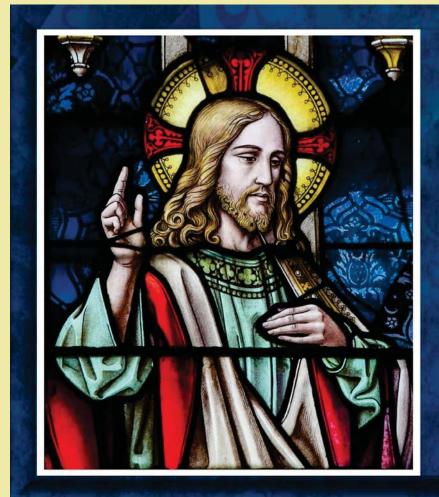
Christ the King Parish

Reading, Massachusetts September 7, 2025

186 Woburn Street Reading, MA

Saint Agnes Church Saint Athanasius Church 300 Haverhill Street Reading, MA

Rooted in truth, prayer, and the sacraments, our parish is a spiritual home where we follow Christ, build community, and share the Gospel — bringing hope and healing to all.



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

Luke 14:33



Parish Office

184 Woburn Street, Reading, MA | Office: 781-944-0490

Office Hours: Mon.- Thurs., 9:30 AM-3:30 PM | Fri. 9:30 AM-12:30 PM

Contact@ChristTheKingReading.org

All Events Held at St. Agnes During Asbestos Removal Work

Mass Schedule—at St. Agnes

Saturday: 4:00 PM Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, and 11:30 AM

Monday-Saturday: 9:00 AM

Confession Times—at St. Agnes

Wednesday: 7:00-8:00 PM

Saturday: 9:30-10:30 AM & 2:45-3:45 PM

Adoration Times—at St. Agnes

Wednesday: 7:00-8:00 PM Friday: 9:30 AM-12:00 PM Saturday: 9:30-10:30 AM

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This Week at Christ the King

Find more information and full event details on our parish website ChristTheKingReading.org/calendar



All events will be held at St. Agnes Church during the asbestos removal work at St. Athanasius Church, which began July 28th.

Saturday, September 6

7:00 AM - Men's Group - St. Agnes Parish Center 9:00 AM - Mass - St. Agnes Church 9:30 AM - Adoration & Confession - St. Agnes Church 2:45 PM - Confession - St. Agnes Church 4:00 PM - Mass - St. Agnes Church

Sunday, September 7

8:30 AM - Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word
- St. Agnes Church
9:30 AM - Young & Growing Families Group
- St. Agnes Lower Church
10:00 AM - Mass - St. Agnes Church
11:30 AM - Mass - St. Agnes Church

Monday, September 8

9:00 AM - Daily Mass - St. Agnes Church

Tuesday, September 9

9:00 AM - Daily Mass - St. Agnes Church 7:00 PM - Rosary - St. Agnes Church 7:00 PM - K-6 Catechist Meeting - St. Agnes Parish Center

Wednesday, September 10

9:00 AM - Daily Mass - St. Agnes Church 7:00 PM - Adoration & Confession - St. Agnes Church

Thursday, September 11

9:00 AM - Daily Mass - St. Agnes Church 9:30 AM - Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 PM - Rosary - St. Agnes Church 7:00 PM - Music Ministry Rehearsal - St. Agnes Church

Friday, September 12

9:00 AM - Daily Mass - St. Agnes Church 9:30 AM-12:00 PM - Adoration - St. Agnes Church

Saturday, September 13

7:00 AM - Men's Group - St. Agnes Parish Center 9:00 AM - Mass - St. Agnes Church 9:30 AM - Adoration & Confession - St. Agnes Church 2:45 PM - Confession - St. Agnes Church 4:00 PM - Mass - St. Agnes Church

Sunday, September 14

8:30 AM - Mass - St. Agnes Church **NO 10:00 AM or 11:30 AM Masses** 10:30 AM - Annual Outdoor Mass & Picnic - St. Athanasius



Faith & Fellowship Small Groups are returning! Our Opening Celebration is *Thursday, October 2* at 6:30 PM. Join us for the Rosary and fellowship after. Look for us at the Parish outdoor Mass or on the parish website for more information.



Pope Leo XIV's Prayer for Discernment

Holy Spirit, you, light of our understanding, gentle breath that guides our decisions, grant me the grace to listen attentively to your voice and to discern the hidden paths of my heart, so that I may grasp what truly matters to you, and free my heart from its troubles.

I ask you for the grace to learn how to pause, to become aware of the way I act, of the feelings that dwell within me, and of the thoughts that overwhelm me which, so often, I fail to notice.

I long for my choices to lead me to the joy of the Gospel. Even if I must go through moments of doubt and fatigue, even if I must struggle, reflect, search, and begin again... Because, at the end of the journey, your consolation is the fruit of the right decision.

Grant me a deeper understanding of what moves me, so that I may reject what draws me away from Christ, and love him and serve him more fully. Amen.



Requesting Mass Intentions

Mass Intention requests are scheduled up to four months out. There is one Mass Intention per Mass. If the requested Mass is not available, we will advise you of other available dates.





The Sanctuary Candle - reminds us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ, and is a profession of their love and affection. If you wish to have the Sanctuary Lamp burning in memory of a loved one, to honor a special occasion, or a special intention please call the Parish Office. The Candle will burn for one week.

From the Pastor, Fr. Bobby LeBlanc

Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy September!

This is one of my favorite times of the year as a priest, because our parish family comes back together after summer vacations and parish life begins to pick up its rhythm again. Already this weekend we are celebrating Children's Liturgy of the Word and gathering with our Young and Growing Families Group. We are also hosting a booth at the Reading Fall Street Faire. If you're there, please stop by and say hello!

I would also like to extend a special invitation to our **Parish Outdoor Mass and Picnic** next Sunday at 10:30 AM at St. Athanasius. Please note that there will be no 10:00 AM or 11:30 AM Masses that day, but we will still have our 8:30 AM Mass. The outdoor Mass and picnic is a beautiful opportunity for our whole community to come together in prayer, worship, and fellowship. The Knights of Columbus will be grilling up a storm, and there will be activities for the children.

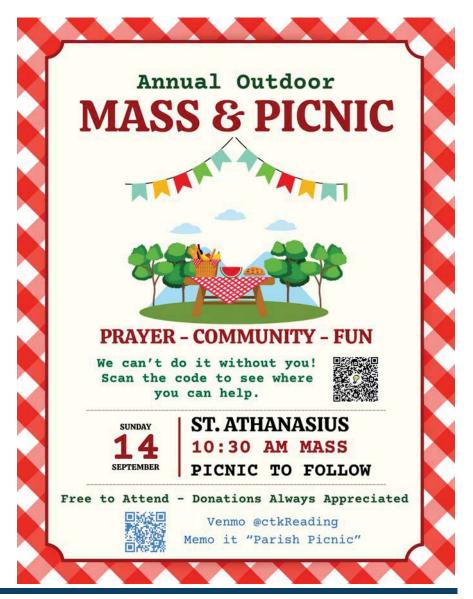
As you know, the mission of evangelization belongs to each of us. This event is a perfect time to invite someone new—especially those who may be away from the Church. A simple invitation can make all the difference.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Have a blessed week!

In Christ, Fr. Bobby







Are you new to Christ the King? Have you been attending Mass with us but never formally registered as a parishioner? We always welcome new members!

Scan the QR code to register as a new member:



ChristTheKingReading.org/register-with-the-parish

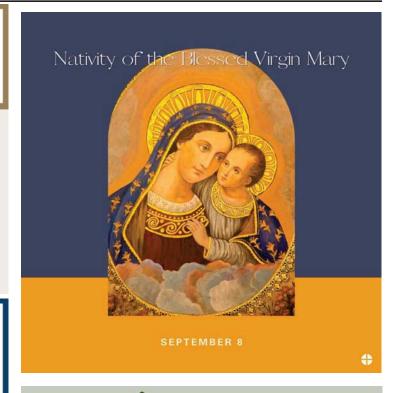


Looking to get more involved in the life of our Parish? We would love for you to join us! Check out the "Growing in Community" and "Our Ministries" pages on our website to see some of the wonderful ways to get connected!

Scan the QR code to fill out our ministry form:











Recently moved or joined the Parish?
Longtime parishioner wanting to get to know our Pastor better? Scan the QR code to request a home blessing from Fr. Bobby!

Due to ongoing asbestos removal work at St. Athanasius Church, **St. Athanasius has been temporarily closed since July 28**th. All scheduled Masses, Confession, Adoration, Rosary, and other programs are being held at St. Agnes Church. Updates will be shared through our social media accounts, parish emails, the weekly bulletin, and Mass announcements. Thank you!

ALL EVENTS ARE BEING HELD AT ST. AGNES CHURCH DURING WORK

WEEKEND MASSES	Saturday 4:00 PM and Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, and 11:30 AM
WEEKDAY MASSES	Monday-Saturday 9:00 AM
ADORATION	Wednesday 7:00-8:00 PM Friday 9:30 AM-12:00 PM Saturday 9:30-10:30 AM
CONFESSION	Wednesday 7:00-8:00 PM Saturday 9:30-10:30 AM and 2:45-3:45 PM
ROSARY	Tuesday 7:00 PM Thursday 6:30 PM

Faith Formation News for 2025/2026

Enrollment for the 2025/2026 year is still open! Planning for the new year is well underway, and we encourage you to enroll your children over the next weeks before the summer comes to an end.



Family Faith Formation EXPANDED TO KINDERGARTEN thru GRADE 6

We are excited to announce that families with children in *grades K-6* will participate in a new model of family catechesis, Family Faith Formation. This model provides families with the support needed to better balance their spiritual lives with family life, making time for Formation, Prayer, Worship and Fellowship.



Catechists! Whether you are new or returning to the Ministry for Catechesis we

invite you to learn more about our new Family Centered Model for those with children in grades K-6. We are excited to review the new resources with you and discuss how this approach will involve the whole family in learning and growing in faith. Join us on **Tuesday**,

September 9th at 7:00 PM at the St. Agnes Parish Center, 2nd Floor.

To Volunteer as a Catechist, visit <u>ChristTheKingReading.org/catechists</u>, scan the QR code to the right, or email Family Faith Formation Director Paula Colpitts at <u>pcolpitts@ChristTheKingReading.org</u>.



Confirmation Preparation Program: Volunteers & Enrollment

As we follow the Archdiocesan guidelines and transition to a Grade 7-8 Confirmation preparation model, our parish is blessed with a large group of students in our 2-year program—encompassing Grades 7 through 10 this year. Our mission is to lead families to a deeper faith as they support their Confirmation candidates on this important journey.

Enrollment is still open!

- Grades 7-8: Sign up for Year 1 of the program.
- Grades 9-10 (who have completed Year 1): Sign up for Year 2.
- Special circumstances? Please contact mgoldner@ChristTheKingReading.org



Enroll Here

Volunteer Sign-Up

We need your help!

To make this program a success, we are seeking dedicated volunteers:



- Catechists: Approximately 15-20 adults to guide our candidates in faith formation.
- Classroom Helpers: Adults to assist across classrooms and support our catechists.
- Service Coordinators: Adults to help organize and supervise service opportunities for our youth.
- Youth Mass Volunteers: Adults to assist during youth Masses and help foster a welcoming environment.

All volunteers will be supported in their efforts, and by serving in this program, you will be rewarded with a deeper faith and a stronger connection within our parish community. If you feel called to serve or would like more information, please contact the parish office. Together, let's help our youth and families grow in faith!

Young & Growing Families W

Are you a young family looking for your faith community? Are you pregnant and want to meet other new parents? Are you a new couple without kids looking to meet other young married couples?

If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, this could be the group for YOU! We are young families/couples with the goal of connecting with other young families within the Parish, building resources and community, and growing our families' faith in the Church. We meet casually each month to gather, let the kids romp around, engage in faith-based activities, and grow into the community that we want to be.

Fall Meeting Dates:

September 7, October 12, November 23, & December 14 9:30 AM in the St. Agnes Lower Church





Join with other young adults ages 21-35 on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM in the St. Agnes Lower Church.

We discuss a wide range of topics including the lives of saints, different feasts and seasons in the Church, passages from Scripture, and more!

FALL 2025 DATES

September 18 October 2 & 16 November 6 & 20 December 4 & 18





Did you know The Boston Pilot, America's oldest Catholic newspaper, shares many articles and columns online that you can access for free?

Visit TheBostonPilot.com.

Christ the King omen's Group

We meet the **last Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM** in the St. Agnes Parish Center Hall unless otherwise noted. This year we will be exploring the **Gospel of Luke**, reflecting on Mary's example, and finding ways to live our faith through prayer, discussion, and service. Learn more or contacts us at *ChristTheKingReading.org/womens-group*.

2025-2026 GATHERING SCHEDULE

September 30: Opening the Gospel: Who is Luke? Bible blessing & introduction (Guest speaker - Fr. Steve)

October 28: Mary's Yes: Trust & Surrender
Rosary in the church

November 11: First Community Dinner Fellowship & outreach with the Food Pantry

December 30: Elizabeth & Mary: Friendship & Encouragement
Small group sharing & possible service project

January-February: The Friendship Project book study (8 weeks, Mondays)

March 24 (third Tuesday): Mercy & Forgiveness
Reflections on the Prodigal Son (Guest speaker - Fr. Bobby)

April 11 (Saturday): Retreat/Day of Reflection

Martha & Mary theme

May 26: Generosity of Women: Women Disciples of Luke
Discussion & reflection





The Chosen will be returning on September 20 after the 4:00 PM Mass. Season 5 is entitled "The Last Supper" and deals with the Apostles and Jesus as they process the impending death of Jesus. Many episodes deal with the deep grief that Jesus feels as he approaches the Crucifixion, and the season ends with the arrest of Christ.

Please come to the St. Athanasius PAC on Saturday evenings when we join for food, fun and faith as we watch each episode as a community. *The Chosen* will still be shown weekly (about 5:15 PM) at the St. Athanasius PAC even if the 4 PM Mass continues at St. Agnes. Everything's better when you do it with friends!

All are welcome. Pizza, calzone and desserts are served.

Come and join us!

FALL DATES:

September 20, September 27, October 4, October 11, October 25, November 1, and November 8

Note: no event on October 18th



MEN'S GROUP - SATURDAYS AT 7:00 AM ST. AGNES PARISH CENTER

We invite Men of Christ the King Parish and beyond to join us.

Each week we simply gather for an hour that includes: an opening prayer, a reading of the Gospel, a meditation on the Word, discussion and a closing prayer: no formal "Agenda" beyond where we are led by the Holy Spirit.

Afterwards some head elsewhere for breakfast, others rush off to get a jump start on Saturday duties and others simply return home. Each leaves a better man having heard and contemplated the Word of God.

Give it a try - consider stopping by. His Word and your brothers have much to offer.



Prayerfully consider registering your family to bring home the Sacred Chalice to pray for vocations.

Let us all continue our personal prayers for an increase in vocations at our Parish and in our Archdiocese.



