



CHRIST THE KING FALL NEWSLETTER 2026



“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.”

— Ecclesiastes 3:1

Dear Friends,

There is something about autumn that invites us to slow down. The changing colors, the cooler evenings, and the quiet beauty of God's creation remind us that every season has its purpose. As I look across the grounds of Christ the King, I am reminded that while the seasons change, God's faithful love never does. I pray that this summer has brought you moments of rest, renewed hope, and a deeper awareness of God's presence in your life.

St. Paul writes, *"Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 4:6–7). Those words beautifully express the heart of our new retreat season: **"Awakening to Christ in a Fractured World—Finding Peace. Being Peace."** In a world often marked by division and uncertainty, Christ calls us to receive His peace and become instruments of peace for others.

One of this year's greatest blessings has been welcoming approximately 15% more retreatants than last year. Behind that number are lives renewed by God's grace. Many came because someone like you encouraged them to make a retreat. Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and faithful support. Together, we are helping people encounter Christ more deeply.

Our ministry continues to grow in both English and Spanish. I am deeply grateful to Teresa De Donan, Fr. Phillip Donlan, C.P., and the many volunteers whose dedication continues to touch countless lives.

We also thank God for the improvements taking place at the Retreat Center. Our solar panel project is nearly complete, following the installation of the panels in June 2026 after many months of planning. We are deeply grateful to Jim and Normita Spinetta Sandoval for their generous support of this project. Work continues on our prayer labyrinth, and we hope to complete the renovated laundry facilities soon. We are also preparing for the much needed kitchen improvements and new dining room serving equipment to better welcome our guests.

On a personal note, next May I will celebrate my fiftieth anniversary as a Passionist priest. As I reflect on these years, my heart is filled with gratitude. God has blessed me beyond measure, and you have been an important part of that journey. Thank you for your friendship and faithful support of Christ the King.

Thank you again for your prayers and generosity to our ministry. Please know that you and your loved ones are remembered in our Masses and prayers. May God bless you this autumn with His peace, and together may we continue to awaken to Christ and become instruments of His peace in our world.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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



News from Hispanic Ministry- Faith, Community & Passionist

The Hispanic Ministry at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center continues to grow as a welcoming place of prayer, formation, and encounter with the compassionate love of Christ. This year, our community celebrated the Month of Mary with Friday Rosaries and processions, continued growing in Passionist spirituality through our monthly Passionist Monday, and gathered in faith for our monthly Spanish Mass. We also welcomed the wider Passionist Family through a Virtual Contemplative Retreat, creating a sacred space for prayer, silence, and spiritual renewal.

With deep gratitude, we celebrate our wonderful volunteers. Through their generosity, commitment, and joyful service, they help make CTK a true home where faith, hope, and compassion continue to grow.

Ministerio Hispano: Fe, Comunidad y Espíritu Pasionista

El Ministerio Hispano en Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center continúa creciendo como un espacio de oración, formación y encuentro con el amor compasivo de Cristo. Este año, nuestra comunidad celebró el Mes de María con el rezo del Rosario y procesiones cada viernes; seguimos profundizando nuestra espiritualidad pasionista con nuestro Lunes Pasionista mensual y nos reunimos como familia de fe en nuestra Santa Misa en Español cada mes. También compartimos con la Familia Pasionista un Retiro Contemplativo Virtual, creando un espacio sagrado de oración, silencio y renovación espiritual.

Con profunda gratitud celebramos a nuestros maravillosos voluntarios. Con su generosidad, compromiso y servicio lleno de alegría, ayudan a que CTK sea un verdadero hogar donde la fe, la esperanza y la compasión continúan creciendo.

Oportunidades para participar: ¡Todos son bienvenidos! All Are Welcome!



