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December 23, 2018-Fourth Sunday of Advent and December 25, 2018-Christmas

From the Pastor

All of us on your Amazing Parish staff pray that you will have a blessed, joyful and peaceful Christmas with your loved ones, wherever you are!

I wanted to give you an uplifting message as we go into Christmas, so I signed many of my Christmas cards with a promise: A Year of Grace is ahead for you!

I got the idea from a book called *The Ordo*, the instructions for how to celebrate each Mass of the day and the Church's official prayers of the day, the *Liturgy of the Hours*, in that particular year. Each year, it starts "The Beginning of the Year of Grace" and it concludes with "The End of the Year of Grace." And then it repeats itself in the next year's edition.

The point is: every year is another grace-filled opportunity for each one of us. It never runs out. We always have a fresh start with God.

God's grace, that is, God's help and God's favor are always there for the asking. God is merciful and gracious. Our Lord remains loyal to us even when we're not to him. He wants to deliver us from our difficulties.

At Christmas we celebrate the grace of God shown to us sinners by the ultimate favor shown to us: his Son takes on human flesh so he can be the perfect sacrifice to atone for all of our sins and gain us entrance into his Kingdom. How can you not love God for that? Don't take this grace of God in vain by continuing a careless life of sin! Acknowledge all of God's good gifts to us by striving to live as his son Jesus taught us.

God loves us too much! He delights in us. Show the love! Let 2019 be a Year of Grace for you.

Fr. John O.

Christmas and New Years Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Advent– Regular Schedule:

Saturday, December 22nd, 2018
4:30 P.M.
Sunday, December 23rd, 2018
8:15 A.M. and 10:45 A.M.

Christmas Eve:

Monday,December 24th, 2018
4:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M.
Prelude Music starts 30 Minutes before each Mass.

Christmas Day:

Tuesday, December 25th, 2018
9:30 A.M.
Prelude Music starts 30 Minutes before Mass.

New Year's Weekend - Regular Schedule:

Saturday, December 29th, 2018
4:30 P.M.
Sunday, December 30th, 2018
8:15 A.M. and 10:45 A.M.

Solemnity of Mary:

Tuesday, January 1st, 2019
9:30 A.M.

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday, December 24th through Friday, January 4th.

We will reopen on Monday, January 7th at 9:00 A.M.

Staff Directory

If you forget the extension, you will be able to go to the staff directory by hitting 5. If further assistance is needed hit 7 for Mary Meissner.

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Saturday: 4:30 P.M.
Sunday: 8:15 A.M. and 10:45 A.M.

See full schedule on the cover for Christmas Eve and Day.

Monday and Tuesday, December 24 & 25
No Word Communion Service or Mass at 7:30am

Wednesday, December 26
Word Communion Service at 7:30am

Thursday and Friday, December 27 & 28
Mass at 7:30am

No Confessions on Saturday, Dec. 22nd

Prayer Line: If you have a prayer request for yourself or for someone you know, please call Sarah at 542-9248 Ext. 121 or email snelson@ctkpueblo.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22nd—
Fourth Sunday of Advent
4:30 P.M.—
Pete Santarelli, by Kate, Paula and Mark
Krissy Trujillo, by Joy Bordenave
Deceased members of the Jagger and Roskey Family
Fourth Sunday of Advent
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23rd—
8:15 A.M.—For our Christ the King Parish Family
10:45 A.M.—Frank and Helen Selak,
by Dave and Mary Fraterelli
Fr. Bill Gleeson, by Dave and Mary Fraterelli
Deceased members of the Cuevas and Meissner Families
MONDAY, DECEMBER 24th—Christmas Eve
4:00 P.M.—Francis Leyva Urueta, by Juanita Leyva
Gordon Redmond, by Katharine Redmond
Deceased members of the Vigil and Jagger Families
6:00 P.M.— For our Christ the King Parish Family
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25th—Christmas Day
9:30 A.M. — Fr. John Ozella's Intentions
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26th—
7:30 A.M.—Word Communion Service
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27th—
7:30 A.M.—Deceased members of the Vigil, Jagger, Baghetti and Salinas-Morales Families
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28th—
7:30 A.M.—John Hohman, by Jerry & Cathy Hohman
Krissy Trujillo, by Joy Bordenave
Deceased members of the Jagger and Baghetti Families
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29th—
4:30 P.M.—Joe Genova, by Rosalie Bonfiglio
Deceased members of the Rael, McClelland and Jagger Families
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30th—
Holy Family
8:15 A.M.—Evangeline Andrews,
by the Andrews Family
Fr. Bill Gleeson, by Dave and Mary Fraterelli
Deceased members of the Bell and Redmond Families,
by Katharine Redmond
10:45 A.M.—For our Christ the King Parish Family

Christmas Envelopes

are available in your envelope packets and in the Narthex. Please place your gift to the parish in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity to the parish.

