

Christ the King Roman Catholic Parish

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*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 25, 2021*

Clergy and Staff

Rev. Esterminio Chica

Pastor (FrMino@gmail.com)

Rev. Robert Tooman

Priest In Residence

Rev. Mr. Charles Simmons, Deacon

Mass times:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 a.m. in the Rectory

Sunday: 8 and 10:00 a.m.

Facebook live: Christ the King Parish Jersey City, NJ

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 9:00 AM—2:00 PM

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Please
P R A Y
*for the sick of our parish and
those that care for them*

	Lectors	
	8:00	10:00
Date		
July 25		Patrice Maina
August 1		Francisca Osuji
August 8		Lois Salley
August 15		Alan Lee
August 22		Cecelia Faulks
August 29		Monica Harwell

Please keep the following parish family members and friends in your prayers:

Francena Thomas, Beverly Chestnut, William Moore, Nathaniel McDougald, Irene Gaynor, John Lott, Connie Moses, Deneen Dorsey, Carol Jones, Julia Hunt-Walker, Mildred Hamm, Elizabeth Gaines, Alicia Brown, Ellen Stuckey, Shirley Connell, Dolores Sanders, Bessie Johnson, Gordon Gladden, Adela Buccilli, Lourdes Ithier, Robert and Cherie Orange, Aaron Anderson, Pat Edomy, Davey Bogar, Harriet Donald, Wanda Manning, Roberta Brown, Sharon Massey, Michael J.R. Coates, Claude Hunt, Carolyn K. Rice, Verdena Johnson, Elissa Hairston, Valerie Lewis-Mosley, Renade Bigbie, Janie Jackson, Verdell Moses-Boyd, Dad Mallard, A.J. Downing, Thomas Fowler III, Ronald Peterson, Diane Weems, Katherine Graham, Eleanor Mixson, Kadeem Carson, Velma Smith Ingram, Miya Enix, Ruth Ann Watkins, Anna Marie Mosley, Minnie Johnson, Shirley West, Curtis Curry, Bestine Remy, Jessie Williams, Maurice Anyaorah, Bryson Nelson, Gail Williams, Monica Brown, Courtney Curry, Charles Simmons, Jake Mincey, Shirley Connell, Mary Boston, Rashon Garlin, Hollistine Bennett, Clarastine Akbar, Yvonne Bailey.

God of mercy, ease the suffering of those on our prayer list. Comfort them in their various illnesses. Please give them courage, patience and hope. In their times of loneliness assure them of our love and prayers.

Fr. James McConnell
SMA Fathers
23 Bliss Ave.
Tenafly NJ 07670
Fr. John Martin (Fr. Jack)
Rev. Msgr. James Kelly Residence
247 Bloomfield Ave.
Caldwell NJ 07006

Eucharistic Ministers			
Date	Chalice	Host to Pews	Host

Prayers for the Dead

Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him/her. May he/she rest in Peace, Amen. May his/her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Prayer requests for the dead and for the recently deceased in our community: Morris Mosley, Calvin Hart, Pearl Hardy, Tina Thorpe, Valerie Thomas-Floyd, Nicole Mallory, Ruth Crute, James Holloway, Deborah Hairston. Christopher Bullock, Elaine Gardner, Michael McKoy, Mae Spruill, Bennie Fields, Rosalie Daniels, William Miller, Anna Hill, Fred Anderson, Celeste Bryant, Jerry Isaiah Glover, Aaron Anderson, Mary Boston, Albert Carter, Lorraine Portee-Brown, Michael Thurston, Maurice Anyorah.



Ministers of the Eucharist and Lectors

PLEASE CONTACT Iris Jones

(201) 970-5846 Or iris.jones54@icloud.com
to take your place on the schedule.



Be encouraged!

REMEMBER: GOD IS GOOD, ALL THE TIME: ALL THE TIME, GOD IS GOOD!

Pray the Rosary: Sunday at 11:55 am
 (712)775-7031 Passcode: 221711#

For more info: Charnette Lewis (908)400-1671

Men's Prayer Group: Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Zoom Meeting ID: 582 045 8603 Password: 482482

For more info: Deacon Simmons (908)358-9990

Bible Study: Wednesday, 7p.m.

Zoom Meeting ID: 819 9740 5335 Passcode: 826083

Christ the King Roman Catholic Church Parish Information

Mission Statement of Christ the King Roman Catholic Church

We will be open to the voice of God leading us to a greater love for each other and those looking for a place to worship. We will work hard in order to learn the beauty of our Catholic faith and have the courage to share it with others with respect and joy. We will pray to the Holy Spirit for us to become a welcoming and healing community, in word and actions, in the legacy of our church's ancestors.

Pastoral Council	
Patrice Maina	Beauty Muswema
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Rosemary Nwabueze	Devon Roland
Mabel Hawkins	Eleanor Simmons
Charles Simmons	

Trustees:
 Mrs. Verdena Johnson
 Ms. Christina Wooten

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 Michelle Adolphus: Children and Youth

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Shalitha Nelson	Christine Wooten
Monica Harwell	Diana Maina
Verdena Johnson	

Reporting Sexual Abuse Information

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by any member of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate actions to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child

The Sacrament of Baptism

Celebrations are held seasonally. Parents should contact the pastor to set up an appointment. Parents and godparents are invited to our baptismal preparation program.

The Sacrament of Marriage

Couples considering marriage are expected to make arrangements with the pastor one year in advance. All couples are welcome to our marriage preparation program.

