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# THE MESSENGER

November, 2020

***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 Family of Faith,

The Presidential election is less than a week away, emotions of every type are rampant, violence is on the increase, demonstrations, claims of brutality, homelessness, poverty, hunger, drug addiction, suicide, and more. Forest fires are burning, severe weather and violent storms are hitting many sides of the country, and we are advised that there is a continual increase in the number of new Covid 19 cases. The pandemic continues and the cost to humanity continues to increase. Is it all bad?

The media presentations regarding each of these subjects is very varied and the integrity of reporting is oft times, seriously questioned. The age old question of the "integrity" of the reporters continues in force. Truth is questioned.

In the dark period of WW II, some famous wartime correspondents were known by their voices and statements as they broadcast the news on the radio. A favorite broadcaster of my Grandfather by the name of Gabriel Heater, always began his newscast with, "there is good news tonight", no matter how badly the war was going. Please allow me to repeat that message...there is "good news tonight", for He lives and His Holy Spirit dwells in each of us.

I am reminded by one of my Spiritual Directors, and reinforced in the words of the Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry regarding the "power of LOVE!" It is said, "To Love is to Allow Something to Flow Through us.

Jesus COMMANDED us to love, so we know love is not just a feeling, since we cannot command feelings. Love is mostly a decision. Jesus did not say, LOVE...when you get healed, when you grow up, when you FEEL loving, when you get it together.....No, the commandment for ALL of us is to LOVE

NOW.

Be NOT AFRAID!

Edward+



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**From the Sr Warden, Michele Keyser:** What a great month October has been! The weather will eventually become cooler, the rains will lessen, the leaves are falling and pumpkins are plentiful! Wow! Fall is coming for sure. Now, if COVID would go away we would be in great shape. Speaking of COVID, flu season is rapidly approaching. Masks and gloves only protect just so much. PLEASE get your flu shot. These are available at local pharmacies and your Dr's office. Don't wait until you're sick...then it's too late. Having colds and flu weaken the immune system and increases your chances of other illnesses...including COVID. Protect yourself and in turn you will protect others.

Christ the King is doing fairly well. Finances are keeping up with the demands of ongoing repairs and other requirements. We are truly blessed to be where we are. We would love to see more of you come back to service but we also understand the hesitations and concerns.

The first Wednesday in November we will be restarting our 10 AM Healing Service. We will treat this just like the other services.

- Please enter through the Willow Drive doors.
- Temperatures will be checked
- Please make certain you have a mask on that covers both your mouth and your nose
- Remember there are no prayer books or bibles available so please bring your own if you wish
- We will meet in the sanctuary instead of the chapel

The first Sunday in December, we are planning to restart our 8 AM service. The same instructions as above will be followed.

If you are returning to any of these services, I want to say, welcome home. If not we all understand. In the meantime, our 9:30 service is still LiveStreaming so tune in and enjoy that service.

I'm certain many of you have questions or concerns. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. We miss seeing many of you, love seeing more of you and remember, we are praying for all of you.

God bless you and be safe,

Michele

**From Healing Hunger Food Pantry...**It was a beautiful morning for our October food giveaway. The 2 pallets of no-touch produce delivered by Second Harvest also contained milk, cheese and meat... bonus! Many thanks to the many helping hands from Church of the Incarnation and the Orange County Property Appraiser's office who joined our CtK and JdN volunteers today! Together, we blessed 197 families representing 811 people in our community with approximately 5,000 pounds of food! As [Kent Roberts](#) said "Freely we receive and freely we give"! I appreciate you all for the gift of your time and talents. God bless you and stay safe, Laurie (Our next giveaway is November 14<sup>th</sup>...see you there!)





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**From DOK Hannah Chapter President, Donna Burns...** A PRAYER FOR UNITY... "Take heart, I have overcome the world"

Immediately after Jesus spoke those words, He prayed for the future Church to "be united," just as He and the Father were, that way the world would know Him.

WHAT IS UNITY?

