
Pastoral Care Ministry

“To give those who are ill through our care,
a reason to hope”

Our Mission:

Our Pastoral Care Ministry serves the elderly and ill, particularly those who are confined to their home, a private care home, extendicare, hospital or hospice. *In addition, through **GriefShare** we provide help and encouragement after the death of a loved one, and through **DivorceCare**, we accompany those suffering the pain and trauma of separation or divorce.*

Our Vision:

We continue the work of Christ through the **ADORE Prayer Ministry**, the **Prayer Shawl Ministry**, the **Funeral Ministry**, the **Bereavement Ministry**, the **Prayer Card Ministry** and through the ongoing dedication of trained and commissioned **Lay Pastoral Ministers and Lay Pastoral Visitors** who provide Lay-led Liturgy and bring Holy Communion.

Our Presence:

We embrace as part of our parish family, those who can no longer attend the parish Mass, and aim to make them know that they are loved by God. Our witness is to the dignity of life itself; showing that the Church loves, cares for and values the sacrifice of its members at the time of their greatest vulnerability. *We likewise provide outreach to parishioners and their families in time of death, grief and relationship breakdown.*

Our Invitation to Parishioners:

Christ the King parish provides a unique opportunity to engage in ministry to the ill and elderly, by helping to provide **Lay-led Liturgies** in the extendicare or by providing Holy Communion to the sick by becoming a **Lay Pastoral Visitor**. We welcome those who have the gifts to preside, lector, provide a gospel reflection or lead music. Training and commissioning is provided. We also welcome knitters to create prayer shawls and gifts of yarn for their use in our **Prayer Shawl Ministry**. Join our **ADORE Prayer Ministry** or **Funeral Ministry**. Through these works and with prayer, we build our parish family and extend our arms to enfold others into our parish family. *Ask about training to help facilitate our GriefShare and DivorceCare Ministries.*



Pastoral Care Developments

ADORE prayer ministers: Pray daily for our Pastor, our parish and parishioners.

Divine mercy devotion: We encourage family prayer at home.

Lay ministry teams: Provide Lay-Led Liturgies in 4 locations by adding 17 newly trained and commissioned Lay Pastoral Ministers and Visitors.

Special liturgies: Good Friday Service, World Day of Prayer, Sacrament of the Sick Liturgies, and Memorial Services are provided at Parkside, Sunset and Elmview Extendicares.

Lay pastoral visitors: Promote respect and proper care of the Eucharist by providing beautiful silk handbags to those carrying Holy Communion.

Prayer shawl Ministry: Accepting prayerful knitters and donated yarn. Our Pastor blessed 50 new shawls at our parish in conjunction with *The Compassionate Healer's Mass in 2018*.

Funeral ministry: Assists families who are planning a funeral Mass for a loved one. **GriefShare ministry:** Offers help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. **DivorceCare** journeys with those who are suffering after separation or divorce.

Prayer card ministry and home-made rosaries: Children in sacramental prep, high school students on retreat and other parishioners make homemade prayer cards and rosaries, which are offered to those in need.

Rides to church: Provides a ride to the 11 a.m. Mass for a token fee of \$10 per Sunday.

We keep connected: Stays connected with parishioners by providing gospel reflections, updates of parish activities and inspirational resources through social media.

**“Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.”
(Isaiah 40:1)**

THIS WE HOLD:

Dignity of the Human Person

“We believe that human dignity and life are gifts from a loving Creator. We believe that all persons are created in the image and likeness of God, and are called to know, to love, and to be in communion with God now and for all eternity. Respect is due to every person from conception to death and each person is to be provided with the spiritual and pastoral care they require while holding each personal encounter in trusting confidence.”