Parish Membership

Christ the King is a parish that welcomes all. Every member of the parish is expected to be involved in stewardship of time, talent, and treasure and one of the church ministries. Anyone needing offering envelopes should contact the rectory.

Christian Formation

Inquiry classes into Catholic faith RCIA formation for adults seeking full membership in the Catholic Church are held in the rectory. For more information please contact Fr. Mino for meeting times.

Stewardship Reflection from Cardinal Tobin
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?"
JOHN 6:9

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. Nothing is impossible with God. All of our gifts, big or small, were given to us for a reason. No gift is too small or insignificant!

Readings for the week of July 25

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, 8a, 11; Jn 11:19-27
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

MASS INTENTION:

Reflection on the Gospel
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

By Rev. Leonard Peterson

Bread in one form or another is beyond question the most basic form of food in practically every human society, past or present, so much so that it is often called "the staff of life." Fossilized cakes of bread have even been found in any number of ancient archaeological sites. In the Bible the term "bread" is sometimes used to refer to food in general and is often used symbolically also. All types of bread almost inevitably become the most essential foodstuff of the society under study.

How easily I can transition from this scientific fact about the essential nature of bread to the spiritual fact about the Holy Eucharist, namely as the most essential foodstuff of the community of the Catholic Church.

This weekend, and for the four following, except for the coming Assumption feast day, we will be reading from the 6th chapter of John's gospel. The common theme is "The Bread of Life." Today's story is in what you might call "the prequel" of things to come.

Not surprisingly, given the secular inroads made into our lives on many levels, the Eucharist has become a bit of a neuralgic subject for discussion. Why? For one thing, a 2019 Pew Research study revealed "that the majority of Catholics— a whopping 69 percent—don't believe in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, a teaching central to the Catholic faith." Admittedly it's a somewhat strange notion for many non-Catholics. All that because of the historical split from Catholicism of the other Christian Churches that reaches back in time. Add to that the sporadic lack of thoroughness in our religious education efforts over the last several decades along with the downturn in numbers of Catholic schools. Add in recent Church scandals. Even so-called cradle Catholics don't seem to take advantage of opportunities to enhance their basic education easily available at their local parish, or online resources as well as Catholic TV channels. As a result, the Real Presence would appear to be a strange notion for lots of self-described Catholics. That's a huge problem.

This is not the place for a thorough analysis of the problem, much less a satisfying solution to it. But the problem started from "day one" of Our Lord's announcement of it over twenty centuries ago. It is not enough for people enamored of empirical science to believe it just because, or only because, Jesus said so. On the other hand, millions of people over the years, including great saints and martyrs who shed their blood for it give witness to its truth.

When Jesus broke the bread at that Last Supper table and passed around the cup of wine saying beforehand "This is My Body; this My Blood," He meant what He said. The words are too clear and plain to support the claim that he was speaking figuratively. Ours it is both to wrestle with any doubts, and to remain ever so grateful that He is with us in every tabernacle in every Catholic church, splendid or simple. We are not alone.

Maybe it would be better to stop thinking of the Eucharist as a problem to be solved instead of a gift to be loved. It helps to remember that Jesus' motivation for all these centuries has been His love of us. On these "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" I propose that it's a good time for all of us to rekindle our love for this great Sacrament and make a return on His investment.

This story is told of Harry Winston, who was one of the world's greatest jewel merchants. One day he watched one of his salesmen show a beautiful diamond to a rich Dutch merchant. The customer listened thoughtfully to the expert description, but he eventually turned away, saying, "It's a wonderful stone, but not exactly what I want."

Winston stopped the customer on his way out and asked, "Do you mind if I show you that diamond once more?" The merchant agreed. Winston took the stone in his hand. He did not repeat anything the salesman had said. He simply talked about the gem as an object of deep beauty. Abruptly the customer changed his mind and bought the diamond. While he was waiting for it to be brought to him, he turned to Winston and said, "Why did I buy it willingly from you, even though I had no difficulty saying no to your salesman?"

Winston answered, "That salesman is one of the best men in the business. He knows diamonds—but I love them."

The Food Ministry at Christ the King Church

The Food Ministry at Christ the King Church is committed to feeding both the bodies and souls of our brothers and sisters in the community. We offer our prayers and work diligently to alleviate food insecurity. We cook, serve and clean at the St. Martin Soup Kitchen. We stock shelves, wait for food deliveries, and collect donated toys at the Sacred Heart Food Pantry. We pick up food from our sister parish, OLC, we make sandwiches, and we pack bags at the Grab n Go. We offer a food pantry in the rectory where those we serve choose the food they need. **But the most important thing we do is respect the dignity of all who come to us for help.** Come join us. Volunteers are always needed. Food and monetary donations are especially welcomed. Call the rectory at (201) 333-4862 for further information.

Christ the King Soup Kitchen (at Sacred Heart)

183 Bayview Ave. Open every Saturday, 10 am – 2 pm.
 Contact Mabel Hawkins (201) 401-5331

Grab n Go, 768 Ocean Ave

Want to know what we need? Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4babad2ea64-ctk>
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183 Bayview Ave. Open every Thursday and Friday (except 1st week of month), 10 a– 1 p
 Contact Verdena Johnson (verdena@verizon.net)

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Friday, July 30

Farewell Chris, see you later Alan!

Let’s give thanks for their service and pray for them and all who are discerning vocations.

6:00 Adoration

6:30 Prayer Service

7:00 Pot Luck (Bring a dish to share)



UPDATES!

- DATE: Aug. 14
- TIME: 10AM-4 PM
- MASS: 3P M
- COST: \$20 PER PERSON (KIDS UNDER 12 FREE)
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