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"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, *Rejoice*

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

– Philippians 4:4-5



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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

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.

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 2nd TO 8th

Monday, 12/02		No Mass
Tuesday, 12/03	8:30 a.m.	
Wednesday, 12/04	8:30 a.m.	
Thursday, 12/05	8:30 a.m.	
Friday, 12/06	8:30 a.m.	
Saturday, 12/07	8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Teresita de Castro (D) Intentions of Parishioners
Sunday, 12/08	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. (Livestream)	Rachel Norwood Allred (D) Tony Quezon (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 at (757) 544-8915. Full arrangements range from \$100 to \$175.



CTK's Legion of Mary
 Meets on **Tuesdays at 7:15 PM** in Ashland House.
 For more details, contact Tess Rozelle at
theroze0305@aol.com.
 New members are always welcome!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Sunday of Advent

December 8th, 2024

Baruch 5:1 – 9

Psalm 126:1 – 6

Philippians 1:4 – 6, 8 – 11

Luke 3:1 – 6

Scriptures are #996 in the Hymnal.

Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to making our **75th Anniversary Celebration** a wonderful and successful event. Special thanks go to the Anniversary Committee and the office staff for all of their hard work. We hope everyone had an enjoyable time and we look forward to our next 75 years!

We will celebrate Mass for the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

on **Monday, December 9th** at
8:30 AM & 6 PM.

The evening Mass will be livestreamed.

Liturgical Ministers	December 7 th & 8 th		
	Saturday, 12/07	Sunday, December 8	
	5:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Altar Serv. 1	S. Killian	B. Okobi	D. Satchivi
Altar Serv. 2	B. Clark	H. Gutierrez	Ev. Luettel
Altar Serv. 3	x	x	x
Child. Lit. 1	x	x	A. Luettel
Child. Lit. 2	x	x	C. Connor
EMHC-Bread	x	x	x
EMHC-Cup 1	M. Agnese	L. Radford	A. Webb
EMHC-Cup 2	--	A. Okobi	V. Duquette
Reader 1	C. Goodwyn	C. Okobi	M. Everett
Reader 2	Reader Needed	K. Okobi	J. Satchivi
Usher 1	C. Rannigan	T. Duncan	S. Matrosky
Usher 2	J. Fellowes	G. Duncan	E. Rivera-Kulesza
Livestream	x	x	H. Luettel

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.



THIS WEEK AT CTK

Children's Choir	12/1	12:15 PM	Church
Cub Scouts / Boy Scouts	12/2	6:30 PM / 7:00 PM	Ashland House / School
Liturgy Committee	12/3	6:00 PM	Conference Room
Legion of Mary	12/3	7:15 PM	Ashland House
Cleaning Team #3	12/4	9:30 AM	Church
Opening the Word	12/4	6:30 PM	Ashland House
Adult Choir	12/4	7:00 PM	Church
Symbolon	12/5	6:30 PM	Ashland House
Virtual Rosary	12/5	7:00 PM	via Phone (757)551-6414
Adoration / Vespers (5:30 PM)	12/6	9:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Church
That May Is You (TMIY)	12/7	6:00 AM	Church Commons
First Saturday Rosary & Litany	12/7	8:00 AM	Church
Faith Formation PreK-Gr 5	12/8	9:45 AM	Ashland House
Children's Choir	12/8	12:15 PM	Church
Confirmation Class	12/8	12:30 PM	Ashland House
Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Holy Day	12/9	8:30 AM & 6:00 PM	Church



School Fundraiser Kick-off



Last weekend **Christ the King** kicked off a fundraiser in celebration of the **70th Anniversary of our School**.

365 envelopes are hanging in the Commons. Each envelope corresponds with every day of the year, **beginning with November 24**, our feast day.

We are asking for your support of Christ the King Catholic School's mission to offer a high-quality education, grounded in academic excellence as well as Catholic core values, to all students regardless of financial background. You are encouraged to support this mission by taking an envelope and returning it with your donation, in a designated collection box in the Commons, by **Sunday, December 15**.

If every envelope is claimed and returned along with a donation for at least the number on the envelope, we will raise over \$66,000 to support scholarship and financial aid funding, allowing Christ the King Catholic School to continue its mission of offering accessible education for all. Thank you.



Advent Adoration

Friday, December 6th & 20th
9 AM – 6 PM

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 19th at 6 PM

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

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH



December Special Collections:

Christmas Flowers, Christmas, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Catholic Charities, Budget Deficit, and Capital Improvement

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>

*The Light who
has come into the
world will dispel
the darkness.*

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December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16 | 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 | Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Are you one of those people who flips to the end of the book to find out what happens or maybe you roam the internet for spoilers of your favorite show? We have all been tempted to know what is going to happen before whatever it is unfolds, especially in tension-filled situations. Knowing the ending changes the way we experience the angst of the present moment, especially if it's a great ending! Like today: even as we anticipate and know the comfort and joy of the Advent season, we certainly do not begin there with our Gospel reading from Luke. In it, Jesus describes the coming of the Son of Man: this time will include moments of dismay, tribulation, assault, fright, and death. Contemplating this time of justice can be fearsome, but it is also a source of joy, because Christ is coming! We know that through Christ we have been redeemed - and that, if we remain faithful to him, we have the hope of eternal life. As Luke tells us, we can stand with our heads held high because redemption is at hand. Our Advent does not start with comfort and joy, but it sure ends there. Knowing this ending helps us have confidence and hope in God.



