



Judged or Invited?

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“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 3:2) is the message preached by Jesus after the arrest of John the Baptist. It is important to place this message in context. Jesus is not repeating the preaching of the Baptist. His message is unique and compelling.

Look closely at what Jesus is saying. Do not automatically fill in the blanks with the memories of every sermon you have heard. Try to hear Jesus’ words again, for the first time. Is the emphasis on “repent,” or is the emphasis on the announcement, “The kingdom of heaven is at hand”? Does it make any difference?

Repeat these words and change the emphasis each time. Play with the words. Let the words play with you. Notice how you respond. Notice what makes a difference. Notice how you react, and, most of all, notice whether you feel invited or you feel judged.

The Baptist made no bones about it. You are being judged: “Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees” (Matthew 3:10). Jesus, on the other hand, seems not to judge but to invite: “for the

kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 4:17).

In the invitation, we are challenged to see in a different way. Use different skills. Refrain from automatic judgments. Seek to understand but, most of all, to accept and to love. ●



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Reflect

**What does “repent” mean to me?
A threat or an invitation?**





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Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass.....11:15 am
Monday (2nd & 4th)12:10pm
Tuesday Adoration.....4pm-7pm
Mass.....7:00pm
Wednesday Mass.....8:00am
Thursday.....No Mass
Friday Mass.....12:10pm

Rosary

30 minutes before Sunday Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Following Sunday Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Ministers Schedule

| | January 25th | February 1st | February 8th | February 15th |
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| Greeter | Carlos Botta | Carlos Botta | TBA | Carlos Botta |
| Lector | Patty Ramirez Dave Ramirez | Pat Botta Andrew Culbreth | Barbara Peek John Peek | Jasmine Moldin Andrew Cotter |
| Eucharist | Randy Kuhn © Tome Goodspeed Libby Cotter | Tom Goodspeed © Randy Kuhn Colleen Walters | Carols Botta © Fred Galss Kathy Glass | Libby Cotter © Colleen Walters Bob Woelfling |
| Usher | Carlos Botta Kyle Gantt | Carlos Botta John Peek | Bob Woelfling Andrew Cotter | Fred Glass Carlos Botta |
| Offertory | Botta Family | Peek Family | Cotter Family | Glas Family |

Christian Stewardship

Please Support Our Parish

Please notify Father Bill of anyone
who is sick and/or need a visit.

Last Sunday Collection: \$ 1,362.00

Second Collections: \$

Building Fund: \$ 25.00

Budget Needed Weekly: \$2,400.00

Women's Retreat at St. John's in Enterprise

Presenters: Sister of the Poor

Date: January 31, 2026

Time: 10:30am—2pm

If interested please contact Cindy Perrin

Flame of Love Rosary

February 2nd at 3pm

For more info contact

Antoinette Chivetta or Regina Murray

Knights of Columbus

Monday February 2nd at 5:30pm

If interested see Luke Johnson or Fred Glass

Men's Fellowship

February 14th at 9 am

If interested see Fred Glass

Queens Table

February 11th 11:30am at

Golden Rule

2026 Collection Envelopes & Calendars

Are available in the vestibule

Formed

the Catholic faith on demand.

Christ the King Parish code: D2KJP9

First Sunday Fellowship

February 1, 2026

Please bring sides according to
your last name

Vegetable..... A-E

Drinks..... F-J

Desserts..... K-O

Salad..... P-T

Starch U-Z

Rosa Powers Memorial Mass

Tuesday February 3rd at 10:30am

burial at Stone Lake Gardens Cemetery

Lunch for family immediately

following burial at Parish Hall

All are invited

Our 28th Annual Italian Dinner

February 21, 2026

We need your Time Talent and Treasure
to make this a successful event.

Please see Fred or Kathy Glass

Learn More about the Catholic Church

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Sunday's at 9:30am in Hall

Coordinator—Susan Gantt

Saint Vincent De Paul Society

2nd and 4th Mondays 9am-11am

If interested see Susan Gantt or Mary Vines

Save-A-Life Donations

In desperate need of girl size newborn-2T,
baby wipes, bottles, small toys, bassinets

Drop off box in Vestibule.

