



## CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# Advent

The Season of

A Season of  
HOPE  
PEACE  
JOY  
LOVE



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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Friday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon  
Bulletin deadline: Thursday by 3:00 p.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.

### ANOIDTING 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 and 11:00 a.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 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>

Monday, 12/4		No Mass
Tuesday, 12/5	8:30 a.m.	Gerard Ropital & Dawn Carignan (D)
Wednesday, 12/6	8:30 a.m.	
Thursday, 12/7	8:30 a.m.	
Friday, 12/8	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	George Doumar (D) Johnny Magyar (D)
Saturday, 12/9	8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Frank Okoduwa (D)
Sunday, 12/10	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. (Livestream)	Intentions of Parishioners Fred Capps (L)

#### 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.

#### 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 \$100 to \$150, but we have other options.



**8:30 AM Mass: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays**

**11:00 AM Mass – Every Sunday**

Two additional teams are needed at 8:30 and at least one additional team is needed for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month for the 11 AM Mass. Please contact Janet Ficca at (757) 646-2684 or through the office for more info and / or to volunteer.

## Next Week's Readings

### Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Genesis 3:9 – 15, 20

Psalm 98:1 – 4

Ephesians 1:3 – 6, 11 – 12

Luke 1:26 – 28

**Scriptures are #1213 in the Hymnal.**

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### Second Sunday of Advent

**December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Isaiah 40:1 – 5, 9 – 11

Psalm 85:9 – 14

2 Peter 3:8 – 14

Mark 1:1 – 8

**Scriptures are #995 in the Hymnal.**

## Vocations Awareness

“Like a man away on a journey, he assigns each of us a task; be on the alert.”

Being chosen to serve as a priest or in consecrated life is an amazing work of the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognize and be faithful to your vocation.

Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (804) 359-5661 or via email:

[vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org)

|                      | Liturgical Ministers for<br>December 8 <sup>th</sup> |               | Liturgical Ministers for December 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> |                                   |               |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
|                      |                                                      |               | Saturday, 12/9                                                       | Sunday, December 10 <sup>th</sup> |               |
|                      | 8:30 AM                                              | 7:00 PM       | 5:30 PM                                                              | 8:30 AM                           | 11:00 AM      |
| <b>Altar Serv. 1</b> | K. Okobi                                             | R. Vicente    | M. Everett                                                           | A. Gutierrez                      | R. Adenko     |
| <b>Altar Serv. 2</b> | S. Stevens                                           | S. Killian    | A. Hagerty                                                           | K. Okobi                          | J. Satchivi   |
| <b>Altar Serv. 3</b> | E. Luettel                                           |               | x                                                                    | x                                 | x             |
| <b>Child. Lit. 1</b> | x                                                    | x             | x                                                                    | S. Butterfield                    | O. Hryniewich |
| <b>Child. Lit. 2</b> | x                                                    | x             | x                                                                    | M. Butterfield                    | C. Richey     |
| <b>EMHC</b>          | x                                                    | x             | x                                                                    | x                                 | x             |
| <b>Reader 1</b>      | Reader Needed                                        | Okobi         | R. Trent                                                             | M. Jacinto                        | L. Sama       |
| <b>Reader 2</b>      | Reader Needed                                        | Reader Needed | Reader Needed                                                        | O. Okobi                          | S. Killian    |
| <b>Usher 1</b>       | K. Brink                                             |               | C. Rannigan                                                          | T. Duncan                         | K. Brink      |
| <b>Usher 2</b>       |                                                      |               | J. Fellowes                                                          | G. Duncan                         | T. Womack     |
| <b>Livestream</b>    | x                                                    | J. Ficca      | x                                                                    | x                                 | E. Hunley     |



