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AND RETURN TO THE LORD, YOUR GOD.

JOEL 2:13



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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 MARCH 22nd TO 28th

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| Monday, 3/22 | 8:30 a.m. | |
| Tuesday, 3/23 | 8:30 a.m. | |
| Wednesday, 3/24 (CTK School Only) | 8:30 a.m. | Michael Grosso (L) |
| Thursday, 3/25 | 8:30 a.m. | Ted Hines (D) |
| Friday, 3/26 | | No Mass |
| Saturday, 3/27 | 8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. | |
| Sunday, 3/28 | 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. (Livestream) 5:00 p.m. | Emmanuella Okobi-Abuah (D) Intentions of Parishioners |

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 28, 2021

Gospel at the Procession

Mark 11:1-10

Mass

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

“For the faithful response of all men and women called to follow Christ and His passion through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.”

The **Office of Vocations** hosts 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.



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. Stipend should be paid at the time of request.

Flowers:

If you would like to have flowers placed in the church in memory of a loved one, please contact Cassandra Goodwyn (757) 544-8915. Full arrangements range from \$75 to \$125 but other options include cut flowers and plants.

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

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

Sign-Up for Holy Week Masses

Because seating is limited, we are asking ALL to sign-up for ALL Masses starting with Palm Sunday through Easter as we did at Christmas. This will allow us to create seating charts to maximize the number of people we can safely seat.

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



CTK's *Legion of Mary*

meets on

Saturdays at 1:30 PM
in the Church Commons

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

New members are always welcome!



Adoration during Lent

Wednesdays

9:15 AM to 7:00 PM

Fridays

8:30 AM to 7:00 PM

Join us!



THIS WEEK AT CTK

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| Cub Scouts | 3/22 | 6:30 PM | Ashland House |
| Cleaning Team 2 | 3/23 | 9:00 AM | Church |
| Virtual Rosary | 3/23 | 7:00 PM | via phone (757-551-6414) |
| Bible Study - Hebrews | 3/23 | 6:30 PM | Ashland House |
| Adoration & Vespers | 3/24 | 9:30 AM – 7:00 PM | Church |
| Divorce Care | 3/24 | 7:00 PM | via Zoom |
| Spirit of God Prayer Group | 3/25 | 7:00 PM | Church Commons |
| Virtual Rosary | 3/25 | 7:00 PM | via phone (757-551-6414) |
| Lauds, Adoration & Vespers | 3/26 | 8:30 AM – 7:00 PM | Church |
| Stations of the Cross | 3/26 | 7:00 PM | Church |
| Legion of Mary | 3/27 | 1:30 PM | Church Commons |
| Faith Formation Gr. 1-6 | 3/28 | 9:30 AM | Ashland House |
| Children's Church | 3/28 | 10:45 AM | Ashland House |

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.



This weekend, we celebrate the last of the 3 scrutinies. The readings are taken from Cycle A.

Q What is the role of the assembly in the experience of the elect? How can the assembly be helpful to them?



A Initiation is the responsibility of the entire parish community. The assembly accompanies the elect in this last phase of their journey—through participation in the scrutinies and presentations, by providing witness to the life of Christ, a listening ear, and hearts filled with gratitude for their presence. Members of the assembly can make an effort to reach out to the elect, share conversation, and pray for them.

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YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Number of families contributing to operating income during the month of March: 102 out of 341

March 14, 2021

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| Weekly Budget Needed | \$ | 7,122.92 |
| Actual Receipts Received | | <u>7,423.50</u> |
| Weekly Budget Surplus | \$ | <u><u>300.58</u></u> |
| Year-To-Date Budget Needed | \$ | 263,548.15 |
| YTD Actual Receipts Received | | <u>235,851.05</u> |
| YTD Budget Deficit | \$ | <u><u>(27,697.10)</u></u> |

Online Giving can be done directly at

<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/408>

Did you know that your budget offering is our only source of income? This year has been a struggle for all of us and we appreciate your continued support!

