First Sunday of Lent

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.

Luke 4:1–2

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 02/14
• No RE Classes
• Youth Group, Parish hall, 7-9 pm

Monday, 2/15
• No RE Classes

Tuesday, 2/16
• 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
• Perpetual Help Devotion, Church 7pm

Wednesday 2/17
• Lenten Scripture, Chapel 8:45 am
• RE Grds 1-3, School 3:40 - 5 pm
• RE Grds 4-5, Parish Hall 3:40 - 5 pm

Wednesday 2/17 cont.
• RE Grd 6, Parish Hall 7 - 8:15 pm
• Rosary Makers, Min. Ctr 7 pm

Thursday, 2/18
• Centering Prayer, Min. Ctr 10 am
• RE Grds 1-3, School 3:40 - 5 pm
• RE Grds 4-5, Parish Hall 3:40 - 5pm
• RCIA, Min. Ctr 7 pm
• RE Festival Mtg, RE office 7 pm

Friday, 2/19
• Stations of The Cross, Church 5:30 pm
• Mass 6:00 pm
• Simple Supper, Hall 6:30 pm

Friday, 2/19 cont.
• Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, 2/20
• Men’s Fellowship, Min. Ctr 7:30 am
• Centering Prayer, Min. Ctr 9 am
• Confirmation Retreat

Sunday, 2/21
• RE 3 yr old prgm, Rm D 9:15 am
• RE Classes, Hall/School 9:15 am
• CLOW
• Older Sac, Rm D 11:00 am
• Confirmation Retreat (return to CTK)

To Hear the Gospel and Make a Difference
Dear Friends,

Pope Francis gave Catholic nuns a big shoutout during his trip to New York. "I would like to express my esteem and gratitude to the religious women of the United States," the Pope said to applause that resonated through the city's stately St. Patrick's Cathedral. "What would the Church be without you?" I ask myself that question today. What would Christ the King Parish and School be without our wonderful nuns? I have always enjoyed working with nuns in ministry, and their lives and faith have enriched my own life and faith. Today, I would like to announce the retirement of Sr. Joanne Gallagher starting April 1st, 2016. After nearly 12 years of ministry at CTK, Sr. Joanne will continue as a member and friend of our Church community.

"Some people believe holding on and hanging in there are signs of great strength. However, there are times when it takes much more strength to know when to let go and then do it." (Ann Landers). After much prayer and reflection, Sister has come to the conclusion that it is time to let go of the many things she did every day and now focus on things she always wanted to do and enjoy life at a different pace. I would like to thank Sr. Joanne from the bottom of my heart for her faith, dedication and friendship. I congratulate her on her accomplishments, and pray for new beginnings that are joyful and rewarding. I would like to quote Pope Francis once more and dedicate his words to Sr. Joanne.

"Women of strength, fighters, with that spirit of courage which puts you on the front lines in the proclamation of the Gospel. To you, religious women, sisters and mothers of this people, I wish to say 'thank you,' a big thank you... and to tell you that I love you very much."

We will be having a retirement party to celebrate her dedication, ministry and friendship in April this year. In a world where success is often measured by financial gain and hard work, some of our most meaningful and lasting relationships come at work. I know that Sr. Joanne has made many lasting friendships here at CTK. We love you!

Bishop’s Appeal 2016

Pope Francis has declared 2016 a “Holy Year of Mercy.” This is why Bishop Michael C. Barber has chosen “Sharing God’s Mercy” as the theme for the 2016 Bishop’s Appeal. As Bishop Barber has written, “Sharing God’s Mercy starts with God’s love for us, which moves us to share His love with all our sisters and brothers, and is the cornerstone of Pope Francis’ vision for our Church.”

Through your donation to the 2016 Bishop’s Appeal, you enable Bishop Barber to financially assist our Catholic schools, located in some of the poorest and most crime-ridden communities in the state. Also, you enable him to help parishes address emergency needs and to provide for our seminarians and retired clergy. Your donation enables Bishop Barber to provide funds for marriage and family life ministries, lifelong faith formation, outreach to those who have drifted away from the Church, works of mercy to the imprisoned, and outreach through our ethnic ministries to the many people who make our Church of the East Bay so diverse and a true reflection of God’s love and mercy. Finally, with Pope Francis as our model, we are embracing his message of love and mercy with all our sisters and brothers.

Christ the King Parish has always been a proud supporter of the many needs of the diocese especially for the poor. I thank you for your support.

Fr. Paulson

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Lenten Scripture Study- Join Fr. Paulson as he leads a discussion based on the passion, crucifixion and death of Jesus. Wednesday mornings, 8:45 - 10:00 am in the ministry center chapel beginning February 10th and continuing for six weeks. Plan to join us.

