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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Closed Friday Closed daily for lunch: 12:00 noon-12:30 p.m. Bulletin deadline Monday 10:00 a.m.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Welcome to Christ the King Parish.
We register new parishioners after
every Sunday Mass in the Commons.
Registering in the parish is the primary
way we have of communicating with you, and
is required for Sacramental purposes and
for your children's participation in Christian
Formation Programs.

Please contact the Parish Office for more information. If you are moving, notify the Parish Office.

BAPTISM

Baptism of children under the age of 8 takes place at regular weekend Masses throughout the year except during Lent. Please contact our Faith Formation

Office at least three months prior to the desired date. All parents must attend a three-hour class.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

For Confirmation preparation of teenagers, please contact our Youth Minister.
For Baptism of older children and adults, all First Communion preparation and Confirmation of adults, please contact our director of Faith Formation. Adults who are considering becoming Catholic are invited to participate in our RCIA program.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the office at least six months in advance to set dates, make arrangements for instruction and for planning the ceremony. Marriage Preparation for the couple is a requirement.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Scheduled on Saturdays, 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the church or by appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament is administered on request to those who are ill at home, undergoing surgery, are in the hospital, or in a nursing home.

Please consider your Parish Family and/or School in your last will and testament.

EUCHARIST IS CELEBRATED

WEEKENDS

Saturday – 5:30 p.m. Sunday – 8:30, 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

WEEKDAYS

According to Mass Schedule inside.

CTK VISION: To be a vibrant and growing family of God that welcomes and gives an opportunity to everyone to pray and to serve.

CTK MISSION: To seek to be disciples of Jesus Christ by faithfully celebrating the Liturgy, witnessing and proclaiming the gospel, nurturing family life and making the teachings of Jesus Christ central to our lives

CTK GOAL: Our goal as a parish community is to bring the saving grace of Jesus Christ into all our environments.

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 19 TO 25, 2020

Monday, 10/19	8:30 a.m.	Harrie O. Pearson (D)	
Tuesday, 10/20	8:30 a.m.	John Perrottet (L)	
Wednesday, 10/21 (CTK School Only)	8:30 a.m.		
Thursday, 10/22	8:30 a.m.	Phillip Smith (D)	
Friday, 10/23	8:30 a.m.	No Mass	
Saturday, 10/24	8:30 a.m.	Stephen Rejuney (D)	
, , ,	5:30 p.m.		
	8:30 a.m.	Eleanor Kearns (D)	
Sunday, 10/25	11:00 a.m. (Livestream)	Intention of Parishioners	
	5:00 p.m.	Harrie O. Pearson (D)	



Please keep our sick & homebound parishioners in your prayers.

If you know someone in need, please contact our office.

Register with CTK Parish: Please remember that it is necessary to register with the parish for the pastor to recommend you or a dear one for Sacraments or Scholarships. Otherwise, the Pastor will have no authority to recommend you. Also, the use of your offertory envelopes indicates to the Parish that you may be eligible for reduced tuition at CTK School.

Mass Intentions: Please contact the office if you wish to have a Mass said for yourself, a loved one or a special intention. The suggested stipend is \$10 for a daily Mass & \$20 for a Sunday Mass.



CTK's Legion of Mary

has resumed meeting on Saturdays at 10 AM in the Church Commons

For more details, contact Tess Rozelle theroze0305@aol.com

New members are always welcome!

The 11 a.m. Sunday Mass and **daily Masses** are live streamed on CTK's Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/ctknorfolkva

Sunday's Mass is also viewable on our website.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

30[™] Sunday of Ordinary Time October 25. 2020

Exodus 22:20-26

Psalm 18:2-4, 47, 51

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Matthew 22:34-40

"That men and women will be encouraged to love God and their neighbor with the love of Christ and follow Him generously when chosen to serve others as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated religious life, we pray to the Lord."

Considering a call to the priesthood?

The **Office of Vocations** will be hosting discernment gatherings for young men who would like to discern the call to priesthood.

