
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
March 11, 2007

Pastor: Fr. Brian T. Joyce	Schedule of Masses During Lent: MONDAY-FRIDAY: 6:30 and 8:00 am
Pastoral Associates: Fr. Aidan McAleenan , Sr. Joanne Gallagher, CSJ	SATURDAY: 8:00 am & 5:00 pm
RCIA/Small Church Community/Bereavement: Al Garrotto	SUNDAY: 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:45 am; 12:15 pm
Weekend Associates: Fr. Tom Burns, Fr. Michael Dibble, Fr. Brian Timoney	Confessions: SATURDAY: 3:30 to 4:30 pm
Principal: Mrs. Linda Basman	PARISH HOUSE TELEPHONE: 682-2486/WEBSITE: www.ctkph.org
RE Director: Sr. Maureen Viani / Associate: Joan Smits	PARISH SCHOOL TELEPHONE: 685-1109
Youth Minister: Kate Doherty / Assistant: Helen Christian	RELIGIOUS ED: 686-1017/YOUTH MINISTRY: 676-0979

Dear Parishioners,

Next weekend we offer a whole series of St. Patrick's Day celebrations. On Friday night, after simple soup, in the parish hall at 6:30 pm, I'll be leading a curious twist on our "Jerusalem Our Destiny" adult learning sessions. After two weekends of looking at the historical and geographical site that is the city of Jerusalem (its three faiths with Fr. Bonacci and its possibilities for peace with Ron Young) we switch to "Jerusalem" as a symbol of God's wisdom and promise wherever it may be found. It's "Jerusalem, Could It Be In Dublin?!" I'll be the presenter and the evening will include Irish "wisdom", Irish scenes, and of course, Irish beverages! We'll begin that part of the evening at 7:15 pm in the Church - Where else!

Then Saturday night on St. Patrick's Day itself, a Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner Dance will be hosted by our Knights of Columbus in the gym beginning at 6:00 pm. Tickets are sold out for what looks like a great evening of food, fun, dance and dancing.

St. Patrick's Day weekend always holds particular significance for me. It was nineteen years ago on March 15th that I was assigned to Christ the King; March 16th marked my first full day here as new pastor. It was forty-four years ago on March 16th, a Saturday, that I was ordained to priesthood; on Sunday March 17th I celebrated mass for the first time as a priest.

So it all seems to be about St. Patrick. It was the year 401, or thereabouts, that a large fleet of Irish skin covered crafts swept up the west coast of Britain. In that day, in the slavery business, no tribe was fiercer or more feared than the Irish. According to an eyewitness "many thousands" of young prisoners were hauled off to a slave market in Ireland. One of them, a boy of 16 named Patricius was the son of Calpurnius - a Roman employed tax collector and grandson of a Catholic priest. He became a shepherd slave of a local chieftan. Six years of cold, hunger and slavery would shape the early Patricius. Like many others in impossible circumstances, he began to pray. He had never before paid attention to the teachings of his religion; he tells us he didn't really believe in God and "he found priests foolish"! He became a giant of faith and prayer who would one day return to Ireland as the first missionary bishop in the history of the Catholic Church and the first Christian leader in history to publicly condemn and call for an end to slavery. If you want to learn more about Patrick, the Irish and Lessons For Today, join me next Friday at 7:15 pm in Church for "Jerusalem, Could It Be In Dublin!?"

Your Pastor,
Brian T. Joyce

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY

The Third Sunday of Lent / Daylight Savings Time Begins - Turn Clocks Forward One Hour

- RE Program for 3 yr olds (A), Room D, During 9:15 Mass
- PreK/K: Pre K Program, Parish Hall, A,B,C; K Program, CTK School, during 9:15 Mass
- Children's Liturgy of the Word, During the 9:15 Mass
- RE Older Sacrament (Gr 6-8) Class, RE Office, 10:40 am
- Jr/Sr Confirmation, Parish Hall, 10:45am-12:15pm / Youth Group, Parish Hall, 7-9 pm

MONDAY

- RE Older Sacrament Gr. 3-5, Parish Hall, 4:00 pm

-Lenten Prayer Service, Church, 7 pm

-Confirmation for Adults Over 21, Ministry Center, 7:30 pm

TUESDAY

- Legion of Mary, Ministry Center, following 8 am Mass
- MOMS' Support Group, Ministry Center (Dining Room, Library, Chapel), 9:30 am
- Interfaith Ministerial Meeting, Hillcrest Congregational Church, 12:30 pm
- RE: Grades 1-5; Grades 1-3, School, 3:40-5:00 pm; Grades 4 & 5, Parish Hall, A, B, C, 3:40-5:00 pm
- RE Stations of the Cross, Church, 4:30 pm
- RE: Grade 8, Parish Hall, 7-8:30 pm
- Rosary and Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion, CVMtg Rm, 7:00 pm, Contact Andy @ 229-3038
- Knights of Columbus, Ministry Center (Chapel), 7:30 pm
- Spanish Prayer Group, Church Vestibule Meeting Room, 7:30 pm

WEDNESDAY

- RE: Grades 1-5; Grades 1-3, School, 3:40-5:00 pm; Grades 4 & 5, Parish Hall, A,B,C, 3:40-5:00 pm
- RE Stations of the Cross, Church, 4:30 pm
- RE: Grade 6, Parish Hall, 7-8:30 pm
- St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, Ministry Center (Chapel), 7 pm

