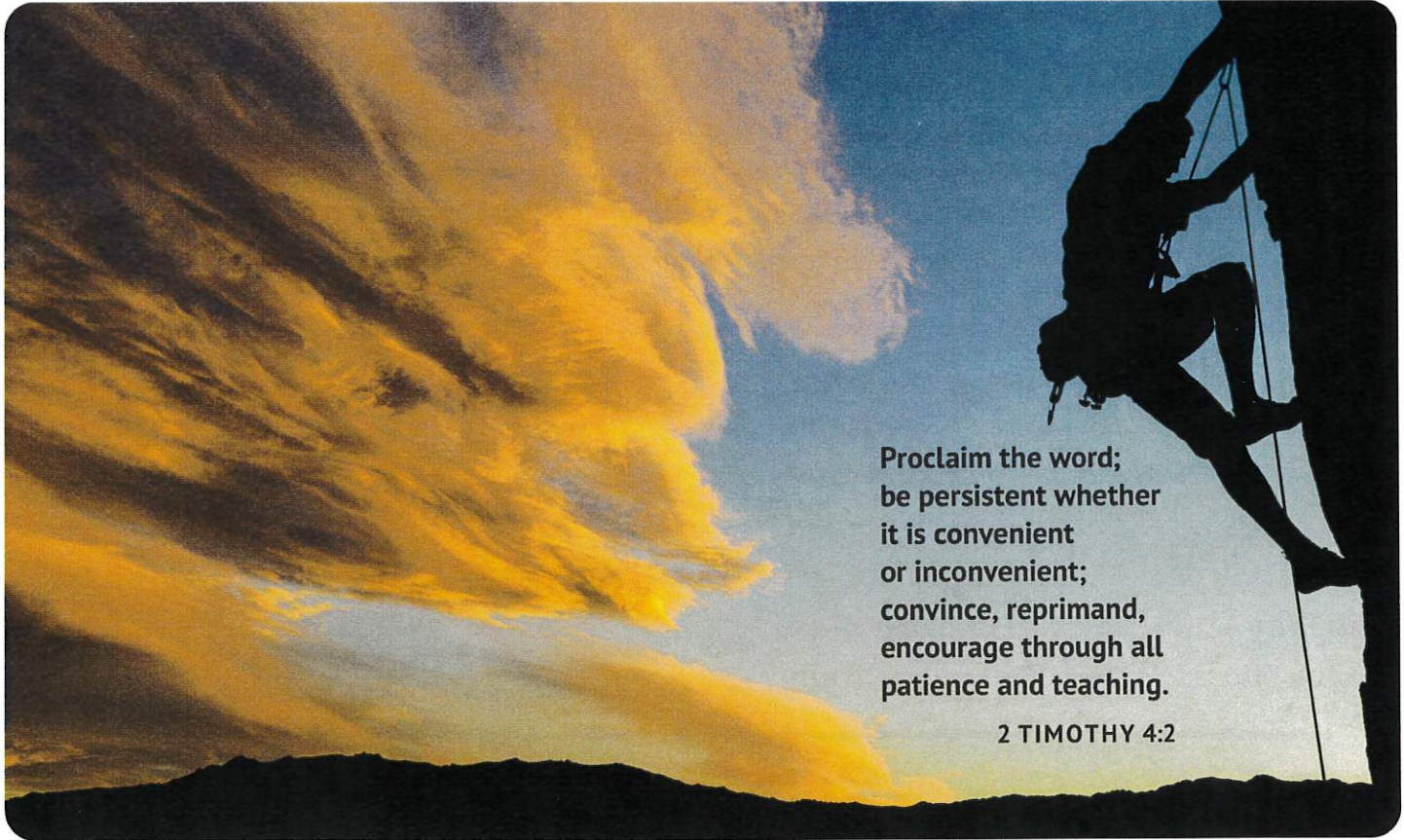




Proclaim the word;
be persistent whether
it is convenient
or inconvenient;
convince, reprimand,
encourage through all
patience and teaching.

2 TIMOTHY 4:2

The Widow God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I have a friend who likes to say that God always answers prayers; it's just that sometimes God says "no." He'll say that not always getting what we pray for seems to fit the way life is. My difficulty with that piece of religious folk wisdom is that God then comes off as someone who sits around sorting out answers to prayers from the billions of daily requests sent God's way. When I object to my friend's saying, he's quick to remind me that God wants us to pray. Doesn't this week's parable about the widow who plagues the dishonest judge say just that? Don't give up praying. Yet God isn't like a dishonest judge who cares not for any human being. It also presumes that the sheer multiplication of words sent God's way increases the chances that we'll get a positive hearing,

and that God needs to be convinced to do good for us, or at least what we presume is good. But then that presumes that we know better than God.

So perhaps God is not like the judge but like the widow, continually pleading that we might give him a hearing. The purpose of our prayer, then, is not to get God to do what we want, but rather to open ourselves to what God wants for us. That does take some trust, but don't we believe that God knows us better than we know ourselves? That's why the parable ends with the question, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" ●

Reflect

When I talk to God, do I also listen?

