



# Christ The King Spring Newsletter



2017

MAY THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST BE ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS

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1 Cor. 1:18

Dear Friends,

Spring is a time of awakening when we witness the birth of new growth and the return of all that has been absent during fall and winter. Although the climate in Sacramento doesn't undergo dramatic seasonal change, the arrival of spring signals a rebirth, an enlivening of the senses and of the spirit, encouraging us to live in the moment and enjoy. Spring is indeed a time for new beginnings and fresh starts, a special season filled with promise and optimism, an ability to dream and hope regardless of the circumstances.

The Cross symbolizes God's deep union with the human family and presents a message of universal salvation. No one can look at a cross, no matter how ornate it may be, without remembering the excruciating death of Jesus. The cross is a sign of our victory over sin and despair, it is a grim image but one, which generates hope, for Jesus' resurrection is the pledge of our own future life.

Many of us experience fear in the face of some grave crosses or hardships that face us in our lives. The key here is to know that Jesus does not want us to sit in fear. He does not want us to run from the crosses we are given. He wants us to turn to him.

The season of spring, in a special way, helps us experience God's very tangible love and constant care amidst the difficulties that confront us each day. Remember when you feel weak, God can be strong for you. When you feel incapable of holding fast to your end of the promise, God is there to guide you and give you the perseverance you need to live faithfully. When you feel distracted, beset by temptation, or paralyzed by worry, God can carry you with his strong and tireless arm. Remember that we have all been called to bring God's peace to a hurting world. *"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."* 1 Cor. 1:18

The joy of spring can let us forget our cares and sorrows, while being present to the Cross.

I would like to thank our team of staff and our community of volunteers who serve at Christ the King. They provide an endless state of grace in our Center and their presence is marked with compassion and selfless giving. I would also like to thank our donors, past and present, whose financial generosity continues to support our day-to-day mission to bring a mindful, compassionate presence and tangible expressions of the beauty and love of God to our wider community.

Fr. Giltus Mathias CP

# Our Lady of Fatima

by Robyn Carroll

On November 17 Father Giltus Mathias CP officially closed our Door of Mercy to mark the conclusion of the Jubilee Year of Mercy on Sunday November 20, the Feast of Christ the King, in Rome.

This significant year in the life of the Church segued into the year of the 100 year anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. The anniversary year of Our Lady's message of hope, peace and salvation to a world suffering under the weight of sin.

On the 13th day of the months of May - October, 1917, the Blessed Mother appeared to three shepherd children, Lucia dos Santos, and Jacinta and Francisco Marto, at a place called the Cova da Iria in Fatima, Portugal. Our merciful Mother delivered to us what has become known as a Peace Plan from Heaven.

"...God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace."

In 1946 Pope Pius XII crowned Our Lady of Fatima as Queen of the World.

Pope Francis tells us that Our Lady of Fatima "invites us once again to turn to prayer, penance, and conversion". "She asks us to never offend God again. She forewarns all humanity about the necessity of abandoning oneself to God, the source of love and mercy".



Bishop Cotta has appointed Father Giltus Mathias and the Passionist Community at Christ the King Retreat Center as custodians of a statue, crafted in Portugal, of Our Lady of Fatima. The statue, a perfect and beautiful replica was gifted to the Bishop in 2014 by Sister Julia Fonseca.

This statue is situated in an especially dedicated shrine where members of the public can visit and pray to the Blessed Virgin.

The statue was officially blessed by Bishop Cotta and placed in the shrine on Thursday December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

Throughout the 100 anniversary year, Christ the King Retreat Center welcomes pilgrims to visit the statue of Our Lady.

The Second Sunday of every month has been set aside for a series of talks, discussions and devotions. The talk begins at 3pm with Mass and devotions at 4pm.

On Saturday May 13 at 1.00pm the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, Bishop Myran J. Cotta will celebrate a Mass with the Coronation of Our Lady and the consecration of the diocese to Our Lady of Fatima.