**Programa Acompañamiento
Espiritual**
Para más información



**Reflexión de Adviento y
Posada**
Diciembre 19, 2026
9am a 5 pm



**Retiro Pasionista en
Silencio**
Septiembre 11 al 13, 2026
Costo \$290 (cuarto privado)
\$260 (compartido)



**Celebración a Nuestra
Señora de Guadalupe**
Diciembre 12, 2026
9am -12pm



**Retiro Contemplativo para
Personas en Duelo**
Octubre 30 a Noviembre 01, 2026
Costo; \$290 (cuarto privado)
\$260 (cuarto compartido por
persona)



Misas en Español:
Lunes Pasionista
2do lunes del mes a las
6:30 pm
Domingo
Último domingo del mes
a las 4pm



Peregrinacion y Retiro Pasionista en Italia
1-14 Mayo, 2027
Costo: \$3,950

¡Todos son bienvenidos! All Are Welcome!

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Upcoming CTK Retreats and Programs 2026-2027

Institute for the Study of the Passion



Fall 2026: Sept. 17, Oct. 1, & 15
Winter 2027: Feb. 18, Mar 4 & 18

Led by Fr. Tom Bonacci, CP
 Thursdays 10:00am-11:15am (PT)
 Following Community Mass
In Person and Online

Recovery Retreat Weekends



Women: Sept. 25-27, 2026
 May 14-16, 2027
 Sept. 24-26, 2027

Led by: Fr. Tom Weston, SJ

Men: May 7-9, 2027
 Sept. 17-19, 2027
 Led by Fr. Tom O'Neill, SJ

Bereavement

Day of Reflection

November 17, 2026

Led by: Fr. Joe Moons, CP

Fr. Phillip Donlan, CP

Nancy Estes, Bereavement Csnl.

Fee: 70pp/\$120 couple

Includes lunch



Ash Wednesday Retreat

February 10, 2027

Led by Fr. Joe Moons, CP

and Fr. Phillip Donlan, CP

Fee: \$70 - Includes lunch

Advent Day of Prayer

December 8, 2026

Led by: Fr. Tom Bonacci, CP

Assisted by Fr. Joe Moons, CP

Fr. Phillip Donlan, CP

Fee: \$70pp/\$120 couple

Includes lunch



Lenten Day of Reflection

March 2, 2027

Led by: Fr. Tom Bonacci, CP

Assisted by: Fr. Joe Moons, CP

Fr. Phillip Donlan, CP

Fee: \$70pp/\$120 couple

Includes lunch

New Year's Retreat

"Step Into the New Year

Clothed Anew in Christ's Love."

Dec. 31, 2026 - Jan 1, 2027

Led by Fr. Joe Moons, CP and

Fr. Phillip Donlan, CP



Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday through

Easter Sunday

March 25-28, 2027

Led by: Fr. Tom Bonacci, CP

Assisted by Fr. Joe Moons, CP

Fr. Phillip Donlan, CP

Talib & Olivia Huff

Catholic Engaged Encounter

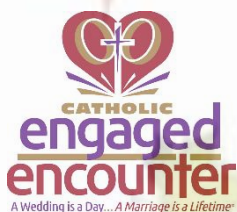
Dates:

Nov. 20-22, 2026, Jan. 15-17, 2027,

Mar. 12-14, 2027

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

<https://www.sacee.org>



Date: October 16-18, 2026

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

For more information on retreats, call 916-725-4720 ext. 301 or go to www.christthekingretreatcenter.org

Summer Fiesta 2026

The annual Summer Fiesta was held on Sunday, June 7. 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 own Chef Anoud Zaki and the Knights of Columbus CTK Assembly, while the Red Rooster Band kept everyone entertained with lively music throughout the afternoon. Families and friends of all ages delighted in face painting, games, and creative activities. We were blessed with a beautiful mild summer day with over 200 guests in attendance. **A special thank you to those who volunteered their time to make this annual event a success! Save the date for 2027: Sunday, June 6.**



