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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

ANOIDING 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.

EUCCHARIST 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 DECEMBER 14TH TO 20TH

Monday, 12/14	8:30 a.m.	Janie Smith (D)
Tuesday, 12/15	8:30 a.m.	Carmelo Coco (L)
Wednesday, 12/16 (CTK School Only)	8:30 a.m.	
Thursday, 12/17	8:30 a.m.	Carmelo Coco (L)
Friday, 12/18	8:30 a.m.	No Mass
Saturday, 12/19	8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Gloria Aguila (D)
Sunday, 12/20	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. (Livestream) 5:00 p.m.	Bob & Linda Davis (L) Intentions of Parishioners



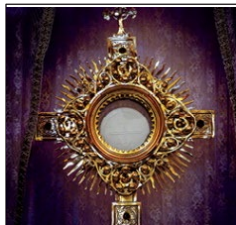
Please keep our sick & homebound parishioners in your prayers. If you know someone in need, please contact our office.

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.



***Advent Adoration
Friday, December 18th
8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.***

On **Friday, December 18th**, Deacon Brown will lead us in **Lauds (Morning Prayer) with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 8:30 AM**. All are invited to adore throughout the day. At **6 PM**, Deacon Brown will lead us in **Vespers (Evening Prayer) with Benediction** as we close out the day. If you can commit to a full hour, please contact Janet Ficca by email or text (757-646-2684).

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

4th Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

"For a deeper trust and openness to the Holy Spirit in people discerning a call to serve Christ as a priest deacon or in the consecrated 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.

Opportunities to Serve @ CTK

- **Livestream Camera Person for Daily Masses & Funerals**
- **Church Cleaning Crew Members**
- **Ushers & Readers for Daily & Weekend Masses**
 - **Grounds Crew Members**
 - **Altar Server Coordinator**
- **Peace & Justice Committee Members**

To learn more about these opportunities, contact the parish office at (757) 622-1120 or by email at office@christthekingnorfolk.org



Join us on **Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7 p.m.** in praying the **Rosary** virtually. Stephanie Brown will lead us. Please dial 757-551-6414. No PIN number required.

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

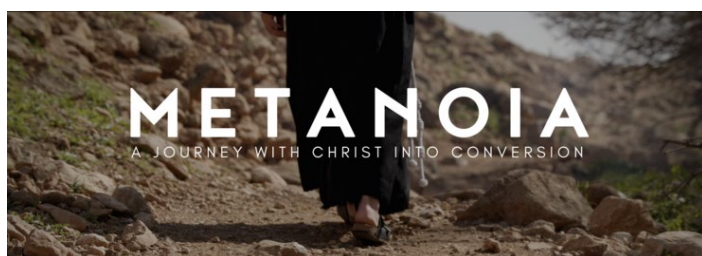
<https://www.facebook.com/ctknorfolkva>

Sunday's Mass is also viewable on our website.



THIS WEEK AT CTK

Children's Church (Ages 2-5)	12/13	10:30 AM	Ashland House
Cleaning Team #1	12/14	6:30 PM	Church
1 st Communion Parent Meeting	12/15	7:00 PM	Church
Virtual Rosary	12/15	7:00 PM	via phone (757-551-6414)
RCIA- Journey in Faith	12/16	7:00 PM	Ashland House
Divorce Care	12/16	7:00 PM	via Zoom
Spirit of God Prayer Group	12/17	7:00 PM	Church Commons
Virtual Rosary	12/17	7:00 PM	via phone (757-551-6414)
Lauds (Morning Prayer) with Exposition	12/18	8:30 AM	Church
First Friday Adoration	12/18	9 AM - 6 PM	Church
Vespers (Evening Prayer) with Benediction	12/18	6:00 PM	Church
Legion of Mary	12/19	1:30 PM	Church Commons



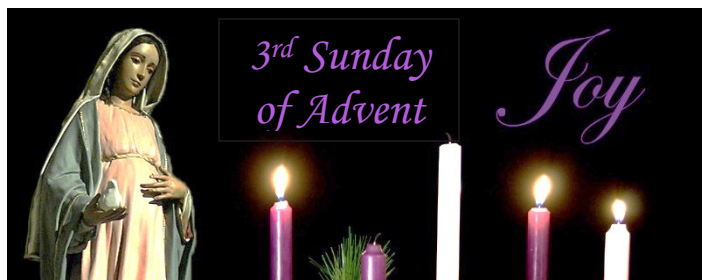
Spirit of God Prayer Group – Thursdays @ 7 p.m.
Church Commons – All are welcome!



CTK's *Legion of Mary*

has resumed meeting on
Saturdays at 1:30 PM
in the Church Commons

For more details, contact Tess Rozelle
theroze0305@aol.com
New members are always welcome!



YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Number of families contributing to operating income
during the month of December: 48 out of 346

**Financial information for the weekend of
December 6th will be posted next weekend.**

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



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.

St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries

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

Current Needs:

Pine Sol, Bathroom Cleaner, Razors, Bottled Water,
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Please bring donations to the church. The collection
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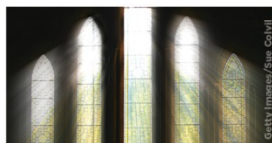
For more information, please contact
Alicia at 757-627-6748 or visit their website:
www.stcolumbaministries.com

Our Peace & Justice Committee needs you!

