

Seeking Understanding

Christ was born a Jew. The community he formed was born from the womb of Judaism. But Jesus himself and his Church are for all people and for all time.

Soon after Pentecost, the very first Christians manifested the authentic missionary nature of the new faith. The infant Church was faced with urgent questions about non-Jewish (Gentile) converts. Should they become Jews first and then Christians? The Church has had to face new questions throughout its long life. For this and for other reasons the Church had to be able to articulate its faith in ways intelligible to peoples of any language or culture.

The first cultural shift was from the Hebrew mentality to the Greek mentality. Many of the early Christians were schooled in Greek philosophy and so brought to the question of inculturation their skills in philosophy.

Those influenced by thinkers like Plato or Aristotle were able to use categories like "substance", "being", "perfection" "essence", "nature" etc which helped the Church to address such mysteries as "Trinity", "Eternity". and deal with aspects of reality like "soul and body", "matter and form", etc.

In order to dialogue with other worldviews, it was essential to be able to distinguish between faith and reason, between philosophy and theology, between Church and culture.

Some of the names in this exciting undertaking are the great African theologian, Tertullian (160-225) who challenged the heresy of Gnosticism, Origen (185-254), a brilliant scripture scholar who stood for the integrity of the whole Bible, Old and New. Two outstand-

ing writers from North Africa were St Cyprian (d. 258) and St Augustine (354-430). Cyprian wrote extensively on the Unity of the Church and Augustine on the Holy Trinity and on the inner journey into God (his Confessions). These intellectual giants were also people of deep faith who were able to harmonize their academic work with a living faith expressed in a fruitful ministry.

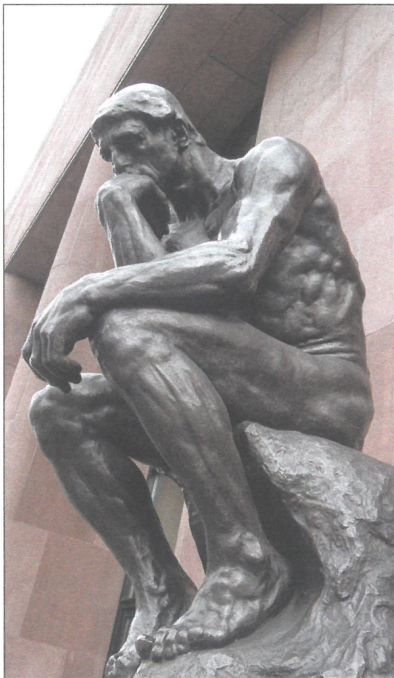
We refer to these many writers who mapped out a great deal of our religious experiences as "Fathers of the Church" and the technical study of their writings as "Patristics". Some of the great themes of their writings are: Faith and Understanding, Unity and Truth, Sacramentality, The Spiritual Life, Social Justice, The Beauty of God, The Word of God, and The Moral Life.

It has often been said that Greek Philosophy brought order out of chaos. By this is suggested that where there was intellectual confusion, trapping minds in legends, sagas, and myths, Greek thought introduced Reason as the

primary way of organizing our experiences in life. It brought Reason (Logos) to bear on the human condition.

The Church has been comfortable with this Greek gift, and nowhere does it repudiate either reason or truth, wherever it emerges. That the Church also can go beyond reason, into the realms of faith and love and God, in no way lessens its respect for goodness and beauty and accuracy.

May these early Christian saints who worked to make our faith systematic and communicable, help us to do likewise for our world today.



The statue *The Thinker* by Auguste Rodin is a symbol of philosophical thought.

SUNDAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them forever.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:10-13.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 69.

RESPONSE:

In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame has covered my face.
To my own kin I have become an outcast,
a stranger to the children of my mother.
Zeal for your house consumes me,
and taunts against you fall on me. **℟**
2. But I pray to you, O Lord,
for a time of your favour.
In your great mercy, answer me, O God,
with your salvation that never fails.
Lord, answer, for your mercy is kind;
in your great compassion, turn towards me. **℟**
3. The poor when they see it will be glad,
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy,
and does not spurn his own in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and everything that moves in them. **℟**

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-15.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also are witnesses. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:26-33.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Live the Word

Mon 22 Jun (Ss John Fisher, B & Thomas More, Ms) 2 Kings 17:5-8.13-15.18; Psalm 60; Matthew 7:1-5

Thomas More (1478–1535) was an English humanist, statesman, and author known for his sharp wit and profound conscience. His famous final words were, "I die the king's faithful servant, but God's first."

Tue 23 Jun Liturgy of the Day

2 Kings 19:9-11.14-21.31-36; Psalm 48; Matthew 7:6.12-14
Prayer defines the Christian life. It requires that we stand in God's presence with open hands, naked and vulnerable, proclaiming that without God we can do nothing.

Wed 24 Jun BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 139; Luke 1:57-66.80

"He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord ... he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born." – Luke 1:14-15

Thu 25 Jun Liturgy of the Day

2 Kings 24:8-17; Psalm 79; Matthew 7:21-29
Jesus' mission was not to the respectable and the like-minded, but to the poor and downtrodden. He crossed lines to reach out to withered hearts and bodies. He calls us to have the courage to do the same.

