

The Canticle

Christ the King Episcopal Church, 6490 Carr Street, Arvada, CO 80004 February 2021



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Greetings, Christ the King! Next Wednesday, February 17 we will begin the season of Lent by observing Ash Wednesday. As you know, ashes are typically a part of this service. The ashes are produced from the palms that we

have used during the Palm Sunday service (the prior year). Often, the ashes are smudged on the forehead of the penitent as a reminder to “*Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.*”

Given our current situation, we will be **unable** to maintain a social distance of six feet to administer ashes and we will not be meeting in person. Therefore, we will not be administering ashes in the normal fashion.

The Ash Wednesday services will be conducted via Zoom at 12noon and 7pm. You are welcome to come to either one or both.

While we will **not** be administering ashes at church, we invite you to consider the following options and we ask that you only share the ash with people in your household following the COVID protocols that we all now know.

To recap:

Option 1: Attend service via zoom and stay at home. No ashes required.

Option 2: Come to church on Tuesday, Feb.16 to pick up a small container of ashes for your household only and take them home in time for the Zoom services on February 17. You will receive instructions on how to administer them yourself with the container and during the zoom service. *Please contact the church office for this option.*

Option 3: Go in your backyard and dig up a small amount of dirt to bring with you to the zoom Ash Wednesday service on February 17. You will receive instructions about how to administer the dirt, if you so choose, during the service.

Please know, any of these options are acceptable. Since some people prefer to have a tangible sign and symbol of this season, they are eager to participate in this way. If you would prefer to not to do that it is fine too.

Also during this season of Lent you are invited to participate in either of the following, we will be reading the Gospel of John in our Tuesday Bible study (all are welcome!) and the Diocese is offering a program of reflection called, “Path to the Passion” (see the article on page 5 of this newsletter).

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CTK Vision Statement:

We believe that God is calling Christ the King to create a spiritual home where

- * *We center ourselves in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,*
- * *We build connections among our members and our neighbors, and*
- * *We join with our neighbors in caring for our community and God's world.*

Website:

www.ctkarvada.org

[Check us out on Facebook!](#)

[We're also on YouTube!](#)

Worship Services

Sunday, February 7
Morning Prayer
9:30am - via Zoom

Sunday, February 14
Morning Prayer
9:30am - via Zoom

Wednesday, February 17
Ash Wednesday Service
12:00 & 7:00pm - via Zoom

Sunday, February 21
Morning Prayer
9:30am - via Zoom

Sunday, February 28
Morning Prayer
9:30am - via Zoom

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Deadline:

Please submit articles by the 15th of the prior month.

We will be observing Ash Wednesday and Lent in the best way that we can this year. Know that you all remain in my prayers and we will continue to be the Church during this time.

Clergy Letter

Dear Christ the King,

Thanks to all of you who contributed to the Annual Report for 2020 and who helped with the Annual Meeting. Your ministries are making a difference in our community and we are grateful!

At our annual meeting on January 31 we elected two new vestry members, Nancy St. Pierre and Rick Atkinson. Your new wardens are Barb Jennings as Senior Warden and Bob Mickelson as Junior Warden. Your new vestry will gather on February 27 for our retreat; usually the vestry would take an overnight or day trip to a nearby facility but this time it will be over zoom given our current restrictions. We hope to still enjoy time getting to know each other better and planning for the year ahead of us.

As I shared during the Annual Meeting, your vestry will begin to take the next step in the search process for a new rector. Our first task will be to appoint a Search Committee to assist in the process.

If you are interested in serving in this capacity please contact one of your wardens or a vestry member. Please note that the search committee will be a very committed group meeting several times a month to pray, plan and prepare to receive names for future candidates. Their work will focus on listening to you all as the congregation and on collecting "data" about who we are as Christ the King and what information would be helpful to share with potential candidates via our online portfolio and profile.

As a member of the parish there are many other ways to contribute to this process. The main way you can contribute is to show up to parish meetings, to participate in surveys sent out via mail or email and to contact your vestry members or (future) search committee members if you have concerns or questions.

Your vestry and the Search committee (that will be appointed) will remain in contact with the Diocese and we will be providing you updates on the process in the months to come, via this newsletter, the Weekly Update, emails and our website (ctkarvada.org). In the meantime, I would invite you to pray for your church leadership vestry, search committee, Interim Rector and your Rector-to-be. Your prayers will prepare all of us to receive the gifts that God has in store for us.