Announcements

All announcements for Sunday will need to be
submitted by Friday to be included in Sunday's
announcements. Send announcements to

Tom Goodspeed at (334) 488-4501

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| Parish Secretary | Katie Johnson |
| Pastoral Council President | Fred Glass |
| Parish Catechetical Leader..... | Ann Weed |
| RCIA | Susan Gantt |
| Choir Director | Noelle Perrin |
| St. Katherine Alter Society | Cindy Perrin |
| Knights of Columbus | Luke Johnson |
| 1st Sunday Fellowship | CtK Parishioners |
| Light House Media | Patty Ramirez- |

For church information at your fingertips

Facebook: Christ the King Catholic Church & Christ the King

News and Information Website: : <https://>

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Dear Padre,

Why can't a Protestant receive the Eucharist at a Catholic Mass?

United by baptism, fellow Christians are our brothers and sisters in the Lord. As such, they are always welcome at Catholic Mass, but they do not ordinarily participate in holy Communion. "Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to holy Communion" (Code of Canon Law, 844 §4).

When Catholics receive Holy Communion, they firmly believe the bread and wine are transformed into the Real Presence of Christ. In the Eucharist, we become part of the body of Christ and share in holiness and unity with one another. Our "Amen" to "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ" means, "Truly, so be it!" It indicates that we affirm our belief in this mystery, which is fundamental to our Catholic identity. If non-Catholics receive the Eucharist but do not embrace this identity and same belief, it may disrespect Catholics who do, as well as disrespect their own identity in the denomination to which they belong.

However, at Mass, fellow Christians can join their prayers with Catholics in praising God. Together, we also pray that the divisions which separate us will finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). ●



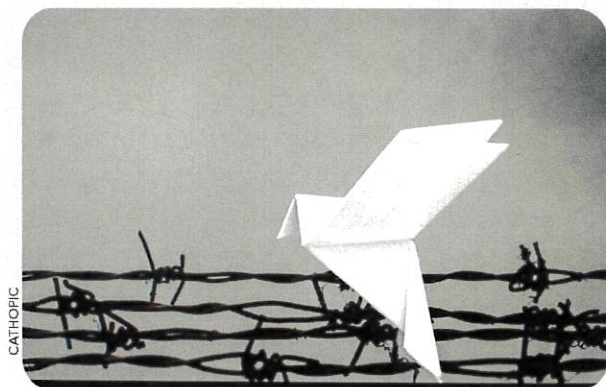
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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| January 26 | January 27 | January 28 | January 29 | January 30 | January 31 | February 1 |
| <i>Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops</i> | <i>Weekday</i> | <i>St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> | <i>Weekday</i> | <i>Weekday</i> | <i>St. John Bosco, Priest</i> | <i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| 2 Tm 1:1–8 or Ti 1:1–5 | 2 Sm 6:12b–15, 17–19 | <i>Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> | 2 Sm 7:18–19, 24–29 | 2 Sm 11:1–4a, 5–10a, 13–17 | 2 Sm 12:1–7a, 10–17 | Zep 2:3; 3:12–13 |
| Mk 3:22–30 | Mk 3:31–35 | 2 Sm 7:4–17 | Mk 4:21–25 | Mk 4:26–34 | Mk 4:35–41 | 1 Cor 1:26–31 |
| | | Mk 4:1–20 | | | | Mt 5:1–12a |

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Dear brothers and sisters, all too much violence exists in the world and our societies. Amid wars, terrorism, human trafficking, and widespread aggression, our children and young people need to be able to experience the culture of life, dialogue, and mutual respect. Above all, they need the witness of...those who have suffered injustice and violence [and] resist the temptation to seek revenge.

ADDRESS TO THE "ARENA OF PEACE," ROME, MAY 30, 2025