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Sacraments/Services

Reconciliation ~ 15 Minutes Before Masses

Baptism ~ Parent instruction required (Recommended before birth)

Marriage ~ Contact us at least 6 months, prior to the date.

Religious Ed Classes ~ Sept. - May on Sunday at 9:00 AM

Ministry of Care ~ Bring communion, visit homes, hospitals, or nursing facilities

Bible Study ~ Sept. - May on Sundays at 9:00 AM

PLEASE inform the office if your personal data changes

(Address, phone, status, etc.)

To register at Christ the King church,
please fill out the blue or yellow registration sheet found in the Narthex.

Office hours: Tuesday 10-5 and Wednesday 8-4

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday at noon Summer Food Pantry hours-Mondays from 11-2

The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement Sheriff: (270) 237-3210 or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877- KYSAFE1; 1-877-597-2331). To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church, call Scott Ingram, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) at 270-852-8380 or Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish) at 270-880-8360. You may also visit the Office of Safe Environment (owensborodiocese.org/safe) for more information. To make a report of sexual abuse of a minor and related misconduct by bishops, go to ReportBishopAbuse.org or call 1-800-276-1562

Christ the King Catholic Church

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December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent (A)

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 / James 5:7-10 / Matthew 11:2-11



Strengthen hands that are feeble, make firm knees that are weak, say to the fearful of heart: Be strong, do not fear!

ISAIAH 35:3-4

Joy: A Sign of God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Once, as I was teaching a theology course to college students in their twenties, I made an offhand comment that the purpose of life is not to be happy. They were shocked. "What's wrong with being happy?" they protested. "Nothing," I said, "it's simply not the purpose of life." "But God wants us to be happy," they insisted. Of course, God wants us to be happy, but that's simply not what life is about.

Happiness is something that comes in the back door while we wait at the front door. If we go looking for happiness, we never find it, but if we forget about ourselves and seek to bring joy into the lives of others, then happiness seems to find us. It comes in the back doors of life. Curiously, that seems to be the dynamic of these Advent/Christmas days. We send cards, give gifts, think of making others happy, and overlook faults. In the process, there is a sense of joy that overtakes us without our realizing it.

The prophet Isaiah proclaimed that it is God who would crown them with everlasting joy; that they would meet with joy and gladness and sorrow and mourning would flee away (Isaiah 35:10). Joy is God's doing, not ours.

Leon Bloy, a French novelist in the nineteenth century, observed, "Joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God." God is love, and God is also joy. Joy is so much more than happiness. Rather it is an inner quality—peaceful, serene, and nurturing—even when life may be unsettled. ●

Reflect

**What brings you joy?
Do something to bring joy
to someone this week.**



Lectors
Dec 18th Troy Anderson
Jan 1st Vera Gothard
Jan 8th Dave Gripp



Sundays at 11:00 am
Tuesdays at 5:00 pm
Wednesdays at 8:00 am

Attendance
December 4
76

July 2022- June 2023	Collection Last Week	Total Amount Collected to Last Sunday	Budget Needed to 12/11/22
Regular Collection (including on-line)	975.00	25,677.40	28,174.94
Donations/Gifts	46.00	1,643.85	1,298.39
Building Fund (Including on-line)	12.00	7,702.00	8,006.70
Miscellaneous	670.00	3,618.47	2,986.37
Total Income Collected	1,703.00	38,641.72	40,466.40
Diocesan Collection	20.00	1,228.00	0

SAVE THE DATE

12/20 Advent Penance Service 5:30 pm
12/24 Christmas Mass 7:00 pm Music 6:45 pm
12/25 Christmas Day – No Mass

*Tedd Gramm will be having choir practice
every Sunday after Mass until Christmas

**The Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated
next weekend during Mass. Our Lady of
Lourdes, pray for the sick.**

Advent Penance Services:

December 18th at 5:00 pm Holy Spirit
December 19th at 6:00 pm St. Mary
December 20th at 5:30 pm Christ the King

Parish Mission

The Parish Mission will be Saturday, January 21st from 9am to 2 pm. Fr. Dennis Holly, former Pastor & retired Glenmary priest will present on the Eucharistic Revival. Details to follow.



Our Lady of Guadalupe (Spanish: *Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe*), also known as the **Virgin of Guadalupe** (Spanish: *Virgen de Guadalupe*), is a Catholic title of Mary, mother of Jesus associated with a series of five Marian apparitions, which are believed to have occurred in December 1531, and a venerated image on a cloak enshrined within the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. The basilica is the most-visited Catholic shrine in the world, and the world's third most-visited sacred site.^{[1][2]}

On October 12, 1945, Pope Pius XII, decreed Our Lady of Guadalupe to be "Patroness of all the Americas." Her feast day is December 12, and it is a Holy Day of Obligation in Mexico.

Our Lady of Guadalupe had this to say to Juan Diego:

"Know for certain, least of my sons, that I am the perfect and perpetual Virgin Mary, Mother of the True God through whom everything lives, the Lord of all things near and far, the Master of heaven and earth. It is my earnest wish that a temple be built here to my honor. Here I will demonstrate, I will exhibit, I will give all my love, my compassion, my help and my protection to the people. I am your merciful mother, the merciful mother of all of you who live united in this land, and of all mankind, of all those who love me, of those who cry to me, of those who seek me, of those who have confidence in me. Here I will hear their weeping, their sorrow, and will remedy and alleviate all their multiple sufferings, necessities and misfortunes."

Detail of the face, showing the discoloration on the top part of the head, where a crown is said to have been present at some point, now obscured by an enlarged frame for unknown reasons.

Pope Leo XIII granted the image a decree of canonical coronation on 8 February 1887 and was pontifically crowned on 12 October 1895.

Dear Padre,

I struggle with depression, and sometimes it gets really bad during the holidays. When is it morally acceptable to use antidepressant medication?

You are not alone. People who struggle with depression often find the holidays especially difficult. To answer your question, it is morally acceptable to use antidepressant medications when a medical professional judges them to be the best response to the condition of the patient. As we learn more about the causes of depression and other disorders that challenge the sense of equilibrium in people, we hope that the most reliable responses may be found and employed to restore a sense of peace to those suffering from these ailments.

Evaluation and treatment of depression must be done within the context of a person's whole life. Depression often involves a chemical imbalance in the brain, and some people respond quite well to antidepressants. For others, the best treatment might be counseling or psychotherapy. Or both medicine and therapy. As each experience of suffering is unique, so, too, must be the response.

Frequently people will be embarrassed to admit to suffering with depression or consider it a sign of weakness or inability to deal with matters in life. Such thinking is of little help in resolving the issue. People who experience depression need the love and support of family and friends to accompany them in the suffering and to assist in their healing. ●

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
December 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> Zec 2:14–17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab Lk 1:26–38 or Lk 1:39–47	December 13 <i>St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</i> Zep 3:1–2, 9–13 Mt 21:28–32	December 14 <i>St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> Is 45:6c–8, 18, 21c–25 Lk 7:18b–23	December 15 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 54:1–10 Lk 7:24–30	December 16 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 56:1–3a, 6–8 Jn 5:33–36	December 17 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Gn 49:2, 8–10 Mt 1:1–17	December 18 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> Is 7:10–14 Rom 1:1–7 Mt 1:18–24



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Every yes to God gives rise to stories of salvation for us and for others. Like Mary with her own yes. In this Advent journey, God wishes to visit us and awaits our yes. Let's think: Today, what yes must I say to God?

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