Unity means to be joined in purpose and passion, and involves exchanging our will for Christ's will. Even though unity is difficult, Jesus seemed to believe it was necessary if the world was going to know Him. When we cultivate unity in the body of Christ, we acknowledge that Jesus is in control and that His grace is sufficient to cover our differences.

Today, let's seek God's heart and draw His church together as one, so that the world will believe in the One that God sent to unite us.

Let us Pray

**Jesus,** Thank you for overcoming the world. Because of that, we can experience unity with You. And because we can be unified with You we can experience unity with each other. It's by You all things are held together. As we seek to center our lives around You, help us to see all the ways You are at work in the world.

Draw us closer to Your heart so that we begin to see each other the way You see us.

Would that encourage us to look out not only for our own interests, but also for the interest of others. We want Your kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven, so unite us in purpose so that nothing keeps people searching for You from believing in You. May we experience such perfect unity that the world will know that You sent us and that You love them unconditionally.

Come, Lord Jesus, and do in our lives what only You can do, In Jesus' name, Amen. (A meditation from You Version)

FOR HIS SAKE, Donna Burns, Hannah Chapter President

### **YOU CAN COUNT ON IT!~~COUNT ON GOD'S WISDOM - GOD BLESSES US IN OUR COMMUNICATIONS**

Jesus said that we will receive two gifts from God, (1) Words and (2) Wisdom. Unexpected things may happen; challenges and difficulties may arise. Don't Worry!

As we come to know God more and yield to Him, the power of The Holy Spirit will rise up within us and speak through us. Relax. Someone greater than you lives within you. Rely on Him. **God's got this!** And He's got you and all that matters to you!

**Luke 21:14-15 New International Version**

<sup>14</sup> But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. <sup>15</sup> For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict.

... from **COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING COMMITTEE**

**From the Treasurer, Tom Hinson...** In April, I had growing concerns that the financial fallout from COVID-19 (shutdowns, layoffs, market decline) could seriously disrupt our church giving.

I prayed, and believed, that while the months ahead might lead to financial problems for ours, and other local churches, it was also quite possible that believers would rise to the challenge. I had faith that Christians, giving from obedient hearts and according to their means, might demonstrate a remarkable level of "generosity that will result in thanksgiving to God" ([2 Corinthians 9:11](#)).

Five months later, I am happy to report that this optimistic scenario seems to be unfolding. The Giving by all of YOU, *our* congregation, has been steadfast, and consistent throughout this period. As you know, CTK is back with in-person and livestream services, weekly.

May God bless each and every one for their financial faithfulness as we continue to move forward in defeating this pandemic.



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## Extra Announcements & Reminders



### **General Election Day**

11/03

Please keep our Precinct in your prayers, along with the entire Nation



### **Wednesday Morning Healing Service**

11/04 @ 10:00a

Fr Edward will be starting the Wednesday Morning Healing Service this week in the Sanctuary...Social Distancing, Temperatures and Masks will be required We will record, put it on Facebook by Wednesday evening. Give us a couple of weeks to get it worked out, and this service will be livestreamed.



### **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.



**Our AV Team** is in need of an additional camera for our livestreaming...Anyone who is possibly 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>)

**Stay tuned for coming services and events in December/Advent**



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### **November Birthdays & Anniversaries**

#### **Anniversaries**

<b>Carol &amp; Russell McDermott</b>	<b>11/07</b>
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#### **Birthdays**

<b>Ric Lujardo</b>	<b>11/01</b>
<b>Craig Rose</b>	<b>11/01</b>
<b>Donna Burns</b>	<b>11/06</b>
<b>Michele Keyser</b>	<b>11/08</b>
<b>Dan Lai</b>	<b>11/08</b>
<b>Merlin Brooks-Romney</b>	<b>11/10</b>
<b>Gloria Chin</b>	<b>11/11</b>
<b>Lyria Brookson</b>	<b>11/14</b>
<b>Matt Lai</b>	<b>11/15</b>
<b>Zack Lai</b>	<b>11/25</b>
<b>Rita Cunningham</b>	<b>11/30</b>