



*"COME AWAY BY YOURSELVES TO AN ISOLATED PLACE AND REST AWHILE." —Mark 6:31*

*"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." — Psalm 126:3*

Dear Friends,

On Saturday, October 4, 2025, we will gather to celebrate a milestone in our shared journey—our Diamond Jubilee: *"Let it Shine! Celebrating 75 Years as Pilgrims of Hope and Light!"* This special evening will not only honor our 75th anniversary but also welcome three distinguished guests: Bishop Jaime Soto, Auxiliary Bishop Rey Bersabel, and Fr. David Colhour, C.P., our Passionist Provincial Superior.

Christ the King's story began in 1945 when inspired laymen from the Holy Name Union joined Passionist priests to establish a place of spiritual renewal in Citrus Heights. By 1950, the first retreat house opened, welcoming men seeking rest and hope. Over time, our mission grew to embrace women's retreats and some of California's earliest Recovery retreats for Alcoholics Anonymous—offering healing and new beginnings to many.

Today, as we reflect on 75 years of grace, we also look to the horizon. Our retreat center now welcomes over 80 retreatants at a time, and we remain deeply committed to Catholic men's and women's retreats, expanding our Recovery ministries, and growing outreach to the Spanish-speaking Catholic community. We're also hosting high school groups and new retreats for young adults and families, widening the embrace of our Passionist charism of compassion, hospitality, and hope.

Our Jubilee is more than an anniversary—it is a renewed call to listen to Christ, to meet the needs of our time with open hearts.

Inspired by our Catholic retreat theme this year, ***"Listen, Jesus Is Calling! – A Pilgrimage of Our Hearts,"*** rooted in the promise of Matthew 18:20—*"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am in the midst of them"*—we come together to hear His voice in prayer and reflection. On this sacred pilgrimage, during our weekend retreats, we invite everyone to draw closer to the heart of Christ and to one another, discovering unity, deeper faith, and conversion.

A retreat center without retreatants and volunteers is just a building. But through your faith, your presence, and the dedication of our Passionist community and staff, it becomes holy ground—where countless people find healing, rediscover faith, and encounter God's merciful love.

Your prayers and continued support are the foundation for our future—so that together, even more hearts might experience the miracles God longs to share, especially with those most in need of His love and mercy.

The Passionist Community and the staff of Christ the King pray that you feel God's abiding love and grace as we step forward into the next 75 years—together as pilgrims of hope and light.

**Sincerely yours in Christ,**

*Fr. Joe Moons, C.P.*

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Retreat Center Director





## News from Hispanic Ministry

This past year has provided us with invaluable opportunities to build and support the Hispanic Community through various spiritual formation courses. We have actively worked to create effective plans for Christian life, explored feminine spirituality, and engaged in meaningful Mass, Adoration, and fellowship during our Passionist Mondays.

Our Lenten journey has been particularly impactful, as we organized a day of reflection, engaged in the Stations of the Cross every Friday, and commemorated Good Friday by celebrating the Last Seven Words, Adoration of the Holy Cross, and the Rosary to Our Sorrowful Mother. Additionally, we held our first Day of Retreat for Women, and conducted our inaugural overnight silent retreat.

In response to the challenges faced by the immigrant community, we have committed to daily prayers of the Stations of the Cross for and about immigrants. This journey has brought together both challenges and blessings, each serving to enrich our Mission and deepen our Passionist Charism.

### Ministerio Hispano Pasionista

Hemos tenido un año bendecido, formado y acompañando a la Comunidad Hispana, a través de Cursos de formación espiritual, desde como el aprender a crear un plan de vida cristiana, contemplar la espiritualidad femenina, Misa, Adoración y convivencia en nuestros Lunes Pasionistas; vivimos con intensidad la Cuaresma, con día de reflexión, rezando el Viacrucis los viernes, en Viernes Santo celebramos Las últimas Siete Palabras, Adoración a la Santa Cruz, y el Rosario de Péseme a María Santísima; tuvimos nuestro día de reflexión de Cuaresma, nuestro primer Día de Retiro para Mujeres, y primer retiro en silencio, además, en respuesta al sufrimiento de la comunidad inmigrante rezamos cada día el Viacrucis de y por los Inmigrantes. Ha sido un camino de rosas y espinas que con su aroma y presencia dan sentido a nuestra Misión y Carisma Pasionista.

### Oportunidades para participar:



#### Programa Acompañamiento Espiritual

¿Qué es?

