Ascension of the Lord

As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven.

Lk 24:51
Dear Parishioners,

After years of watching the missionaries who had been living in his village, a Chinese man decided to ask to be baptized. Because of their conduct, he knew the missionaries were people of honesty and integrity. And, he wanted to be like them. After his baptism, the man was overjoyed to be, as he put it, a brother and a friend of Jesus. Many of his fellow villagers were shocked that he had become a Christian, but they knew him to be a good and honest man. If he said that this was what God wanted him to do, then it must be so.

Some time after his baptism, the new Christian was enticed to cheat in a business transaction. Upon his refusal, his tempter asked, “Why won’t you do what everybody else does all the time? We all do a little bit of cheating just to stay successful in business. No one needs to know, and even if they did, they wouldn’t hold it against you.”

The new Christian stood up and said, “I won’t cheat because three people will know I cheated. You will know, I will know, and Jesus will know. Jesus is my brother, and I would hate for Him to find that He has befriended someone untrustworthy. I cannot be dishonest without bringing dishonor to my brother and friend.”

If those with whom you live and work were asked what they know about you as a Christian, what do you think they would say?

Have a great week!

Love,
Fr. Bill
The Ascension of the Lord

Christ the King’s publicly celebrated Masses will resume this Tuesday, May 26. Read how we are handling our return to public Masses in today’s bulletin or on our website. All of our Masses will still be available via streaming at www.cktoledo.org and on your Parish App.

Monday, May 25: Memorial Day
St. Bede, St. Gregory VII, St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi
Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
8:00 Kay Patterson

Tuesday, May 26: St. Philip Neri
Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a
8:00 Wilson Felix

Wednesday, May 27: St. Augustine of Canterbury
Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
8:00 Caroline Pilliod Fraser

Thursday, May 28:
8:00 Helen and Woody Wodarski

Friday, May 29:
Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
8:00 Lorraine Musial

Saturday, May 30:
8:00 Henry Tietjen
3:00 Confessions
5:00 E. Harold and Rosella Evans

Pentecost Sunday, May 31:
Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13; Jn 20:19-23
8:00 Novak and Bolha Families
10:00 In Honor of Heather Lout
12:00 John Carollo

**Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**Parish Calendar**

All parish activities and meetings are cancelled until further notice. Our parish offices are open for business Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday, May 25: Memorial Day
Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, May 26:

Wednesday, May 27:

Thursday, May 28:

Friday, May 29:

Saturday, May 30:

Sunday, May 31:

**Liturgical Ministers**

Thank you to all of our ushers, greeters, lectors, altar servers, musicians, Communion Ministers, sacristans, and all liturgical ministers for their service! A very limited number of ministers will be utilized for weekend Masses beginning May 30-31. Stay healthy!

**Download our Christ the King Parish App** Stay connected with us by downloading our app which is available for all iPhone and Android platforms via their App Stores. Simply type CK Church Toledo and look for the Crown of Thorns. The app will provide you with materials for your faith development and to easily access our information.

Our weekend and daily Masses are also live-streamed. If you have questions, call our parish office at 419-475-4348. You may also view our live stream on your computer or mobile device by visiting our parish website at www.cktoledo.org and click on Live Stream.

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Parish Nurse Tip of the Week
Improving Your Sleep Patterns

This month we have talked about the benefits of routine actions as we prepare our body for sleep. Sleep experts remind us of the importance to develop a “preparatory pattern” at bedtime.

- Did you know that we spend 33% of our lives asleep? A big factor in how well we sleep may be related to the mattress. An old or uncomfortable mattress may be related to aches and pains, tossing and turning, and sleep that is not as restful and restorative as it should be.
- You should wake up feeling refreshed and relaxed. If that’s not how you feel, take a look at your mattress and evaluate its condition.
- Have you had a better night’s sleep at a hotel or at a friend’s house than you get at home? If so, your mattress is not doing its job and needs to be replaced.
- The life span of a mattress is no more than five to seven years. It’s time to replace it once you reach that threshold. Also, make sure your pillows are supporting your neck and spine properly. Most pillows should be replaced annually.

Thank you for Supporting Christ the King!

Weekend Collection for May 16 and 17

- 33 Electronic Transfers (ACH) ....................... $1,882.00
- Mail-In Offerings ........................................ $8,242.00
- 39 Online Gifts (cktoledo.org) ..................... $1,336.00
- 23 In-App Giving ......................................... $919.00
- Total Sunday Offering ............................... $12,379.00
- Amount Needed Weekly .............................. $18,346.15
- Sunday Offering (Fiscal) Yr-to-Date .......... $793,567.76
- Budgeted Sunday Offering Yr-to-Date ....... $843,922.90
- Amount Over (Under) ............................... ($50,355.14)
- Easter Collection (to-date) ......................... $25,309.00

Kindly note: Our parish needs your contributions to keep our parish running. There is a drop box at the front door of the Parish Office (Door B1) in which you may place offertory envelopes. Online giving is also available via our website or parish app.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

God bless you!
Fr. Bill

Check us out on Facebook at Christ the King Toledo or Christ the King School Toledo.