## THIS WEEK AT CTK

|                                                      |             |                          |                         |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Faith Formation Class for Pre-K – Grade 8            | 12/3        | 9:45 AM                  | Ashland House           |
| Faith Formation Class for Grades 9 – 12              | 12/3        | 12:15 PM                 | Ashland House           |
| Cleaning Team #1                                     | 12/4        | 2:00 PM                  | Church                  |
| Cub Scout Pack Meeting / Boy Scouts                  | 12/4        | 6:30 PM / 7:00 PM        | Ashland House / School  |
| Liturgy Committee Meeting                            | 12/5        | 6:30 PM                  | Conference Room         |
| Legion of Mary                                       | 12/5        | 7:15 PM                  | Ashland House           |
| Divorce Care                                         | 12/6        | 6:30 PM                  | Conference Room         |
| Becoming Catholic                                    | 12/6        | 7:00 PM                  | Conference Room         |
| Virtual Rosary                                       | 12/7        | 7:00 PM                  | via phone (757)551-6414 |
| Spirit of God Prayer Group                           | 12/7        | 7:00 PM                  | Church Commons          |
| <b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Holy Day</b> | <b>12/8</b> | <b>8:30 AM / 7:00 PM</b> | <b>Church</b>           |
| That Man Is You (TMIY)                               | 12/9        | 6:00 AM                  | Church Commons          |
| Faith Formation Class for Pre-K – Grade 8            | 12/10       | 9:45 AM                  | Ashland House           |
| Family Skate Party & Youth Group Fundraiser          | 12/10       | 5:00 PM                  | Sk8 House               |

### CTK 75 Special Collection

Please support our parish with this special collection!  
For **November** and **December**, we are asking everyone to give a little extra to reduce our current deficit. Every little bit helps. Envelopes are in a basket on the baptismal font or you can bring your own – just label them CTK 75 and include your name.  
Thank you for your generosity!

### Family Skate Party & Fundraiser at Sk8 House, VA Beach

**ALL** are invited to join us on **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** from 5 to 9 PM for a night of fun and fellowship.  
Admission is \$8 per person and includes skate rental.  
RSVP by Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

### Curious about the Catholic Faith?

**Need to Receive any of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion)?**

**Becoming Catholic** is a program for adults and older teens who are thinking about becoming Catholic and for adults who never received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. We meet most

**Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 PM** in Ashland House.

All are welcome!

Contact Janet Ficca for more info at  
[faith@christthekingnorfolk.org](mailto:faith@christthekingnorfolk.org)



I'm looking for kids in **Grades 3-8** who would love to sing for the Lord for our **Children's Mass on Christmas Eve**.

Rehearsal time to be determined.

A choir mom/dad is needed who is VIRTUS trained.

Please email me at [music@christthekingnorfolk.org](mailto:music@christthekingnorfolk.org) if interested as soon as possible. Include your children's names, ages, and other musical experiences, such as chorus or music lessons. Thank you! B. J. Atkinson

### Holiday Help

If you know of a parishioner who could use a little help this year with Christmas, please contact the office as soon as possible.

### YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

#### December Special Collections:



CTK 75, Catholic Charities, Christmas Flowers, Christmas, Capital Improvements, Budget Deficit, and Feast of the Immaculate Conception

**All Online Giving** (including special collections) can be done by scanning the **QR code** above or by going directly to:

<https://osvhub.com/christthekingnorfolk/giving/funds>





December 3, 2023 | First Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7 | 1 Cor 1:3-9 | Mk 13:33-37

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

In a nineteenth-century sermon, St. John Henry Newman wrote of today's Gospel: "[Jesus] mercifully whispers into our ears ... not to share in the general unbelief [around us], not to be carried away by the world but to 'beware, keep alert' and look out for his coming." I love the thought that Jesus is "mercifully whispering" to us. Welcome to Advent! We know that Advent is a time of anticipation and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ, but today's readings also speak to me of training ourselves to be alert for God's presence in the small, everyday moments of our lives. In his Letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes that "[we] are not lacking in any spiritual gift" as we await the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are gifted with his grace. Our loving God bestows countless graces on us each day, and with the help of the Holy Spirit we can seek ways to be more aware of these graces. Yes, we can be more "alert" to them, but can also be thankful for these small moments of God's presence with us.