THURSDAY

- Centering Prayer, Resurrection Episcopal Church (399 Gregory Ln.), 7:30 pm

- Centering Prayer, Ministry Center (Library), 10:00 am

-Parish Staff Meeting, Parish House, 10:30 am

- RE: Grades 1-5; Grades 1-3, School, 3:40-5:00 pm; Grades 4 & 5, Parish Hall, A,B,C, 3:40-5:00 pm
- RCIA, Ministry Center (Chapel), 7:00 pm

FRIDAY

- 55 Plus Monthly Dinner, Nantucket Restaurant, 6:30 pm,

Questions: please call Renie @ 933-4073 or Joyce @ 930-6110

-Ad Ed Lenten Series: "Jerusalem, Could It Be In Dublin!?" - Fr. Joyce, Soup 6:30 (Hall), Presentation 7:15-9 pm (Church)

SATURDAY

- Men's Fellowship Group, Ministry Center (Chapel), 7:30-8:30 am, Contact John at 372-7873
- Secular Franciscans, Ministry Center (Dining Room), 9-12 noon
- RE Older Sacrament Reconciliation, Church, 10:00 am
- St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance

SUNDAY

-The Fourth Sunday of Lent / Second Collection for Bishop's Overseas Appeal

- RE Program for 3 yr olds (B), Room D, During 9:15 Mass
 - PreK/K: Pre K Program, Parish Hall, A,B,C; K Program, CTK School, during 9:15 Mass
 - Children's Liturgy of the Word, During the 9:15 Mass
 - RE Older Sacrament (Gr 6-8) Class, RE Office, 10:40 am
 - Youth Group, Parish Hall, 7-9 pm
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Divorced & Separated Support Group - We are taking names for the Divorced & Separated Support Group that begins April 13th & runs through June 1st. They will meet every Friday evening from 7-9pm in the Ministry Center. If interested please contact Jane Malone or Fr. Aidan - 682-2486.

Book-em Dano...The Starbooks Committee, once again, is ready to accept your donations of used/new paperbacks, hardbacks: fiction, non-fiction, children's. Please no Readers Digest, Encyclopedias, Periodicals, Magazines. We accept DVD's, Videos, CD's, Tapes, Records and Books on Tape. Drop of donations in bags/boxes by the back door to the Gym, outside the Youth Group Office in small parking lot. If questions, please contact Laurie Clancey @ laurieclancey@hotmail.com

Grief Workshop – The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Whether the death was sudden and tragic, or one with warning and preparation, the reality of death leaves most of us shocked, confused and sad. These feelings may linger for years. Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief. Your loss may be recent or it may be years ago. Fr. Aidan McAleenan and Sr. Joanne Gallagher and a team of peer ministers will facilitate a seven week workshop to help you begin the healing process. Dates and times: **Monday, April 16 to June 4, 7:30-9:00 pm** at St. Stephen Parish (1101Keaveny Court, Walnut Creek). Call 682-2486 to register or email Fr. Aidan at ajmcaleenan@att.net to obtain additional information. **Registration is required.**

Controversial Issues

. . . because “social justice and action on its behalf is an integral part of preaching the gospel” and the most basic principle of social justice is “the structures and institutions of society are to serve the life, dignity and value of every human person”.

Justice for Immigrants: after mass you’re invited to sign a postcard to Senator Feinstein to support a Senate bill which calls for a just, comprehensive immigration reform. As legislation and discussion heats up we plan a “debate/discussion” with opposing views on immigration reform here at Christ the King. The U.S. Senate is working new legislation. Legislation in the House is predicted for May. Watch for more information; keep informed; do what you can do.

Death Penalty Watch: This February the Vatican issued a position paper stating “the death penalty is not only a refusal of the right to life, but is also an affront to human dignity.” The paper recognizes the obligation of governments to protect their citizens, but says that “today it is truly difficult to justify” when other means of protecting society including life imprisonment are possible. **The Catholic Catechism** clearly states that cases warranting capital punishment are “very rare, if not practically non-existent”. Meanwhile four countries account for almost all executions in the world: China, Iran, and Saudi Arabia are three; the United States is the fourth.

School of Americas, Fort Benning, Georgia - Over 22,000 people demonstrated this fall, calling for closure of this tax supported training school that by its own admission and texts has taught torture and terrorism techniques. Since then protestors have visited Latin American countries asking leaders not to send their young men there for training. So far Argentina, Bolivia, Venezuela and Uruguay have agreed to send no students there; Chile, Columbia and Paraguay will be visited next. Some have asked, “What if the School of Americas closes, wouldn’t the location be changed and the terrorist training continue?” The answer seems to be yes. The U.S. State Department has recently asked Costa Rica to open a similar school; Costa Rica has clearly refused. Condoleezza Rice has told El Salvador the “good news” that it has been selected for a new elite school for law and order funded by the U.S. Government. El Salvador is “thinking about it”. House Bill 1217 calls for closure of the School of the Americas and comes before Congress in April/May.

It’s Girl Scout Cookie time again! This weekend and next weekend (March 17/18 & 24/25) the Girl Scouts from our CTK School will be selling cookies after all Masses for \$3.50/box. Please support our Scouts.

55 Plus Monthly Dinner at Nantucket Restaurant, 501 Port St., Crockett (510-787-2233) March 16th at 6:30 pm. For carpooling meet at church back lot at 5:30 pm. For reservations, call Renie @ 933-4073 or Joyce @ 930-6110.