Please see the prayer below for a rector search:

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessings,

Rev. Margaret +

Worship and Music



Online Services Available

[Sunday Worship, 9:30am](#)

[Compline – Wednesdays, 8:30pm](#)

The service of Compline “completes” the day; it usually takes about 20 minutes. Merri Crawford will be leading this service each week; others are welcome to share leadership with her as you become familiar with this service.

[Morning Prayer – Fridays, 8:00am](#)

For at least 15 years, a small group of people has offered Morning Prayer at Christ the King. Sally Campbell initiated this service, and different people have participated and led since then. Now, you can join in from home. Ros Patterson and Jean Thayer will lead the service; others are welcome to lead as you are comfortable.

Handbell and Vocal Choir Zoom Meetings

Keeping in touch with one another is hard during these times—and so is planning for what might come next! Members of our choirs are meeting every other week; please check the calendar on page 8 for dates and times.

Faith Formation

Bible Study Group Tuesdays, 2:00pm on Zoom

Starting February 23 we will be reading and discussing the Gospel of John for Lent. Please join us every Tuesday at 2:00pm, as we read and reflect on these passages of scripture.



Book Study Group Thursdays, February 4, 11, 18, and 25 2:00pm on Zoom

We continue to read and discuss *Such a Fun Age*, by Kiley Reid. It tells the story of a young black woman who is wrongly accused of kidnapping while babysitting a white child, and the events that follow the incident.



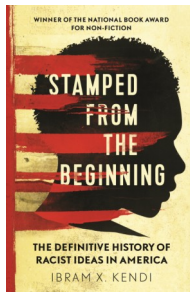
Men's Bible Study Wednesdays, February 3 & 17, 8:00am on Zoom

As long as we are in “Shelter in Place” we are meeting twice a month on the first and third Wednesday of the month via Zoom. We are reading *Bible Stories Revisited The Old Testament* by Macrina Scott. Copies are available for purchase please contact Tom Scholle.

Caring Connections

Open Offering for February

[The Community Table](#) is a Colorado nonprofit 501 c (3) corporation formed in 1982 by five church congregations to serve the needy and vulnerable in our community. From the beginning Community Table has worked with city government, churches, schools, civic organizations, businesses and private citizens to ensure that the residents of Arvada and neighboring communities in Northern Jefferson County would have a place to go for emergency food.



Conversations on Racism

Tuesdays, February 9 and 23, 7:00pm on Zoom

We continue our Discipleship study with Rev. Margaret using the book *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America* by Ibram Kendi. The series will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7pm on Zoom. Anyone is invited to join the group even if you have never attended before. Contact the office for the current reading assignment. This study will also incorporate scripture and prayer in addition to the reading of the book. The book is available on Amazon, Audible.com, Barnes and Noble, etc. Please contact Daniel Mondragon or Rev. Margaret if you have any questions. The Zoom link can be found in the Weekly Update that is emailed on Thursdays.

Climate Care Group

Thursday, February 4, 6:00pm on Zoom

The Climate Care Group will be meeting to discuss what the Colorado diocese is doing and what is next for Christ the King. Check “Beyond Our Walls” section for a Diocese event.

Crafters of the King Mondays, February 1 & 15 10:00am - 12:00noon

The Crafters of the King meet each month to share a time of supportive fellowship, while working on their individual projects. These may be a personal project or something to be shared, such as prayer shawls for the church, or hats and scarves for the folks who come to The Rising Day Center.

Our meetings will be held by Zoom until further notice; please contact the [church office](#) if you need the link.

St. Clare's Table Tuesday, February 9, 1:30 p.m.

Each month, the Church of Christ the King prepares and serves dinner for about 80 people at St. Clare's Table, located at the Episcopal Church of St. Peter and St. Mary in Denver. In February, we will be preparing food at CTK, putting it in plastic bags, and taking it to St. Clare's for distribution. To help, please contact [Mark Molello](#).

Breakfast at the Rising Day Center and the Neighborhood Dinner

During the pandemic, we will not be serving breakfast at the Rising or offering the Neighborhood Dinner.

Warm Clothing, Blankets and Sleeping Bags for The Rising

Although we're unable to prepare breakfast at this time, we know that cold weather is here. As in the past, you can bring your donations to Christ the King and folks will take them to The Rising, where they will be distributed.

