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~ Archdiocese of Saint Boniface ~

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The Resurrection of the Lord Jesus

April 20th, 2025.

Jesus is Risen ! Alleluia ! Alleluia !

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! On this Easter morning, the tomb is empty ! The resurrection of Jesus is the centre of our Christian faith, and through His ultimate act of self-sacrifice, the Lord Jesus has conquered death. It is finished," Jesus said from the Cross on Good Friday. He has fulfilled the will of God, ensuring salvation for all who believe in Him. We have nothing to fear or be anxious about, for we are bonded together with the Risen Lord Jesus forever.

How beloved and blessed are we, that Christ Jesus our Lord and God would love us so deeply, as to suffer and redeem us by His life ! In the joy of his resurrection, the Lord Jesus lovingly offers each of us a share in his gift of new life, and His promise of salvation is already ours to receive and accept. Do we believe? The Lord Jesus doesn't force us to be in a relationship with Him. It is, and has always been our choice to believe and be open to the Lord's gift... or to reject it.

This is the day the Lord has made, and today, we are called to rejoice and be glad. Through the Risen Jesus' deep and tender compassion, His generous forgiveness, and infinite mercy, in unity with God the Father and Holy Spirit, we are graced with new life and given many opportunities to choose each day to follow the Risen Lord, and share His love in the world.

Today, we are called to believe and rejoice in the promise of new life through, with, and in Christ Jesus our Risen Lord. Let us ponder for a few minutes:

- + What does Easter mean to you... today ?
- + What does it stir within your heart and soul...today?
- + How does the glorious Paschal Mystery inspire you to live your life.... today, and from this day forward?

Today, Jesus Christ our Risen Lord tenderly calls each of us by name, like Mary Magdalene, to conversion of heart and mind by reflecting His Love. We are nudged into a deeper relationship with Him through prayer and contemplation, becoming more mindful of Christ's Risen Presence with us. Today, we are invited to follow the Lord more faithfully, following His example, by dying to ourselves, offering our lives to be broken, shared, and poured out in service to others. Today, our Risen Lord commissions us as His disciples, to share generously our time, talent, and treasure with those in need.



Today, on this joyous Solemnity of Easter, and for every day to come, let us remember to offer our humble thanks and praise to our Risen Lord for the gift of salvation He has offered to us ! We will always be enveloped in Christ's grace, and His faithful promise is never broken, for Jesus bore all our sinfulness and took it to death on the cross, once, and for all. Let us faithfully re-commit ourselves to the privileges and responsibilities as God's faithful disciples today, no matter how challenging the mission may become. Let us, this day, and throughout each Season, live as Easter people by sharing the Good News of the resurrection, and by living actively the Risen Lord's deep and abiding love and joy, mercy and forgiveness with everyone we encounter.

Happy Easter, Everyone!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

We continue our journey each day as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year 2025. And on this Easter Sunday, we humbly thank you, O Risen Lord, for loving us so deeply and passionately, bearing our many sins, and enduring suffering and death on the cross, and rising again to generously gift us with salvation. Strengthen us, and give us the courage to always reject evil, and lead us away from all temptation.

Thank you All for uniting your voices together to pray the special Jubilee prayer, found in your pews. God is Good!

We gather this **Easter Sunday** to celebrate and give joyful thanks to Christ Jesus, who in his great love for each one of us, suffered, died, was buried... and rose again, as He said he would. He conquered and destroyed death forever. All people have been offered the gift of new life in Christ today. May we trust and believe in the Lord's redeeming love. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!

FIRST READING (Acts 10:34a,37-43) ~ In the home of Cornelius, a devout Roman centurion, Peter shares, with all those gathered, the Good News of the life of the Lord Jesus, from his anointing at his Baptism by John, and his good works of healing, to his death and resurrection. Peter assures both the Jewish people and the Gentiles that if they believe in the risen Christ and bear witness to him, they will gain new life.

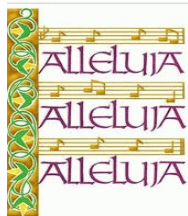
SECOND READING (Colossians 3:1-4) ~ Paul encourages his listeners to set their minds on things that are above, not on things that are on this earth, reminding them to die to earthly things and live in and for Christ.