## GO EVANGELIZE

### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Advent is a season of joyful hope. "I hope I can get my Christmas shopping done in time ... I hope I have time to get my house decorated this weekend." We all have "hopes and dreams" for this time of year, and, God-willing we will be blessed with a truly festive and joyous holiday season with our families. For Catholics, though, this season of "joyful hope" is one that has a much deeper meaning. We long for the return of Christ and our eternal union with him with a hope that is built on the promises of Jesus in the Scriptures. Our hope is not passive, but active. We know that God is always there for us, comforting us in bad times and rejoicing with us in times of happiness. Let us give thanks for our Triune God who desires to be in relationship with us enough that he sent his Son to take on our humanity. And let us silence any noise in our hearts so as to hear Jesus' merciful whisper of encouragement to be on the watch for his coming.

**SING** *People, look east. The time is near / Of the crowning of the year. / Make your house fair as you are able, / Trim the hearth and set the table. / People, look east and sing today: / Love, the guest, is on the way.*



### Advent Adoration Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 9 AM – 6 p.m.



We will have Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by Adoration throughout the day. At 5:30 PM, we will end with Vespers and Benediction as we close out the day.



### Advent Reconciliation Service Please join us on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 PM

for our Advent Reconciliation Service followed by individual confessions as we prepare our hearts and souls to celebrate Christmas.

## DYC 2024



February 9-11, 2024

You've missed the Early Bird Registration for DYC but it is not too late to join us!  
Open to all Youth in Grades 8 to 12.

<https://evangelizerichmond.org/events/diocesan-youth-conference-2/>

### Holiday Family Movie Night Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 6 PM



Children of all ages are invited to wear their Christmas PJ's, bring a pillow & blanket and join us for hot cocoa, Christmas cookies & a movie in the Church Commons!  
All are welcome!  
RSVP to Mrs. Ficca by 12/20.

**St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping those who are homeless and low-income. During the **Month of December**, we will be collecting:

### Food for Holiday Baskets



**Boxed:** stuffing, instant potatoes, Jiffy corn muffin mix, dessert mix  
**Canned:** corn, green beans, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, fruit and hams

**Frozen** 10-12 lb. turkeys and Fresh or Frozen hens  
For more information, please contact Alicia at 757-627-6748 or visit their website:

[www.stcolumbaministries.com](http://www.stcolumbaministries.com)

# ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2023-2024

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## ADORATION DURING ADVENT

8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on December 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

Will begin with Mass @ 8:30 a.m.

Will conclude with Vespers (Evening Prayer) @ 5:30 p.m.

## SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. (livestreamed) Masses on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

## RECONCILIATION SERVICE

6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reconciliation at 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

Regular Weekend Masses - 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>  
and 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. (livestreamed) on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

## CHRISTMAS EVE

Children's Vigil Mass at 5 p.m. with Children's Carols beginning at 4:30 p.m.

9 p.m. Vigil Mass with Festival of Carols beginning at 8:15 p.m.

## CHRISTMAS DAY

10 a.m. Mass (livestreamed)

## HOLIDAY HOURS

The week of December 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, the church office will be open:

Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

# December 2023

## Christ the King Catholic Church

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                             | Monday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Tuesday                                                                                                | Wednesday                                                                                      | Thursday                                                                                                                             | Friday                                                                                                         | Saturday                                                                                                 |
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|  <p><i>Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” (Luke 2:14)</i></p>     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                        |                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                      | <b>1</b> <i>First Friday</i><br>8:30 AM Mass<br>9 AM-6 PM Adoration<br>5:30 Vespers<br>7:00 Circulo d'Oracione | <b>2</b><br>6:00 AM TMIY<br>8:30 Mass<br>3:30 PM Reconciliation<br>5:30 Vigil Mass                       |
| <b>3</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</i><br>8:30 AM Mass<br>9:45 FF for PK – Gr 8<br>11:00 Mass<br>12:15 PM FF for Grs 9-12                                                                 | <b>4</b> <i>St. John Damascene</i><br>6:30 PM Cub Scouts<br>7:00 Boy Scouts<br>No Mass<br>Fr. Joe's Day Off                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>5</b><br>8:30 AM Mass<br>6:30 PM Liturgy Comm.<br>7:15 Legion of Mary                               | <b>6</b> <i>St. Nicholas</i><br>8:30 AM Mass<br>6:30 PM Divorce Care<br>7:00 Becoming Catholic | <b>7</b> <i>St. Ambrose</i><br>8:30 AM Mass<br>7:00 PM Choir Practice<br>7:00 Virtual Rosary<br>7:00 Spirit of God Prayer            | <b>8</b> <i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)</i><br>8:30 AM Mass<br>7:00 PM Mass    | <b>9</b> <i>St. Juan Diego</i><br>6:00 AM TMIY<br>8:30 Mass<br>3:30 PM Reconciliation<br>5:30 Vigil Mass |
| <b>10</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i><br>8:30 AM Mass<br>9:45 FF for PK – Gr 8<br>11:00 Youth Mass<br>5:00 PM Youth Group<br>Fundraiser at Sk8 House                                    | <b>11</b> <i>St. Damasus I</i><br>6:30 PM Cub Scouts<br>7:00 Boy Scouts<br>No Mass<br>Fr. Joe's Day Off                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>12</b> <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i><br>8:30 AM Mass<br>12:00 PM Sr. Luncheon<br>7:15 Legion of Mary | <b>13</b> <i>St. Lucy</i><br>8:30 AM Mass<br>6:30 PM Divorce Care<br>7:00 Becoming Catholic    | <b>14</b> <i>St. John of the Cross</i><br>8:30 AM Mass<br>7:00 PM Choir Practice<br>7:00 Virtual Rosary<br>7:00 Spirit of God Prayer | <b>15</b><br>8:30 AM Mass<br>9 AM-6 PM Adoration<br>5:30 Vespers<br>7:00 PM Circulo d'Oracione                 | <b>16</b><br>6:00 AM TMIY<br>8:30 Mass<br>3:30 PM Reconciliation<br>5:30 Vigil Mass                      |
| <b>17</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i><br>8:30 AM Mass<br>11:00 Mass                                                                                                                     | <b>18</b><br>6:30 PM Cub Scouts<br>7:00 Boy Scouts<br>No Mass<br>Fr. Joe's Day Off                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>19</b><br>8:30 AM Mass<br>7:00 PM Finance Comm.<br>7:15 Legion of Mary                              | <b>20</b><br>8:30 AM Mass<br>6:00 PM Parish Council                                            | <b>21</b> <i>St. Peter Canisius</i><br>8:30 AM Mass<br>6:00 PM Reconciliation Service<br>7:00 Virtual Rosary                         | <b>22</b><br>8:30 AM Mass<br>10:00 Hanging of the Greens<br>6:00 PM Movie Night<br>7:00 Circulo d'Oracione     | <b>23</b> <i>St. John of Kanty</i><br>8:30 AM Mass<br>3:30 PM Reconciliation<br>5:30 Vigil Mass          |
| <b>24</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve</i><br>8:30 AM Mass<br>11:00 Mass<br>4:30 PM Children's Carols<br>5:00 Children's Mass<br>8:15 Festival of Carols<br>9:00 PM Vigil Mass | <b>25</b> <i>Christmas Day The Nativity of the Lord</i><br>10:00 AM Mass<br>Office Closed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>26</b> <i>St. Stephen</i><br>7:15 PM Legion of Mary<br>Office Closed                                | <b>27</b> <i>St. John, Apostle</i><br>8:30 AM Mass                                             | <b>28</b> <i>Holy Innocents</i><br>7:00 PM Virtual Rosary<br>7:00 Spirit of God Prayer                                               | <b>29</b> <i>St. Thomas Becket</i><br>8:30 AM Mass<br>7:00 PM Circulo d'Oracione<br>Office Closed              | <b>30</b><br>3:30 PM Reconciliation<br>5:30 Vigil Mass                                                   |
| <b>31</b> <i>New Year's Eve The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, &amp; Joseph</i><br>8:30 AM Mass<br>11:00 Mass                                                                                         | <div> <div> <b>Special Collections:</b><br/>           CTK 75, Catholic Charities<br/>           Feast of the Immaculate Conception,<br/>           Christmas, Christmas Flowers,<br/>           Capital Improvement and Budget Deficit         </div> <div>  </div> <div> <b>St. Columba's Collection for December:</b><br/> <b>Holiday Baskets</b><br/>           Boxed: stuffing, instant potatoes, Jiffy corn muffin mix, dessert mix<br/>           Canned: corn, green beans, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, fruit and hams<br/>           Frozen 10-12 lb. <b>turkeys</b> and Fresh or Frozen <b>hens</b> </div> </div> |                                                                                                        |                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                |                                                                                                          |