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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

Father Bieu will be out of town Oct 27th—Nov 1st

No Adoration and Mass on Tuesday Night

Communion Service Only Monday and Wednesday

Ministers Schedule

	October 19th	October 26th	November 2nd	November 9th
Greeter	Carlos Botta	Carlos Botta	Carlos Botta	Fred Glass
Lector	Patty Ramirez Dave Ramirez	Jasmine Modlin Andrew Cotter	Pat Botta Andrew Culbreth	Jasmine Moldin Andrew Cotter
Eucharist	Bob Woelfing © Kyle Gantt Susan Gantt	Colleen Walters © Tom Goodspeed Libby Cotter	Tom Goodspeed © Fred Glass Kathy Glass	Carlos Botta © Libby Cotter Colleen Walters
Usher	Randy Kufin Carlos Botta	Kyle Gantt Carlos Botta	Carlos Botta Dave Ramirez	John Peek Fred Glass
Offertory	Kufin Family	Gantt Family	Jeri Lindsey, Colleen Walters	Glass Family

Christian Stewardship

Please Support Our Parish

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

Last Sunday Collection: \$2,094.00

Building Fund: \$

Special Collection: \$

Budget Needed Weekly: \$2,400.00

Parish Council Meeting

Friday October 24th at 5:30pm

Church Fun Night

October 31th at 3:30-5:30 pm

Games and fun

Everyone Welcome

Volunteers Needed

Saturday October 25th

For clean out of trailer located behind the hall

Time TBA

Knights of Columbus

Monday November 3rd at 5:30pm

If interested see Luke Johnson or Fred Glass

Flame of Love Rosary

November 3rd at 6pm

For more info contact

Antoinette Chivetta or Regina Murray

Men's Fellowship

November 8th at 9 am

If interested see Fred Glass

Queens Table

November 12th at 11:30am at

Opp's Rancho Grande

Learn More about the Catholic Church

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Sunday's at 10:00am in Hall

Coordinator—Susan Gantt

First Sunday Fellowship

November 2, 2025

Please bring sides according to
your last name

Desserts..... A-E

Salad F-J

Starch K-O

Vegetable P-T

Drinks..... U-Z

Thank you Oscar Rojas

For trimming and making the church bushes
look so good

Happy Birthday and Anniversary...

October 21st Randy Kuhn

October 24th Bill Vines

If you don't see your birthday/anniversary in the
bulletin email ctkandalusia@gmail.com

Let's Go Shopping

Saint Katherine's Altar Society Store is open

The hall will be open for 30 minutes after Sunday Mass

Come browse or buy!

Save-A-Life Donations

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

Drop off box in Vestibule.

Saint Vincent De Paul Society

2nd and 4th Mondays 9am-11am

If interested see Susan Gantt or Mary Vines

Religious Education

Wednesday's at

Play/Social Time - 5:30pm

Class- 6:00-7:00pm

Catechetical Leader—Ann Weed

Youth Group—Randy & Gina Kuhn

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

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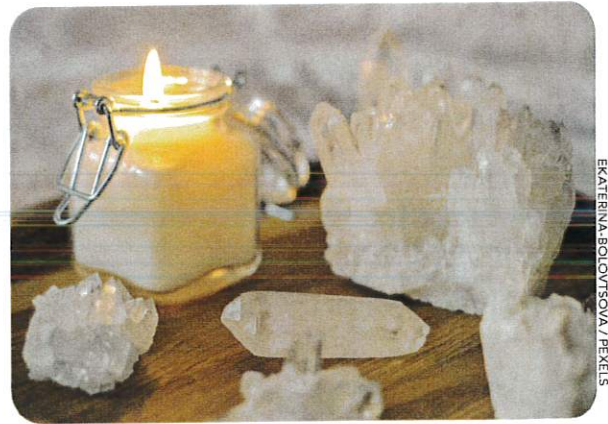
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Dear Padre,

What is the Church's view on having crystal stones or sage in the home to bring in positive energy?

The Church does not have an official position on every possible human action or activity. The Church believes in the discerning principle of maturity and fully expects that the people of God will use the ability that has been entrusted to them by the Creator in a positive manner. The Church understands the power of mystery and the power of symbols but rightfully assigns any "energy" that mystery and symbols may generate to the power of the Holy Spirit. Inanimate objects, by the very definition of "inanimate," do not generate energy. They may be symbols of energy, but they do not have energy in and of themselves.

If you enjoy crystals because of their beauty or because of the way they diffuse light, then there is no harm in having them in your house. If you like the smell of sage, then use it and enjoy it. All symbols have different meanings, depending on how they are understood and used by the people who gathered, collect, and store them for use. These symbols have no power in and of themselves for good or for evil. However, if you live in a culture that has identified the meaning of a symbol, and that assigned meaning contradicts Christian belief and practice, it would be best to avoid that symbol. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Peace is first and foremost a gift. It is the first gift of Christ: "My peace I give to you" (John 14:27).... It engages and challenges each of us...demanding that first of all we work on ourselves. Peace is built in the heart and from the heart, by



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eliminating pride and vindictiveness and carefully choosing our words. For words, too, not only weapons, can wound and even kill.

**AUDIENCE OF THE
HOLY FATHER, ROME,
MAY 16, 2025**

Monday

October 20
Weekday
Rom 4:20–25
Lk 12:13–21

Tuesday

October 21
Weekday
Rom 5:12, 15b,
17–19, 20b–21
Lk 12:35–38

Wednesday

October 22
Weekday
Rom 6:12–18
Lk 12:39–48

Thursday

October 23
Weekday
Rom 6:19–23
Lk 12:49–53

Friday

October 24
Weekday
Rom 7:18–25a
Lk 12:54–59

Saturday

October 24
Weekday
Rom 8:1–11
Lk 13:1–9

Sunday

October 25
Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Sir 35:12–14, 16–18
2 Tm 4:6–8, 16–18
Lk 18:9–14