

Christmas 2023

# Glory

to God in  
the highest  
and on earth  
peace to those  
on whom his  
favor rests.

Luke 2:14



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## MASS INTENTIONS

### FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup> (Vigils) to 31<sup>st</sup>

Sunday, 12/24 <b>Christmas Vigil</b>	5:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	Intentions of Parishioners Greta Hovik (D)
Monday, 12/25 <b>Christmas Day</b>	10:00 a.m.	Kenneth Fowler (D)
Tuesday, 12/26		No Mass
Wednesday, 12/27	8:30 a.m.	Frederick Lopez-Carvalho (L)
Thursday, 12/28		No Mass
Friday, 12/29	8:30 a.m.	John Agnese (D)
Saturday, 12/30	5:30 p.m.	Intentions of Parishioners
Sunday, 12/31	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. (Livestream)	A Special Intention Marie Madeleine & Mathilda Lopez (D)

#### 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.

### **CTK 75 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!

## CHRISTMAS' READINGS

### December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (Night)

Isaiah 9:1 – 6  
Psalm 96:1 – 3, 11 – 13  
Titus 2:11 – 14  
Luke 2:1 – 14

**Scriptures are #1004 in the Hymnal.**

### December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (Day)

Isaiah 52:7 – 10  
Psalm 98:1 – 6  
Hebrews 1:1 – 6  
John 1:1 – 18

**Scriptures are #1006 in the Hymnal.**

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

### Feast of the Holy Family

#### December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Genesis 15:1 – 6, 21:1 – 3  
Psalm 105:1 – 6, 8 – 9  
Hebrews 11:8, 11 – 12, 17 – 19  
Luke 2:22 – 44

**Readings and Psalm are #1008 & Gospel is #1007B in the Hymnal.**

### Vocations Awareness

“Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God.”

Consider following Christ more closely as a priest or in consecrated life. 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).

	<b>Liturgical Ministers for Christmas</b>			<b>Liturgical Ministers for Holy Family</b>		
	Sunday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>		Monday, 12/25	Saturday, 12/30	Sunday, December 31 <sup>st</sup>	
	5:00 PM	9:00 PM	10:00 AM	5:30 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Altar Serv. 1</b>	S. Stevens	S. Killian	L. Sama	J. Litkowski	K. Okobi	R. Vicente
<b>Altar Serv. 2</b>	M. Everett	R. Vicente	W. Ponchot	x	B. Okobi	x
<b>Altar Serv. 3</b>	J. Litkowski	x	x	x	x	x
<b>Child. Lit. 1</b>	x	x	x	x	x	J. Ficca
<b>Child. Lit. 2</b>	x	x	x	x	x	P. Brink
<b>EMHC</b>	J. Ficca	K. Killian	A. Webb	M. Agnese	J. Radford	A. Vitug
<b>Reader 1</b>	E. Hunley	J. Ficca	L. Francis	R. Trent	<b>Reader Needed</b>	S. Brown
<b>Reader 2</b>	K. Okobi	<b>Reader Needed</b>	E. Marasco	B. Baker	<b>Reader Needed</b>	<b>Reader Needed</b>
<b>Usher 1</b>	C. Rannigan	T. Duncan	K. Brink	C. Rannigan	T. Duncan	K. Brink
<b>Usher 2</b>	J. Fellowes	G. Duncan	T. Womack	J. Fellowes	G. Duncan	T. Womack
<b>Livestream</b>	x	x	J. Ficca	x	x	E. Hunley



## THIS WEEK AT CTK

Christmas Vigil Masses (Caroling 30 minutes before)	12/24	5:00 & 9:00 PM	Church
Christmas Day Mass	12/25	10:00 AM	Church
<b>Church Office Closed – Monday &amp; Tuesday</b>	<b>12/25 &amp; 12/26</b>	<b>All Day</b>	
Legion of Mary	12/26	7:15 PM	Ashland House
Virtual Rosary	12/28	7:00 PM	via phone (757)551-6414
Spirit of God Prayer Group	12/28	7:00 PM	Church Commons
<b>Church Office Closed – Friday</b>	<b>12/29</b>	<b>All Day</b>	
Circulo D'Oracione	12/29	7:00 PM	Church
<b>Mass for Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Church Office Closed – Monday</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>All Day</b>	

### *Legacy Giving*

Please remember Christ the King Church in your estate planning. Your gift will help us to continue to fulfill our mission to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

### **Scam Alert!!!**

It's the holiday season! If you are suspicious of an email or text message, DO NOT CLICK on any links.

- Type in the actual website of the company and check for information there, directly.
- Call the individual on a number you trust instead of clicking and replying to what was sent.
- Log into a website directly instead of clicking through a "sale" email.
- If it claims to be from the church, Fr. Joe, or office staff, call the church office or contact us through the email address on our bulletin cover. Stay alert!



