

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

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RUST IN YOU

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 27, 2025

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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.

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 WEEK OF APRIL	. 28 th TO I	May 4 th
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Monday, 4/28	8:30 a.m.	No Mass	
Tuesday, 4/29	8:30 a.m.	Jeffrey Danson (L)	
Wednesday, 4/30	8:30 a.m.	Sr. Stephanie Riley (D)	
Thursday, 5/1	8:30 a.m.	Deacon Mike Brown (L)	
Friday, 5/2	8:30 a.m.	Joe Marasco (D)	
Soturdov 5/2	8:30 a.m	Deacon Mike Brown (L)	
Saturday, 5/3	5:30 p.m.	John & Ginny Grosso (D)	
	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Parishioners	
Sunday, 5/4	11:00 a.m. (Livestream)	Linda Fitzrandolph (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 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 Marie Lopez Carvalhal at <u>fancon2011@gmail.com.</u>

New members are always welcome!

Next Sunday's Readings

3rd Sunday of Easter

May 4th, 2025

Acts of the Apostles 5:27 – 32, 40b – 41 Psalm 30:2, 4 – 6, 11 – 13 Revelation 5:11 – 14 John 21:1 – 19

Scriptures are #1069 in the Hymnal.

Altar Server Training

Are you or someone you know interested in assisting Fr. Augustine at Mass?

Training for new altar servers will be held on Sunday, May 4th, immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

You must regularly attend Mass and be a Catholic in good standing to serve. Those making their 1st Communion next week are welcome. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.



11:00 AM Mass

for ages 3 to 7

One additional team is needed for the 5th Sunday of each month for the 11 AM Mass and to cover when someone isn't available. Please contact the church office for more information and / or to volunteer.

May	2025	Cal	lendar
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Copies of our church calendar for May are on the round table in the Church Commons.

Chairs in the Church Commons

Please leave the chairs in the Commons for parents with small children who need to step out of Mass.

Everyone is encouraged to join us inside the sanctuary for Mass so you can fully participate. If you arrive late, our ushers will be happy to help you find a seat during an appropriate moment during the Mass.

	Liturgical Ministers for 3 rd Sunday of Easter			
	Saturday, 5/3	Sunday, May 4 th		
	5:30 PM	8:30 AM 11:00 AM		
Altar Serv.1	S. Killian	J. Gutierrez	H. Geronilla	
Altar Serv. 2	x	S. Stevens	Emma Luettel	
Altar Serv. 3	x	х	M. Gonzales	
Child. Lit. 1	x	х	P. Brink	
Child. Lit. 2	x	x B. Stamps		
EMHC-Bread		T. Duncan	A. Webb	
EMHC-Cup 1	K. Killian	T. Wright	A. Vitug	
EMHC-Cup 2		G. Duncan	E. Kukanich	
Reader 1	J. Ficca	Reader Needed	L. Sama	
Reader 2	Reader Needed	Reader Needed	C. Little	
Usher 1	C. Rannigan	T. Duncan	S. Matrosky	
Usher 2	J. Fellowes	G. Duncan	E. Rivera-Kulesza	
Livestream	x	х	E. Hunley	

THIS WEEK AT CTK

Faith Formation Pre-K to Gr. 5	4/27	9:45 AM	Ashland House
Children's Choir	4/27	12:15 PM	Church
Divine Mercy Holy Hour	4/27	3:00 PM	Church
Legion of Mary Junior Praesidia	4/27	6:00 PM	Ashland House
Carlo Acutis Film	4/28	7:00 PM	MacArthur Mall
Cub Scouts / Boy Scouts	4/28	6:30 PM / 7:00 PM	Ashland House / School
Cleaning Team #2	4/29	9:00 AM	Church
Legion of Mary	4/29	7:15 PM	Ashland House
Divorce Care	4/30	6:30 PM	Conference Room
Virtual Rosary	5/1	7:00 PM	via phone 757-551-6414
First Friday Adoration / Vespers (5:30 PM)	5/2	9:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Church
First Saturday – Rosary & Litany	5/3	8:00 AM	Church
First Communion Retreat	5/3	9:30 AM	Church
Altar Server Training	5/4	9:30 AM	Church

Birthright Baby Bottle Drive

Bottles for our Annual Baby Bottle Drive for Birthright of Norfolk will be distributed on May 3rd & 4th.

Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service that gives disadvantaged women the support needed to bring their baby to term. Birthright provides free pregnancy tests, health and social service listings, diapers, baby clothing and newborn necessities.

Please take a bottle home, fill it with your spare change or donation and return it by Sunday, May 18th. Checks may be made out directly to Birthright of Norfolk and placed in a bottle or envelope. On behalf of the mothers and babies who will be helped, we thank you for your generous support. Birthright appreciates all donations and welcomes any volunteers.

Birthright of Norfolk is located at 4101 Granby Street. Phone: 757-489-0222 Email: <u>norfolkva@birthright.org</u>



Registration Opens May 1st! July 21st – July 25th 5 PM to 8 PM

Suggested donation of \$20 per person includes a custom t-shirt and all craft supplies.

https://vbspro.events/p/ctkvbs2025 Adult and Youth Volunteers needed!

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 completing one of the envelopes in the church.



YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

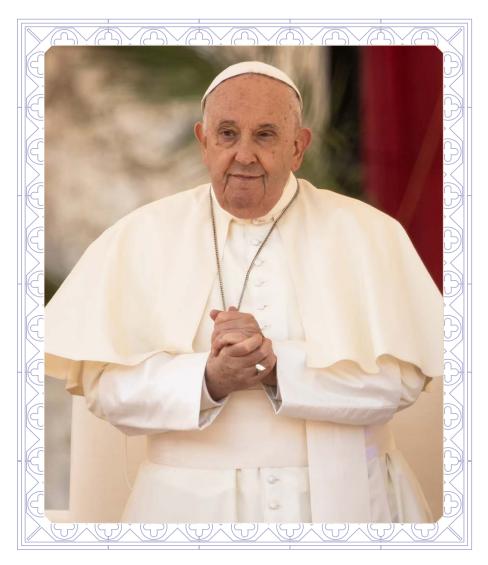


May Special Collections:

Diocesan Home Missions, Vacation Bible School, 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/fund

Rest in Peace His Holiness Pope Francis



Born December 17, 1936

Ordained to the Holy Priesthood December 13, 1969

> Elected to the Papacy March 13, 2013

> > Died April 21, 2025



"We will never be disillusioned or lose our way if we are guided by God."

Pope Francis, who died April 21 at the age of 88, gave new energy to millions of Catholics as he transformed the image of the papacy into a pastoral ministry based on personal encounters and strong convictions about poverty, mission and dialogue. U.S. Cardinal Kevin J. Farrell, chamberlain of the Holy Roman Church, announced that Pope Francis had died at 7:35 a.m. "His whole life was dedicated to the service of the Lord and His Church," Cardinal Farrell said in a video announcement broadcast from the chapel of the Domus Sanctae Marthae, where Pope Francis lived.

Promoting peace, solidarity and respect for the Earth, the pope insisted people needed to recognize each other as brothers and sisters and issued an encyclical about that, "Fratelli Tutti, on Fraternity and Social Friendship." He signed the text at the tomb of St. Francis of Assisi on the saint's feast day, October 4, 2020.

Pope Francis spent much of the first nine years of his pontificate pursuing two ambitious projects: revitalizing the Church's efforts at evangelization – constantly urging outreach rather than a preoccupation with internal church affairs – and reforming the central administration of the Vatican, emphasizing its role of assisting bishops around the world rather than dictating policy to them.

On March 19, 2022, the ninth anniversary of the inauguration of his papacy, he finally promulgated "Praedicate Evangelium" ("Preach the Gospel"), his complete restructuring of the Roma Curia, highlighting its mission to serve the Church's evangelization efforts at all levels.

"Go out" was Pope Francis' constant plea to every Catholic, from curial cardinals to the people in the pews. More than once, he told people that while the Bible presents Jesus as knocking at the door of people's hearts to get in, today Jesus is knocking at the doors of parish churches trying to get out and among the people.

May 2025 Christ the King Catholic Church						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>Special Collections:</i> Vacation Bible School, Diocesan Home Missions, Capital Improvement, and Budget Deficit <i>St. Columba's Collection for May:</i> Spray deodorant and travel size hygiene products			1 St. Joseph, the Worker 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Virtual Rosary	2 First Friday St. Athanasius 8:30 AM Mass 9 AM - 6 PM Adoration 5:30 Vespers	3 First Saturday Sts. Philip & James 8:00 AM Rosary & Litany 8:30 Mass 9:30 1 st Comm. Retreat 3:30 PM Reconciliation 5:30 Vigil Mass
4 3 rd Sunday of Easter	5	6	7	8	9	10 St. John of Avila &
8:30 AM Mass 9:30 Altar Server Training 11:00 Mass 12:15 PM Children's Choir 6:00 Jr. Legion of Mary	6:30 PM Pack Mtg. 7:00 Boy Scouts No Mass Fr. Augustine's Day Off	8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM Liturgy Comm. 7:15 Legion of Mary	8:30 AM Mass 9:30 May Crowning 7:00 PM Adult Choir Practice 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Virtual Rosary 7:00 Opening the Word		8:30 AM Mass	St. Damien de Veuster 8:30 AM Mass 3:30 PM Reconciliation 5:30 Vigil Mass
11 4 th Sunday of Easter	12 Sts. Nereus,	13 Our Lady of Fatima	14 St. Matthias	15 St. Isidore	16	17
8:30 AM Mass 11:00 First Communion Mass 6:00 PM Jr. Legion of Mary	Achilleus, and Pancras 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts No Mass	8:30 AM Mass 12:00 PM Sr. Luncheon 6:00 Baptism Class 7:15 Legion of Mary	8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Adult Choir Practice	8:30 AM Mass 7:00 Virtual Rosary 7:00 Opening the Word	8:30 AM Mass	8:30 AM Mass 9:00 Parish Workday 3:30 PM Reconciliation 5-10 PM Celebrate CTK 5:30 Vigil Mass
Mother's Day 18 5 th Sunday of Easter	Fr. Augustine's Day Off 19	20 St. Bernadine	21 St. Christopher	22 St. Rita of Cascia	23	24
8:30 AM Mass 11:00 Youth Mass 12:15 PM Children's Choir 12:30 Youth Group 6:00 Jr. Legion of Mary	6:30 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts No Mass Fr. Augustine's Day Off	8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Finance Comm. 7:15 Legion of Mary	Magallanes 8:30 AM Mass 7:00 PM Adult Choir Practice 7:00 VBS Meeting	8:30 AM Mass 7:00 Virtual Rosary 7:00 Opening the Word	8:30 AM Mass	8:30 AM Mass 3:30 PM Reconciliation 5:30 Vigil Mass
25 6 th Sunday of Easter	26 St. Philip Neri	27 St. Augustine of	28	29 Pope St. Paul VI	30	31
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I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you."

(John 10:27)

April 27, 2025 Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy Acts 5:12-16 | Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 | Jn 20:19-31

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

On this Easter Octave, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. As Jesus revealed to the Polish nun St. Faustina Kowalska, the blood and water that gushed forth from his side during his crucifixion would become a "fountain of mercy" for all of us. In today's first reading, we witness what happens now that the Apostles have received that mercy flowing from the foot of the cross. Motivated by the mystery of Jesus' resurrection and ascension and emboldened by the gift of the Holy Spirit, these men are now continuing his ministry of healing. Just as the ill and possessed flocked to Christ, so now those sick in body or spirit see the power of Christ working through the Apostles. The beauty of receiving God's mercy is that it doesn't stop once it's been poured into us – his mercy *compels us*, inspiring us to become living fonts of mercy to those we encounter.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In a somewhat confusing chronology, today's Gospel takes place in time before the events in our first reading. So we go with the disciples back to "the evening of that first day of the week." They have been through a lot over the past weeks. They have watched their community turn on Jesus and give him over to be brutally killed. They have walked with him through his agonizing passion and bitter death, and they have witnessed his glorious resurrection from the dead. "Overwhelming" seems too small a word. Can you imagine the weight of their experience on a physical, emotional, and spiritual level? Now, in today's Gospel, we see them gathered together behind locked doors, shaken from the recent events, and fearing for their own lives. Somehow, mysteriously, Jesus enters the room and says, "Peace be with you." Three times, Jesus repeats this phrase to his disciples in this reading. Untethered by space and time and in the wake of grief and glory, the Savior of the world extends himself in an intimate encounter, radically present to those who love him.

REFLECT

His mercy

endures forever.

(Ps 118:1)

Throughout today's Scriptures, we see the Lord's relentless pursuit of the human heart. We see a God who loves us so passionately that he pours himself into us, inviting us to partake in his mission by the outpouring of his mercy and the power of his Holy Spirit. Today, pause to reflect on the mercy of God. In what areas of your life can you see God's mercy at work? How can you be an instrument of his mercy for others?



Celebrate CTK! May 17, 2025 5 PM – 10 PM

Mark your calendars as we come together for Celebrate CTK

- a day full of fun, food, fellowship, and school spirit!

This special event will be open to **all** members of our Christ the King community, including students, families, parishioners, and alumni.

It will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate everything that makes CTK such a vibrant and faith-filled place. Stay tuned for more details!

St. Columba Ecumenical Ministries

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

In May, we are 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



Legion of Mary Junior Praesidia

Our Junior Praesidia will meet on Sunday evenings at 6 PM beginning this Sunday April 27th in Ashland House.

All middle and high school students are welcome.

For more details, contact Colette Gerstenmaier at talk2coletteag@yahoo.com

Opportunities to Serve @ CTK

- Coordinator of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
 - Coordinator of Readers
 - Livestream Team Coordinator
 - Church Cleaning Crew Members
 - Ushers & Readers for Weekend Masses
 - Grounds Crew Members
 - Vacation Bible School Volunteers
 - Initiation Team Members (OCIA)

To learn more about these opportunities, contact the parish office by email at <u>office@christthekingnorfolk.org</u>

Easter Flower Dedications 2025 - Part 2

Ms. Rebecca Hryniewich

Ms. Joanne Kubat In memory of: Mary & Vincent Picone Rosa & Joseph Picone Carolina & Secondo Bosio Joseph Vincent Picone Brian Paul Picone

- Mrs. Dorothy Powers In memory of: Richard J. Powers Paul S. Watts Michael Watts Alexander & Rose McDonald Richard & Eleanor Gelzinis Dominick & Catherine Galiani Michael & Theresa Aggar
- Mr & Mrs. Jeffrey Raliski

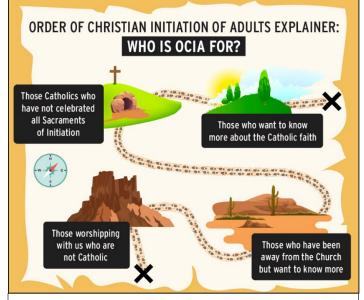
Mr. Claude Ranger In memory of: Betty Ranger

Mr. & Mrs. Prosper Sama

Mr. & Mrs. Doug Wilson



Congratulations to Veronika Hamilton who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil!



Is OCIA for you?

If you are an adult (or older teen) who fits in one of these categories, the answer is yes!

Please join us for **Opening the Word** which resumes on **Thursday, May 8th at 7 PM** in Ashland House.

We will be delving into Scripture and learning how to pray using the Rosary.

No registration is necessary. For full details, contact Janet Ficca at faith@christthekingnorfolk.org



- April 27th Faith Formation (PK-5) @ 9:45 AM
 Divine Mercy Holy Hour @ 3 PM
- April 28th Carlo Acutis Film @ 7 PM
- ➢ May 3rd − First Communion Retreat @ 9:30 AM
- May 8th Opening the Word @ 7 PM
- May 11th First Communion @ 11 AM
- ➢ May 15th − Opening the Word @ 7 PM
- May 18th Youth Mass @ 11 AM
 Youth Group @ 12:15 PM
- ➢ May 22nd Opening the Word @ 7 PM

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



"In a world losing itself to screens, teenage mystic Carlo Acutis saw beyond the social media-addicted society we live in and offered an answer... if we're willing to listen."

All are invited to see **Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality**, in theatres April 27 – May 1 ONLY. Get your tickets now at <u>www.CarloAcutisFilm.com/Tickets</u>. If you are interested in going together as a group on **Monday, April 28th at 7 PM at Macarthur Mall**, contact Janet Ficca by **Sunday, April 27th**.

