

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WE ADORE YOU, O CHRIST, AND WE PRAISE YOU, BECAUSE BY YOUR HOLY



YOU HAVE REDEEMED THE



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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.

THE SEASON OF Lent 2025

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.

EUCHARIST 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	WFFK	OF	MARCH	17 th	TO 23 rd

Monday, 3/17	8:30 a.m.	No Mass		
Tuesday, 3/18	8:30 a.m.	Bill Pearson (D)		
Wednesday, 3/19	8:30 a.m.	Zulay Brown (L)		
Thursday, 3/20	8:30 a.m.	Barry Carp (D)		
Friday, 3/21	8:30 a.m.	Joe Marasco (D)		
Saturday, 3/22	8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Dan & Karen Owens (L) Intentions of Parishioners		
Sunday, 3/23	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. (Livestream)	Jean McMillan (D) Poor Souls in Purgatory		

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 <u>theroze0305@aol.com.</u>

New members are always welcome!

	2 nd Sunday in Lent			
	Saturday, 3/22 Sunday, March 23 rd			
	5:30 PM	8:30 AM	11:00 AM	
Altar Serv.1	H. Geronilla	S. Stevens	J. Adenko	
Altar Serv. 2	х	H. Gutierrez	D. Sama	
Altar Serv. 3	х	x	Ca. Courtenay	
Child. Lit. 1	х	x	K. Rivera	
Child. Lit. 2	х	x	A. Webb	
EMHC-Bread	х	J. Radford	х	
EMHC-Cup 1	C. Burch	A. Okobi	V. Duquette	
EMHC-Cup 2		T. Duncan	M. Lopez	
Reader 1	J. Ficca	C. Okobi	Reader Needed	
Reader 2	B. Baker	K. Okobi	F. Sama	
Usher 1	C. Rannigan	T. Duncan	S. Matrosky	
Usher 2	J. Fellowes	G. Duncan	E. Rivera-Kulesza	
Livestream	х	х	E. Hunley	

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

3rd **Sunday of Lent March 23**rd, **2025** Exodus 3:1 – 8a, 13 – 15 Psalm 103:1 – 4, 6 – 8, 11 1 Corinthians 10:1 – 6, 10 – 12 Luke 13:1 – 9 **Scriptures are #1024 in the Hymnal.**



Please keep the following teens in your prayers as they prepare to be confirmed this week:

> Maria Everett Jacob Litkowski Clare Little Anissa Newton Salvio Sama Joseph Satchivi

Confirmation – March 20, 2025

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	3/16	12:15 PM	Church
Confirmation Rehearsal	3/16	12:15 PM	Church
Spring Regional Youth Event	3/16	6:00 PM	Church of the Ascension, VB
Cub Scouts / Boy Scouts	3/17	6:30 PM / 7:00 PM	Ashland House / School
Cleaning Team #1	3/17	2:00 PM	Church
Baptism Class	3/18	6:30 PM	Church
Finance Committee Meeting	3/18	7:00 PM	via Zoom
Legion of Mary	3/18	7:15 PM	Ashland House
Adoration	3/19	6:00 PM – Midnight	Welcome Center
Divorce Care	3/19	6:30 PM	Conference Room
Adult Choir Practice	3/19	7:00 PM	Church
Confirmation	3/20	7:00 PM	Church of the Resurrection
Virtual Rosary	3/20	7:00 PM	via phone 757-551-6414
Adoration / Vespers (5:30 PM)	3/21	9:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Church
Stations of the Cross	3/21	6:00 PM	Church
Soup Supper	3/21	6:45 PM	Church Commons
That Man Is You	3/22	6:00 AM	Church Commons
Legion of Mary Acies	3/22	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Church & School
Faith Formation Pre-K to Gr. 5	3/23	9:45 AM	Ashland House



Legion of Mary Junior Praesidía

The next meeting of the Junior Praesidia for middle and high school students will be **Saturday, March 29th at 10:00 a.m.** in Ashland House.

For more information, please contact Tess Rozelle.

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

Several adults are needed to help with the following ministries:

- Initiation Ministry (sacramental preparation for Baptism, Confirmation & Holy Eucharist)
 - HS Youth Ministry (Grades 9 to 12)
 - Faith Formation of Adults (18+)

Please speak to Janet Ficca or call the parish office, if interested.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Number of families contributing to the operating income during the month of February: 120 out of 325

Month of February 2025

Monthly Budget Needed	\$ 30,512.38
Actual Receipts Received	23,258.49
Monthly Budget Deficit	\$ <u>(7,253.89)</u>
Year-To-Date Budget Needed YTD Actual Receipts Received	\$ 259,355.27 202,000.78
YTD Budget Deficit	\$ <u>(57,354.49)</u>

Capital Improvement Collection for February - \$655



March Special Collections:

Catholic Relief Services, 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



March 16, 2025 Second Sunday of Lent Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 | Phil 3:17-4:1 | Lk 9:28b-36

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

As humans, we are often burdened with heavy crosses. Experiences of loss, lack, failure, and betrayal can riddle our existence, leaving us fatigued and with a weary question in our hearts: What is this all for? And then, we look up. We raise our gaze and see before us the transfigured face of Christ. Having taken on our human form, Jesus stands before us in radiant glory. As we take in the scene, our senses mingling somewhere between admiration and alarm, we remember the promise he made to us. The promise that we, too, will be made new. The promise that our bodies will also be redeemed, and our burdens will be relieved. And as we remember, we respond, like the disciples, "It is good that we are here." The life of discipleship, at times, can seem to require more than it rewards. But in these moments of intimate encounter, when we see glimpses of Jesus' beautiful face, he reminds us why we are here on this mountain: to love, to serve, and eventually to reap our eternal reward.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We see why we are here on the mountain, but today's readings also reveal a weighty reality: before we are transformed, we must *climb* that mountain. The whole story of Jesus' life is this: before a promise is fulfilled, sacrifice is offered. Our human existence, without the mercy and mission given us by Christ, is empty. But taking up the cross of Christ and following him toward glory, we find our purpose. Earth is our pilgrimage, and our journey will most certainly be punctuated by peaks and valleys. But today, St. Paul reminds us in his Letter to the Philippians that we won't be carrying around these crosses forever. Though strapped with suffering for a time, we know our eternal destination: "Our citizenship is in heaven."

REFLECT

Lent is inherently a season of waiting for the fulfillment of a promise. In our own lives, we may be aching for transformation, perhaps for ourselves, or for another. Remember: God enters deeply into our lives, dwelling so intimately with us that he syncs his every breath with ours. Take the next week to think and pray about how the Lord may be asking you to be transformed. Pray today's Psalm each day, and "Wait for the Lord with courage."





Baptismal Preparation for Infants & Children up to Age 7

Our next class is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 18th @ 6:30 PM**.

Please contact Janet Ficca by March 13th to register.

2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Sharing His Love with Others

The parishioners of Christ the King have always been very generous in their support of the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Our goal in 2024 was \$15,288 and we raised \$23,561. Our parish receives a percentage of the funds that are donated and in 2024, we received \$7,194.10 which was used to offset our operating expenses! We hope everyone will continue to support this appeal and enable the Diocese to continue to support its ongoing programs and parishes.



Please prayerfully consider how you can help this year and respond either online by scanning this QR Code or during the **in-pew appeal – March 8th / 9th and March 15th / 16th.**



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

- Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to midnight
- Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

See the sign-up sheets in the Church Commons.

VESPERS & BENEDICTION – Fridays at 5:30 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Fridays at 6 p.m.



LENTEN SOUP SUPPER – Fridays at 6:45 p.m. – Join us for a simple meal of soup, bread and fellowship. That Man is You is sponsoring March 21st and our school has volunteered to cook for March 28th!

LENTEN DAY OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

- 10 11 AM Sacred Heart, Norfolk St. Andrew the Apostle, Chincoteague St. Matthew, Virginia Beach
 11 AM – 12 PM Basilica of St. Mary, Norfolk
 12 – 1 PM Christ the King, Norfolk
 1 – 2 PM Basilica of St. Mary, Norfolk
 2 – 3 PM Blessed Sacrament, Norfolk
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 3 – 4 PM St. Matthew, Virginia Beach St. Peter the Apostle, Onley
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 4 – 5 PM Christ the King, Norfolk Sacred Heart, Norfolk
 5 – 6 PM Holy Trinity, Norfolk
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 5 – 7 PM Blessed Sacrament, Norfolk
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Pictures from our Women's Ministry Tea on March 1st!

Join us for our next meeting on Saturday, March 15th and our retreat on April 12th.

Discounts available for those who sign-up by March 31st. Young ladies ages 12 and up are welcome to join us!



Sunday, April 6th

Join us as we thank Deacon Brown for his years of service to our parish!

12:30 PM





RETIREMENT PARTY

SURRENDER TO GOD

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM



A LENTEN RETREAT organized by Christ the Kings Women's Ministry

PRESENTER - LISA RANELLONE FROM ST. CLARE OF ASSISI RETREAT HOUSE

ASHLAND HOUSE 1802 ASHLAND AVE \$15 PER PERSON RSVP TO 7 LUNCH INCLUDED OR 757

RSVP TO 757-544-8915 OR 757-537-9050

Join us on Sunday, April 6th after the 11 AM Mass as we celebrate Deacon Brown's service to our parish.

All are asked to bring a dish to share. Sign-up sheets will be in the Church Commons next weekend.

If you can help our Parish Life Committee with set-up, contact Lisa Radford or Katie Rock.





- Mar 16th Faith Formation (PK-5) @ 9:45 AM
 - Rite of Sending for Confirmation @ 11 AM
 - Rehearsal for Confirmation @ 12:15 PM
 - Regional Spring Event @ 6 PM
- > Mar 20th Confirmation @ 7 PM
- Mar 21st Lenten Soup Supper @ 6:45 PM
- Mar 23rd Faith Formation (PK-5) @ 9:45 AM
- Mar 28th Lenten Soup Supper @ 6:45 PM
- Mar 29th CTK Spring Craft Fair
- Mar 30th Faith Formation (PK-5) @ 9:45 AM
 Faith Formation (Grs 6-12) @ 12:15 PM

For more information, contact Janet Ficca at <u>faith@christthekingnorfolk.org</u>



Congratulations to Sebastian, one of our 1st graders, who was baptized on Saturday!



Many thanks to our Youth Choir for leading us in worship at our Youth Masses each month!



The Virginia March for Life 2025 will be held on Wednesday, April 2nd in Richmond.

The rally starts at 11 AM, followed by the march at 12. Go to <u>https://marchforlife.org/virginia/</u> for full details.

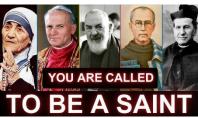
Do you have a Favorite Saint???

We are looking for **two or three people** to share about their favorite saint(s) on the following dates:

March 14th & 21st and April 4th

If you have a favorite saint to share with us, please contact Janet Ficca as soon as possible.

On March 28th and April 11th, all will be invited to participate to two special rites as part of our Initiation Ministry.





Congratulations to Veronika Hamilton who is now one of the Elect who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter!

St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries

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

In March, we are collecting: Peanut Butter & Jelly.

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