### *Angel Tree*

Thank you to everyone who contributed to support those in need.

### *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.



### 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.

Class will resume on **Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**! We meet from **6:30 to 8:00 PM** in Ashland House.

All are welcome!

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



### 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 24, 2023 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 | Rom 16:25-27 | Lk 1:26-38

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

"Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." The angel Gabriel announces this in the Gospel today, and it is a phrase with which we are all familiar thanks to our recitation of the Hail Mary prayer. Although some may be comforted by such a message and its angelic messenger, it is troubling to Mary because the angel goes on to tell her she will conceive and bear the Son of God. Thinking practically, Mary is being told the impossible will happen – who wouldn't be troubled? And yet Mary offers herself: "I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Despite her fear and trepidation, Mary went on to answer God's call and do his will. Our Blessed Mother became a great example of fortitude at that moment, as she exemplified what it means to step outside of our own uncertainty and trust God completely. Although doing God's will can be difficult at times, St. Paul reminds us in his Letter to the Romans that we can ask God for the strength to say "yes" in spite of our fears.

## **GO EVANGELIZE**

### **PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

Up until today, December has probably been a whirlwind. Trees and lights, ornaments, parties and presents – all these things help to kick off "the most wonderful time of year" beginning soon after Thanksgiving. Come Dec. 26, however, for many, the decorations become a nuisance and Christmas trees are out on the curb for pickup. Thank goodness for our Catholic faith because for us, Christmas is just beginning! Mary didn't say "may it be done to me" only to forget about it the next day. No, in the coming months, the Blessed Mother nurtured the baby Jesus in her womb, anticipating the arrival of her firstborn and the Son of God. And on that blessed Christmas night, her work as the Mother of God was only just beginning. So, as we anticipate the arrival of the Christ Child, we are joyful that *our* Christmas season continues until we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord on January 8. Let us use this time to draw closer to God and make every effort in the new year to do his will.

**SING** *Angels, announce with shouts of mirth / Christ who brings new life to earth. / Set every peak and valley humming / With the word, the Lord is coming. / People, look east and sing today: / Love, the Lord, is on the way.*



### **Classes meet as follows:**

**PreK to Grade 8:** Sundays, 9:45 to 10:45 AM

January 7, 14, 21, 28

February 4, 18 & 25

**Grades 9 to 12:** Sundays, 12:15 to 1:30 PM

(bring your lunch)

January 7 & 21

### **Youth Mass & Youth Group Meeting:**

12:15 to 2:30 PM (lunch provided)

January 14<sup>th</sup>

February 4<sup>th</sup> (Scout Sunday)

DYC - February 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>

Pasta Dinner – Youth Group Fundraiser

Children's Liturgy  
of the Word

**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.



## **Talent Needed**



- Can you sing?
- Play a musical instrument?
- Dance?
- Have a favorite poem to share?

On **Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**, our Youth Group will be hosting a **Pasta Dinner & Talent Show** to benefit those going to World Youth Day in August from CTK!

Please contact Mrs. Ficca as soon as possible if you have talent to share.

## **St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries**

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

During the **Month of January**, we will be collecting:  
**spray deodorant and travel size hygiene products**

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

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



Greetings, Parishioners, Families, and Friends,

I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for attending our Christmas pageants. Your presence made the event even more special and meaningful. I hope you enjoyed the performances as much as we enjoyed putting them on.

The pageants serve as a reminder of the true reason for the season, which is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Through the beautiful songs and performances, we were able to come together as a community and reflect on the significance of this holiday.

Families, thank you for partnering with us to educate your children. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office or email me directly at [kcallahan@ctkparish.org](mailto:kcallahan@ctkparish.org).

Merry Christmas!

Kim V. Callahan  
Principal  
Christ the King Catholic School



### December Events

Dec 26 – Jan 2: Christmas Break No School / No Daycare



## Christmas Flower Dedications 2023

(as of Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>)



Ms. Marianel Acevedo

Mrs. Marion Agnese

*In Memory of:*  
Greta Hovik

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Akinosun

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bousquet

Ms. Jacqueline Campbell

Mrs. Peggy Daugherty

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Duncan

*In Memory of:*  
Loved ones of the  
Moran & Duncan Family

Mrs. Diane Fogle

*In Memory of:*  
Deceased Members of the  
Thompson & Fogle Families

Mr. & Mrs. Keith Francis

Ms. Joanne Kubat

*In Memory of:*  
Mary & Vincent Piccone  
Rosa & Joseph Piccone  
Carolina & Secondo Bosio  
Marguerite P. Eck  
Brian Paul Piccone

Mr. & Mrs. Noel Marasigan

Mrs. Dorothy Powers

*In Memory of:*  
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James Bedegree  
Michael Hudson  
Paul & Michael Watts

Mr. Claude Ranger

Mr. & Mrs. Teodoro San Juan

Ms. Susan Skoczynski

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