



CHRIST THE KING EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WE ARE CALLED "TO BE A LIGHT, LIVING AS A WITNESS TO CHRIST'S LOVE, SERVING AND NURTURING ALL"

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To find the truth, you must first be ready to admit you may be wrong.

Attributed to a 5th century Egyptian Hermit

A couple in marriage counseling confessed they rarely argued about big things. Rather, it was the small stuff—how late the kids should stay up, whether to attend a social event, minor purchases, what to watch on TV—that resulted in hours-long arguments followed by days of stony silence. Asked why they kept the fight going when they knew the issues were small, they each answered, *"Because I was right!"*

The belief that, *"I'm right and you're wrong;"* is alive and well. You can find it at home, in school, at work and, yes, even in church. That's probably because no one sets out in the morning committed to the idea of being wrong. We like to think we do the "right thing for the right reason." The trouble is, we keep running into people who are wrong. Wrong beliefs. Wrong attitudes. Wrong behaviors. And ironically—and, let's face it, unfairly—*they* think *we're* wrong. So, who's right? What's the truth?

Lent is the best time to look for answers to these questions. It gives us the opportunity to step away from the cacophony of daily life and—as Jesus did—find a quiet place. That place is in prayer, meditation, study, and worship. It's there we discover our assumptions aren't always correct. It's there we begin to yearn for a truth that's bigger than anything we can create for ourselves.

Truth comes from our Lord. If we're faithful in Lent, we'll find by Easter that it's been written in our hearts and on our minds. (Jeremiah 31:33, Hebrews 10:16) So go ahead. Like the hermit, find your quiet place and admit you may be wrong. —Ebert



Father David Nelson

*“I often
find my
spirit
nourished
by
reflecting
upon the
gospel
through
writing.”*

The Rector’s Page

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs” (Matthew 19:14).

Each January the Episcopal Diocese of Texas requires every church to complete a report known as the Parochial Report. This includes information such as church attendance, revenue, expenses, and other financials. Are you still awake? Good, I thought I lost you there.

This year one number surprised me—38. That’s the total number of youth 16 years old and younger who attend Christ the King, at least on a fairly regular basis.

This is a great opportunity to serve, and I’m very happy with the efforts we are currently making to keep our youth engaged. Each week I meet with our Youth Minister, Tracey Bulau. We usually talk about children’s chapel and the children’s sermon, recent youth group meetings, and the Wednesday Evening Bible Study. Tracey and I share a vision that has kids engaged with their faith. I am particularly fond of hearing the kids tell us what they learned each Wednesday evening after their Bible lesson. Their enthusiasm is contagious. I also see the faith of our youth at Vacation Bible School, Canyon Lake Mission Trip, and Camp Allen. Earlier today I taught a Confirmation Class with a bright group of teenagers. After the class, most of them went on to serve food to the needy through an Episcopal ministry called Abundant Harvest.

As adults it is reasonable to wonder, “Will our children have faith?” Sure they will, provided we continue to be actively engaged in their lives. When I was in high school I was pretty passionate about baseball. After a retreat at Camp Allen, an adult who also loved baseball, Ralph Morgan, stopped by one of my games. (Ralph is now a priest in this Diocese and a good friend). Having Ralph show up to one of my games meant a lot to me.

One simple way the church can make an impact in the life of a young person is simply to stop by a game, band performance, or whatever extracurricular activities they are involved with. By doing so there’s a good chance they may even remember what you did 20 years later. I know I do.

*Yours in Christ,
Fr. David*

CALENDAR OF MARCH EVENTS

- 03/03 *Parish Work Day*—8:00 a.m., Inside and out preparation for Bishop’s visit
- 03/04 *Hosting College Harvey Relief Volunteers from Ohio*—Breakfast @ 9:00 and lunch @ 11:30
- 03/04 *EYC Meeting* - 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- 03/05 *Ladies Lunch Bunch*—Noon, Amedeo’s (22704 Loop 494 Kingwood,)
- 03/06 *Breakfast Brothers - IHOP Atascocita* - 8:00 a.m.
- 03/7, 14/21** *Lenten Bible Study Series* - 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- 03/08 *Daughters of the King* - 7:00 p.m.
- 03/10 *Brotherhood of St. Andrew* - 8:30 a.m.
- 03/18 *Confirmation followed by lunch with Bishop Fisher*—10:30
- 03/25 *EYC Meeting, Easter Egg Filling*—6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- 03/25 *Palm Sunday*—8:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.
- 03/29 *Maundy Thursday*—7:00p.m.
- 03/30 *Good Friday Stations of the Cross* - Noon and 7:00 p.m.

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Parish Work Day 8:00
4 Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Children’s Chapel 10:30 a.m. Service Confirmation Class 4 p.m.-5:45 p.m. EYC Meeting 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	5 Ladies Lunch Bunch: Noon	6 Breakfast Bros. 8:00 a.m.  IHOP Atascocita	7 Bible Study Series 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. 	8 Daughters of the King 7:00 p.m. 	9	10 Brotherhood of St. Andrew 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice 9:15-10:30
11 Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Children’s Chapel 10:30 a.m. Service	12	13	14 Bible Study Series 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. 	15	16	17
18 Holy Eucharist and Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Bishop Fisher officiating Children’s Chapel 10:30 a.m. Service	19	20	21 Bible Study Series 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. 	22	23	24
25 Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Children’s Chapel 10:30 a.m. Service	26	27	28	29 Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m.	30 Good Friday Stations of the Cross Noon & 7:00 p.m.	31

UPCOMING EVENTS

All Parish Work Day – March 3 at 8:00 a.m.

