

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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CTK Headlines

A Big "THANK YOU" to the Youth Group



On Sunday, March 20th, our Youth Group served dinner to 72 members of our congregation as we celebrated Bishop Doyle's visit. They did an incredible job! Thank you to Bryce, Charlie, Charles, Johnny, Kelli, Tyler and Vivian for all of your hard work.

HOLY WEEK

- 4/17 8am Palm Sunday Service
- 4/17 10:30 am Palm Sunday Service
- 4/21 6pm Maundy Thursday Seder Dinner
- 4/21 7pm Maundy Thursday Service
- 4/22 Noon Good Friday Stations of the Cross
- 4/22 7pm Good Friday Service



Reaching out to Father David

Dear Christ the King Family,

In our technological age, there are so many ways to communicate with people. I want to give you some basic information about how to best contact me. First and foremost, if you would like a hospital visit or for another emergency situation, please call me right away—day or night—on my cell phone (281) 627-8810.

For normal church business please call the Church office (281) 852-1990 or e-mail me anytime at: ctkrector@embarqmail.com.

Please do not call my cell phone for normal church business in the evenings. Friday is my Sabbath day. Please only contact me on Friday if the matter is urgent. I am out of the office Friday-Saturday.

Thanks! David

Outreach Report:

- ✓ 240 Items delivered to HAAM from the Fill the Pantry Open House
- ✓ 170 Items delivered to CUIC from March donations!!!



Father David Nelson begins as the new rector for Christ the King in March

From the Desk of David

Blessings and Perspectives from Father David:

Author Ann Lamott once remarked that the two best prayers she knows are “Help me, help me, help me” and “thank you, thank you, thank you.”

In my first month as your new rector at Christ the King, I feel the prayer “thank you, thank you, thank you” is most fitting. (During the process of moving from Ohio to Texas we used the other prayer). There are so many people who have given much to bring me here with you today. The many prayers of the congregation, the hard work and faith of the Search Committee, the devotion of the Vestry, and Bishop Doyle to name a few. I thank you for the many letters and gifts and the wonderful “Fill the Pantry Open House.” They mean a lot to me.

For these many gifts and for the way you have welcomed us—thank you. When I arrived Father Nick gave me a book called “How to Hit the Ground Running: A Quick-Start Guide for Congregations with New Leadership.” Bishop Doyle had a copy ready for me as well. Two days later, at a clergy meeting, a diocesan staff member offered me a copy. I think they were all trying to tell me something!

Yes, “How to Hit the Ground Running” is a very accurate mantra for my first month here. As you know there have been quite a few things going on here at Christ the King. In addition to Sunday activities, we have had the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Ash Wednesday, our Lenten Series (every Wednesday evenings through April 13th), Church Work Day, and Bishop Doyle’s wonderful visit. We have done so much celebrating together that I am starting to feel a little guilty for having such a joyful Lent ☺.

Seriously, though, as I have “hit the ground running” as your new priest, I thank you for the many ways you have welcomed me into this joyful Christian community. Thank you for offering your gifts to God and to each other. I am thinking of the Choir, Ushers, Altar Guild, Readers, ‘Chalice Bearers, Acolytes, Daughters of the King, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Youth Group, our Sunday school teachers, our church staff, and more. God has given each of us some gifts—and none of us all of the gifts—so that we may work together in faith. May we continue to celebrate God’s gifts as we walk with Christ through Lent as we await the joy of Easter. Amen.

