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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:***

Compassion and dialogue are essentially vulnerable positions.

If we are into control and predictability, we will seldom descend into the weakness of listening or the scariness of dialogue. We will not only be incapable of hearing others, but will also be incapable of hearing God. How we do anything is how we do everything. If we spend all day controlling and blocking others, why would we change when we kneel to pray? Faith, frankly, demands faith—not proof, certitude, predictability, control, or the comforts of authority assuring us that we are always right. Our temptation is often to create a non-relational Christianity and non-relational leadership styles, so we can have all the bases covered by custom and statute, and don't ever have to enter into the scandal of particularity. Prayer, perhaps more than anything, is the school of relationship and particularity. We should be the experts in these areas—if we are people of prayer. —from The Wisdom Pattern: Order, Disorder, Reorder by Richard Rohr, OFM



Dear Family of Faith at Christ the King,

Fr. Richard Rohr has posted a marvelous meditation on the issues of "Compassion" and "Dialogue", which I ask you to read carefully and to digest, especially the concluding verses.

Our "instructions" contained in the Markan Gospel narrative of the Third Sunday after the Epiphany, the "Calling" of the first Disciples, emphasize His selection of those persons who He expressly needed, desired to lead, to teach, to demonstrate, to inspire, and IN WHOM He could trust. That assignment has been passed down to the present time, to ALL that have heard, who have believed, and who "FOLLOW".

We who have heard, who believe, have been prepared, and who follow, understand the meaning and responsibility relating to compassion and dialogue. As He has said, "Go, and do likewise"

In the power of the Holy Spirit pray and act accordingly.

Blessings, Peace, and Much Love in Christ, Edward+



**From the Sr Warden, Michele Keyser:** Praying for healing, peace and answered prayers for 2021.

What better way to start the New Year?

Many of you should have already been notified of our annual meeting coming February 7th. We are voting in 3 new Vestry members and Ron will be giving our financial plan for this year. We are trying to keep our meeting short and sweet. Unfortunately, there will be no refreshments or coffee served but if the meeting goes according to plan you should be home in time for lunch.

Every congregant will receive a ballot with a list of all members running for the Vestry. Please have those ballots returned to us by mail by February 4th or bring your ballot with you if you are able to come to the church for the meeting on February 7th.

I want to thank every one of you who have continued to keep the faith in our church. Financially we are maintaining and physically we are able to keep up with everything that needs to be done. We could not have done any of this without you so thank you.

Those of you who watch our service through Livestream, thank you for staying in touch! We know you are there and, even though you have not physically come through those Willow Drive doors, we love you and pray for you every day. We also pray for the day when you will be able to physically return.

As you consider the New Year and make resolutions, consider increasing your prayer time. We have church members who are ill, suffering losses and struggling with everyday issues. The Daughters of the King pray every day for all of these and more. You don't have to be a Daughter to pray every day. It just takes commitment. Pray as you have never prayed before. God knows who you pray for so names are not needed. Pray for our country, our Diocese, our church and our entire congregation. God hears you and he answers prayers.

May God bless each and every one of you. Know you are loved and prayed for every day.

Michele Keyser  
Senior Warden

**From Healing Hunger Food Pantry...** Happy New Year! Healing Hunger Food Pantry was very busy the last two months of 2020.

Fr. Jose applied for, and received, a grant from Orange County CARES. Part of the grant, about \$20,000, was designated for food and had to be used during the months of November and December. We doubly-blessed our monthly giveaway clients and had five extra giveaways besides. Our families from Little Steps were served in November, and then again in December, with a huge amount of food going home with each child over the break. In addition, we delivered food bags to seniors at Magnolia Towers, Johnson Manor and El Dorado Apartments. A total of 1,054 families benefitted from the CARES grant. As we weren't required to record the people in each family, I can only surmise that we served at least 5,000 people, probably more! In a meeting with the President of Second Harvest, Fr. Jose learned that our Healing Hunger Food Pantry was one of two pantries in Orange County that saw the most growth in 2020.

Now for our monthly giveaway news... the Young Civitan Club returned in December with their Santa hats on to set a new record of serving 251 families representing 1,037 people. We also had a surprise visit from Commissioner, Mayra Uribe, who donated cases of mac & cheese and pasta, AND, our friends from Alianza, came with coffee, baked goods and live music to bring Christmas cheer! Alianza returned in January with much appreciated coffee, hot chocolate and baked goods in celebration of Three Kings' Day. Fr. Jose and Brent Roberts were dressed as "Kings" which brought smiles to young and old alike... even a photo op or two! Our volunteers braved the cold and gave of themselves to bless 205 families representing 853 people.