Thank you for all the wonderful birthday wishes! ~ Fr. Augustine

St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries - Food for Holiday Baskets

Boxed: stuffing, instant potatoes, Jiffy corn muffin mix, dessert mix and baking items

Canned: corn, green beans, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, and fruit

Turkeys: \$25 Gift Cards to Walmart or Food Lion for families to purchase

Deadline for Baskets: Dec. 9th for Christmas

For more information, please contact Alicia at

757-627-6748 or visit their website:

www.stcolumbaministries.com

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We are encouraged and challenged by the Word and our Advent traditions this first week to *remember how it ends!* In our first reading, the prophet Jeremiah relays consolation to the nation in crisis when God tells them the days are coming when the Lord will "fulfill the promise." This will bring them much-hoped-for safety and security. In Luke's Gospel, Christ's coming will be with "power and great glory" and although it sounds somewhat frightening, it will usher in redemption. Those are some spoilers providing great confidence and hope. In addition to our readings, the lighting of our first candle this Advent season is a visual reminder of the culmination of our salvation story! The Light who has come into the world has and will dispel the darkness. We can stand erect and raise our heads together to glimpse this light of Advent and fill our hearts again with hope that God surely is the one who keeps his promises. That is the best spoiler of all.

SING

O come, divine Messiah!

The world in silence waits the day

When hope shall sing its triumph

And sadness flee away

Christ the King Faith Formation
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR

UNWRAPPING
THE GIFT
an Advent Family Gathering

Sunday, December 15
3:00 - 5:00 PM
Church Commons

Advent invites us to prepare for the best birthday ever, the birth of baby Jesus! It begins with a simple invitation to Mary that extends to all of us. The gift is not wrapped in fancy paper, but swaddling cloth. Come celebrate this joyous arrival through crafts, games, prayer, food, and fellowship. Bring your entire family to enjoy this fun, hands-on, and meaningful event that will prepare your hearts for the Advent season.

BRING YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY!
RSVP to Janet Ficca by December 10

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2024

ADORATION DURING ADVENT

8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on December 6th & 20th

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. & 6:00 p.m. (livestreamed) Mass on Monday, December 9th

UNWRAPPING THE GIFT AN ADVENT FAMILY GATHERING

Sunday, December 15th @ 3 p.m. in the Church – All ages are welcome!

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 19th

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 23rd – 27th, the church office will be **open**:

Thursday, December 26th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday, December 27th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The week of December 30th – January 3rd, the church office will be **closed**:

Tuesday, December 31st & Wednesday, January 1st

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We are looking for a volunteer to serve as **maintenance coordinator** to be the point of contact for all maintenance issues. This person would be expected to do:

- routine walk throughs of the parish property to look for and evaluate potential problems,
- coordinate with the church office to have repairs made when needed,
- and be a point of contact for emergencies outside of normal business hours.

If interested in learning more, please contact the church office. School families can earn volunteer hours for this service.

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Friday 02-07-2025 - Sunday 02-09-2025

It's time to register for DYC 2025!

We have 8 youth and 2 adult spots reserved. If we need more spots, you will be put on a waiting list.

DYC is open to all high school students.

Total cost is \$210 of which the parish will pay \$60.

A deposit of \$50 is needed to reserve your spot.

Go to: <https://evangelizerichmond.org/events/diocesan-youth-conference-3/> for full details and to download the youth and adult application forms.



No classes – November 24th – December 1st

- Dec 4th – Opening the Word @ 6:30 PM
- Dec 5th – Symbolon – Session 9 @ 6:30 PM
- Dec 8th – PreK to Grade 5 @ 9:45 AM
– Youth Mass @ 11:00 AM
– Confirmation Class @ 12:30 PM
- Dec 12th – Symbolon – Session 10 @ 6:30 PM
- Dec 15th – Reconciliation Class @ 9:45 AM
– Grades 6 to 12 @ 12:30 PM
– Unwrapping the Gift @ 3:00 PM
- Dec 18th – Opening the Word @ 6:30 PM
- Dec 19th – Reconciliation Service @ 6:00 PM

For more information, contact Janet Ficca at

faith@christthekingnorfolk.org

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Rosary Renewal

A Parish Mission to Honor Mary,
Our Lady of Advent in Preparation for Christmas

**St. Matthew
Catholic Church**
Dec 1 - Dec 4 · 6:00PM



St. John Paul II once wrote of the rosary's capacity to form Christians according to the mind and heart of Christ. Over four evenings, Rev. George Knab, O.M.I., Itinerant Preacher for the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, will lead our community on our Advent Parish Mission. Prepare for the season of Christmas by exploring the beauty the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. Each night, Fr. Knab will guide us through one of the four Mysteries, enlightening all on the graces contained in each one.

Saint Matthew Catholic Church in Virginia Beach invites you to attend their Advent Parish Mission titled, **Rosary Renewal: A Parish Mission to Honor Mary, Our Lady of Advent in Preparation for Christmas** which will take place December 1-4, 2024 at 6PM each night. The mission will be led by Fr. George Knab, a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate. Fr. Knab will guide us through the beauty of the mysteries of the rosary. The mission is free to attend and all are welcome. Please contact the St. Matthew's Parish office for additional information at 757-420-6310 or office@saintmatts.net.

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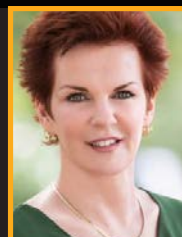
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