Amazing Parish Update

The Diocesan Finance Council has approved our Grounds Plan. We will begin planting, landscaping and irrigating this Spring. Our campus will no longer appear "picked." This will drastically improve the front of school (along the parking lot), the side of church along the office, and 2 vacant small parcels (one at the end of the parking lot and the other by our Hall entrance). Many, many thanks to our Grounds Committee members for their hard work and finalizing the plan, and to Steve Meier who devised it, our Pastoral and Finance Councils who supported it, and to our Amazing Parish Team for moving this along. Congratulations to Tom's Landscaping whose bid was accepted.

2019 Baptism Formation Classes for Parents/Guardians and Godparents:

A two-session Baptism Class will be held on **Sunday, February 3rd and February 10th from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30** a.m. in Sr. Joan's Room South. These sessions are for those who are desiring the Sacrament of Baptism for their child under the age of 7. Attendance at both sessions is necessary. Please call Sarah in the Parish Office at 719/542-9248 Ext. 121, or email Sarah at snelson@ctkpueblo.org to schedule an appointment and find out more information.

George Harrison wrote "All Things Must Pass" and I am sorry to report that is the case for our Contemporary Band that has been playing at our Sunday 10:45 a.m. Mass for over 22 years. This group launched with Dave Hof, Dave Pitt and Mike Randall for the college campus Mass on Sunday afternoons. These 3 innovators then asked Fr. Tom if they could do more contemporary music here at a Sunday Mass. They invited Theresa Randall, Dave Cerankowski and Connie Frost to join the group.

The current group is comprised of Sue Bernal-piano; Mike Kurtz-guitar; Mike Randall-guitar; Yvette Teschner-flute and vocal; Jo Hansen-vocal harmonies and rhythm instruments (don't forget the Bang Box!); and Connie Frost-vocals. Many talented musicians joined along the way, coming and going as life allowed, including: Dave Hof- guitar and male lead vocals-leader for 20 years; David Cerankowski-drummer; Theresa Randall-piano; Keri Phillips- flute; Judith Waits-trumpet; Mike Wakefield-trumpet; Randy Munoz- keyboard; David Pitt-piano; Vickie Denniston-recorder; and Keith Sinkhorn-bass.

The idea was to have younger college age musicians take over the group, but that never happened. After 22 years, retirement has arrived. All of these members put in countless hours of practice in addition to performing, and shared their talents with us without charge. They are outstanding models of Stewards of Talent. Many, many thanks to all of you for the inspiration and beauty you created at our liturgies!

The Contemporary Band's last performance will be at our 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Thereafter, music will be provided for our Sunday 10:45 a.m. Mass with a pianist and cantor.

Christmas Wish List for the Parish

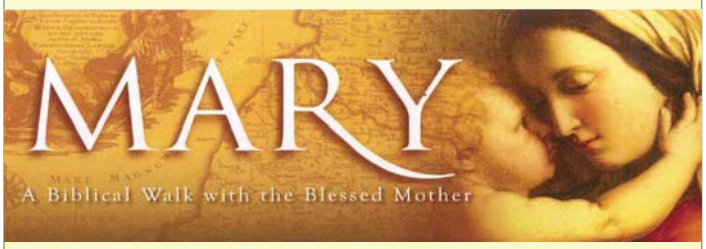
- Two laptops—For Parish Office and Narthex
- Window coverings for the Parish Office
- Two Desk Chairs for the Parish Office
- Desk and chair for the Weekend Office
- CD player boom box for Religious Formation
- Small Drapes for windows in classroom doors

Please call Fr. John at 719/542-9248 Ext. 116 if you would like to bless us with a gift.

Coming in 2019: Events and Formation for All Ages!

Men's Bible Study

Resumes January 8th. Meets on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in the Little Flower Formation Center in Sr. Joan's Room. Topics vary throughout he year. Contact the Parish Office for details.