El Programa forma y certifica a sus participantes como Acompañantes Espirituales, proporcionando una formación católica de tres años y el crecimiento integral de sus participantes, en cinco áreas de formación: Dirección Espiritual Teología Espiritual, Teología Pastoral, Comunicación y Desarrollo Humano. *Estamos formado grupos satélites (centros de formación en áreas geográficas distantes) para que también puedan formarse y servir en Sus comunidades.*

Para más información y aplicar:

<https://christthekingretreatcenter.org/programa-de-acompanamiento-espiritual-pasionista/>

**¡Iniciamos Septiembre 20, 2025!**



#### Day of Recollection for Parish Staff

October 8, 2025

9:00am – 3:00pm

Cost: \$40 pp

Lunch included

For Parish priests, deacons, staff, secretaries, ministry leaders, and volunteers.



#### ¡Vive el Gozo del Adviento!

December 7, 2025

9:00am–3:00pm

Cost: \$40 pp

Lunch included

Don't miss this opportunity to be filled with the Joy of Advent!

¡Te esperamos para vivir un Adviento de gozo y esperanza!



#### Mini-Retiro para Personas en Duelo

“En Tus Llagas Encontramos Sanación”

Noviembre 1, 2025

9:00am–3:00pm

\$50 Cupo limitado

¿Preguntas? Questions?

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916-725-4720, Ext. 301



## Upcoming CTK Retreats and Programs 2025-2026

### Institute for the Study of the Passion

**Fall 2025:** Sept. 18, Oct. 2, 16, & 30  
**Rejoice and Be Glad**

Led by Fr. Tom Bonacci, CP  
Thursdays 10:00am-11:15am (PT)  
Following Community Mass  
Cost: \$60.00 for all sessions  
\$15.00 per session

**In Person and Online**



### Recovery Retreat Weekends

**Men:** Sept 12-14, 2025  
Led by: Tom O'Neill, SJ

**Women:** Sept. 26-28, 2025  
Led by: Fr. Tom Weston, SJ.

Dec. 12-14, 2025  
Led by: Fr. Tim Meier, SJ



### Bereavement Day of Reflection

*"You are With Me"*

November 18, 2025

Led by: Fr. Joe Moons, CP  
Fr. Phillip Donlan, CP  
Nancy Estes, Bereavement Csnl.  
Fee: \$65 - Includes lunch



### Ash Wednesday Retreat

*"Return to Me with All Your Heart"*

February 18, 2026

Led by Fr. Joe Moons, CP  
and Fr. Phillip Donlan, CP  
Fee: \$65 - Includes lunch



**Advent Day of Reflection**  
Wednesday, December 10, 2025  
Led by: Fr. Tom Bonacci, CP  
Assisted by Fr. Joe Moons, CP  
Fr. Phillip Donlan, CP  
Fee: \$65 - Includes lunch



### Lenten Day of Reflection

Tuesday, March 18, 2026

Led by: Fr. Tom Bonacci, CP  
Assisted by: Fr. Joe Moons, CP  
Fr. Phillip Donlan, CP  
Fee: \$65 - Includes lunch



**New Year's Retreat**  
*"Step Into the New Year  
Clothed Anew in Christ's Love."*  
Dec. 31, 2025 - Jan 1, 2026  
Led by Fr. Joe Moons, CP and  
Fr. Phillip Donlan, CP



### Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday through  
Easter Sunday

**April 2-5, 2026**

Led by: Fr. Tom Bonacci, CP  
Assisted by Fr. Joe Moons, CP  
Fr. Phillip Donlan, CP  
Talib & Olivia Huff



### Catholic Engaged Encounter Dates:

**Nov. 21-23, 2025, Jan. 16-18,  
2026, Mar. 13-15, 2026**

For information or to register,  
please go to the Engaged Encounter  
website at:

<https://www.sacee.org>



**Date: October 10-12, 2025**

For information, or to register for  
the program please call  
John and Peggy Di Nocco,

Sacramento Retrouvaille 530-536-0449  
or visit: [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org)

**For more information on retreats, call 916-725-4720 ext. 301 or go to  
[www.christthekingretreatcenter.org](http://www.christthekingretreatcenter.org)**



## Summer Fiesta 2025

The annual Summer Fiesta was held on Sunday, June 1. Fr. Phillip Donlan, CP presided over Mass which was held outdoors in the Marion Grotto. Guests enjoyed a delicious BBQ lunch, prepared by CTK's Chef Anoud Zaki and The Knights of Columbus CTK Assembly. The Red Rooster Band provided the music once again. There was also facepainting and a variety of games—including a scavenger hunt for children—and creative opportunities for all ages. Over 200 guests attended. **A special thank you to those who volunteered their time to make this annual event a success! Save the date for 2026: Sunday, June 7.**



## CTK Guild

The CTK Guild is a dedicated and committed group of faith-filled women who serve in many capacities in support of the mission of Christ the King. The Guild meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month starting at 12 noon with Mass, followed by a brown bag lunch, a short meeting and a group activity. The Guild will be hosting their annual Christmas luncheon and fundraiser on December 16, 2025. For more information about the Guild, please contact Lynn Bertaut at 916-200-9078





# Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center

## Catholic Men's and Women's Retreats 2025-2026



### ***“Listen, Jesus Is Calling!”*** ***– A Pilgrimage of Our Hearts”***

***“For where two or three are gathered together in my name,  
I am in the midst of them.” --Matt 18:20,***

Rooted in the promise of Matthew 18:20, this retreat invites us to gather as a community and listen deeply to the voice of Christ in our midst. As we journey together in prayer and reflection during the weekend, we open our hearts to the Shepherd who calls us to a deeper faith, unity, and deeper conversion. This pilgrimage is a sacred time to listen as one—attuned to His merciful presence, we are drawn closer to the heart of Christ and to one another.