Thank you and God bless all who support this ministry with their time, talents or treasure. Know that you are part of a ministry that God is using in ways I couldn't have imagined!

Stay safe! In Jesus' love, Laurie



**From DOK Hannah Chapter ... During these troubling times, let us not forget the Power of Prayer... These scriptures come to mind:**

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything make your requests to God...by prayer, thanksgiving and placing your request to God, the peace of God will guard your heart and mind fully beyond understanding (Phil. 4: 6-7).

Fear thee not, for I am with thee, be not dismayed for I am your God; I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. The Lord gave me this Scripture the first day I got saved and have remembered this from that day (Isa. 41:10).

When I said my foot is slipping, your love oh Lord supported me. When anxiety was great within me your consolation brought joy to my soul (Psalm 94:18-19).

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths (Prov. 3:5-6).

**...hold fast to the word of God, as he is with you always, through everything imaginable...and UN-imaginable.**



**From the Treasurer, Tom Hinson...**Church leaders and congregants: We all need reminders of God's loving and guiding presence. We are not alone. The love that never fails, never dies, is still working wonders in the world. Jesus is still the head of the church and still active through us, his body of followers. His love is here and we can trust it. How do we trust in the love of God? We give our lives over to it. We put it into practice. We love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Even during this worldwide pandemic, generosity has remained. Some church communities and other nonprofits have shared stories of certain givers increasing their giving. One church I just read about, shared that one parishioner gave a large gift, one considerably larger in size than all previous gifts combined! Christ the King has continually been blessed by your giving last year and the pledges for the new year of 2021. Continue to teach and encourage the sharing of financial resources. Generosity is a spiritual discipline for all seasons.

**This is a message that seems right – just before Valentine's Day. Think about it – and decide who you need to tell that they matter to YOU!**

**Let Someone Know that They Matter**

***Every Word that You Speak is a Seed that invites a Reaction.***

***Every person wants to know that they are important and valued.***

***Each day, remind yourself that every person you meet has encountered criticism, or in some way been made to feel bad about themselves.***

***But YOU can make a difference.***

***Offer them words of Reassurance . . . Reinforce the Message of God's goodness in them . . . and His love for them.***

***And watch those words sprout as Seeds of Hope!***

**Romans 8:28** (NRSV)

We know that **all things work together for good for** those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.



## **THE MESSENGER, February 2021**

### **February Anniversaries & Birthdays**

#### **Anniversaries**

<b>Aaron &amp; Brooke Druliner</b>	<b>02/12</b>
<b>Pete &amp; Phyllis Blake</b>	<b>02/14</b>
<b>Dennis &amp; Nancy Ridings</b>	<b>02/14</b>
<b>James &amp; Barbara Gibbs</b>	<b>02/17</b>
<b>David &amp; Yvonne Bell</b>	<b>02/21</b>
<b>Joe &amp; Jamina Luciano</b>	<b>02/28</b>

#### **Birthdays**

<b>Anne Browder</b>	<b>02/04</b>
<b>Karlene Pile</b>	<b>02/06</b>
<b>Samuel Ogle</b>	<b>02/07</b>
<b>Scottie Harden</b>	<b>02/09</b>
<b>Ruthel Valentine</b>	<b>02/13</b>
<b>Journey Law</b>	<b>02/13</b>
<b>David Bell</b>	<b>02/15</b>
<b>Fab Bluford</b>	<b>02/17</b>
<b>Joe Luciano</b>	<b>02/17</b>
<b>Jizelle Luciano</b>	<b>02/21</b>
<b>Alvin Chin</b>	<b>02/23</b>
<b>Joanne Kowalewski</b>	<b>02/24</b>
<b>Abigail Anderson</b>	<b>02/28</b>

#### **Calendar of Events for February**

**February 16<sup>th</sup>**      **Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Supper – Tentatively planned:  
Outside, food will be served (Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon...),  
more information to come**

**February 17<sup>th</sup>**      **Ash Wednesday – 2 Services: 12 Noon and 7:00p  
7:00p service will be livestreamed  
All Covid Protocols for dispensing of Ashes will be  
observed, according to Diocesan guidelines**

**Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent**