# CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## **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.

#### 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.

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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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK OF	April {	5 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup>
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Monday, 4/5	8:30 a.m.	Conchita & Juan Dante (D)	
Tuesday, 4/6	8:30 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory	
Wednesday, 4/7	8:30 a.m.	Open to All this Week	
Thursday, 4/8	8:30 a.m.	Ted Hines	
Friday, 4/9		No Mass	
Saturday, 4/10	8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.		
Sunday, 4/11 Divine Mercy	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. (Livestream)	Victor Quayle (D) Teresa Thompson (D)	
	5:00 p.m.	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. 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.

# 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.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

## APRIL 11, 2021 Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31

"For all our priests, deacons, sisters and brothers whom God has sent in the name of Jesus to serve the people of the Diocese of Richmond, that they will be blessed with continued faithfulness to Him and inspire many more to consider a vocation to consecrated life and ordained ministry, 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 <u>vocations@richmonddiocese.org</u> or call (804)-359-5661.

## Informal Discernment gatherings

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

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

https://www.facebook.com/ctknorfolkva

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



# 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.

## THIS WEEK AT CTK

Church Office Closed	4/5	All Day	Church Office
Hebrews Bible Study	4/6	6:30 PM	Ashland House
Virtual Rosary	4/6	7:00 PM	via phone (757-551-6414)
Divorce Care	4/7	7:00 PM	via Zoom
Spirit of God Prayer Group	4/8	7:00 PM	Church Commons
Virtual Rosary	4/8	7:00 PM	via phone (757-551-6414)
Legion of Mary	4/10	1:30 PM	Church Commons
Children's Church	4/11	10:45 AM	Ashland House
Divine Mercy Service with Benediction	4/11	3:00 PM	Church



# CTK's Legion of Mary

Invites all to a Holy Hour to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet with them at 3 PM on

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>!

For more details, contact Tess Rozelle <u>theroze0305@aol.com</u>

**Q** Why are new Christians given all three sacraments of initiation at one time at the Easter Vigil?



A Adults (including children of catechetical age) who are seeking

initiation receive Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during one liturgy—the Easter Vigil, which best expresses the connection between Baptism and the Paschal Mystery. This practice dates back to the earliest centuries of the Church. The three sacraments of initiation are intimately connected: Baptism incorporates us into Christ's Body; Confirmation strengthens the gifts received in Baptism and sends the believer to the Eucharist; the Eucharist is the center of the Christian life. It unites the Church as Christ's Body for the sake of the world. The three "combine to bring us, the faithful of Christ, to his full stature and to enable us to carry out the mission of the entire people of God in the Church and in the world" (*Christian Initiation*, General Introduction, 2).

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# Easter Flower Dedícatíons 2021



## Mr. & Mrs. David Danson

In Memory of the Grosso, Konrad & D'Angelo Families In Honor of the McKenna, Danson & DeLima

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## Ms. Joanne Kubat

In Memory of Mary & Vincent Picone; Carolina & Secondo Bosio; Rosa & Joseph Picone; and Patti & Joe Gambardella In Honor of Brian Paul Picone

Mr. & Mrs. Teodoro San Juan

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Stevens and Nita Sargent

## YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

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

# Financial information for the weekend of March 28th will be posted next weekend

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

**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 (2<sup>nd</sup>) Collections for April

- Budget Deficit
- Capital Improvements / Maintenance





April 4, 2021 | Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 | Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 | Jn 20:1-9

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

I have happy memories when I think about all the Easter celebrations I experienced as a child. Easter baskets with nicer-than-usual chocolate; indoor Easter egg hunts - check under the lampshade! - and wearing the best of our Sunday best to Mass. I wouldn't trade these memories for anything, but writing this reflection reminds me that our modern-day celebrations and traditions don't come close to truly capturing the gamut of emotions the disciples must have felt on that first day of the week. From the fear, despair and confusion they initially experienced, to the joy that would have enveloped them when they realized what the empty tomb meant: Jesus had risen! The beloved disciple entered the empty tomb of Christ in today's Gospel, "and he saw and believed." As Christians, I think we sometimes take this foundation of our faith for granted. And so I pray for a renewed sense of awe at the stunning reality: to "see and believe" that God so loved us that he gave his only Son, who died and rose so that we, too, might live forever in God's love.

## GO EVANGELIZE

### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Some days I wake up with particular joy or anticipation: "Today we are going on vacation!" Or, "Today my son graduates from college." It is a wonderful feeling, and one that helps me jump – OK, roll a little faster – out of bed. If we take to heart the psalmist's message today, we see that this is how God intends for us to awaken every day: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." God is the author of our life, and on this Easter Sunday, we celebrate the gift of *eternal* life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In today's first reading, Peter relates how the disciples were commissioned to share the Good News of Christ's resurrection. His words remind us that the story of Easter cannot and should not be contained. Instead, we are called to witness that "everyone who believes in [Jesus] will receive forgiveness of sins through his name." That is good news worth sharing, whether on our social media feed, or with our loved ones and those we encounter each day.

**WITNESS** Happy Easter! Perhaps visit the graveside of a loved one, and take the opportunity to talk about life after death. Say a special prayer of thanks at your Easter meal. And remember to smile in the direction of new faces at Mass today!



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 <u>faith@christthekingnorfolk.org</u>.

## St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries

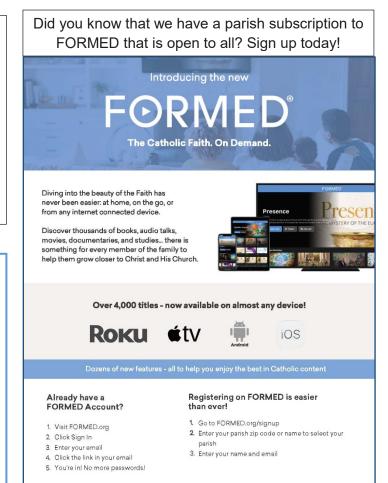
is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping those who are homeless and low-income.

### **Current Needs:**

Travel Size Toothpaste, Dental Floss, Bathroom Cleaner, Nonperishable Food, Granola Bars, & 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



## Family Faith Formation for

Grades 1 to 6

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

April 18<sup>th</sup> - Unit 5 May 18<sup>th</sup> - Year End Celebration

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



CTK Blessings New Baby? New Job or Promotion? Special Anniversary or Birthday? Let's celebrate together! Send announcements to the office and we will share your good news.



This week we celebrate the wedding of Caitlin Jeffcoat and Logan Burch on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>! You will see Logan again in next week's bulletin as he was baptized, confirmed and made his 1<sup>st</sup> Communion at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday!



# Preparation for First Communion

In Church - Parents & Children Session 2 - April 20<sup>th</sup> @ 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 <u>https://formed.org</u>

Blessed videos can be found at <u>https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/blessed.html</u>



Grades 6 to 12 Youth Group is back!

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

April 11<sup>th</sup> – Divine Mercy Sunday @ 3 PM Followed by our Youth Mass at 5 PM



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.

> CTK Vacation Bible School July 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:15 a.m. – 12 noon



We will have an At Home option again this year for those who cannot attend in person!