GOSPEL (John 20:1-18) ~ In her grief, Mary Magdalene goes to the place where Jesus' body was laid, expecting to find the remains of death in the cold tomb. Instead she finds the stone rolled away, and runs to tell the disciples. Peter and John quickly go to the tomb, and find it empty. Mary encounters the 'gardener', who says Mary's name, and at once, she recognizes him as the Risen Lord, and reaches out to him. The disciples remember the teaching of Scripture that he must rise from the dead. This revelation leads to their faith in the resurrection of Jesus.



Thank you, All! *Liturgy is the work of the people, and we are so truly blessed to have such a wonderful family of generous Parishioners at Christ the King. Many Thanks and Blessings to all who helped make our Lenten Season, the Sacred Triduum and Easter so beautifully solemn, sacred, prayerful and joyous.*

Heartfelt Thank You to our Pastor Fr. Chrys for generously sharing his faith, for his pastoral, compassionate, and astute shepherding-leadership. Heartfelt Thank you to our Seminarian, Joseph Martin for journeying with us, and for joyfully, attentively and effectively serving in our Parish Family. Thank you to all our Parishioners who willingly and tirelessly work together in Liturgy, and behind the scenes, to bring effective order in the various ministries, aspects and events of Parish Life in this holy Season, and throughout the year. Thank you for sharing of your time and talents, your support and encouragement, your prayer, and your Selves, and for coming together to minister, work, and serve to make our worship and celebrations with Christ Jesus and one another a joy-filled experience! You are appreciated! Welcome & Easter Blessings to Friends & Visitors for coming to celebrate with us!



Easter blessings to All!

Parish Schedule

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| Saturday, Apr. 19th, 2025 | Easter Vigil 8pm Easter Vigil Mass ~ For the newly Baptized & Confirmed. |
| Sunday, Apr. 20th | EASTER SUNDAY <i>Jesus is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</i> 9am Mass ~ For Dad Henry Krakue+. By the Chira Family 11am Mass ~ For the needs & intentions of all People. |
| Monday, Apr. 21st | Easter Octave No Mass in our Parish on Mondays. |
| Tuesday, Apr. 22nd | Easter Octave NOTE: NO MASS today in our Parish today. |
| Wednesday, Apr. 23rd | Easter Octave NOTE: 9:00am Rosary NOTE: 9:30am Mass ~ For peace in the Middle East. By Reem Rahil Khazen 7pm Knights' Executive Meeting |
| Thursday, Apr. 24th | Easter Octave 10am Mass w/ Gr. 6 & 4 Classes of CTK School ~ Birthday Blessings for Amanda Mark. By Jolene Allen |
| Friday, Apr. 25th | Easter Octave 10am Mass w/ Gr. 5 Class of CTK School ~ For Victor Chouinard+. By Carol Kennedy |
| Saturday, Apr. 26th | Vigil of Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday 1-3pm Last Sac. Prep. Class for Eucharist & Confirmation 4pm Mass ~ For the needs & intentions of all People. |
| Sunday, Apr. 27th | Second Sunday of Easter 9am Mass ~ For Jerry Grossman+. By Bob & Josephine Mots 11am Mass ~ For healing & recovery for Priyantha Subasinghe. By the Gunasekera & Novosel Families ** Special Blessing today at the 11am Mass for the Children preparing to celebrate first Eucharist. |
| NOTE: Monday, Apr. 28 th to Friday, May 2 nd ~ NO Morning Mass. The Priests of the Archdiocese are on RETREAT the week of Apr. 28 th to May 2 nd . You are welcome to come to pray the Rosary at 9:30am, but there will be NO morning Mass. ** Mass & Anointing is re-scheduled to May 9 th at 10am.** | |

May we unite our hearts together in prayer for:
Jean, B. John, Harold Abs, George Berthelette, Bernie Bourret, Lise Daley, Linda Desmarais, Orval Everett, Helena Facto, Lynne Funk, Lisa Hackett, Manfred Hirschfeld, Catherine Holmes, Catherine Hyska, Ed Labossiere, Lois Lecuyer, Olga & Walter Majola, Helene McShane, Silvia & Hans J. Müllerleile, Eamonn O'Reilly, Charlene Ottenbreit, Pamela Rebello, Rose Rogers, Inez Rowson, Arlette Schamber, Joel Stone, Priyantha Subasinghe, Makenna Stratton, Marcel Verdonck, Marie Viallet ...for all the suffering who seek healing and comfort in body, mind or spirit... for a spirit of reconciliation and forgiveness among all peoples and nations... for peace and effective communication between all government leaders... for forgiveness and reconciliation in relationships... for Youth and Young Adults to grow in faith and integrity... for improved health for Pope Francis... for all the newly Baptized, Confirmed, and fully initiated in the Church...



