Welcome to our parish...

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November 26, 2017 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Join us for a celebration of our 61st year at the

Feast of Christ the King Celebration

Saturday, November 25, 2017

after the 4:30 P.M. Mass in the Narthex

Sunday, November 26, 2017

after the 8:15 A.M. and the 10:45 A.M. Masses in Adrians Hall.

Come enjoy food and fun with your parish family as we celebrate our Feast Day!

MUSICIANS: Choir, Cantors, Instrumentalists

First Row: Kate Santarelli, Eva Garcia, Regina Dow, Leah Cerankowski, Vicki Doyle, Isabel Taylor (clarinetist)
Second Row: Angela Gonzales, Pat Naccarato, Marta Wallin, Connie Frost, Iwona Pangtay, Linda Gettler, Kirsten Kleven (piano accompanist)
Third Row: Lori Judkins, Christi Kurtz, Marcia Griglak, Kathy Drotar, John Linck, Chris Nelson
Not pictured (but appreciated): Tom Jagunich, Pat Hamann, Benito Gutierrez, Abigail Yapor-Weitzel, Christine Pacheco-Koveleski, Corrine Tafoya, Linda Roof, Margaret Anderson, Theresa Richards (flautist), Marina Ruddick (cantor)

From the Pastor

SUICIDE – WHAT DOES THE CATHOLIC CHURCH SAY?

We've started the season of Christian Holy Days. While most of us celebrate this season, others are contemplating suicide. Most of us know someone who has died this way. Catholic teaching on this subject has changed over time. Moral Theology positions have never been declared infallible because the Church realizes that times, people and culture change, and knowledge increases.

Suicide is a disease, an illness, not freely willed. It's a desperate attempt to end unendurable pain, like someone in an office tower on fire who throws himself through a window. It's not a sin. It's like terminal cancer. In the case of suicide, biochemistry has a large role to play. People are "wired" differently. We can't design our bodies; the cards we're dealt may not be fair, but they are real.

We now have a very compassionate view of depression because of this. We should see suicide in the same light – in most cases, it's the ultimate sign of depression. Most people who die this way are very sensitive, fragile; as Fr. Ron Rolheiser writes, "they were too bruised to touch and were wounded in some deep way that we couldn't comprehend or help heal." Nobody wants to die; they only do this when they're not healthy. It's an action that goes against a person's will. Their inner, emotional chaos leads them to do the irrational.

We don't need to worry about the salvation of those who die this way. God's understanding and compassion are vastly greater than ours. That's Who the person who commits suicide will meet on the other side. Christ has a special affection for those who are wounded. They're in far gentler hands now than our own.

People often feel guilty when someone takes their own life because they feel they should have been able to prevent it, they should have been there. But the persons who commit suicide didn't want us to be there; they picked the circumstances of their death precisely so we wouldn't be there. Persons who die by suicide have locked up their wound to the point where our best efforts can't reach through to them. It's the same with people dying from terminal illnesses like cancer: we love them but still can't save them from death. There's nothing we can do. But God's love will get through and brings peace to their hearts. Take consolation in the fact that we loved them as best as we could; they are not lost to us – they're waiting for us with God.

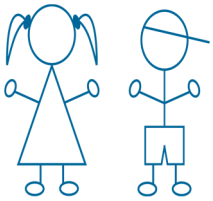
It's important to redeem the life and our memories of a loved one who has died by suicide. Celebrate the gift that they brought into our lives; speak of them with pride. Don't let their suicide be the filter through which we see and measure their lives. They were good people, and the way they died doesn't change that.

Fr. Ron Rolheiser has written extensively on this subject. I've tried not to plagiarize. To read more, just type in Rolheiser and suicide on your web browser.

Fr. John O.

CTK MINISTERS!

November 25-26 - Blessing of ALL Ministers and the Commissioning and Re-Commissioning of Communion Ministers will be held at each Mass this weekend.



There will not be Religious Formation for grades Pre-K-8 this weekend, November 26th. Instead, parents and kids should join the Christ the King Feast Day Celebration in Adrians Hall at 9:30am. **Please note that the 10:45am Mass will be a Family Mass.**

The Christ the King Altar & Rosary Society Christmas Luncheon will be on Monday, December 4th at 11:30am in Adrians Hall. All women in the parish are invited to join us. The cost will be $13.00. Please call Helene at 406-2254 to reserve your spot by November 28th.

New to the Parish? Welcome!

We have many opportunities for Adult Formation.

Sunday: Adult Sacramental Formation – RCIA
Tuesday: Men's Bible Study
Wednesday: Woman's Bible Study (morning)
Mothers Group (twice a month)
Catholic Fellowship (evening)

For detailed information (dates/times/locations) please check the Parish webpage at ctkpueblo.org.

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CHRISTMAS ADULT CHOIR

The Choir will sing at the 4:00pm Mass on December 24th

Join us in December for rehearsals on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Choir Room. Be sure to mark your calendar!