Special (2nd) Collections for April

- Budget Deficit
- Capital Improvements / Maintenance



March 21, 2021 | Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34 | Heb 5:7-9 | Jn 12:20-33

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

Recent news warned of a shortage of seeds this spring, as home gardeners carry on a hobby borne of the coronavirus pandemic. Even those of us not exactly known for our green thumbs jumped in, seeing home gardens as a way not only to stock our pantries, but to sow hope during a time of isolation and, for too many, mourning. In today's readings, we are reminded of an even larger hope – one that transcends optimism and feeling, and is centered in the theological virtue of Hope. God holds us close even on the most challenging of days. We see this in Jeremiah's prophecy of a new covenant, where all shall know God and our sins will be washed away. And today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus, like the grain of wheat, dies so that we may have new life. As we plant our seeds this spring, we will undoubtedly remember the people and things we have lost. Yet, as shoots break through with the warmth of spring, we can be reminded of Jesus, the source of all hope, and his promise that "I will draw everyone to myself."

ACTION Buy a packet of seeds (if you can find one). Plant seeds in memory of loved ones who may have died this past year, or in remembrance of any type of loss you or your loved ones may have suffered. Offer prayers of thanksgiving for Jesus, the source of our hope.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As we approach Holy Week, the Gospel prepares us by reminding us that Jesus, like a grain of wheat, must die so that we may have new life: "Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life." I don't think that John is telling us to wallow in sadness or live joyless lives. Instead, perhaps he is encouraging us to "lose" those things that are not life-giving and instead focus on what draws us closer to Jesus – such as prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Perhaps as we continue our Lenten journey, we can identify the obstacles that get between us and Jesus, or that divide our families and communities. By letting those go, we free ourselves to be more like Christ, and to share the Good News of God's great love for us with others.



As our regular programs start to return, Mrs. Ficca is no longer able to livestream all of the daily Masses. We are looking for at least one additional volunteer to be a part of our team. We especially need help on Saturday mornings and to serve as a backup. Training will be provided but a good understanding of the movements of the Mass is needed. If interested, contact Janet Ficca at faith@christthekingnorfolk.org.



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:

Travel Size Toothpaste, Dental Floss, Bathroom Cleaner, Nonperishable Food (**especially canned meats**), Granola Bars, and Beef Jerky

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

Ushers are Needed at All Daily & Weekend Masses!

Our Ushers serve two very important functions at Mass – **hospitality & safety:**

- They are the first ones to greet you as you enter & to wish you a blessed day as you leave.
- They help direct traffic throughout the liturgy.
- They ensure that all safety precautions are taken before, during and after Mass.

If you would like to become a part of this very important ministry, please contact Ken Brink (757) 285-3178.

Family Faith Formation for Grades 1 to 6

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

March 28th - Unit 4

April 25th - Unit 5

May 23rd - 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. Here is the link to the

Loyola Press Family Resources:

<https://www.loyolapress.com/faith-formation/finding-god/finding-god-2013/parents-and-students/>



Preparation for First Communion

In Church - Parents & Children

Session 2 - April 20th @ 6:30 PM

If you missed **Session 1**, please contact Janet Ficca as soon as possible.

Before the April meeting:

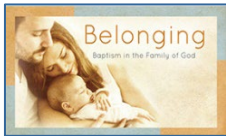
Parents - Watch **Presence** Episodes 3 & 4

Children - Do **Blessed** Sessions 3 - 5

Presence is on <https://formed.org>

Blessed videos can be found at

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/blessed.html>



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.



Grades 6 to 12 Youth Group is Back! Sundays @ 6:15 p.m.

All middle & high school students are invited to participate in **Youth Group** on the **2nd Sunday** of the month.

April 11th - Divine Mercy Sunday

June 21-25 - Diocesan Work Camp

July 19-23 - CTK VBS

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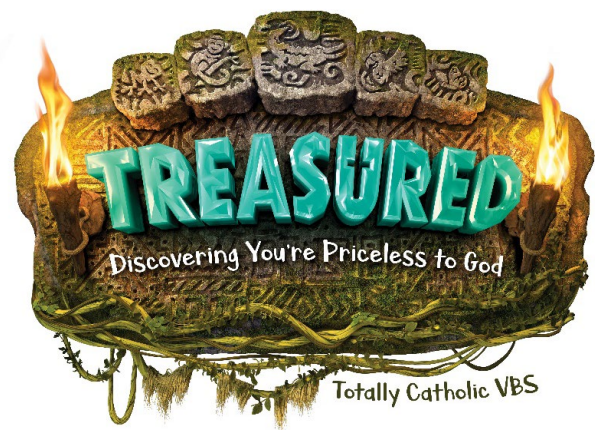
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CTK Vacation Bible School

July 19th - 23rd

9:15 a.m. - 12 noon



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