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# THE MESSENGER

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***From the office of your Rector...*** Monthly Administrative publication for more information to Christ the King's Family of Faith.

***From the Rector, Fr Edward: Dear Christ the King Parish Family:***

Dear Lord, Give me eyes to see and ears to hear. I know there is light in the darkness that makes everything new. I know there is new life in suffering that opens a new earth for me. I know there is a joy beyond sorrow that rejuvenates my heart. Yes, Lord, I know that you are, that you act, that you love, that you indeed are Light, Life, and Truth. People, work, plans, projects, ideas, meetings, buildings, paintings, music, and literature all can only give me real joy and peace when I can see and hear them as reflections of your presence, your glory, your kingdom.

Let me then see and hear. Let me be so taken by what you show me and by what you say to me that your vision and hearing become my guide in life and impart meaning to all my concerns.

Let me see and hear what is really real, and let me have the courage to keep unmasking the endless unrealities, which disturb my life every day. Now I see only in a mirror, but one day, O Lord, I hope to see you face to face. Amen.

Henri J. M. Nouwen



Dear Family of Faith: Advent has begun and we ARE focusing on that which is to come, while not forgetting what has transpired. We Have experienced death in our community as well as the miraculous.. The local, State, and national news claim that "there will be even more pain and suffering" and our voices are raised in a question that has been brought forth in sacred scripture since the depths of the old testament prophets and heros, "How long, O Lord....How long?"

When asked this question by the disciples, the response was : "No one knows!". That same response is true even today, in spite of our accumulated knowledge and experience. HOWEVER, the Creator's promise has been, and is being fulfilled now, in more ways than we are capable of enumerating .

Take the time to REMEMBER, to consider and EVALUATE the remote and recent past, and to "Give Thanks" for the "now", Observe with your eyes, listen to His voice with the ears of your heart , appreciate the gifts of the Holy Spirit which He has given you, and be obedient to the direction given.

As always, "Be unafraid" and seek Him. He is with us always and His Holy Spirit ALWAYS will be with us, no matter the "How Long?"

A blessed and holy Advent be yours as you look to the future. Pax Christi, Edward+



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**From the Sr Warden, Michele Keyser:** When was the last time you attended a Healing service? It's been awhile, hasn't it? I used to attend the Tuesday night (monthly) Healing service and I enjoyed it so much! Now the Wednesday Morning Healing service has started back and, for the first time I attended. I'm not exactly certain what I expected but I was very moved by the entire service.

I had forgotten that feeling of fullness and peace after being prayed for by so many people. I can't begin to tell you how wonderful that feeling was. If you are interested in experiencing a healing service, come Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM and feel His presence.

Speaking of Healing services, we are planning to bring back the Tuesday night (monthly) service so if you can't make the Wednesday morning service, plan on Tuesday nights. There's nothing better than to know people are praying for you or your family member or friends. Come for the experience.

Sunday morning 8 AM services are coming back as well. Starting Dec 6th. While I'm certain not everyone is ready to return just a few will be more than welcome. You know what they say...when 2-3 are gathered together...

Can you believe this is December already? Naturally our thoughts go to Christmas. Many have asked if we are having a Christmas Eve service. Right now, our plan is definitely to have a service. Unless numbers have sky rocketed and/or we are unable to continue to keep you safe, we will plan on having that service. Christ the King has many traditions and routines that we have done for years. One of those is gathering for fellowship after the Christmas Eve service. Due to COVID precautions, we are unable to do that this year. Instead you will find some goodies sent home with you to share with family or just enjoy yourselves.

Please continue to be safe, get your flu shots, if you have not already done so, and know that you are prayed for everyday and loved.

God bless all of you, Michele

**From Healing Hunger Food Pantry...** Another beautiful day for our November Giveaway.... Produce arrived right on time and so did 15 students from Lake Howell H.S. Civitan Club! So awesome to have this group join us and give of themselves today to serve 228 families representing 964 people. Today's clients also received a special food bag containing a delicious 2 lb. Mortadella, corned beef and Carmella Vienna sausages as part of our Orange County CARES Grant.

I'm thankful for ALL our pantry volunteers who give of their time, talents and treasure to make our monthly giveaways possible! Until next month... stay safe and have a Happy Thanksgiving!

God bless you, Laurie

P.S. Looks like the Young Civitan Club from Lake Howell HS will return to help in December! Awesome!

**By the way...**

Got a spare phone?



Donate it to  
Healing Hunger!

Thinking of upgrading to a new phone this holiday season? Don't throw away the old one! Healing Hunger is looking for donations of old iPhones and smart phones (ideally two years old or newer) to help with operations.



***From DOK Hannah Chapter President, Donna Burns... WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?***

In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:18  
I know that we just finished celebrating Thanksgiving Day, but we should make a habit of giving thanks to God every day. We should be celebrating our Heavenly Father always and not wait on a special day. This is why I want to share this article with you that I found on You Version.