Women's Bible Study

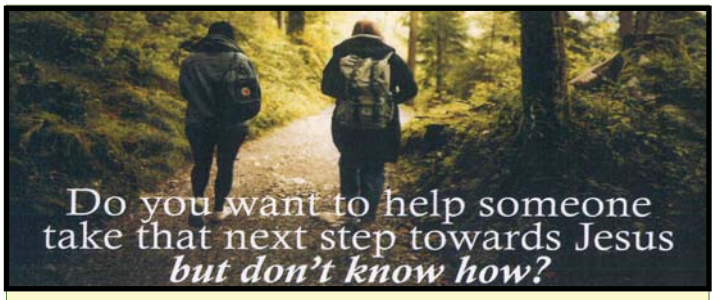
Resumes January 9th. Meets on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the Little Flower Formation Center in Sr. Joan's Room. Continuing the study *"A Biblical Walk with Mary."*

Catholic Fellowship Bible Study

All adults (men & women) are invited Tuesday evenings starting on January 8th through February 26th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Little Flower Formation Center in Sr. Joan's Room. Group will study the 8 part series *"Wisdom, God's Vision for life."* There is a $20.00 fee for the booklet. For questions contact Gerald Garduno at 719/252-8508 or Rich Dudley at 719/369-9115 Preregister at the link on our webpage at ctkpueblo.org, or at https://ascensionpress.com/studies/34690/registrations/new

Catholic Connections Sundays

Opportunities for children, teens and adults to grow in faith. Stay tuned for lists of classes available in 2019. Dates are **January 27, February 24, and March 31** from 9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.



Ananias Retreats

Do you want to help someone take the next step towards Jesus, but don't know how? Join together with committed Catholics across the city for a 3 part series focusing upon gaining tools to help with that conversation. Save the dates: January 20th, February 10th, and March 3rd from 1:00—5:00 p.m. in Adrians Hall.

Healing Hearts

A place to gather with others to find hope and healing for your soul through a Catholic lens. If you have experienced any type of loss-Death of a spouse, parent, child, sibling, friend, loved one, pet, or grief of any type — divorce, empty nest, emotional distress and pain—YOU are invited to join our group. The group will meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Sr. Joan's Room in the Little Flower Formation Building. **Group facilitated by dedicated parishioner Christi Kurtz Questions? Contact Christi at 719/369-7464.**

Adult Sacramental Preparation

If you are an adult who has been baptized and has never received Eucharist or Confirmation, or who just needs the Sacrament of Confirmation we will be happy to help you prepare for these Sacraments. Contact Sarah Nelson in the Parish Office to obtain further details at 719/542-9248 Ext. 121, or email Sarah at snelson@ctkpueblo.org.

High School Discipleship
Winter/Spring Dates in 2019
Save the Dates for the following –

January 6th – Youth Discipleship resumes from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Formation Center.

January 13th – **Parent/Guardian Sessions for High School** - Parents and Guardians, along with their teens, are invited to a Potluck on Sunday, January 13th from 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Come fellowship together and gain an overview of the exciting lineup of youth events in the spring!

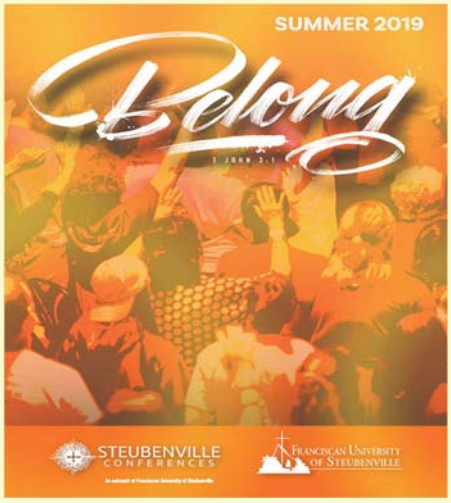
February 8th-10th – Youth Retreat at Benedictine Fellowship of St. Laurence outside of Canon City, CO. Separate waiver/fee to complete.

February 24th – High School Youth Fest "Alive in Christ" at Shrine of St Therese 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Separate waiver/fee to complete.

May 11th – Confirmation Candidate Retreat from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in Sr. Joan's Room.

May 16th – Sacrament of Confirmation Mass with Bishop Berg at Christ the King, 6:30 p.m.

Watch our website at ctkpueblo.org



June 21st to June 23rd- Steubenville of the Rockies in Denver CO. High School teens from across the city of Pueblo join together for this powerful summer conference. Early registration and deposit fee are necessary.