If you would like to attend, please email vocations@richmonddiocese.org or call (804)-359-5661.

Informal Discernment gatherings

are held the 1st Saturday of every month. They usually begin with Mass at 10:00 AM followed by a social event and lunch.

Mount Tabor Days – Men's Vocation Retreats 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

November 14 - TBD

These events will also be offered in the spring.
Each retreat will be accessible to men on location and through a streaming platform. Vocation retreat hosted by seminarians and priests from the Diocese of Richmond.



Join us on **Tuesdays & Thursdays** at **7 p.m.** in praying the **Rosary**.

Stephanie Brown will lead us.

Please dial

757-551-6414.

No PIN number required.

Opportunities to Serve @ CTK

- Altar Server Coordinator
- Ushers for Daily & Weekend Masses
- Readers for Daily & Weekend Masses
 - Church Cleaning Crew Members
 - Grounds Crew Members

To learn more about these opportunities, contact Mrs. Ficca at (757) 622-1120 or by email at faith@christthekingnorfolk.org



THIS WEEK AT CTK

Cleaning Team 1	10/19	6:30 PM	Church
Virtual Rosary	10/20	7:00 PM	via phone (757-551-6414)
RCIA – Journey in Faith	10/21	7:00 PM	Ashland House
Divorce Care	10/21	7:00 PM	via Zoom
Spirit of God Prayer Group	10/22	7:00 PM	Church Commons
Virtual Rosary	10/22	7:00 PM	via phone (757-551-6414)
Legion of Mary	10/24	10:00 AM	Church Commons
Faith Formation for PreK3 – Grade 5	10/25	9:30 AM	Ashland House

Faithful Citizenship

In 2015, the **US Conference of Catholic Bishops** approved and published the document *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* to help Catholics form their consciences in accordance with the truth, so that they could make good moral choices. The bishops do not tell Catholics how to vote. That responsibility rests with each person and his or her properly formed conscience. Each week leading up to the elections, we will highlight key items in the document.

Intrinsically Evil Acts

In addition to abortion, the acts of infanticide, euthanasia, human cloning, and destructive research on human embryos are also intrinsically evil and must be opposed. Disrespect for any human life diminishes respect for all human life.

Making Difficult Political Choices

Difficult political decisions require the exercise of a well-formed conscience aided by prudence. This exercise of conscience begins with always opposing policies that violate human life or weaken its protection.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Number of families contributing to operating income during the month of October: 90 out of 352

October 11, 2020

Weekly Budget Needed	\$ 7,122.92
Actual Receipts Received	 5,023.26
Weekly Budget Deficit	\$ (2,099.66)
Year-To-Date Budget Needed	\$ 106,843.85
YTD Actual Receipts Received	 92,958.82
YTD Budget Deficit	\$ (13,885.03)

Online Giving can be done directly at https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/408

A Prayer to the Creator

Lord, Father of our human family, you created all human beings equal in dignity: pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter, dialogue, justice and peace.

Move us to create healthier societies and a more dignified world, a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war. May our hearts be open to all the peoples and nations of the earth. May we recognize the goodness and beauty that you have sown in each of us, and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects, and shared dreams. Amen.

~ Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti



Training is currently being held online!

As we prepare to resume in-person meetings, please remember that **ALL** adults who work with our children (including volunteers) must be VIRTUS certified.

Contact Janet Ficca to register for the class.

St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries

is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping those who are homeless and low-income.

Current Needs:

Razors, Travel Size Toothpaste, Travel Size Hygiene Products, Non-Perishable Food Items

Please bring donations to the church. The collection box is inside the TV cabinet in the Church Commons.