ChristTheKingReading.org/chalice-program



Protecting God's Children -For Parish Lay Volunteers Saturday, September 20 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM St. Agnes Parish Center

Have you been thinking about joining the Music Ministry, perhaps teach as a Catechist, serve at Sunday Mass, or take part in another Parish Ministry? Protecting God's Children is a one-time training that all Parish volunteers, staff, and clergy take as part of our commitment to maintaining a safe environment. Volunteers have 60 days to take this training once they start in their Ministry - so, make note of our upcoming training!

RSVP for the September 20th Protecting God's Children to Jackie Steele at the Parish Office. Additionally you have the option to take Protecting God's Children at another area Parish - to register for another Parish training site:

- 1. Go to https://www.virtusonline.org/
- 2. Click on "First-Time Registrant"
- 3. Click on "Begin the registration Process"
- **4.** From the pull-down menu, choose "Boston, MA (Archdiocese)," ONLY
- 5. Follow the rest of the prompts



2025 Catholic Appeal Update

The 2025 Catholic Appeal is ongoing. We still need more pledges to reach our goal. Please use the blue envelopes, scan the QR code, or visit the Boston Catholic Appeal website: www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org.

Christ the King Parish Financial Update

Support Your Parish

These are financially challenging times for many, and for our Parish as well. We ask that you please continue to support Christ the King Parish through your contributions of time, talent, and treasure. We rely on offertory collections to support operating expenses and the wonderful ministries of our Parish community.

Four Ways to Contribute

- 1. Online Giving: visit our website
 - **ChristTheKingReading.org/online-giving** to make your contribution. You may also scan the QR code on the cover of the bulletin.
- Place donations in the baskets during Sunday Mass offertory collections.
- Donate to our Parish Venmo account @CTKReading by scanning this QR code.
- Mail donations to the Parish office:
 184 Woburn Street Reading, MA 01867

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!



WEEK ENDING 8/31/2025

Weekly Offertory Target	\$21,362
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Offertory	
In person/Mailed in	\$9,650
Online Giving	\$7,461
Total Offertory	\$17,111

"For it is in giving that we receive." - St. Francis

Prayers for Vocations

Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God's holy service. Amen.

	Priests	Seminarians/ Deacons
Sept. 7	Fr. Huy Delaney	Benjamin Woodruff
Sept. 8	Fr. Patrick Fiorillo	Nicholas Huegeo
Sept. 9	Msgr. Peter Conley	Thomas Pawlak
Sept. 10	Fr. John Tackney	Daniel Zatta
Sept. 11	Fr. Israel Rodriguez	Michael Castellon
Sept. 12	All Marists	Ulises Diaz
Sept. 13	Fr. John Healey	Gerson Garcia

Please pray for those in Military Service

Major Jared Peledge (US Army), Capt. Jeffrey Peledge (US Army), Spc. William T. Fisher (US Army), LCPL Dean Lepore, Timothy Thomas (US Army), Cpl. Daniel Gonzales (US Marine Corps), Capt. Nicholas Staffier (US Army), Capt. Luke Beaulieu (US Army), Cpl. Brenden Amico, Justin Whitmarsh, Chaplain Tom Whiteman, USMC Major Zachary Johnson, 1st Lts. Ryan & Nolan Johnson (US Army), PFC Christopher Lewis, USMC Capt. Katie Sliwoski, Frank J. Pendergast (USMC), Lt. Kevin Plumer (Navy), Jackson Nicolo (US Army Rangers), Capt. Stephen Campo (USMC), Sgt. Zachary Thomas, US Army, 2nd Lt. Keegan Coulter (US Army), 2nd Lt. John O'Brien (US Army), Fr. David Campo, Chaplain, US Navy Lt. Fr. Stephen Booth, Chaplain, US Navy Lt.

