A Ministry to Catholic Women, would like to invite you to our upcoming Prayer Breakfast. December 5, 9:30-12:30 Crowne Plaza, 45 John Glenn Dr., Concord. We are excited to welcome Father Jerry Brown as our speaker. Join us as he shares his inspirational journey from Episcopalian minister to Catholic pastor! Reservations are $28 / $35 after Nov. 28. Go to www.magnificatsoti.org for info or call Maribel at (925) 788-7762.

Next weekend our parish will hold the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). The programs funded by CCHD change lives for the 46.2 million people living in poverty here in the United States. Your donation will empower local communities and strengthen families who are on the margins. Thank you for your support.

San Damiano Retreat Opportunities: Day For Veterans, Journeying in the Spirit. Sat. Nov. 21, 8:30am - 1:00pm. $15, lunch included. Advent Day of Recollection, Prepare the Way of the Lord! Wed. Dec. 2, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, $35.00 Silent Meditation Day, Preparing for Christmas. Saturday, Dec. 5, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm $55.00. More information can be found at sandamiano.org/925-837-9141.

St. Ignatius of Loyola Spiritual Exercises Workshop “Go Deeper to Meet God!” Saturday, Nov. 21, 10 am - 12:00 at Most Holy Trinity Parish Community Center. Do you ever have trouble letting things go? Come to our workshop where you will find a method of letting go and gain self-awareness. Practice the Examen Prayer and make Ignatius Consciousness Examen part of your daily life. For more information, call Kathy Myers at 408-476-1514.

Please Help! Projectionists are desperately needed at Sat. 5:00 pm and Sunday 8:00 am and 10:45 am masses. You will be given training and support to help our parish pray and sing more fully with the power point presentations used at mass. It’s very easy and you would be a great help. Please contact MaryAnn Spicer at 935-5306 or marrod61@att.net for information.

We Need Your Help! The Altar Society needs donations of Christmas items and any saleable used items, including jewelry. We will take gift cards and any knitted or crocheted works and quilts. Receipts available upon request. Proceeds from the boutique go to CTK church needs. For questions or donations please call Violet at 925-934-7832 or Aurea at 925-451-3943 or emails: violet.deborja@yahoo.com or juniorbebs@yahoo.com. **Boutique will be held Nov. 21st and 22nd from 10 am to 8 pm.**

Have you met Sr. Dominic Marie Bonnici?? Sr. Dominic has been a very welcome addition to Christ the King for a little over a year now. She does all sorts of things, primarily helping families arrange funeral services, assisting parents with baptism plans, and general oversight of our Sunday liturgies. Truly, she does many, many more things too! When you see her around campus and at church, make sure to stop and say “hello” and introduce yourself.

**Total Church Support 11/8/15 $29,830 (Plate Collection $18,765 + Online Giving $11,065)**
Food Drive

**Annual Food Collection**

List of items to bring for St. Vincent de Paul:
(normal sizes only—no giant sizes)

- All kinds of canned vegetables
- All kinds of canned beans
- Pasta, rice, dried beans
- Canned fruit, tuna, soups, tomato sauce, peanut butter and cereal

**Monument Crisis Boxes**

In addition, we ask you to especially support the Monument Crisis Center this weekend, November 14th and 15th. Outside mass there will be boxes available that have a very specific list of items. You can help us by taking a box home, filling it with the shopping list provided (about $40 of food items), decorating the box and including a holiday card. We then ask you to drop the box off at Monument Crisis Center the first week of December. Drop off locations and times will be listed on the instruction list that comes with each box. Thank you for your generous help.

**Annual Tabulation of Mass Attendance:**

Every October, our Ushers count the number of parishioners at each mass. We thought everyone would be interested in seeing the results; here they are:

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We certainly are consistent!