Yours in Christ,

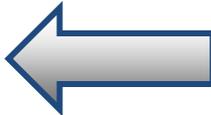
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Calendar of Events

- 4/3 The Brotherhood of St Andrew is hosting the **8th Annual Bean Bag Golf Tournament** – *is your team ready?* Immediately following 1st Sunday Lunch
 - 4/5 **The Breakfast Buddies** are meeting @ IHOP in Atascocita at 8am – bring a friend!
 - 4/9 **The Brotherhood of St Andrew** is meeting at the church at 8:30 am
 - 4/10 Join the **Adult Family Circuit Group at Gaido's in Galveston for LUNCH**
 - 4/10 **The Youth Group** is meeting at the church at 6:30 pm
 - 4/14 **The Daughters of the King** are meeting at the church at 7pm
 - 4/30 The girls are having a **CRAFT DAY** at the church – bring a friend!! Enjoy crafts, movies and popcorn!
- Wednesdays during Lent:** 6:30 pm for a service of Compline followed by SOUP Supper & Discussion

HOLY WEEK: 17th **Palm Sunday** services
 21st **Maudy Thursday** services
 22nd **Good Friday** services
 24th **Easter Sunday** services



| ◀ March 2011 | | | ~ April 2011 ~ | | | | May 2011 ▶ | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | | |
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| 3 8:00 Service 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Service 12:00 1 st Sunday Lunch & BEAN BAG GOLF | 4 | 5 8am Breakfast Buddies @IHOP | 6 6:30pm Lenten Soup Supper & Discussion | 7 | 8 | 9 8:30 am Brotherhood of St Andrew | | |
| 10 8:00 Service 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Service Gaido's Lunch 6:30pm Youth Mtg | 11 | 12 | 13 6:30pm Lenten Soup Supper & Discussion | 14 7:00 pm Daughters of the King | 15 | 16 | | |
| 17 8:00 Palm Sunday Service 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Palm Sunday Service 4:30 Choir Practice | 18 | 19 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting | 20 | 21 6pm Seder Dinner 7pm Maudy Thursday Service | 22 12 noon Stations of the Cross 7pm Good Friday Service | 23 | | |
| 24 8:00 Easter Service 10:30 Easter Service Easter Egg Hunt for the kids! | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 1-5pm CRAFT DAY | | |





~~Socks, Beans and Golf!~~

The Brotherhood of St Andrew is delighted to announce the
8th Annual Bean Bag Golf tourney at Christ The King!

Let us hope for a beautiful **Sunday afternoon on April the 3rd** as we welcome parishioners and friends to the lawns & woods of Christ The King. The 8th Annual Tourney will begin with a **"SHOT GUN START"** following the monthly 1st Sunday Lunch!

The 14-hole, par 46 course will circle the church crossing over pavement & lawns and winding through the trees.



*A youthful team member lines up for a 2nd toss on hole #1.
 This is a par 4 with a straight fairway on the drive.
 The next team to tee off is waiting in the shade.*



Ellen Swope, 80+, demonstrates the art of the toss.



Each tee box is marked with a sign acknowledging the sponsor of the hole and their messages.

Sponsors display at hole # 6

These are some examples of messages from previous sponsors

- **Stephen & Colleen Buras: "Sing a new song to Him; Play well and joyfully. Psalm 33:3"**
- **Gene Clyde: "Good luck & with God's grace have lots of fun & fellowship!"**
- **"Enjoy God's creation!"**
- **Michael & Donna Dalton: "GOD bless our troops and those that support them!"**
- **Aaron & Dede Holbrook: "May the Lord bless and keep you!"**

BE a SPONSOR!

TEN DOLLARS will sponsor a hole or a tee. You can sponsor both!

Profits from the Tourney will be used by the Brotherhood of St Andrew to support various outreach programs such as the Wild Hog Roast & youth events.

Any member of the Brotherhood will have sponsor sheets & will gladly assist you.

- ✓ Form your 4-person team.
- ✓ Any age can play as long as they can toss a bean bag under hand at least 10 feet.
- ✓ The furnished bag is new athletic sock with a cup of beans in the toe and knotted at the top.
- ✓ A four-member team can register for \$4.
- ✓ Individual registration is \$2, so it pays to develop a team and register early.
- ✓ Team members do not have to be parishioners at Christ The King, so include your friends.



You can register a team with a Brotherhood member at any time!



