



## Christ the King Parish

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Pope Francis seems to be developing a summation for our lives. At the gravesite, concluding our funerals, the priest can choose St. Paul's words: "Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." Phillipians 3:20. "Its not HERE folks. Christ thirsts to give us so much more, beginning now!"

You may have heard me focus on the word REACTION quite heavily this past weekend. The expectation and invitation of Christ closely wraps themselves around a reaction. You can recall Christ's message: woman saved from stoning, "Go and sin no more"; to the Blessed Mother at feast of Cana, "What would you have me do? My time has not yet come"; she turned and directed the servants, "Do whatever he tells you" (her last recorded words and a summation of Christian faith); a rich man living an exemplary life and wishing to follow Christ – "Sell what you have and give it to the poor" – he couldn't; to the Apostles, "Go and baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit"!

They did. And now we are to respond. I make no sales pitch for the two ongoing invitations to react. Christ does.

PARISH MISSION: The enclosed schedule tells the outline of the Mission. A positive reaction to it will only improve your reactions to your joyful and painful moments of life to come. Who should come? Do you seek to give worship to our God? Do you wish to strengthen your journey of faith within self, community, family? Do you wish to be stronger in pushing back an alarming secular culture – culture of death, secularism, all morals up for negotiation? Do you wish unharnessed joy within HIS life? How could anyone say no to all of that? YES, we all qualify! I'll pour the coffee.

A CLOSING REMINDER ON THE ENCLOSED COMMITMENT CARD FOR OUR INCREASE IN SUNDAY OFFERTORY: People are often not aware of how we make our facilities open to all non-profit efforts from the Boy Scouts to your funeral luncheon. Help with the lights. Generous people help us administer monies to the needy through our Rainbow Fund. We generate enthusiasm amidst parish members that travels well beyond the property and helps our community. Please help with the lights. We bury, marry, and baptize children with no expectation of compensation. Help cover their costs.

And let's get specific. Giving helps keep "your light" on. You will never notice a charitable gift as "missing" from your coffers. Surgeons prefer to operate on folks with active faith. And yes, charts say you live longer, better!

May the close of retired Pope Benedict's declared Year of Faith, on the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday November 24, be a beginning for so much more.

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