Campaign for Human Development — This weekend envelopes will be available in the pews for this collection. Your contribution will defend human dignity and help those living on the margins of our society. **Please place your envelope in the regular collection. Checks should be made payable to Christ the King.**

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30pm
Sunday: 8:15 A.M. and 10:45 A.M.
Monday: 7:30 A.M. Word Communion Service
Monday through Friday:
7:15 A.M. Morning Prayer
Tuesday through Friday:
7:30 A.M. Mass
Confession: Saturday: 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
or by appointment (719) 542-9248

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 26, 2017
Feast Day Celebration after each Mass — Adrians Hall
No Religious Formation—PreK-8 (Attend the Feast Day Celebration)
10:45am Family Mass
4:30pm RCIA-Form Ctr., 6th Grade Room
4:30pm High School Youth Discipleship—Sr. Joan's Rm
Tuesday, November 28, 2017
9:00am Men's Bible Study-Sr. Joan's Room
Wednesday, November 29, 2017
6:30pm Choir Practice-Choir Room
Sunday, December 3, 2017
9:30am Religious Formation-Pre-K-8—Formation Center
3:00pm College Info Mtg for Seniors—Sr. Joan's Room
4:30pm High School Youth Discipleship—Sr. Joan's Rm
4:30pm RCIA-Form Ctr., 6th Grade Room

High School Youth Discipleship

Sunday, November 26th & December 3rd
4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
All youth from 9th through 12th grades are welcome!

Pease check ctkpueblo.org for the latest info.

High School Seniors: December 3rd at 3:00pm

Attention high school seniors: if you are planning on going to go to college next year, have you done everything you need to do yet? Do you know what the next steps are? If you are not sure, plan on attending a Q & A on college enrollment for next year on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in Sr. Joan's Room. Speaker will be Sean McGivney, who has 20 years of experience in college admissions and financial aid.

Coming Soon! Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 10th—Parents and Teens

We will have our first parent/teen informational meeting regarding the summer **High School Conference, Steubenville of the Rockies**. Sunday, December 10th at 3:30pm in Sr. Joan's Room. Please see information on at www.ctkpueblo.org or this link https://archden.org/eflm/youth-ministry/steubenville/
Steubenville of the Rockies 2018
High School Conference -June 22-24, 2018
Crowne Plaza – Denver Intl Airport, Colorado
$195 (includes $50 deposit; non-refundable, non-transferable.

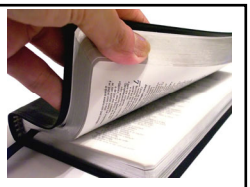
MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25th—
St. Catherine of Alexandria
4:30 P.M.— Gerry Haney, by Janet Haney
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26th—
Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
8:15 A.M.—Our Christ the King Parish Family
10:45 A.M.—Jon Verner, by Priscilla Verner
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27th—
7:30 A.M.—Word Communion Service
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28th—
7:30 A.M.—Sr. Joan Hentges, by Phyllis King
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29th—
7:30 A.M.—Lorna Sullivan, by Nelson Family
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30th—
St. Andrew, Apostle
7:30 A.M.—Victims of Violence, by Nelson Family
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1st—
7:30 A.M.—Josephine Ciavonne, by Doris Gerry
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2nd—
4:30 P.M.—Pete Santarelli, by Kate, Paula & Mark Santarelli
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd—
First Sunday of Advent
8:15 A.M.— Evan Andrews & all cancer victims, by Family
10:45 A.M.—Our Christ the King Parish Family

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Psalm 23

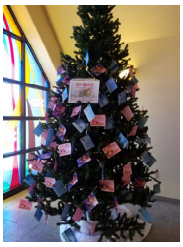
Prayer Line: If you have a prayer request for yourself or for someone you know, please call Sarah at 542-9248 ext. 21 or email snelson@ctkpueblo.org.

Readings for the Week



Monday:	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Friday:	Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday:	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

The Giving Tree—Advent Parish Project



As a community of believers, we invite you to spend the coming Advent season actively awaiting the birth of Christ; look for Him in the face of the poor.

Please consider participating in our annual "Giving Tree" project. We will be gathering gifts for **El Centro del Quinto Sol Recreation Center.** A tree will be in the Narthex with tags available for **boys and girls, ages 8 to 12 years old. Suggested gift amount is $10.00**.

Please take a **gift tag** and return the gift **with the tag attached securely to the wrapped gift** and place it under the "Giving Tree" by **December 10th** or bring your gift to the parish office during the week. Thank you for your generosity and for helping make a child smile this Christmas.

Liturgical Ministers

If you are unable to fulfill your assigned Mass, please get a substitute to fill in for you. The Ministry Schedule is posted at www.ctkpueblo.org.

Saturday, December 2, 2017 @4:30
1st Proclaimer: Vicki Doyle
2nd Proclaimer: Martin Bechina
Bread: Peggy Herman
Cup: Phyllis King, Roberta Harkness, Micki Markowski, Deacon
Servers: Nina Trujillo
Ushers: Matt Trujillo, Ruben Romero, Ray Erjavec, Mike Cafasso
Greeters: Suzanne Bechina
Sacristans: Rich & Teresa Dudley

Sunday, December 3, 2017 @8:15
1st Proclaimer: John Cummings
2nd Proclaimer: Jason Brown
Bread: Sam Corsi
Cup: Frank Drotar, Mark Easland, Zack Garduno, Deacon
Servers: Andy & Loretta Hernandez
Ushers: Christiana Gurule, Inez Flores, Brandon Montoya, Patrick O'Connell
Greeters: Amy Dye
Sacristans: Judy Campbell

Sunday, December 3, 2017 @10:45
1st Proclaimer: Fred Baca
2nd Proclaimer: Karen Bergethon
Bread: Louise Compton
Cup: Becky Sandoval-Gonzales, Isabel Taylor, Molly Vega, Deacon
Servers: Phillip Sandoval, Robert Sandoval
Ushers: Thomas Roque, Matthew Parlier, John Solano, Ralph Williams
Greeters: Tammy Highberger
Sacristans: Rosanna Padilla