Fri 26 Jun Liturgy of the Day

2 Kings 25:1-12; Psalm 137; Matthew 8:1-4

My life is one long hearkening unto my self and unto others, unto God... The most essential and the deepest in me hearkening unto the most essential and the deepest in the other. God to God. – Etty Hillesum

Sat 27 Jun (St Cyril of Alexandria, BD)

Lamentations 2:2.10-14.18-19; Psalm 74; Matt 8:5-17
"That anyone could doubt the right of the holy Virgin to be called the Mother of God fills me with astonishment. Surely she must be the Mother of God if our Lord Jesus Christ is God, and she gave birth to him!" – St Cyril

Sun 28 Jun 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Kings 4:8-11.14-16; Psalm 89; Matthew 10:37-42

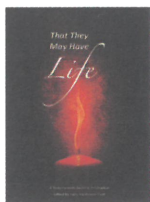
"Sabbath breaks the nonstop, violent cycle of production and consumption. It breaks our greed by forcing us to stop continually trying to do more and gain more." – Cindy Lee

KEY: SOLEMNITY; FEAST; Memorial; (Optional Memorial) Ms=Martyrs; B=Bishop; D=Doctor

Books from Redemptorist Pastoral Publications

By popular request, the 2023 Catholic Link series on illness, wellbeing, healthcare and related issues has been collated and compiled under one cover.

God's will is indeed for us to have fullness of life, despite the experience of human limitation and finitude. It is precisely there that we encounter a compassionate Christ who reveals to us the mystery of a God of mercy. May this booklet be a help to growing in a deeper spirituality for health and wellbeing, sickness and suffering.



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MASS INTENTIONS JUNE 2026

20	Sat	17h00	RIP Antoni Coutinho RIP Inacio Caixeiro In thanksgiving for a special intention Jude Erwee Success in exams
21	Sun	08h00	RIP Augusta & Fernando Moutinho RIP Maria dos Reis Ferreira Birthday blessings – Rafael For safe travelling mercies In thanksgiving for a special intention Special intention – Vocation discernment
		10h00	RIP Clementina de Nobrega RIP Luis Pereira RIP Fernando Da Silva In thanksgiving for a special intention
		17h00	In thanksgiving for a special intention
22	Mon	18h00	COMMUNION SERVICE
23	Tues	18h00	
24	Wed	18h00	
25	Thu	18h00	RIP Serafina Nobrega RIP José Pereira
26	Fri	18h00	

SICK LIST

We pray for the sick, housebound and their caregivers.



Richard Heslop, Kevin Demmer, Harold de Jongh, Gordon Milburn, Lyn Bogle, Elza Stroh, Veronica Wheeler, Leonardo, Ken Walters, Wendy Elliott, Genevieve van der Merwe, Gideon Wathen, Nadine Botha, Enita Davies, Michael Serrao, Vincent S, and Leo Vest,

PARISH NOTICES

DATE CHANGE FOR THE ANNUAL BLANKET DRIVE

The Knights of De Gama will be coming to the parish on the weekend of the 11th and 12th of July for their annual blanket drive. Please give generously to our needy.

FEELING COLD?

Treat yourself after Sunday Mass to a hot chocolate and a doughnut for R40. Stay a little longer enjoy some fellowship and support the Youth.

NGOME TRIP SEPTEMBER 2026:

The Ngome trip is on the weekend of the 18th of September 2026.

We are inviting all interested parties to contact the parish office for further details and booking arrangements. The cost will be R2200.00 per person.

Please forward all proof of payment to secretary@christking.org.za All payments must be received by the end of July for the bus to be booked.

Please keep all proof of all payments made for reconciliation purposes.

Please use the main account for your payments 011564733 referencing Ngome and your name.

BAPTISMS:

Our next baptism will be on the 5th of July after the 10am Mass. All parents wanting to baptise their children must contact the parish office to make an appointment with Fr Daniel.

WEDDINGS:

All those wishing to be religiously married in the Parish must please contact the parish office **before booking the wedding venue** as there are matters of importance that need to be discussed.

REPOSITORY:

The hours are Sunday 07h45 till 09h45 and 30 min after the 10h00 mass.

PARISH FINANCES

TITHING:

All parishioners who are tithing can find the record of payments made on the notice board. Please check that your payment is registered. If you would like to tithe, please fill in the form in the box.

Please continue to support our Parish via the banking details or the attached Snapscan code
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CARITAS

CHRIST THE KING OUTREACH PROGRAMME



We provide various food parcels, baby and adult clothing, all household items and toys to the less fortunate. We support various homes for both adults and children. Should you have items that you wish to donate these can be dropped off at the parish office during the week or left in the baskets at the back of the church over the weekends. We continue to assist many families in our parish with everyday necessities thanks to your generous donations. Should you wish to donate to this worthy cause our banking details are: **Christ the King Catholic Church Queenswood: Standard bank, Cheque account, Account number 011182709, Branch code 000145**

NEWS

SYNODAL LISTENING PATHWAYS

We have begun a process of introducing the Synodal Pathways to parishioners. The church will hold its first Listening session on Saturday the 27th June in the Denis Adami Hall beginning at 13h00. Interested parishioners are encouraged to sign up for the session. Registration forms will be availed at the end of each mass this weekend. For further details on the Listening Session and Synodal Pathways, please contact the parish Facilitator, Felicitus Mashungwa via WhatsApp or call; 0835976225 or email, fely30fm@gmail.com Looking forward to seeing you there.