Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted.

LUKE 2:34

## Week at a Glance

### Sunday, Feb. 2
- CLOW 9:15 mass
- Young Families Ministry/Rooms A/B 10:30am

### Monday, Feb. 3
- Bible Study, Ministry Ctr. 9:15 am & 7:15 pm
- Perpetual Help Rosary/Church 7 pm
- Knights of Columbus/Mtg. Rooms A/B 6 pm

### Tuesday, Feb. 4
- Prayer Group/Room D 8:40 am
- Sewing Ministry/Parish Hall 9 am
- 1 Year Anniversary Mass/Fr. Joyce 12 noon
- Young Adults, Parish Hall 7 pm
- Landings Prgm/Msgr. Wade Rm 7 pm

### Wednesday, Feb. 5
- Centering Prayer/Min. Ctr. 10 am
- Youth Group/Parish Hall 7 pm
- RCIA/Ministry Center 7 pm

### Thursday, Feb. 6
- First Friday Mass/Exposition 4 pm-6pm/ Mass at 6pm

### Friday, Feb. 7
- Men’s Fellowship/Min. Ctr. 7:30 am
- Healing Mass/Church 10:30 am

### Saturday, Feb. 8
- Knitting Group/Room C 2 pm
- ICF/Parish Hall 1:30 pm
- Confirmation 6pm

## Upcoming Mass Intentions

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A story with a point.

Nine years ago my mother was reaching the end of her life as her heart was weakening. My sister had arranged for a round-the-clock caregiver at our family home. My sister and I took turns spending several days at a time with our mother. A few weeks before our mother’s death I went to her parish where she had been a member for 50 years. I introduced myself to the pastor, Fr. Murphy and asked him if he would come and anoint my mother. He was happy to do so and came immediately. I brought him into my mother’s room and told her that Father had come to pray with her and anoint her. My mother looked at him and was so happy that he had come. He prayed the usual prayers and my mother was very comfortable with it all. He anointed her and all was very meaningful for her. A few hours later my mother mentioned to me that Fr. Murphy had been there. Some hours later she mentioned it again. A few days passed. My mother was heard to say, “Fr. Murphy was here.” Although my mother spoke very little in the last weeks of her life, she would mention every few days, “Fr. Murphy was here.” In fact, a few hours before my mother died, her caregiver told me that my mother had said once more, “Fr. Murphy was here.” My mother loved the Catholic faith and the Church. Clearly it was so important for her that she could receive that one last means of grace, her final preparation for death. AND she was completely aware of what took place.

The reason I tell this story is because so very many people wait until their loved one is within days or hours of dying before they call the priest.

• Don’t wait until the person can no longer speak.
• Don’t wait until the person cannot fully participate in the prayers.
• Don’t wait until they cannot make their confession and receive Communion.
• Don’t wait until the person is unaware of their surroundings.
○ Call the priest when the person has an awareness of their surroundings.
○ Call the priest when the person can make their last confession.
○ Call the priest when the person is still able to receive Communion (and able to swallow).
○ Call the priest when the person is fully aware of the prayers and able to participate in the ritual of the sacrament.

There are seven sacraments in the Catholic Church. One of them is called “The Anointing of the Sick”. Years ago it was called “Extreme Unction” or “The Last Rites”. We no longer use these terms. This sacrament is meant for the living and for those who need God’s grace, strength and blessing as they face old age, illness or inevitable death.

Catholics have a sacrament called Extreme Unction: FALSE
Catholics have a sacrament called The Last Rites: FALSE
Catholics have a sacrament called The Anointing of the Sick: TRUE

When the priest comes to celebrate The Anointing of the Sick for a loved one – whether at home or in a care center – be sure to have family present so all can pray together – led by the priest. Don’t leave the room when the priest arrives. Let family know ahead of time when the priest will come so they can plan to be there. It may be your last time to pray together as a family. How meaningful that can be!

We celebrate “The Anointing of the Sick” about 4 times a year at Christ the King. Our next celebration will be on Saturday February 8 at 10:30 am. Bring your elderly or sick family members or friends for a Mass – within which they will receive this sacrament. You can receive this sacrament any number of times and request it any time. How? Call the parish to request the sacrament – which can take place here at the church or at one’s home/care center.

Sr. Dominic Marie, OP

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The Presentation of the Lord
February 2, 2020

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4
The book of Malachi was written after the Jews returned from exile in Babylon. The prophet expresses God’s displeasure because the people have grown lax in their religious practices. (It may be helpful to know that the term “Sons of Levi” describes Temple priests and functionaries.)

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18
The Letter to the Hebrews was written to a community of Christians who had become dispirited and whose faith was faltering. Death was thought by biblical people to be the work of the devil, and not intended by God. Today’s passage tells how Christ entered fully into human life even to the point of suffering and death.

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Catholics@Work, Tuesday, Feb. 11th:
Meet Fr. Burke Masters, Chaplain to the World Champion Chicago Cubs. “Swinging for the fences” defines the ultimate success in baseball. As Catholics it can be seen as a vivid and hopeful image of our desire to hit a home run for heaven. Join Fr. Masters on Tuesday, Feb. 11th at Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville. He will celebrate Mass at 6:30 am, followed by breakfast and the program at 7 am, concluding at 8:15 am.

Register at catholicsatwork.org.

All are welcome to join the Italian Catholic Federation for their monthly meeting and pot luck luncheon next Sunday afternoon, February 9 in the parish hall at 1:30 pm. Set up is at 1 o’clock. All parishioners and their families are invited to come and check us out! You do not have to be Italian to join ICF. Through families and fellowship, the Italian Catholic Federation promotes and supports the Catholic faith and its values, encourages apostolic and charitable works, and celebrates our Italian American heritage and all the heritages of our communities. For further information, call or email our ICF Branch president, Diana Mackinson, President at dijoed@comcast.net or 925-335-9712.

First Friday Mass, February 7
Children’s Holy Hour from 4pm to 5pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5pm to 6pm
Mass begins at 6pm

Healing Mass: We invite you to bring your loved ones to our next Healing Mass on Saturday, February 8 at 10:30 am. This is a parish Mass during which we celebrate the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: intended especially for the elderly, those with chronic illness, upcoming surgery or any kind of physical or mental illness.

One Year Death Anniversary for Fr. Brian Joyce. Join us on Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 12 noon to celebrate the 1 year anniversary mass of Fr. Brian Joyce.

The Gabriel Project is a parish based ministry that supports pregnant mothers and their unborn children. We will be accepting donations for babies ages zero to 12 months:
- Clothing
- Blankets
- Diapers
- Rattles
- Toys

We kindly ask for new or gently used items. Cash donations are welcome.

Please no cribs, strollers, car seats or furniture.

Donation Drop off Station:
Christ the King Church
Saturday, February 15 – 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Sunday, February 16 – 8:00 am to 1:30 pm
Teresa Bolla at 925-519-2547 for more info.

The Young Adults of CTK are reconvening Wednesday night, Feb 5 for their monthly prayerful reflection at 7pm in the Parish Hall Room D. All young adults are welcome for this hour-long spiritual enrichment. For more information, please email ctkyaasgroup@gmail.com, YA-CTK Rooted in Scripture, Rising in Prayer.

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