# Remembered Fondly

by Robyn Carroll

## Dorothy Carpenter 1943 - 2016

Dorothy Carpenter was a significant figure, loved by all, in the spiritual and administrative life of Christ the King.

Born on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 1943 in Radisson, Wisconsin, Dorothy grew up on a farm and was blessed with an innate musical ability and athleticism. Moving to California to pursue her dreams, Dorothy married her soulmate, James LeRoy Carpenter, to whom she was married for 40 years. In Sacramento they raised their daughter Lana and for over fifty years, Dorothy worked as a music teacher, church liturgist, musician and choir director.

Dorothy became an integral part of the Sacramento Diocese delivering her music ministry which engaged, enchanted and enriched the lives of all those whom she touched.

In 2010 Dorothy became a member of the staff at Christ the King. She wore many hats in her time here. Dorothy was a member of the Board, she conducted tours, enrolled retreatants, supported the office staff and was the evening receptionist, but it was in her role as the Coordinator of Music and Hospitality that Dorothy flourished.

She planned all of the music for the liturgical seasons, ensuring that the retreats, special events and community Masses rang out with joyous song and that volunteers were well prepared for their participation in the liturgy.

Dorothy was a gracious hostess with a wonderful sense of humor who always saw the good in people. She is remembered as a warm, genuine, hospitable and caring person who touched many hearts. She was dedicated to the mission of the Passionists and used her extraordinary gifts to promote that charism.

Dorothy visited us shortly before she passed away and enchanted us all, old friends and new, with her beautiful spirit.

We miss Dorothy.

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord  
And may perpetual light shine upon her*



## Easter Triduum Retreat

### *"Come To Me"*

Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday

April 13 - 16



In the Holy days leading up to Easter, Christ invites us to share in His passion and recognize the great act of love that it is. Allow Christ to "open the scriptures" in your heart as we take time for silence, prayer, words of wisdom, and revelation.

You are welcome to attend one or all the four days.

#### Holy Thursday, April 13

*(4:00 pm - Registration)*

Liturgy of the Lord's Supper and Washing of the Feet

#### Good Friday, April 14

*(Full day. 8:30 am - Registration)*

10:00 am - Stations of the Cross with Bishop Myron J. Cotta

2:45 pm - Liturgy of the Passion and Veneration of the Cross

#### Holy Saturday, April 15

*(Full day. 8:30 am - Registration)*

7:30 pm - The Great Vigil of Easter

#### Easter Sunday, April 16

*(9:00 am - 12:00 pm)*

Easter Sunday Liturgy (brunch following)

#### **Cost:**

- All four days including accommodation - \$250
- Holy Thursday with Dinner - \$25
- Good Friday - \$50
- Holy Saturday - \$50
- Sunday Liturgy and Brunch - \$25

Fr Tom Bonacci CP, Fr Giltus Mathias CP, Olivia and Talib Huff and Sandy Smith.

## Stations Of The Cross

### *With Bishop Myron Cotta*

Good Friday

April 14



For Roman Catholics throughout the world, the Stations of the Cross are synonymous with Lent, Holy Week and, especially, Good Friday.

Commemorating the 14 key events on the day of Christ's crucifixion the Stations mirror His final walk through the streets of Jerusalem, carrying the Cross.

Join Bishop Myron Cotta for the observance of the Stations in our outdoor garden at 10am on Good Friday

*Friday April 14 at 10:00 am*

## Coronation of Mary

### *Consecration of Diocese*

May 13



Celebrate Mass with Bishop Myron Cotta on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima.

Including the crowning of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the consecration of the Diocese of Sacramento to Our Lady.

*Saturday May 13 at 1:30 pm*

## Retreats for People in Recovery

*"Empowered, Yet Powerless"*

May and September



Fr Tom Meier SJ will guide participants on a journey through the Twelve Steps to empower us on the road to recovery. Join others in recovery as we share our stories and take time to pause and consider our spiritual practice.