Pvt. Luke Nelson, USMC



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 6

9:00 AM - Vocations to the priesthood & religious life 4:00 PM - Bartolo Gendusa - 3 month's mind

Sunday, September 7

8:30 AM - Mass for the People of Christ the King Parish 10:00 AM - Meghan McWeeney Melo - memorial 11:30 AM - Kevin O'Sullivan - 5th memorial

Monday, September 8

9:00 AM - Joan and Richard Corradino

Tuesday, September 9

9:00 AM - Gerald Colford - birthday memorial

Wednesday, September 10

9:00 AM - Denis McKeown - birthday memorial

Thursday, September 11

9:00 AM - Brian Collins - 1st anniversary

Friday, September 12

9:00 AM - Sadie Rogers - memorial

Saturday, September 13

9:00 AM - Paul Ferguson - 4th anniversary 4:00 PM - Mass

Sunday, September 14

8:30 AM - Mass for the People of Christ the King Parish 10:30 AM - Lee Puchalski birthday memorial and Patsy & Larry Yetman



Liturgical Music for September 7th The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pro: "Holy Wisdom, Lamp of Learning" #506

Off: "Be Still, My Soul" #663

Comm: "Shepherd Me, O God" #451

Rec: "For the Beauty of the Earth" #525

Mass Parts begin #873

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HOW DO I BECOME A LECTOR? A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER? WHAT OTHER WAYS CAN I VOLUNTEER AT THE PARISH?

website: <u>ChristTheKingReading.org/serve</u> email: <u>Contact@ChristTheKingReading.org</u>

Call the Parish Office for more information; talk to clergy

How do I become an Altar Server? If you would like to join this ministry, learn more at <u>ChristTheKingReading.org/altarserver</u>, or contact Fr. Bobby.

MUSIC MINISTRY—VOCALISTS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS

Email inquiry to Emily: <u>ECStone@ChristTheKingReading.org</u>

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)
Interested in becoming Catholic? Baptized but not
Confirmed? Please contact Fr. Steve Zukas for more
information by emailing FrZ@ChristTheKingReading.org.

GLUTEN ISSUES - Please see a Priest or Deacon before Mass.

HOME BLESSING - Are you a homeowner, apartment or condo resident? Wherever you call home—you can receive the blessing of the Lord over your home.

<u>ChristTheKingReading.org/home-blessing</u>

MASS AND SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS, MASS CARDS
Call the Parish Office to schedule.

Vocations Chalice - Register to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, and holy matrimony: <u>ChristTheKingReading.org/chalice-program</u>

PRAYER REQUESTS - Call the Parish Office or submit online at: <u>ChristTheKingReading.org/prayer-request</u>

SACRAMENTS

4 BAPTISM: Maximum of 6 babies at each service. We hold a Baptism Service twice a month on Sunday at 1:00 PM. Submit your request for baptism at: <u>ChristTheKingReading.org/baptism</u>. The Parish Office will contact you to schedule the baptism date. Please call Office if you wish to have child baptized at Mass.

4 BAPTISM PARENT MEETING:

Typically, classes are held on the second Sunday of the month after the 11:30 am Mass at St. Agnes in the Lower Church. Please call the office to confirm.

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: <u>Bulletin@ChristTheKingReading.org</u>
The deadline for notices you wish to have published in the Bulletin is noon on the Saturday 8 days prior to the requested publication date.

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+ MARRIAGE: <u>ChristTheKingReading.org/marriage</u>
Arrangements are made with a priest at least six months in advance.

† RECONCILIATION: <u>ChristTheKingReading.org/reconciliation</u>

St. Agnes: Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 PM

St. Athanasius: Saturdays 9:30-10:30 AM & 2:45-3:45 PM or by appointment with Clergy

† Anointing of the Sick: Call the Parish Office to request. Extraordinary Ministers are also available to bring the Eucharist to the homebound.

+ FUNERALS: <u>ChristTheKingReading.org/funerals</u> or call the Parish Office, 781-944-0490





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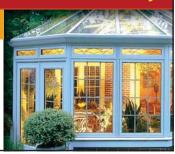
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