***Giving thanks is always in season.***

No matter what you face, God's goodness and mercy will never leave you. In fact, He even prepares blessings for you in the middle of hard seasons. But these truths aren't always easy to remember, which is why giving thanks matters. Gratitude helps us focus on the only One who is able to turn our problems around for His glory and our good. So right now, let's take a minute to pause and thank God for all He's done in our lives.

***A PRAYER OF THANKS***

God, You are good, and Your steadfast love endures forever! Even in the hardest seasons, I always have a reason to worship You. Thank You for giving me victory and abundant life in Jesus Christ!

Although I don't deserve it, You shower me with unconditional love and forgiveness. And so no matter what the future may hold, I will shout for joy because You are with me. You comfort me and bless me in the presence of my enemies. Nothing compares to You and no weapon can stand against You. In all things, I am more than a conqueror through You!

Be glorified through me, God. Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart bless Your name. I want my life to bring You praise.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

FOR HIS SAKE, Donna Burns, Hannah Chapter President

***From the Treasurer, Tom Hinson...Jesus states in Mathew 6:21 that where your treasure is, there will your heart will be also.***

As we introduce our stewardship and pledging program for 2021, let us keep with Gods command to give back a percentage of our first fruits. Many from our congregation have made a commitment to give a percentage of our income every week or month. I know this isn't always easy, but it is gratifying to know that by doing this, we are stewarding God's blessings in our life.

We are also assisting our Parish to remain strong and continue to their part in spreading the Kingdom here in Orlando. As I have said many times, Gods provision always provides more than enough, and many times provides ABUNDANT overflow. Jesus is faithful and will Provide. Please remember to return your pledge cards by December 15 to allow for ample time to prepare our budget for 2021. Many blessings to you and your family during this upcoming Christmas season.



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## Extra Announcements & Reminders



**Start of Advent/Year B**

**11/29**



**Wednesday Morning Healing Service 12/03 @ 10:00a**

Fr Edward will be adding Wednesday Morning's Bible Study; immediately following the service.



**Christmas Eve Service**

**12/24 @ 7:00p**

Special music; candle light service

No fellowship, but you will go home with a special gift



**Christmas Day Service**

**12/25 @ 10:00a**



**Tuesday Evening Healing Service**

**TBD**



**Looking for new Vestry Members.** We will be having 3 members coming off in January, opening 3 three-year terms...So please prayerfully consider running for this office. Those interested, please contact Michele Keyser.



**Your AV Team** is in need of an additional camera for our livestreaming...Anyone thinking about upgrading your Android/Samsung phone; please consider donating your old S10 (or better) to this effort.



**Free this Thursday? Join us for Bible Study.** We rotate, one week we study, (currently) The Pentateuch (the first five books of the bible). Then the next week, we concentrate on prayer needs.

JOINING INFORMATION: If you are able, please dial from a computer or download Google Meet on your mobile devices so we can see your face through video. If you are unable, you can dial in by phone:

Join by Phone:

Number: 781/384-6676

PIN: Not required

Join by Computer or Smartphone:

UberConference (<https://www.uberconference.com/betterbenefitcommunications>)



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### December Birthdays & Anniversaries

#### Anniversaries

<b>Donald &amp; Chandra Green</b>	<b>12/06</b>
<b>Gloria &amp; Alvin Chin</b>	<b>12/18</b>

#### Birthdays

<b>Lynn Gibson</b>	<b>12/02</b>
<b>Yvonne Bell</b>	<b>12/03</b>
<b>Tom Hinson</b>	<b>12/09</b>
<b>Brian Crownover</b>	<b>12/11</b>
<b>Victoria Weiss</b>	<b>12/16</b>
<b>Wayneeta King</b>	<b>12/18</b>
<b>Ella Anderson</b>	<b>12/22</b>
<b>Sara Thompson</b>	<b>12/26</b>
<b>Lexee Roberts</b>	<b>12/30</b>
<b>Drew Anderson</b>	<b>12/30</b>

#### END YOUR CONVERSATIONS WITH A PRAYER

I HAVE A FRIEND WHO NEVER GETS LEAVES A PHONE CONVERSATION WITH ME WITHOUT ASKING TO SHARE A BRIEF PRAYER. WHILE I TREASURE MY FRIEND, I VALUE EVEN MORE OUR IMPROMPTU TIMES OF PRAYER – AND HIS COMMITMENT TO MAKING IT HAPPEN – ALWAYS.

CONVERSATIONS ARE OPPORTUNITIES – OUR CHANCE TO INVITE THE LORD INTO WHAT MATTERS TO US AND TO ASK HIS BLESSING AND INFLUENCE ON OUR CONCERNS. WHEN WE INCLUDE THE FATHER IN OUR CONVERSATIONS, WE OPEN A GATEWAY TO EXPERIENCE HIS PRESENCE AND HIS MIRACLES. OUR CONVERSATIONS DETERMINE OUR FUTURE. ENTRUSTING OUR CONVERSATIONS TO GOD CONFIRM OUR TRUST IN HIM TO PROVIDE FOR US NOW – AND IN OUR FUTURE.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-17 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION S

16 REJOICE ALWAYS, 17 PRAY CONTINUALLY,

... from COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING COMMITTEE