The 2016 Men’s Retreat will be held Feb. 26-28 at San Damiano Retreat Center. For more information or to register, call Blaine Carter at 925-963-6168 or Heinz Weilrich at 925-930-6548.

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join us for our annual St. Patrick’s Day celebration at CTK. Saturday, March 12 at 5:30 pm in the CTK gym. New this year: online ticket sales open at www.kofcph.org. Three course meal: homemade soup, corned beef & cabbage and homemade bread pudding with whiskey sauce. Live Irish music and CTK Irish dancers. Tickets: Adults $30 and children $15 (kids meal served). Tickets on sale after masses starting Feb. 27/28. Contact Jay Becker at scooners@comcast.net for more information.

Girl Scout Cookie Sales - Our CTK troops will be selling everyone’s favorite cookies at all masses this weekend. You can also donate boxes to our military or food bank. If you would like to support our Troops, but don’t catch us at mass, call Pam Jo-hansen at 925-349-4145 and she will connect you to a Girl Scout. Thank you for your continued support!

Forty Days for Life invites all to join in a world wide prayer vigil. Contact info@40daysforlife.com for details.

Our coffee and donut ministry will be starting up after Easter. We really need volunteers to help serve the refreshments after masses. If you can help, please call Sr. Joanne at 925-682-2486.

Experience the Lenten Season by joining us for a brand new Lenten Prayer experience on Tuesday, February 23rd at 7 pm in the Church. This one of a kind Lenten Mediation offers the chance to reflect not only on what you need to be fasting from but what you need to be feasting on this Lent. The service will be a combination of fasting in silence and darkness and feasting on the gospels with song, visual art, poetry and drama. Don’t miss it!

Dress a Child Around the World - Congratulations are in order for having made just over 6,000 dresses from 2012 until today! Over 45 dedicated women participate in this joyful ministry every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Dresses and shorts are sent to impoverished children around the world. With great pride I congratulate and thank all the women who work so hard each session here at Christ the King. Carol Vogl 925-288-0488

2016 Face Gala: Pot of Gold - Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ and the Family Aid Catholic Education (FACE) advisory board invite all to join them at the annual FACE Gala on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at Scott’s Seafood in Oakland. Reserve tickets online for either individuals for $150 or tables of 10 for $1500. FACE provides tuition assistance based on financial need to students attending Catholic schools in the Diocese of Oakland. All proceeds from the Gala benefit FACE students. For more information, call Lauren at 510-628-2169 or online at www.faceofoakland.org.

Help us break last year’s rice bowl collection! CRS rice bowl program is a fun and practical way to turn your Lenten sacrifice into real help for people in need. Pick up your Lenten bowl in the vestibule and help us reach our parish goal of $8000.00.

Winter Nights Signups Go Live For Lent! CTK will be hosting Winter Nights again this year from Monday, March 28th to Monday, April 11th. The sign up sheet to volunteer or donate food will be live on our website from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. On Palm Sunday weekend, all items we are still in need of will be available to sign up for outside of mass. If your ministry is interested in hosting a dinner or activity, contact Kate at katedoherty.ctk@gmail.com. We are especially looking for a few strong backs to help load and unload the trucks on Monday, 3/28.

Light for Others Catholic Group invites you to deepen your faith! February 28, 2:00 - 4:30 pm in the Vista Room at Rossmoor Hillside we will show a beautiful documentary, Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message. This gripping film explores both the inexplicable mysteries behind the image, and the continued relevance of the Guadalupe apparition to the modern world. For more information, call Nel at 925-984-5552.

PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH:
Antonio Alfonso, Aenes Nazareno, Lorenic Donnes, Chase Van Sickle, Anthony Schmidt.

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.
The 2016 Bishop’s Appeal began last weekend and will continue throughout February. To incorporate the Jubilee Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis, the title of this year’s Appeal is “Sharing God’s Mercy”.

We would like to thank all the parishioners who have given to the Bishop’s Appeal in the past, as well as those who also gave, and continue to give, to the capital campaign. We would also like to inform you that Bishop Michael Barber will be attending a special reception at St. John Vianney on Thursday, February 18 at 6:30 pm to speak about this year’s Bishop’s Appeal. The Bishop will have the opportunity to speak about how the Appeal is vital to the ministries of the diocese and the Church and how it is different, but equally important as the capital campaign. Light food and beverages will be served at 6:30 pm and Bishop Barber will begin speaking around 7:00 pm. All parishioners are invited! This will give you an opportunity to learn more about the ministries at the diocese and ask questions, so please mark your calendars and make every effort to attend. Please RSVP to Phil Toups by calling 510-682-2156.

### Schedule of Masses During Lent

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