Vestry Corner

Treasurer's Report

Total Ordinary Revenue (December, 2020)	\$15,690
Total Expense (December, 2020)	<u>20,362*</u>
Net Ordinary Income (December, 2020)	\$(-4,672)
Total Year-to-Date Revenue	\$212,794
Total Year-to-Date Expense	<u>209,687*</u>
Net Ordinary Income:	\$ 3,108
Decrease in Mortgage Payable (Year-to-date)	\$(-6,972)

**These figures do not include the mortgage principal payments.*



From:



Thank you so much for your financial gifts to The Rising Church and/or Mission Arvada this last year. Without your giving we could not have accomplished all that was done for the poor, homeless, marginalized, and forgotten of our city. We were able to continue our helping work through the difficult months of COVID shutdowns and restrictions, never shutting down.

Pastor Steve Byers

Beyond Our Walls



[Path to the Passion: Navigating the Wilderness of Lent](#)

Lent invites us to the deep inner work we each need to go out into the world, seeking and serving Christ in every person with compassion, love and hope. The journey of Lent is decidedly solitary while also entirely communal.

Path to the Passion provides a rhythm for the weeks of Lent: Mondays, a new prayer practice; Tuesdays, a

tool for self-examination and discovery; Wednesdays, walking as a spiritual practice; Thursdays, an opportunity for self-giving; and Fridays, an invitation to fast and reflect. Dates of experience: Thursday, February 18 through Friday, March 26. For more information, please reach out to Greg Foraker at Greg@EpiscopalColorado.org.

Finding God & Community

Are you yearning for a deeper relationship with God in these challenging times? Are you wishing to connect more deeply in Community? This Lent we are offering a Discover small group experience for people across the state who are seeking to connect more deeply with God and each other through reflection on scripture and sharing from life. This six-week course runs Sundays, February 21 to March 28, 1:00-2:15 pm. For more information, or to register, please contact Greg@EpiscopalColorado.org or Tracy@EpiscopalColorado.org.

Parish Life

Property (Fixers and Tenders)

Fixers and Tenders is cancelled this month due to inclement weather. They will meet again on March 13 at 9:00am.

Office Update

On November 30th, we made some changes to how we are staffing the office. We will maintain these changes until further notice from the Diocese. Jessica Starbird the Parish Administrator, is in the office on Mondays from noon until 4pm. Hours will remain 9am to 1pm Tuesday through Thursday. Thank you for signing in and helping keeping everyone safe.

February Anniversaries

For those celebrating Anniversaries this month:

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the gift of love, especially the love that is shared between two people in marriage. Pour your grace upon them, O Lord, that they may be strengthened and sustained in the covenant they share. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Rick & Margaret Potting	February 1
Bernie & Cathie Craig	February 7
Linda & Bruce Palmer	February 8
Steve & Chris Foster	February 18

February Birthdays

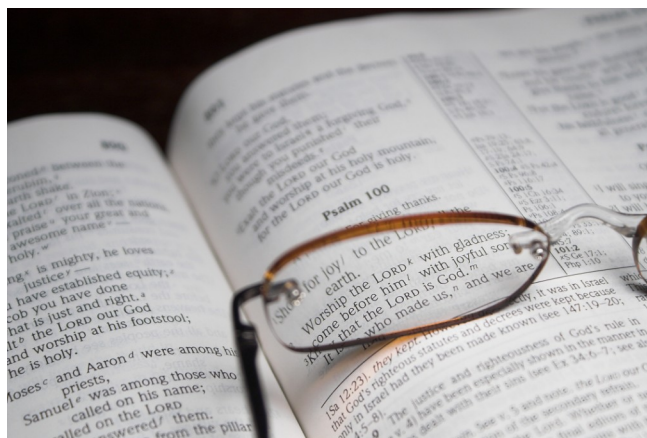
We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of life. And we thank you especially for bestowing this gift upon these, your people. Guard them, protect them, uphold them and strengthen them for your service. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Christian Tagne	February 1
Shirley Brickley	February 5
Myrene Earnshaw	February 5
Elijah Ohamaka	February 17
Dennis Beamis	February 18
Mary Jo Ryan	February 26

It's Not too Late to Consider Your Financial Pledge for 2021

Thank you to those of you who turned in your pledge card by December 15th. If you missed getting it turned in, it's not too late. If you would like to make a pledge for 2021, you can still turn in a pledge card to the CTK office.

Even though, the building may be closed for worship, we still have expenses and fixed costs to maintain the building and staff salaries. We would also like to take on some other projects in 2021 such as the Kempzell Hall floor project and some building repairs.



Readings for February

February 7 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
 Isaiah 40: 21-31 Psalm 147:1-12, 21x
 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39

February 14 - Last Sunday after the Epiphany
 2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6
 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9

February 17 - Ash Wednesday
 Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Psalm 103
 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 21 – First Sunday in Lent
 Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-9
 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15

February 28 – Second Sunday in Lent
 Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:22-30
 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38



Yes, You Can Buy Gift Cards!