### Men

*May 12-14 and September 8-10*

### Women

*May 19-21 and September 15-17*

Cost: \$195 per person

## Fiesta

*Come Enjoy The Fun*

Sunday June 4

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm



### *Free Admission*

Raffle Drawing with CASH PRIZES

The fiesta begins with Mass, followed by a delicious authentic Mexican dinner. We'll have piñatas for the kids and a raffle with cash prizes.

*Sunday June 4 – 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm*

## Day of Retreat for Veterans

*"I Came To Serve"*

July 18



Our Veterans are often forgotten.

Join us to dedicate a Day of Reflection for those who have served and risked their lives for the freedom and well-being of us all. Our Day of Reflection offers an opportunity to renew friendship, share powerful stories, remember and be blessed in the presence of Jesus who served us all with his self-giving love. We would like to pay tribute to our Veterans and would be honored by their participation and presence.

*Tuesday July 18 - 9:00 am – 3:00 pm*

Facilitator: Fr Giltus Mathias CP

No cost

## Married Couples Retreat

*Our Sacrament of Marriage  
Construction in Progress 1 Cor. 2:9*

July 21 - 23



An engaging, creative and refreshing weekend with Father Alex Steinmiller CP reflecting on the challenges to married life in the local and global context.

Cost: \$275 per couple



## Bereavement Retreat

### *"Comfort My People"*

September 15



A day of hope, healing and support for those who are grieving

Give yourself this day to connect with yourself, God and others, let your memories lift your hearts on the Solemnity of Our Lady of Sorrow

Participants are encouraged to bring pictures of deceased loved ones, candles, artifacts, etc. to establish a Memorial Altar

Concludes with Mass

Facilitators: Fr Thomas Bonacci CP and Fr Giltus Mathias CP

*Friday September 15*

*9:00 am - Registration*

Cost: \$40



## Community of Passionist Partners

We are a group of lay men and women who are part of the Community at Christ the King and we formally commit to share in the charism of St. Paul of the Cross, through a contemplative prayer life, ongoing spiritual formation and profession of the message of Christ crucified.

We meet at the center on the third Sunday of every month and new members are very welcome. If you are interested contact Chuck Rose via the Center for more information.

## Marian Procession and Mass

### *With Bishop Myron Cotta*

October 14



In this month devoted to the Rosary and in the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year of Our Lady of Fatima, join the Christ the King Passionist Community in a Marian Procession and Mass

*Saturday October 14 at 5:00 pm*

## Ladies Guild



The Ladies Guild, formed in 1976, is a group of women dedicated to the Passionist Community who work tirelessly to support Christ the King. Meeting on a monthly basis the ladies support our liturgical life, have formed a choir, assist with the organization of events and provide material and financial assistance to the Center by purchasing equipment (Their latest gift was 2 data projectors for our public rooms). Their most notable contribution to the well-being of our community is their regular work in the dining room.

The ladies meet on the third Monday of each month from September through May.

President: Lynn Bertaut

First Vice-President: Vicky Orman

Secretary: Dee Tassinari

Treasurer: Patricia Maculak

Volunteer Coordinator for Meal Service: Dottie La Rocco

## Regular Events

### Community Mass

Every Thursday

9:00 am



Chris Swars, Teresa Vu and Lynn Bertaut with Robyn Carroll who accompanies the choir

Join us every Thursday at the 9am Community Mass, which brings friends together to celebrate the Eucharist, sing in the choir and enjoy morning tea.

### Young and Married

Third Sunday of Every Month

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm



A series of talks and discussions about faith, family, and frustrations in the context of marriage.

Singles & Dating Couples are also welcome.

Facilitated by Fr Giltus Mathias CP, Deacon Dennis and Jo Gorsuch and Deacon James and Mary Hopp.