THE CULTURE PROJECT

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH
SAVE THE DATE!
City-Wide Catholic Youth Fest:
"Alive in Christ"

Shrine of St. Therese, 303 Goodnight Avenue
Saturday, February 23rd at 6:00 p.m. for **Middle School Youth**
Sunday, February 24th at noon for **High School Youth**

Summer—2019

Just 5 Days:
Middle School Mission Trip

This trip will be July 15-19 in Alamosa, Colorado. It is for kids entering the 7th-9th grades. Multiple parishes from Pueblo will be forming a team for this trip. Join us! More info at just5days.org, or contact Laura at 719/542-9248 Ext. 113, or email Laura at lescalera@ctkpueblo.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Stay tuned to the bulletin and website for date, time and location.

Healing Hearts—
Monday, January 7th, 2019

Grief is a process that each person experiences uniquely in his or her own way.

- Grief is a necessary process that helps an individual adjust to a loss.
- Grief is not a lack of faith.
- Grief is a normal reaction to the loss of a significant someone or something in your life.

Unfortunately, there are no written scripts for how to grieve or for how long to grieve. This group encompasses many different types of loss and grief -- caregiver support, death of loved one, divorce, empty nest, pain and emotional wounds.

The group meets twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Mondays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Sr. Joan's Room in the Little Flower Formation Center. **Their next gathering will take place on Monday, January 7th, 2019.** You are invited to join us at any time.

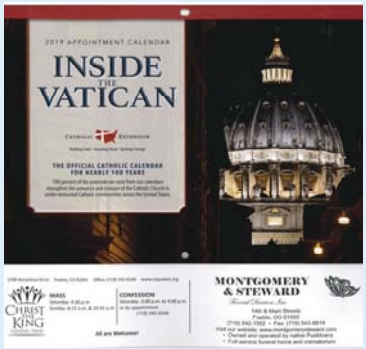
Parishioner, Christi Kurtz facilitates the group. Contact Christi for more information at 369-7464.

"Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy." John 16:20

Weekly Calendar 2018

Sunday, December 23, 2018
No Religious Formation—PreK through High School
Monday, December 24, 2018
4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass
6:00pm Christmas Eve Mass
Tuesday, December 25, 2018
9:30am Christmas Day Mass
Sunday, December 30, 2018
No Religious Formation—PreK through High School

Thank you for your generous outpouring of support in purchasing gifts for the El Centro de Quinto Sol Community Center. The gifts were warmly received by on-site coordinator Yamely Castillo. She was surprised at the incredible amount of gifts purchased by YOU our generous Parishioners. Thank you to all who participated in this outreach program.



2019 Calendars are available in the Narthex this weekend. Please take one per family.

Thank you to Montgomery & Steward for their donation towards our calendars.

CTK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

Saturday, December 29, 2018 @ 4:30 p.m.

1st Proclaimer: Rich Dudley
2nd Proclaimer: Theresa Dudley
Bread: Freddy Lettig
Cup: Susan Lettig, Sandy Musso, Kath Redmond, Deacon
Servers: Julian Vigil
Ushers: Dr. Tim Cawlfield, Ray Erjavec, Dan Guadagnoli, Martin McClelland
Greeters: Steve and Bert Luna
Sacristans: Micki Markowski

Sunday, December 30, 2018 @ 8:15 a.m.

1st Proclaimer: Loretta Hernandez
2nd Proclaimer: Juanita Montoya
Bread: Sam Corsi
Cup: John Cummings, Ellen Cummings, Frank Drotar, Deacon
Servers: Sean Cummings, Sebastian Cummings
Ushers: Ray Andrews, Leila Andrews, Chris Campos, Joe Carleo
Greeters: Susan & Kevin Compton Family
Sacristans: Gerald & Sharlyn Garduno

Sunday, December 30, 2018 @10:45 a.m.

1st Proclaimer: Richard Sandoval
2nd Proclaimer: Donna Verderaime
Bread: Becky Sandoval-Gonzales
Cup: Michele Steefel, Sean Steefel, Brittni Sanchez, Deacon
Servers: Robert Sandoval, Antero Rodriguez
Ushers: Catherine Hohman, Victor Padilla, Thomas Roque, John Solano
Greeters: Loretta Velasquez, Louise Martinez
Sacristans: Rosanna Padilla

Cold and Flu season!

Some reminders: 1) if you are not feeling well, you are excused from your obligation to attend a Weekend Mass. 2) If you are scheduled as a CM please get a replacement.

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Parish Office Hours

December 17th to 21st:
Monday thru Friday:
9:00 a.m. to Noon
and
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Closed December 24th thru January 4th

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Tuesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

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