Even though we are not gathering, you can still order gift cards from Scrip and help the church. There are several ways to do this:

1. Open your own account by enrolling online; the process is simple. You can order cards and pay for them either with a charge card or a direct withdrawal from your bank. E-cards go directly to your email; physical cards can be picked up at the church. [Here's the link](#); use enrollment code 23D7D74L55288 to create an account and get started.
2. Cards can be ordered the "usual" way, an order form will be made available on ctkarvada.org, print out a copy, fill it out and mail it with your check to the church.

Want a quick overview of the online process? Check out the [Ordering Guide](#) today!

Gift Cards - Not just for giving!

Gift cards bought through the Scrip program can be a gift for yourself and the church. Buy cards to your favorite places; Walmart, amazon.com, Arby's, Wendy's ([full list](#)) and use them yourself at any time. With the Scrip [mobile app](#) it's even easier to purchase and use e-gift cards or you can print a scrip [order form](#) and mail it to the church with your check by January 14 to receive a physical card. Scrip orders are placed on the first and third Monday of the Month. Have questions about the Scrip Program contact [Barb Jennings](#)

Gift Cards Help Support Our Parish!

It's true! Every time you use a gift card purchased here at the church—through Shop with Scrip, or Safeway, you help support the ministry of Christ the King. And it's easy to start!



- **Safeway** offers reloadable cards (\$20), available through the [church office](#) (303-424-5288; or any Sunday morning. We receive a rebate of 4 % every time you reload your card.
- **Shop with Scrip** offers gift cards from hundreds of familiar retailers, in amounts that vary from \$10 to \$500. Rebates to the church range from 1.5% to 18%, depending on the retailer.









































For King Soopers, you'll need to designate Christ the King as the organization you would like to support by linking your loyalty card at www.kingsooperscommunityrewards.com, using code **LM 737**.

The money from these gift cards programs is directed to our operating budget and it is a really easy way to help support our church.

Curious about what is happening around the Episcopal Church?

You can get a complete list of special learning opportunities at <https://episcopalcolorado.org/connect-with-us/diocesan-digest/>. You can also sign up for weekly updates or check out the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/EpiscopalCO/>. For information about the wider church, go to <https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/>.

February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1</p> <p> 10:00am Crafters of the King</p> <p> 7:00pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>2</p> <p> 2:00pm Bible Study</p> <p> 7:00pm Executive Com- mittee Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p> 8:00am Men's Bible Study</p> <p> 8:30pm Compline</p>	<p>4</p> <p> 2:00pm Book Group</p> <p> 6:00pm Climate Care</p>	<p>5</p> <p> 8:00am Morning Prayer</p>	6
<p>7</p> <p> 9:30am Morning Prayer</p>	8	<p>9</p> <p>1:30 pm St. Clare's Prep</p> <p> 2:00pm Bible Study</p> <p> 7:00pm Conv. On Ra- cial J&R</p>	<p>10</p> <p> 7:00pm Finance Mtg.</p> <p> 8:30pm Compline</p>	<p>11</p> <p> 2:00pm Book Group</p> <p> 7:00pm Worshiping Voices</p>	<p>12</p> <p> 8:00am Morning Prayer</p>	13
<p>14</p> <p> 9:30am Morning Prayer</p>	<p>15</p> <p> Office Closed</p> <p> 10:00a m Crafters of the King</p> <p> 7:00pm Bell Choir</p>	<p>16</p> <p> 2:00pm Bible Study</p> <p> 7:00pm Vestry Mtg.</p>	<p>17</p> <p> 8:00am Men's Bible Study</p> <p></p> <p> 12:00pm Service</p> <p> 7:00pm Ser- vice</p>	<p>18</p> <p> 2:00pm Book Group</p>	<p>19</p> <p> 8:00am Morning Prayer</p>	20
<p>21</p> <p> 9:30am Morning Prayer</p>	22	<p>23</p> <p> 2:00pm Bible Study</p> <p> 7:00pm Conv. On Ra- cial J&R</p>	<p>24</p> <p> 8:30pm Compline</p>	<p>25</p> <p> 2:00pm Book Group</p> <p> 7:00pm Worshiping Voices</p>	<p>26</p> <p> 8:00am Morning Prayer</p>	<p>27</p> <p> TBD Vestry Retreat</p>
<p>28</p> <p> 9:30am Morning Prayer</p>						