*Third Sunday of each month from 3pm – 5pm*

Cost: Free

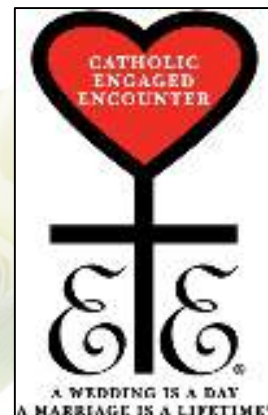
### Centering Prayer

After Mass First and Third Thursday

Experience the silence of prayer and experience God's presence and action within.

### Catholic Engaged Encounter

Friday Night to Sunday Afternoon



Catholic Engaged Encounter is an in-depth, private, personal, marriage preparation experience within the context of Catholic faith and values.

The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper, more meaningful life together in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law.

*March 26-28, Sept 1-3, Nov 17-19*

Bookings; see the engaged Encounter website.

# Institute For The Study Of The Passion

*A series of talks by Fr Thomas Bonacci CP*

After Community Mass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month

## Spring Series

Preparing for Pentecost



*Thursday April 27*

Is this the Age of the Spirit? An Exploration of the "Five Hundred Year" Rule

*Thursday May 11*

Revisiting the Paraclete in John's Farewell Discourses (An Examination of John 13-17)

*Thursday May 25*

Does John's Gospel portray Jesus as "Mother of the Spirit"? Revisiting John 19: 30 through the eyes of Julian of Norwich

## Fall Series

Preparing for the Commemoration of the Reformation



*Thursday August 31*

St. Paul of the Cross (Founder of the Passionists) and Martin Luther's Doctrine of the Cross Companions Gathered at the Foot of the Cross

*Thursday September 14*

The Cross of Jesus in the Theology of the Reformation

*Thursday September 28*

Revisiting the Protestant Doctrine of Justification in Light of the Catholic/Lutheran Agreements 1999 and Conflict to Communion 2012

## Advent Series

Preparing for Christmas



*Thursday November 30*

Revisiting Isaiah 7:14 Reconsidering the Person and Mission of Jesus

*Thursday December 14*

God gave us Easter for Christmas. Is there a Paschal Christmas?

*Thursday December 28*

The Holly and the Ivy. The Passion of the Child Jesus



# Hispanic Ministry

Christ the King continues to reach out to the Spanish-speaking community of the Diocese of Sacramento and is blessed to have Father Clemente Barrón CP, Director of Hispanic Ministry, as a member of our staff.

We are surrounded by many parishes that have active, faith-filled Spanish-speaking Catholics who hunger for a peaceful place to encounter the Crucified Christ in a healing way. Father Clemente and his loyal volunteers are successfully fulfilling this mission.



In 2016 our friends gathered for mini retreats, first Friday Masses in Spanish and celebrated Las Pasados to conclude the year with the enactment of Jesus and Mary's journey for refuge in Bethlehem.

Continuing a tradition of many years, the 2016 Annual Fiesta delighted the attendees with exotic food and lively music and plans are well underway for this year's event on June 4.

This year the Retreat Center is again offering a series of evenings of recollection in Spanish entitled "Breve Retiros." These gatherings have been very successful, drawing as many as 70 people at a time.

Last year, Fr. Clemente Barrón, CP, gave presentations on the Mercy of God. This year, the theme will be on responding to God's call in our lives.

## Your Gift Changes Lives...and Is Tax Deductible

Gift donations to Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center are essential in supporting our ministries and campus facilities. Your generosity helps us to continue our many spiritual services to God's people, reminding them of God's great love and the strength that exists in faith. It allows us to maintain our beautiful retreat center and to offer quality, transformational retreat ministries to all, regardless of their ability to pay.



## Development News

by Sandra Gill

### \$100,000 Matching Campaign a Success!

We are excited to announce that we reached our goal of \$100,000 during the 2016 Matching Campaign. A generous donor offered to match unrestricted donations up to \$100,000 through December 31, 2016.