For more information, please contact Alicia at 757-627-6748 or visit their website: www.stcolumbaministries.com



October 18, 2020 | Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6 | 1 Thes 1:1-5B | Mt 22:15-21

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I took up distance running some years ago, thanks largely to a group of friends who encouraged me along the way. We'd share the peaks and valleys of our lives as we tackled rolling hills. Those long runs come to mind when I hear Paul give thanks to the Thessalonians for having "endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ." Paul here speaks of hope in Jesus – a hope that has the risen Christ as its foundation, and is central to the Christian life. When I think of what lies at the end of a long run, such as water and blissful rest, and how grateful I am for these simple pleasures, I cannot help but rejoice in the hope that St. Paul refers to today. Our catechism makes it clear: "We firmly believe, and hence we hope that, just as Christ is truly risen from the dead and lives forever, so after death the righteous will live forever with the risen Christ and he will raise them up on the last day." (989)

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

During a particularly challenging time, I confided in a close friend over the phone. She didn't just offer to pray for me, she actually prayed with me on that phone call. I don't recall her exact words, but she called on Jesus to help me trust that God would see me through. So often, it can be hard to find the words to encourage others in their faith. When that happens, why not bring Jesus into the conversation? It may seem awkward at first, but offering to pray with another person in real time can be a powerful witness and encouragement. As Christians, we don't rely on "hoping" that everything will work out in the end; instead, we know that our hope is in Christ Jesus. As the catechism says: "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness." (1817) It doesn't get much more direct than that. Reflect on what "hope" looks like for us as Christians. And then tell a friend about it.

DID YOU KNOW? The source of our second reading today, the First Letter from Paul to the Thessalonians, contains the earliest mention within Christian literature of the three theological virtues: "faith, hope and love." Reread today's passage, and then read 1 Thessalonians 5:5-8. In prayer, we can ask God to help us grow in all three virtues and show us ways to share them with others.

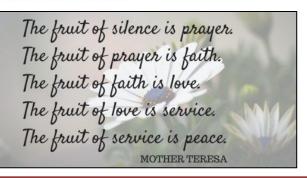
SACRAMENTS

- Reconciliation is available on Saturday afternoons from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and by appointment.
- Baptisms are currently being held immediately after any Sunday liturgy. Families are expected to attend the Mass, then gather around the baptismal font for the baptism. All Diocesan/CDC guidelines are followed.
- 1st Communions can now be scheduled. Please contact Mrs. Ficca if your child has finished with his / her preparation for 1st Communion. Rehearsals will be conducted individually or in small groups the week prior to each 1st Communion.
- **Confirmation** classes began Sunday, September 13th. Contact Mrs. Ficca a.s.a.p. to register.
- Funerals and Weddings Seating is limited but livestreaming is available. Please contact Fr. Matthias for more information.



Check out this new a groundbreaking Catholic video game for kids of all ages from Loyola Press!

It's available for purchase from the Apple Store & Google Play!





Curious about the Catholic Faith?

RCIA is a program for adults and older children who are thinking about becoming Catholic.

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM in the Church Commons.

Email Mrs. Ficca to register: faith@christthekingnorfolk.org

Are you an Adult Catholic who never made Your Confirmation?

Contact Mrs. Ficca today. While each case is unique, the preparation is pretty simple and you could be ready in as little as 4 weeks!

Family Faith Formation for Pre-K3 to Grade 5

This year we will be meeting both virtually and inperson! Our virtual classes will be family based through Zoom & Flipgrid. Our in-person classes will continue the same lesson with a hands on activity. All may attend either or both.

Virtual Classes - Sundays @ 6:30 p.m.

October 11th - Saints

November 8th - Unit 1 & Giving Thanks

December 13th - Advent & Christmas

January 24th - Unit 2

February 28th - Unit 3 & Lent

March 14th - Unit 4

April 11th - Unit 5

In-Person Classes - Sundays @ 9:30 a.m.

October 25th - Saints

November 22nd - Unit 1 & Blessing Bags

December 20th - Advent & Christmas

January 10th - Baptism

February 14th - St. Valentine & Lent

March 28th - Palm Sunday

April 25th - Holy Eucharist & the Mass

May 16th - Year End Celebration



Baptismal Preparation for Infants & Children up to age 7

Classes are being held online. Please contact Mrs. Ficca at least 3 weeks before the desired date.



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