It's time to spruce up the church, parish hall and grounds in preparation for the Bishop's visit. There's plenty to do both inside and out. ***"Many hands make light work!"***



Our Lenten Bible Study continues.

Each week we'll explore more dimensions of Judaism. We're considering how various groups were inspired and challenged by the message of Jesus.

Classes are in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, March 7, 14, and 21.

Dinner is served and childcare provided. All ages welcome!

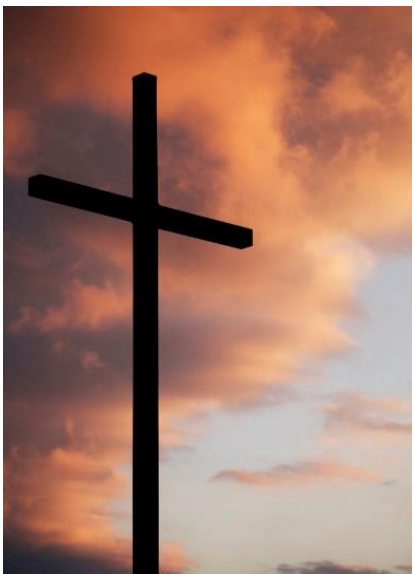
Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday - 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday - 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross - Noon and 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday - 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.





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| 03/04 | Bill Reed | 03/25 | Tori Yee |
| 03/04 | Henry Lee | 03/31 | Theresa Reed |
| 03/04 | Connie Brashier | | |
| 03/05 | Fiona Aston | | |
| 03/11 | Drew Balog | | |
| 03/19 | Rod Rodriguez | | |
| 03/21 | Shawn Sanders | | |

BirthDay Prayer

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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| 03/18 | Bruce and Diane Newport |
| 03/30 | Don and Janice Hardy |

Anniversary Prayer

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that you may faithfully live together in this life, and in the age to come have life everlasting. **Amen.**

March Usher Duties



- | | <u>8:00 a.m.</u> | <u>10:30 a.m.</u> |
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| 03/04 | Robert Lunson, Rachel Shaye | George & Barbara Spence |
| 03/11 | Rod & Ann Rodriguez | Mike McDaniel & Andrew Beesley |
| 03/18 | Bob Keller, Henry Lee | Bruce & Diane Newport |
| 03/25 | Leon & Connie Brashier | Caren Thomas, Alan Aston, Phoebe |

March Lay Reader and Chalice Duties

- | | <u>8:00 a.m.</u> | <u>10:30 a.m.</u> | <u>10:30 a.m.</u> | <u>10:30 a.m.</u> |
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| | <u>Lay Reader/Chalice</u> | <u>Lay Reader</u> | <u>Chalice #1</u> | <u>Chalice #2</u> |
| 03/04 | George Ebert | Fiona Aston | Lesley Exum | Dan Langler |
| 03/11 | Theresa Reed | Barbara Spence | Lynda Rought | Rice Aston |
| 03/18 | One Service | Billie Bailey | Mike McNeil | Susan Lunson |
| 03/25 | Deb Tisch | Rosalie Pyle | Carlos Reyna | Valerie Bonnie |

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Christ the King Vestry Members

The vestry is comprised of a group of elected laity to serve with the rector as the leadership and governing body of the church. Through an annual retreat, monthly and other special meetings, the rector and vestry are responsible to set out and oversee the vision of ministry for the church, its finances, and to conduct the business of the church as required by canon or civil law. All committees, commissions, or other church groups and their ministries come under the oversight of the vestry.

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Vestry Appointed Positions:	Rachael Shedeed, <i>Clerk of the Vestry</i>
	Bill Williams, <i>Treasurer</i>

The Vestry believes our parishioners should be provided our church's financial position each month.

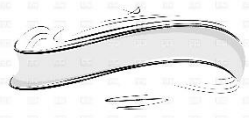
Financial information as of January 31, 2018

Revenues and Expenses

Total Revenues:	\$22,768
Ending Balance:	<u>\$21,165</u>
Total Revenues Less Expenses	\$1,603

Cash Accounts

Operating Account:	\$76,484
Capital Campaign:	\$37,131
Reserve/Memorial:	\$3,845
Building/CTK:	<u>\$1,092</u>
Total Cash	\$118,552



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About Christ the King

Christ the King is a pastoral-sized parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. We are a compassionate, generous, outreach-oriented congregation. We serve the communities of Atascocita, Crosby, Huffman, Humble, Kingwood, and Summerwood. Come visit us for Sunday Service and learn about all the wonderful things our church has to offer!

Our Mission

To be a light, living as a witness to Christ’s love, serving and nurturing all.

Jesus is Lord - Following the teachings of Christ as revealed in the Scriptures

Outreach - Committing to Christ-centered service

You are Welcome - Respecting the dignity of all God’s children

Faith and Fellowship - Growing together in joyful celebration of our faith in Christ

United in Prayer and Worship - Praising God through our liturgy

Love as Christ Loves Us - Nurturing our Community

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Morning

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with music

For newsletter comments or submissions, please email:

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**Mark Your Calendars – March 18th
Bishop Fisher to Celebrate at Christ the King!**

Bishop Fisher is coming to Christ the King on Sunday, March 18th, to celebrate with us, receive new members, and confirm those beginning their faith journey in the Episcopal Church. If you are interested in being confirmed or received in the Episcopal Church, please see Father David.

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