Our **Angel Tree** is up! We will be supporting St.
Columba, St. Mary's and Catholic Worker again and
they have asked for **gift cards only** this year. Please
return the gift cards "wrapped" in a Christmas Card with
the tag on the outside the weekend of Dec. 13th for St.
Columba and Dec. 20th for St. Mary's and Catholic
Worker.



If you are interested in helping with the
Sandwich Ministry or have any
questions, please feel free to contact
Sonia at 822-3204 or email at
vazquez1974@hotmail.com



December 13, 2020 | Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2A, 10-11 | 1 Thes 5:16-24 | Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Written by
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The prophet's words in the Book of Isaiah are bursting with hope: "The Lord ... has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the Lord." As we enter the third week of Advent, these words may resonate more deeply for many of us as we look back on 2020. We know that for many of the world's people, struggle can be an everyday reality; however, after this year marked by pandemic, mourning, racial injustice, and mounting unemployment, the prophet's hope-filled words may hit home more acutely. Regardless of what 2020 has been like for us, Advent is a reminder that we have reason for hope: in Emmanuel, God with us. Let us prepare our hearts and our minds for Christ's coming through prayer, confident that the Lord will fulfill the promises of the prophet.

WITNESS Last week we focused on making God's kindness visible through our words and actions toward the people with whom we live and interact regularly; this week, let our witness focus on testifying to the light in our digital presence and encounters. Make your words be those that foster hope and promise rather than incite division.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Light! Here in the Midwest in December we don't see nearly enough of it. Every year I consider purchasing a "happy lamp" and vow to "up" my Vitamin D intake. Perhaps that's why I was taken by the line in today's Gospel describing John the Baptist: "He came ... to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him." As predicted by John the Baptist and the prophet, Christ came to dwell among us, and remains within us through the Eucharist and the working of the Holy Spirit. We, like John the Baptist, can "testify to the light" by sharing Christ's presence through our witness to others.

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Volunteer for
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First Presbyterian on Colonial Ave will be hosting NEST from December 2nd through January 13th. We have created a form through Sign-Up Genius where you can sign up directly online for the week we will be helping with: **December 23rd to the 30th**. If a slot is already filled, please contact Paul or Clayton directly so that they can put you down as backup.

To sign-up, go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0549a9ac2da3fc1-nest>

- ✓ All positions are listed by date and time with the number of slots needed to be filled. Select the desired "Sign Up" button(s) and you will see a green check mark appear on the button.
- ✓ Once you have selected all the time slots that you want to volunteer for, scroll to the orange button at the bottom of the page that says "Submit and Sign Up" to enter your choice.
- ✓ Fill in the required info (Name, e-mail, phone number), then click on "Sign Up Now" to finalize your selection.
- ✓ If you have any difficulty signing up, contact me at pmsnavy@yahoo.com – Paul Schultz



Family Faith Formation for Grades 1 to 6

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

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

NO MORE ZOOM MEETINGS!

If you can't meet face to face, contact Mrs. Ficca and your child's catechist will work with you and your child one on one.



Grades 6 to 12

Youth Group is Back!

Sundays @ 6:15 p.m.

All middle & high school students are invited to participate in our upcoming Youth Group activities.

December 20th - Deck the Halls

Join us for hot chocolate and cookies as we decorate the church for Christmas!

January 10th - Remembering our Baptism

New at CTK!

Children's Church

All children ages 2 to 5 are Invited to join us during the 11 AM Mass **every Sunday!** Space and staffing are limited so **sign-ups as required** using the link below. A small donation of \$2 per child with a maximum of \$5 per family per Sunday would be greatly appreciated.

For full details, contact Mrs. Ficca at faith@christthekingnorfolk.org.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0549A9AC2DA3FC1-childrens>



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 Ashland House.**

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

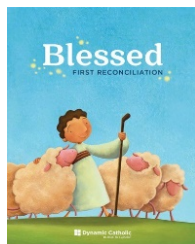
Are you an Adult Catholic who never made Your Confirmation?

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!

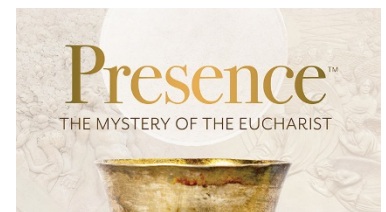
Preparation for First Reconciliation & First Communion

All parents of children ages 7 (Grade 2) and up are invited

Registration & Orientation - Tuesday, December 15th - 7 to 8 p.m.



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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.

Sign-Up for CHRISTMAS Mass

As you know, seating is limited. Please sign-up for Christmas Mass by **Sunday, December 20th** so we can determine if we need to add another Mass.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0549A9AC2DA3F>
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or go to:

<https://richmonddiocese.org/office/mcmahon-parater-foundation>



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2020-2021

ADORATION DURING ADVENT

8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. every Friday – December 4th, 11th, & 18th

Will begin with Lauds (Morning Prayer) @ 8:30 a.m.

Will conclude with Vespers (Evening Prayer) @ 6 p.m.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Masses on Tuesday, December 8th

CHRISTMAS

Children's Vigil Mass at 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve

8 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve

10 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 26th

8:30 a.m., **11 a.m.** & 5 p.m. Masses on Sunday, December 27th

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

5 p.m. Mass on Thursday, December 31st

10 a.m. Mass on Friday, January 1st

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday, January 2nd

8:30 a.m., **11 a.m.** & 5 p.m. Masses on Sunday, January 3rd

Please Note: **Mass Times in bold will be livestreamed.**

There will be **NO** morning Mass on Thursday, December 24th;

Saturday, December 26th; and Thursday, December 31st.

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