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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.

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 MAY 17th to MAY 23rd

Monday, 5/17	8:30 a.m.	Carmelo Coco (D)	
Tuesday, 5/18	8:30 a.m.	Carmelo Coco (D)	
Wednesday, 5/19 (CTK School Only)	8:30 a.m.	Mary & Clarence Carter (D)	
Thursday, 5/20	8:30 a.m.	Beverly Reid (D)	
Friday, 5/21		No Mass	
Saturday, 5/22	8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.		
Sunday, 5/23	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. (Livestream)	Nicolas De Jesus (D) Carmelo Coco (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.

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

https://www.facebook.com/ctknorfolkva

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

May 23, 2021 Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Galatians 5:16-25

John 20:19-23 or 15:26-27 or 16:12-15

"For an increased devotion to the Holy Spirit among our young people, as He leads them in their prayerful discernment to discover their vocation in Christ, 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.



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!



Join us for Adoration

Every Wednesday & First Fridays

9:00 AM to 7:00 PM Sign-Up Today!

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

Faith Formation Gr.1-6 Celebration	5/16	12:00 PM-1:30 PM	Church Commons
Youth Mass followed by Movie Night	5/16	5 PM – 8 PM	Church & Ashland House
Cub Scouts	5/17	6:30 PM	Ashland House
Hebrews Bible Study	5/18	6:30 PM	Ashland House
Virtual Rosary	5/18	7:00 PM	via phone (757-551-6414)
Cleaning Team #3	5/19	9:30 AM	Church
Adoration	5/19	9:15 AM – 7 PM	Church
Vespers	5/19	6:30 PM	Church
Fratelli Tutti Series – Part 2	5/19	7 PM	Church Commons
Peace & Justice Committee	5/20	7:00 PM	Church Commons
Spirit of God Prayer Group	5/20	7:00 PM	Church Commons
Virtual Rosary	5/20	7:00 PM	via phone (757-551-6414)
Legion of Mary	5/22	1:30 PM	Church Commons



"Atheism is on the rise. Skeptical thinkers like Richard Dawkins, Christopher Hitchens, and Sam Harris vigorously attack belief in God as irrational or, even worse, dangerous. The so-called New Atheism has attracted millions of young people thanks to bestselling books such as *The God Delusion* and *God Is Not Great*. How should Christians respond? How can we turn the tide of secularism and draw people back to God?"

Join us for this 6 Week Series

Thursday Nights @ 7PM

in the Church Commons

Presented by the Spirit of God Prayer Group

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



11 AM Mass Ages 4 to 7

- Will resume Sunday, May 30th but will be limited to no more than 6 children for now.
 - Virtus trained adults are needed to help.
 - Contact Janet Ficca to register your children and/or to help as a volunteer.



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.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Number of families contributing to operating income during the month of May: 84 out of 345

Financial information for the weekend of May 9th will be posted next weekend

School Roof - \$31,237.76 of the \$49,500 needed

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

All Online Giving (including special collections) can be done directly at https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/408



May 16, 2021 | Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 | Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13 | Mk 16:15-20

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

"Why are you standing there looking at the sky?" the Apostles are asked. Well, hello! The risen Jesus, who had once again walked among the Apostles, "was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight." Of course the disciples would look up, to gaze once more upon the Son of God whom they loved. Today's feast reminds us, however, that to look for Jesus is not to stand around looking up, but to engage with others in the world in which he remains present. Even as he sits "at the right hand of God," Jesus dwells among and within us. For God is not some distant figure, but One who desires to walk alongside us in the person of his Son, Jesus, and give us the gift of the Holy Spirit as our help and advocate. Even in times when we experience doubt, complacency, or simply feel distant from God, Jesus is at our side. Once we open our hearts to his presence, we cannot help but share the Good News of God's love in our families, workplaces, and everyday encounters with others.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

For anyone wishing to grow in their understanding of what evangelization looks like, today's readings offer as good a playbook as any. As we celebrate the Ascension, we may be tempted to see it as a kind of "farewell party" for Jesus. But while on the surface, it may appear that Jesus "left" the Apostles, he promises to remain with them through the gift of the Holy Spirit. What does that mean for us? Today's Gospel sums it up, quoting Jesus' words immediately before he was taken up to heaven: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." As Catholics and Christians, that's our bottom line. I read somewhere that "proclaim" goes beyond mere words, and encompasses living out the Gospel by sharing God's love. Jesus remains at our side, encouraging us to use the gifts God has given us to build up the Church.

PRAY Today's feast reminds us that we have an advocate in Jesus and the Holy Spirit. As you enter a challenging situation or even just a typical day, remember to ask Jesus to give you a "spirit of wisdom."

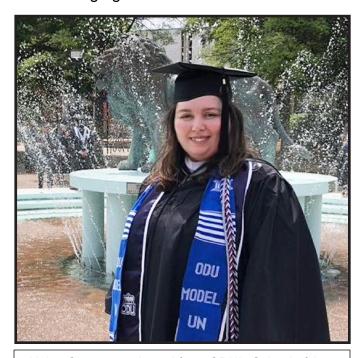
CTK Blessings

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 some of our college graduates!

Megan Magyar graduated Summa cum Laude in Theology from Ave Maria University and was the Theology Department Award winner!





Helen Sharpe graduated from ODU's School of Arts and Letters with a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.



Faith Formation for Grades 1 to 6



All Faith Formation Families are invited to our Year End Celebration (Pizza Party) on Sunday, May 16th after the 11 AM Mass

All online activities should have been completed by Wednesday, May 12th. Here is the link to the **Loyola Press Family Resources:**

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



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 2021 VBS

July 19th – 23rd 9:15 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Registration is now open!

https://vbspro.events/p/ctk2021

- In-person Ages 5 to 10; limit of 20
- At Home Open to all. Register by July 1st at faith@christthekingnorfolk.org
 - Adult & teen volunteers needed
- Next volunteer meeting will be held on Thursday,
 May 27th at 7 PM

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit,
and guide us throughout the Diocese of Richmond
as we embark on our third century in Your service.
We humbly ask You to strengthen our trust in You
and our eagerness to share the Gospel message with
others. Enkindle in us a keen desire to grow
in our relationship with You
and to encounter You in Your sacraments.
Through the intercession of
Mary, Star of the New Evangelization,
and St. Vincent de Paul,
may we experience a new Pentecost and
a profound renewal of faith in our diocese, our parishes,
our families, and our hearts.

Amen.

Preparation for First
Reconciliation & First Communion

A new set of classes will begin June 15th!

All baptized children who will be 7 or older by July 1st are invited to prepare for these very important Sacraments!

Contact Mrs. Ficca by June 1st at faith@christthekingnorfolk.org to register.

On **Sunday, May 23rd**, the following children will be making their **First Communion** at the **11 AM Mass!** Please pray for them as they prepare for this special day!

Teddy Broe Levi Connor
Christian Courtenay Eva Luettel
Leanne Mitchell Claire Nignan Dominic Selg





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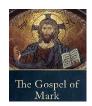
RACISM AND ANTI-RACISM



(4pm PT)

KSVP at https://tinyurl.com/mby4p69s

Olga Segura and Ralph McCloud will help us consider the divisions caused by racism and how to overcome them. Join us in-person or click here to register for the Zoom meeting.



Sunday Morning Bible Study resumes Sunday, May 30th

9:45 to 10:45 AM Church Welcome Center

We will be studying the Gospel of Mark. All are welcome! Contact Steve Cyrs for more details: 757-635-7590

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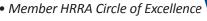
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