The team *RipTide*, shown to the left, is a challenge to those who yearn for 1st place, such as the *Holme Team* shown to the right.



Other teams: the Holy Holers; **The Wild Bunch**; **The Good, The Bad, & The Ugly**; **The Prayerful Painters**; **The Trainers**; **The Organ Grinders**; **The Buras Baggers**; **Birds of Pray**; and the **Sand Baggers** are always a threat.

Many experienced players feel confident of holing out while under par, however obstacles such as narrow fairways and sharp dog legs will likely humble them with added strokes, while newcomers will dare to attempt the hard tosses. The scores will be tallied on the tournament players board.

Trophy plaques will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place teams; 1st, 2nd & 3rd place individuals; Longest toss on a par five and closest to hole on a par 3.

*Gene Clyde, serving as Course Marshall retrieves a wayward sock. **One penalty toss** for the player. We are serious about this game!*



We are looking forward to a happy, exuberant afternoon of fun, friendly competition and fellowship.

See you at the **8th Annual Bean Bag Golf Tournament**
 Christ The King Episcopal Church, Atascocita, Texas,
April 3rd, following the 1st Sunday lunch

Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday

Bring the kids Easter Sunday, and enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt after Easter Sunday Services!

**Sunday, April 24th
After the 10:30 am Service**

Please consider bringing a dozen candy-filled eggs for the hunt!

See Rachel Taylor for more details



Family Circuits Lunch at Gaido's

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to join the **Adults Only-Family Circuits** group for lunch at **Gaido's in Galveston** on Sunday, April 10.

- ✓ We will organize full car-loads after the 10:30 service
- ✓ We will leave around 11:45am
- ✓ The Gaido's menu is posted on the bulletin board, please review it to ensure you will be happy when you get there
- ✓ It is Gaido's 100th anniversary this year



Seder Dinner on Maundy Thursday

If you would like to attend the Seder Dinner on Maundy Thursday, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

We will need to know how many people to prepare for.

Mark your calendars NOW and plan to join us for this special event!



CRAFT DAY for the Girls

We will be hosting a "craft day" with the younger girls in the church (ages ~6-10). We will have a fun Mother's Day craft- to be presented to the moms for Mother's Day- along with popcorn and a movie! Bring a friend! This will give the girls the opportunity to show their friends all about their church.

Saturday, April 30th from 1-5pm at the Church

For more information, contact Rachel Taylor @ rtaylor2325@yahoo.com or Rachael Shedeed



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| 4/10 David Nelson | 4/27 Stephen Buras |
| 4/12 P.J. McCluskey | 4/27 Matthew Lalor |
| 4/12 Mary Rodgers | 4/28 Bob Keller |
| 4/15 Norman Stewart | 4/29 Conner Matthews |
| 4/17 Barry Rought | 4/29 Paul Matthews |
| 4/26 Katie Holmes | |

Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever he may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

4/16 Henry & Debbie Lee
4/19 Peyton & Mary Rodgers



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.**

Flowers by Laura *flowers for any occasion*

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About Christ the King

Christ the King is a pastoral size parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. We are a compassionate, generous, outreach-oriented congregation. We serve the communities of Atascocita, Humble, Kingwood, Crosby, Huffman and Summerwood. We invite you to join us in our spiritual journey, through the various worship, educational and ministry opportunities we have.

Come learn more about the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, the Order of the Daughters of the King, the Episcopal Youth Community, the Choir or any of our worship services (Acolytes, Readers, Chalice Bearers, Ushers, Greeters and Altar Guild).

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

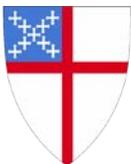
Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY MORNING

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| 8:00 am | Holy Eucharist |
| 9:15 am | Sunday School Choir Practice |
| 10:30 am | Holy Eucharist with music |

WEDNESDAY

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| 6:30 pm | Holy Eucharist & Healing Service |
| 7:00 pm | Adult Bible Study |



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