Greetings, parishioners, families, and friends,

What a great time of the year! It is exciting to see the joy on the faces of our students during the holiday season. Due to the season's busy nature, schedules and added responsibilities can cause stress. Concerts, parties, family visits, and so many other events seem to be packed into a limited amount of time. Scheduling becomes an issue, and we always look for ways to complete our to-do list.

We are still in awe of the small Child who came to re-create the world with the hope, peace, love, and joy of His coming, and we are in constant prayer that the reasons for which He came will become more evident in our lives. This small Child grew into a man who modeled how we must live to make the world a better place—feeding the hungry, healing the sick, consoling the lonely, giving shelter to the homeless, welcoming the outcast, and trusting one another to do what is right. We know, intellectually, the difference that Jesus' life made in the world. Most importantly, may we feel all that Christmas brings to our lives and those around us this year. May we celebrate its true meaning—that God loved us so much that He came to us in the person of Jesus!

When we recall the story of Bethlehem's events all those years ago, we remember the light and song of the angels as they announced the Good News of Jesus' birth to the shepherds on the hillside. "Peace on earth and goodwill toward all." We remember the anticipation of the shepherds as they joyfully found this Child, and we recognize the magi as they carefully laid their well-chosen gifts before the Child Jesus. Each year the story is told, and the telling of the story changes us and the world around us! May we be the light and the song this Christmas as we seek to make the lives of those around us brighter with our presence, whether in person or remotely! May the story we tell be the hope, peace, joy, and love of that first Christmas night. May we remember Jesus' humble birth in a stable, and in recognizing, may we offer the gifts that we have received as gifts to one another!

Our upcoming school Christmas pageants allow you to slow down and enjoy a little holiday cheer. The 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade pageant on December 12th and the Pre-K - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade pageant on December 13th will be held in the CTK Gymnasium beginning at 6:00 PM and 10:00 AM, respectively. Students and staff have been working very hard to showcase these special talents. Please come; everyone is welcome!

Have a wonderful week!

Kim V. Callahan, Principal  
Christ the King Catholic School

### December Events

|                 |                                                             |       |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| 12              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Christmas Pageant   | 6 PM  |
| 13              | PreK – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Christmas Pageant              | 10 AM |
| 20              | Christmas Break begins - 11:30 AM Dismissal                 |       |
| Dec 21 – 22:    | Christmas Break Camp – No School<br>Students must register. |       |
| Dec 26 – Jan 2: | Christmas Break<br>No School / No Daycare                   |       |

### Families with Young Children

Welcome to Christ the King!

Children are especially close to the heart of Jesus so don't feel you have to stifle those wiggles and giggles. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you, so please participate and try to sit where they can see what is happening.

If your child should become verbally or physically restless, please quietly step out and utilize the chairs that have been placed in the Commons just for you. When your child has calmed, please return to your pew.

Do not give up!  
You are welcome here, always.



### Sponsor a Wreath to Honor our Veterans

My name is Emily. I am a CTK parishioner and a member of American Heritage Girls Troop VA 0316. Each year, my troop places wreaths on the graves of the Veterans at Hampton National Cemetery.

**Please help us honor Veterans by sponsoring a wreath for \$17.**

If you would like to lay wreaths on the graves, join my troop and many other volunteers at the **Hampton National Cemetery on Dec 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM.**

You can participate in 3 ways:

1. Scan the QR code
2. Make a check payable to Wreaths Across America
3. Access my link:

<https://wreathsasscrossamerica.org/pages/166191>





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