A Warm Welcome & Happy Easter to visiting families, friends and neighbors who have come to worship and praise our Risen Lord with our Parish Community of Christ the King on this most Holy Day of Easter! Come again! We pray your Easter celebrations with your loved ones, and the 50 days of this glorious Season are filled with faithful hope, joy, and promise!

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Holy Water & House Blessing ~ As you leave the church today to continue in Easter joy, each household is invited to take a vial of Holy Water and the accompanying blessing prayer to use in your home during this holy Easter Season. May our eyes be opened to the grace of the Risen Lord, showering blessings upon our lives each and every day.



As God's people, we have been baptized into the death and resurrection with Christ Jesus, and share in his Divine Life forever. The Spirit of the Lord is upon us, too, and through God's grace, we have been anointed to share the Good News.



Thank you to the CTK Catholic Women's League, CTK St. Anthony African Community, CTK Knights of Columbus for their generous contributions toward the cost of the Easter Vigil Reception. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Attention Parents and Guardians: We would like to preserve the safety of all children while they are in Christ the King Church. May we ask please, that parents and guardians maintain a vigilance and take responsibility for the safety of their child/children whether up in the balcony, around staircases and vigil lights, in the bathrooms, and in the parking lot. We know that children are naturally curious and spontaneous and do not want anything untoward to happen. A gracious thank you.

~ CTK Parish Pastoral Council ("PPC")

SAVE THE DATE !!

Christ the King Parish - Mini-Folklorama: Unity through Diversity Event ~ Saturday, June 21st: 5:30 - 8:30pm, a wonderful coming together of all the diverse cultures Christ the King has in a celebration of food, music, dance and song, and hopefully traditional attire! Watch for sign-up sheets at the parking lot entrance. We hope you plan to come!

Mark your calendars! **Parish Community Annual Meeting - ("PCAM")** ~ NEXT Saturday, April 26th, downstairs in Lennox Hall, from 10am to 12:00noon, followed by lunch. The Theme/focus of our PCAM is: **The Business of the Church is the Mission of Christ**. All Parishioners are invited to attend. A sign-up sheet is available at the parking lot entrance. Sign-up now!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (C.W.L.) NEWS

- 1/ **'Anniversary' Meeting** - Apr. 22nd at 10:30am.
- 2/ **St. Boniface Diocesan Annual Convention** will be hosted by the Morden Council: Saturday, Apr. 26th. Guest Speaker will be Leah Perrault, "Here I Am, Lord". A bus is available. Contact Yvette 204-255-4288 for details.
- 3/ **Next CWL Meeting** - Wednesday, May 7th at 10:30am.

CTK KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS NEWS

- 1/ **Next Executive Meeting** ~ Wednesday, Apr. 23rd @ 7pm.
- 2/ **ICCD ("Inter-Council Charity Drive")** for various prizes - first prize is a Car. Tickets are available for purchase from one of the Knights after Mass times. 3 tickets for \$10.00.
- 3/ **Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinner** ~ In the gym on June 14th after the 4pm Mass. Tickets \$20 ea. from one of the Knights.

Sunday Collection - Weekend Charitable Offerings

- Sunday Collection offering & white pew Envs. \$4,253.85
- Building & Maintenance (Blue envs.) \$ 560.00
- Development & Peace - Solidarity Sunday \$ 140.00

Thank you for your kind stewardship!



With faithful and renewed hearts, we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is risen as he said. We gather around the table of the Risen Lord on this Easter Day! Through the Risen Christ, we have been offered new life today, not only when we physically die. Sometimes, like Mary Magdalene, Peter, John and the disciples, doubt threatens us. Our faith and vision is blurred by our pride, fear, apprehension, suspicion, our lack of humility, and our tears of grief. We don't recognize the truth and promise of the Risen Lord who stands with us unconditionally.