CTK Guild

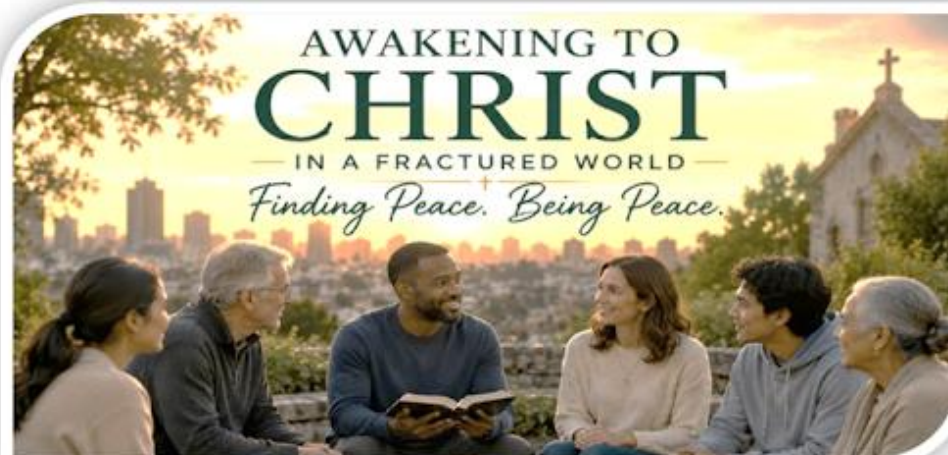
The CTK Guild is a dedicated and committed group of faith-filled women who serve in many capacities in support of the mission of Christ the King. The Guild meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month starting at 12 noon with Mass, followed by a brown bag lunch, a short meeting and a group activity. For more 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 2026-2027



Retreat Team

Fr. Joe Moons, C.P.,
Retreat Center Director
Fr. Phillip Donlan, C.P.,
Associate Director of Ministry
Gwen Devereux, Talib Huff,
Sr. Katherine Doyle, SM

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but replace worry with prayer,
petition, and thanksgiving and
present your requests to God.
Then the peace of God that surpasses
all understanding will guard
your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus,”

— PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7 —

In a world marked by anxiety, division, and constant pressure, Christ Himself still calls us to peace. Join us for a weekend of prayer, reflection, renewal, and community as together we encounter Christ amid the struggles of everyday life and discover deeper faith, renewed strength, and the peace of God that surpasses all understanding.

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

PERSON REGISTRATION: \$305 SINGLE/\$270 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

Attention 'Retreat' or Register Online: ChristTheKingRetreatCenter.org. Call 916-725-4720, ext. 301



Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S WEEKEND

Women 1 – Nov. 20-22, 2026

- Holy Trinity El Dorado Hills

Women 2 - Jan. 22-24, 2027

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

Women 3 – Feb. 5-7, 2027

- St. Thomas Paradise
- Holy Rosary Woodlands
- St John's the Evangelist Carmichael
- Our Lady of the Assumption Carmichael

Women 4 - Feb. 19-21, 2027

- Sacred Heart Sacramento
- St Joseph Marelllo Granite Bay (40)

Women 5 - Feb. 26-28, 2027

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

Women 6 - Apr. 2-4, 2027

- St. Philomena Sacramento
- St. Peter's Dixon & St. Joseph's Vacaville
- St. Anthony Sacramento
- St. James Davis
- St. Joseph Redding
- St. Katherine Drexel Martel
- St. Clare Roseville

Women 7 - Apr. 16-18, 2027

- St. Rose of Lima Roseville
- St. Gall Gardnerville, NV
- St. Michael's Travis Air Force Base
- St. Andrew San Andres-Stockton

Women 8 - Apr. 23-25, 2027

- St. Francis of Assisi Incline Village, NV
- St. Theresa & Little Flower Reno, NV
- St. Joseph Rio Vista
- Corpus Christi Tahoe City
- Assumption of BVM Truckee

2026-2027 Schedule

CATHOLIC MEN WEEKENDS

Men 1 - Nov. 6-8, 2026

- St. Joseph Elk Grove
- St Katharine Drexel Martel
- Sacred Heart Gridley

Men 2 - Mar. 19-21, 2027

- Holy Family Citrus Heights
- St. John Vianney Rancho Cordova
- St. Clare Roseville
- St. Joseph Marelllo Granite Bay
- St. Thomas More Paradise
- St. Isadore Yuba City

Men 3 - Apr. 9-11, 2027

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

Men 4 - Apr. 30-May 2, 2027

- St. Michael's Travis Air Force Base
- St. Teresa Carson City
- Divine Savior Orangevale
- Sacred Heart Sacramento
- St. Mel Fair Oaks
- Our Lady of the Assumption Carmichael



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 or call 916-725-4720, ext. 301.