**Thank you** to all who participated in making this happen! And, special thanks to our generous donor for gifting us with such a wonderful opportunity!

If you would like information about the many ways to give, please contact Sandra Gill, Development Coordinator, at [sgill@passionist.org](mailto:sgill@passionist.org) or by calling (916) 725-4720, extension, 302.

Thank you for your continued support of Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center!

*"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity..." (2 Cor. 9:11)*

## Upcoming 2017-2018 Parish Retreat Season

*"May the Passion of Jesus Christ be always in our hearts"*

After a very successful 2016-2017 Retreat Season, which saw many Retreats filled to capacity several weeks before their occurrence, with people placed on waiting lists, we are looking forward, with great anticipation, to the 2017-2018 retreat season.

To cater for the unprecedented demand, we have added extra retreats to the season. The theme for next year will concentrate on the Passionist Charism and will feature presentations from our Passionist Priests, Fr. Giltus Mathias, Fr. Jim Strommer and Fr. Thomas Bonacci.

Fr. Clemente Barrón will supplement the traditional retreat schedule with programs designed specifically for the Hispanic community.

The retreat experience is enhanced by the contribution of our dedicated team of Deacons and Lay staff. Experience spiritual regeneration on our Passionist Retreats.

Details of Parish Allocation will be in our Fall Newsletter or on our website from June.



## Our Staff Members

Executive Director and Director of Ministry: Father Giltus Mathias CP

Associate Director of Ministry: Father Jim Strommer CP

Hispanic Ministry: Father Clemente Barrón CP

Administrator: Robyn Carroll

Finance Manager: Michelle Orchesky

Development Coordinator: Sandra Gill

Outreach Coordinator: Francisca Gonzalez

Office Staff: Louis Laing and Shirley Proaps (volunteer)

Office Assistant: Judy Dayton

Kitchen Manager: Nancy Cardenas

Chef: Deanna Jensen

Housekeeping Manager: Tina Castillo

Grounds Manager: Rafael Zepeda

Facilities Manager: Glen Ordiales

## Our Board Members

Chair: Dennis Cook

Vice Chair: Jack Gualco

Rae James

Chuck Rose

Deacon Richard Koppes

Ken Uribe

Mary Lopez

Mary Myrick

Bob Porter

David Streeter

Deacon Dan Haverty

Father Jim Strommer CP





## Buy a Brick for the St. Paul of the Cross Memorial Garden

In recognition of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the canonization of St. Paul of the Cross, Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center is establishing the St. Paul of the Cross Memorial Garden. You can help pave the way and support CTK by buying a personalized brick—or two, or three—that will be placed on the ground of the garden. **Be part of tomorrow...today!**

Your personalized 4x8 brick will be a lasting legacy at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center. You can personalize bricks as a family or an individual, as a tribute in honor or in memory of someone very dear to you.

### Reserve Your Brick Today:

4x8 Brick - up to 3 lines: \$250 ea x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$\_\_\_\_\_

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Payment: **Makes check payable to CTK.** Credit Card: Visa \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mail to:** Christ the King Retreat Center, 6520 Van Maren Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95621  
or email [sgill@passionist.org](mailto:sgill@passionist.org)

**Deadline for ordering is: June 30, 2017**

If you have questions, please contact Sandra Gill, Development Coordinator, at 916-725-4720, ext. 302 or [sgill@passionist.org](mailto:sgill@passionist.org)

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*Renew Faith | Share Christ | Find Peace*

## SAVE THE DATE

### Fiesta

*Come Enjoy The Fun*

Sunday June 4

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

The fiesta begins with Mass, followed by a delicious authentic Mexican dinner. We'll have piñatas for the kids and a raffle with cash prizes.

#### *Raffle Drawing with CASH PRIZES*

Grand Prize - \$1,500

Second Prize - \$500

Third Prize - FREE RETREAT



*~ Free Admission ~*