### **2025-2026 SCHEDULE:**

**All weekends are open to members of  
any parish group and individuals**

### **Retreat Team**

Fr. Joe Moons, C.P., Retreat Center Director

Fr. Phillip Donlan, C.P.

Associate Director of Ministry

Gwen Devereux and Talib Huff

### **CATHOLIC MEN WEEKENDS**

#### **Men 1 - Nov. 14-16, 2025**

- St. Joseph Elk Grove
- St. Katharine Drexel (Martel)

#### **Men 2 - Feb. 27-Mar. 1, 2026**

- Holy Family Citrus Heights
- St. John Vianney Rancho Cordova
- St. Michael Vacaville
- Sacred Heart Gridley
- St. Clare Roseville
- St. Joseph Marengo Granite Bay
- St. Thomas More Paradise
- St. Isadore Yuba City

#### **Men 3 - Mar. 27-29, 2026**

- St. Patrick Grass Valley
- Sacred Heart Anderson
- St. Eugene Santa Rosa
- St. Joseph Lincoln
- St. Joseph Redding
- St. Our Lady of Mercy
- St. Joseph Yreka
- Holy Trinity El Dorado Hills
- St. Rose of Lima Roseville

#### **Men 4 - May. 1-3, 2026**

- St. Teresa Carson City

**(Catholic Women Retreats Other Side)**

### **PERSON REGISTRATION: \$290 SINGLE/\$260 DOUBLE**

(We do not allocate shared rooms, please organize your own partner)

### **PAY ONLINE: CONTACT RETREAT CENTER IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE**

Retreat Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY / STATE / ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
 PARISH \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT ENCLOSED:** ☐ Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**CC#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Exp:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Security Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended a retreat at Christ the King in the past? ☐ YES ☐ NO Number of times: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Mail:** Christ the King Retreat Center- 6520 Van Maren Ln, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. **Please see back**

Attention 'Retreat' or Register Online: [ChristTheKingRetreatCenter.org](http://ChristTheKingRetreatCenter.org). Call 916-725-4720, ext 301



## Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center

6520 Van Maren Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95621

**All weekends are open  
to members of any parish group and individual**

### 2025-2026 Schedule

#### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S WEEKEND

##### Women 1 – Nov. 7-9, 2025

- Any Parish or Individual may also come

##### Women 2 - Jan. 23-25, 2026

- Good Shepherd Elk Grove
- Devine Savior Chico
- St. John the Baptist Chico
- St. John Vianney Rancho Cordova
- Our Lady of Mercy Redding
- St. Monica Willows

##### Women 3 - Jan. 30- Feb 1, 2026

- St. Thomas Paradise
- Holy Rosary Woodlands

##### Women 4 - Feb. 20-22, 2026

- Sacred Heart Sacramento
- St. Joseph Marelo Granite Bay (40)
- St. Philomene Sacramento

##### Women 5 - Mar. 6-8, 2026

- St. Mary's Vacaville
- St. Joseph Lincoln
- Sacred Heart SAC
- Sacred Heart Anderson (17)
- St. Ignatius SAC
- St. Mel Fair Oaks



##### Women 6 - Apr. 10-12, 2026

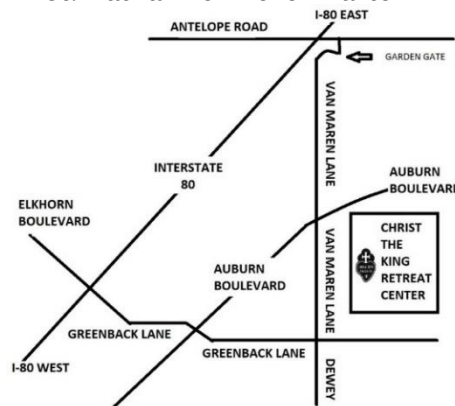
- St. Peter 's Dixon & St. Joseph's Vacaville
- St. Anthony SAC
- St. James Davis

##### Women 7 - Apr. 17-19, 2026

- St. Rose of Lima Roseville
- St. Michael's Travis Airforce Base
- St. Andrew San Andres-Stockton
- St. Ann's Dayton