RECONNECTING INFORMATION

May 21, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

May this communication find each of you doing well, and slowly adjusting to our new normal. Over the past several weeks, I have been contemplating what Mass will look like at Christ the King. What is outlined here is what the staff, the Pastoral Council, and I believe are the best practices for our facilities to ensure everyone’s safety as we return to the public celebration of the liturgy.

**WEEKEND MASSES**

Starting the weekend of May 30 and 31, our weekend Mass schedule will be:
- Saturday, 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 8:00 a.m. (not 8:30); 10:00 a.m.; and 12:00 noon. At this time, we will not have a 6:00 p.m. Sunday Mass. The church doors will open 30 minutes prior to Mass. They will be locked immediately after each Mass for sanitizing per the Diocesan guidelines.
  - Everyone is asked to enter through the front (bell tower) doors of the church; all the other doors will be locked. Additional handicapped parking will be available near the front entrance. All doors may be used for exiting the building.
  - Everyone who comes to Mass at Christ the King is asked to wear a mask, except those children 2 years of age and younger. Please bring a mask from home.

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RECONNECTING INFORMATION

- Parishioners will receive a weekly e-mail reminder to complete a brief sign-up form for that weekend’s Mass. Those without internet access are asked to call our parish office at 419-475-4348 and let us know which Mass they will attend. Ushers will direct seating per social distancing guidelines. Once the church is at capacity, the overflow will go to the gym where a separate Mass will take place. Seating will be on a first come basis.

- An example of the sign-up can be seen on the last page of this letter. The actual sign-up will be sent weekly on Thursday at 12:00 noon and stay open until Friday at 6:00 p.m. to allow time to set up as necessary. This may seem cumbersome, but will help us anticipate and use resources wisely.

WEEKDAY MASS

- Weekday Masses will resume on Tuesday, May 26, at 8:00 a.m. The front doors will be opened at 7:30 a.m.
- Everyone who comes to Christ the King is asked to wear a mask.
- Social Distancing guidelines will be followed.
- Sign-ups are not currently required for our weekday Masses.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT MASS

- Masks are to be worn by everyone over the age of 2 years and are only to be removed while receiving communion.
- Rows will be clearly marked; kindly follow all posted instructions.
- Please maintain 4 chairs between you and the next person who is not part of your household.
- Bulletins will be on each chair and will also be your worship aid. Please take the bulletin home with you. This will help us know where to sanitize after each Mass.
- The holy water fonts and baptismal font will remain empty.
- There will be no processions. There will be designated places for your gift to the parish near the entrance/exit. Please consider making your gift via our online service located at www.cktoledo.org or on our parish app. Do not hold hands during the Our Father. Folding one’s hands in prayer is an appropriate posture.
- The sign of peace will not occur as it is not a necessary part of the liturgy.
- You will receive Communion at your chair. Ministers will walk in the empty rows to distribute the Eucharist to the faithful, who will stand and receive in the hand.
- Please do not gather in the church before or after Mass. You may converse before or after in the parking lot, respectfully maintaining proper social distancing.

DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS

The faithful of the Diocese of Toledo continue to be dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice. We are reopening with an understanding of the desire of so many of the faithful to return to our churches. It remains important for those who are at greater risk (the elderly, sick, and those with pre-existing conditions) to refrain, and be encouraged to refrain, from returning to public liturgies until such time as they feel comfortable and confident to do so.

If you are nervous about returning to weekend Masses, consider attending a weekday Mass where we anticipate smaller crowds until you feel more comfortable. All of our Masses will continue to be live-streamed.

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Mondays from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. beginning on June 1. During this time the monstrance will be placed in the narthex. Each adorer is asked to exercise social distancing measures while praying. Other days private prayer is available in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel before Mass. The furniture and kneelers have been removed from the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and replaced with folding chairs for the time being. Only three people are permitted in the chapel at a time.

The church proper will be closed after each Mass. However, the faithful who wish may spend time in prayer in the narthex, which will be available until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
RECONNECTING INFORMATION

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Saturdays beginning on May 30, 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the church. Please remain in the narthex until the person before you leaves church. Only face-to-face confessions will be available at this time.

**SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**
The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be available by appointment only. The monthly First Saturday anointing after Mass is suspended until further notice.

These are difficult and challenging times for all of us, and I simply ask for your patience as we return to Mass. You have no idea how excited Fr. Joseph and I are to see you again. One day I hope we shall look back at these days with memories of everyone working together for the common good. Until that time, let us remember something St. Paul asked, “What can separate us from the love of Christ?” The answer — no one and nothing can. So, the experience of Mass may look different, but the love of Christ is still here… still present in our community… and still gathering us as the Body of Christ.

May God bless you all.

Fr. Bill Rose