CTK Update

As we bid farewell to summer, we look ahead with gratitude and excitement to the changing colors and cooler days of fall. We look forward to the upcoming Men's and Women's Weekend Retreat season which begins in November 2026.

A major project is nearing completion with the installation of our solar panels completed in June 2026. We are now awaiting SMUD's installation of the meters before the system becomes fully operational. Once activated, the solar panels will reduce the Center's energy costs while strengthening our commitment to environmental stewardship.

Volunteers in Action: Led by CTK volunteer Kate Anderson (pictured in white), a dedicated group from St. Thomas More Parish in Paradise, CA, came to CTK to refresh the Labyrinth—clearing weeds, cleaning the bricks, and laying new decomposed granite. The Labyrinth is one of several sacred spaces on the CTK grounds and remains a cherished place of prayer and reflection for many retreatants and visitors.



Development News

Supporting Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center

Thank you for your faithful support of Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center.

Because of your generosity, we are able to continue the mission entrusted to us by our founder, St. Paul of the Cross, by offering retreats and spiritual programs that inspire renewal, deepen faith, and foster a closer relationship with God.

Your gifts make a lasting impact by supporting our ongoing ministries, providing retreat scholarships for those in need, and caring for the beautiful buildings, gardens, and peaceful grounds that welcome thousands of guests each year. Together, we are creating a place where hearts are renewed, hope is restored, and lives are transformed.



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: Christ the King offers a variety of meaningful volunteer opportunities, including serving as an Evening or Weekend Retreat Host/Hostess, providing General Event Support, or assisting with Grounds and Maintenance projects. Each role helps create a welcoming, peaceful environment for retreat guests while supporting the center's mission. For more information, please go to our website or contact the Development Office.

Looking Ahead...

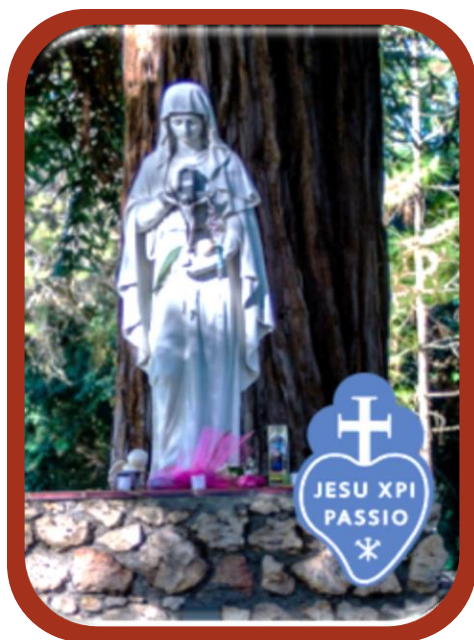
Join us for Fall Gala 2026: *Amber Lights, Autumn Nights, A Celebration of Hope and Inspiration* on Saturday, October 3, 2026. Tickets are \$150 pp/\$275 per couple. See back page for more details on event.

Giving Tuesday: A Global Day of Giving on December 1, 2026. Watch for more details!

Interested in receiving our weekly Passionist Charism Reflection and Retreat Center Updates?
Please email sgill@passionist.org.

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

A generous soul will prosper, and he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. -Proverbs 11:25



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MAY THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST BE ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS

Save the Date



Please join us for Fall Gala 2026

**Saturday, October 3
 4:00pm-10:00pm**

- Mass, Dinner and Dancing
- Silent and Live Auctions
- Live music by Avalon Swing (social)
- Overnight Accommodations Available

Cocktail Attire

Tickets \$150pp/\$275 per couple

**Overnight Accommodations \$135
 Includes Breakfast**

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

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