Christ's love, life, death and resurrection has indeed conquered the darkness of sin and death forever. We no longer have to weep in despair, or feel anxious, nor do we have to walk in shame anymore. Christ Jesus forgives and redeems us, and raises us up to new life. Let us receive and accept this wondrous grace. God's kingdom reigns today, and we are called to share this good news, get involved in Christ's mission of truth and promise, and become an effective disciple in making disciples.

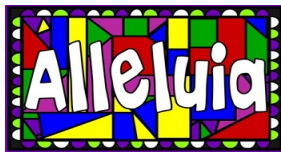
We are Christ's beloved people. Let us rejoice and be glad! Let us praise our Risen Lord God, and sing Hallelujah - Praise you, Lord - with every breath and by every action!



Women's Retreat ~ Tuesday, Apr. 29th from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. We are excited to announce that we will be having a Women's Retreat here at Christ the King. All women - parishioners & friends - 18 years and up are invited and welcome to take part. The theme of this Retreat is: "*Siena: We are the Clay*". The evening will be based on St. Catherine of Siena's life and legacy and our role in the Church and the world as women. If you are interested, please sign-up on the sheet on the counter at the parking lot entrance. Stay tuned for more details!

Children's Corner

Dear Girls & Boys, Jesus Christ is risen! Alleluia! We are so blessed! Remember to say a joyous and humble 'thank you' to Christ Jesus every day, for the great gift of love and salvation He has given to everyone to receive. Let's open up this wondrous gift and live new life to the fullest!



ALLELUIA ANGELS BELIEVED CLOTHS
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Faith Formation News

Confirmation

Confirmation Retreat ~ Saturday, May 3rd, Time TBD.

Confirmation Celebration ~ Thursday, May 15th at 7pm

Last Sacramental Preparation Classes

for First Eucharist & Confirmation Candidates will be Saturday, Apr. 26th from 1-3pm.

First Eucharist Blessing - Sunday, Apr. 27th at 11am Mass.

First Eucharist Retreat - Saturday, June 14th Time TBD.

First Eucharist Celebration ~ Sunday, June 22nd @ 11am Mass.

"Wall Rosary Fundraiser" ~ There was \$263.00 donated. Thank you for your kind participation.

Lenten Letters Program ~ Thank you to the individuals who are participating in this special Program for the prompt and willing response. God blesses you.



> **Youth Group Meet-Up** ~ All Youth (12-18 yrs) are invited to c'mon out, and join the Group to grow together in faith, and build community. The next Meet-up will be on Good Friday, Mar. 18th from 7-9pm. Come to Lennox Hall for a time of reflection and prayer as we meditate on Jesus' Journey to the Sacred Cross.

> The Next Mass with Children will be on June 29th at 11am.

Watch the Bulletin. Questions? Please email suzette@ctkp.ca or phone 431-373-0572.

You are invited to visit CTK Parish Website & Facebook Page > www.ctkp.ca
 CTK School > www.ctkschool.ca
 St. Boniface Archdiocese > www.archsaintboniface.ca

Christ the King School is accepting applications for Junior Kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year (must be 4 years old by December 2025). Go to their application website: <https://www.ctkschool.ca/ctk-application-20252026/> Junior Kindergarten receives a full tax receipt on fees for Income Tax for daycare. For further info, please contact CTK School at 204-257-0027 or office@ctkschool.ca

In the Easter Season, the most common type of treat is the Easter egg. The egg is seen as a symbol of Jesus' tomb: It is enclosed, quiet, and it seems lifeless. Yet within an egg, the wondrous mystery and promise of new life is waiting to burst forth.

Jesus' tomb was like an egg until early on Easter, when Jesus rose up to a new and glorious life. Because of this rich symbolism, many cultures add beautiful decorations to eggs in celebration of Easter time.



CHRIST THE KING PARISH MISSION

Christ the King is a Roman Catholic Parish called to share generously our time, talents and treasures in the making of disciples of Christ.
(Matthew 28:18-20)



VISION

To be an inclusive and caring community of service where everyone is invited and welcomed to be nourished fully through word, witness and worship.

VALUES

Inviting, Welcoming and Outreach
 Building Relationships
 Faith and Worship
 Compassion and Generosity