##### Women 8 - Apr. 24-26, 2026

- St. Francis of Assisi Incline Village, NV
- St. Gall Gardenville, NV
- St. Theresa & Little Flower Reno, NV
- St. Joseph Rio Vista
- Holy Trinity El Dorado Hills
- Corpus Christi Tahoe City
- Assumption of BVM Truckee
- St. Katharine Drexel Martel



4:30 pm Registration Begins, 5:30 pm Social & Welcome Announcements

6:30 pm Supper in Dining Room

**Room Request:** ☐ Bathroom with wheelchair access ☐ No Stairs ☐ Service Dog

Please provide details of other mobility issues or special requirements



Dietary Requirements:

☐ Vegetarian

☐ Gluten free

Other dietary requirements may require you to bring your own food. Refrigeration is available.  
For more info visit our website [www.christthekingretreatcenter.org](http://www.christthekingretreatcenter.org) or call 916-725-4720, ext. 301.





## CTK Update

As Summer comes to an end we look forward to the changing of the seasons as we welcome in Fall. CTK was busy with retreats and hosted groups throughout the summer including a week long Silent Directed Retreat, Married Couples weekend retreat, and hosting the Sacramento Diocese Priest Retreat. Planning has been under way for months for our upcoming 75th year Jubilee Gala celebration on October 4. We are looking forward to the upcoming Men's and Women's Parish retreat weekend season, starting in November 2025.

Several major projects have been completed over the past several months including the installation of a walk in refrigerator and freezer, the repair and sealing of the asphalt and replacement of parking lot lights. Additional outside security cameras have also been installed. The Laundry room addition is in process and anticipated to be completed this Fall. We are very grateful for the many donors who have made these projects possible.

Fr. E. John Hilgert, CP, celebrated his 50th Jubilee of Ordination at the Center, on June 8. For over five decades, Fr. E. John has been deeply committed, not only to the Passionist charism, but also to enriching the spiritual lives of couples entering in marriage and married couples through his long-standing involvement with Engaged Encounter and Marriage Encounter. He was joined by fellow Passionists, the retreat center community and friends from Engaged Encounter and Marriage Encounter groups. **Congratulations Fr. E. John!**



## DEVELOPMENT NEWS

### Supporting Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center

Thank you for your continued support of Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center! The Center is dedicated to sustaining the vision of our founder, St. Paul of the Cross, by offering retreats and ministry activities intended to provide spiritual renewal and growth. Donations provide support to on-going programs, provide retreat scholarships, and care for the beautiful buildings, gardens and grounds at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center.



### Ways to Give to CTK

**Monthly Giving:** Recurring donations are a great way to help us plan for the future. If you are already giving monthly, please consider increasing your gift.

**The Gift of Time:** Volunteer at CTK: Give the gift of time by volunteering at Christ the King. There are several volunteer opportunities including Evening & Weekend Retreat Host/Hostess, General Event Support and Grounds/Maintenance. For more information, please go to our website or contact the Development Office.

### Looking Ahead...

**Join us for Christ the King's 75th Diamond Jubilee! "Let it Shine! Celebrating 75 Years as Pilgrims of Hope and Light!"** on Saturday, October 4, 2025. Tickets are \$175 pp/\$300 per couple. See back page for more details on event.

Interested in receiving our weekly Passionist Charism Reflection and Retreat Center Updates?  
Please email [sgill@passionist.org](mailto:sgill@passionist.org).

For additional information about ways to give, go to our website at [www.christthekingretreatcenter.org](http://www.christthekingretreatcenter.org)  
or contact Sandra Gill in the Development Office  
at 916-725-4720, Ext. 302 or [sgill@passionist.org](mailto:sgill@passionist.org).

***"Give, and it will be given to you." (Luke 6:38)***



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MAY THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST BE ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS



*Save the Date*  
 CHRIST THE KING  
 PASSIONIST RETREAT CENTER  
 75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Jubilee



*Let it Shine*

OCTOBER 4, 2025

**Special Guests:** Most Reverend Jaime Soto,  
 Bishop of Sacramento  
 Most Reverend Reynaldo Bersabal,  
 Auxiliary Bishop of Sacramento  
 Fr. David Colhour, CP,  
 Passionist Provincial Superior

For more information contact Sandra Gill at  
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 916-725-4720, ext 302.

***Please join us at our 75<sup>th</sup>  
 Diamond Jubilee Celebration!***

***Saturday, October 4, 2025  
 4:00pm-10:00pm***

- Mass, Dinner and Dancing
- Silent and Live Auctions
- Overnight Accommodations Available

*Formal Attire*

**Tickets \$175pp/\$300 per couple**

**Overnight Accommodations \$125**  
*Includes Breakfast*

Tickets can be purchased online, by  
 mail, or in person.

