Christ the King Parish

Reading, Massachusetts **September 28, 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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

1 Timothy 6:11

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



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

Saturday, September 27

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 5:15 PM - The Chosen Viewing - St. Athanasius PAC

Sunday, September 28

8:30 AM - Mass - St. Agnes Church 10:00 AM - Mass - St. Agnes Church 11:30 AM - Mass - St. Agnes Church 12:30 PM - Brunch for K-10 Catechists 1:00 PM - Baptism Service - St. Agnes Church

Monday, September 29

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

Tuesday, September 30

9:00 AM - Daily Mass - St. Agnes Church 7:00 PM - Rosary - St. Agnes Church 6:30 PM - Women's Group - St. Agnes Parish Center

Wednesday, October 1

9:00 AM - Daily Mass - St. Agnes Church 7:00 PM - Adoration & Confession - St. Agnes Church 6:30 PM - Catechist Training (Option 2) - St. Agnes Parish Ctr.

Thursday, October 2

9:00 AM - Daily Mass - St. Agnes Church 9:30 AM - Prayer Shawl Ministry - St. Athanasius PAC 6:30 PM - Rosary - St. Agnes Church 7:00 PM - Music Ministry Rehearsal - St. Agnes Church 7:00 PM - Faith & Fellowship Season Start - St. Agnes P.C. 7:30 PM - Young Adult Group - St. Agnes Lower Church

Friday, October 3 9:00 AM - Daily Mass - St. Agnes Church 9:30 AM-12:00 PM - Adoration - St. Agnes Church

Saturday, October 4

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 10:00 AM - Altar Server Training - St. Agnes Church 2:45 PM - Confession - St. Agnes Church 4:00 PM - Mass - St. Agnes Church 5:15 PM - The Chosen Viewing - St. Athanasius PAC

Sunday, October 5

8:30 AM - Mass w/ Children's Liturgy of the Word- St. Agnes 9:30 AM - Welcoming Sunday - St. Agnes Parish Center 9:45 AM - Faith Formation Family Session - St. Agnes P.C. 10:00 AM - Mass - St. Agnes Church 11:30 AM - Mass - St. Agnes Church 12:30 PM - Confirmation Kickoff Meeting - St. Agnes Church 12:30 PM - Welcoming Sunday - St. Agnes Parish Center 12:45 PM - Faith Formation Family Session - St. Agnes P.C. 2:00 PM - Blessing of the Pets - St. Athanasius Lawn

Welcoming Sunday

Please join us for Welcoming Sunday on October 5th. following all three Sunday Masses. Coffee and donuts will be served in the St. Agnes Parish Hall on the 2nd floor. This month's hosts are the Evangelization Ministry and the Cursillo Community. All are welcome!



Sunday, October 5th



CONFIRMATION MASS & KICK-OFF MEETING

All Confirmation students and at least one family member are invited to attend 11:30 Mass on October 5 and stay for the Kick-off Meeting immediately following in the church.



Serviendo Christus Digitur

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Saturday, October 4 10 AM - 12 PM St. Agnes Church

Saturday, November 1 11 AM - 1 PM St. Athanasius Church

Interested in learning more about the Mass? Consider joining our Altar Server Ministry!

This ministry is for children in grades 3 and above who have received Baptism and First Holy Communion.

Interested? Please sign up for one of the training sessions. Coffee and donuts will be served, followed by a parent meeting and altar server training in the church.

Altar Server Training Sign Up:



www.ChristTheKingReading.org/altar-server

2025 Catholic Appeal Update

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

From the Pastor, Fr. Bobby LeBlanc

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings from France!

As I write this, we are about halfway through our pilgrimage, and I find myself in the city of Nevers, where St. Bernadette spent the final years of her life as a Sister of Charity. Here, her incorrupt body rests, a moving reminder of her holiness and of the simplicity with which she lived her vocation after the extraordinary events at Lourdes.

We began our pilgrimage in Lourdes, walking in the very footsteps of young Bernadette. It was deeply moving to celebrate



Mass at the grotto where Our Blessed Mother appeared to her 18 times. We lit candles for our intentions, joined in the candlelight rosary procession with pilgrims from around the world, and blessed ourselves in the miraculous spring that has brought healing to so many.



From Lourdes, we traveled to Toulouse to venerate the relics of the Angelic Doctor, St. Thomas Aquinas, whose wisdom continues to guide the Church. Then we made our way to Paray-le-Monial, a place filled with the love of Christ, where Jesus revealed His Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. We celebrated Mass in the Apparitions Chapel, giving thanks for the boundless mercy and love poured out upon us through the Heart of Jesus.

At each holy site, I have carried all of you in prayer. Please know that you have been remembered at the altar and entrusted to the saints we have encountered along the way.

While pilgrimages are always a blessing, I miss all of you and look forward to being back with you next weekend. As you may have seen in our parish announcements, October will be a special month for us as we take a deeper look together at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Each weekend will focus on a particular part of the liturgy, and Fr. Steve and I will alternate preaching at every Mass. My bulletin letters throughout October will also reflect each week's theme. In addition, our Faith and Fellowship groups will be reading Dr. Edward Sri's excellent book A Biblical Walk Through the Mass. If you are not yet part of a group, this is a perfect time to join!

And don't forget to mark your calendars for our Second Annual Parish Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 26, following the 11:30 AM Mass. It will be another wonderful opportunity for food, fellowship, and fun as a parish family.

Have a blessed week!

In Christ, Fr. Bobby





MADE FOR WORSHIP:

Understanding the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Throughout the month of October, Christ the King Parish will take a deeper look at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass — not just what we do, but *why* we do it. From standing, kneeling, and singing, to listening, offering, and receiving, every gesture, word, prayer and song at Mass is ordered toward one ultimate purpose: to worship the Triune God. Join us as we rediscover the beauty, depth, and sacred purpose of the greatest prayer of the Church.

Homily Series Topics

October 4/5 - Why We Go to Mass
October 11/12 - Introductory Rites & Liturgy of the Word
October 18/19 - Liturgy of the Eucharist
October 25/26 - Go Forth – Living the Liturgy

Special Evening Event on Sunday, November 2nd 10-8:00 PM at St. Agnes Churc

7:00-8:00 PM at St. Agnes Church Singing in the Liturgy & Active Participation in the Mass

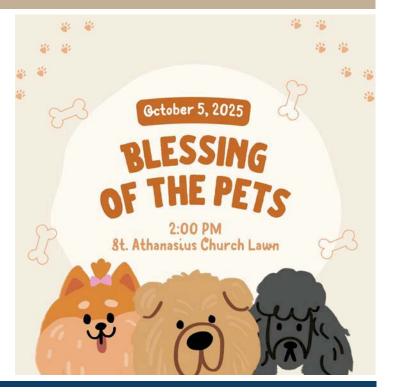


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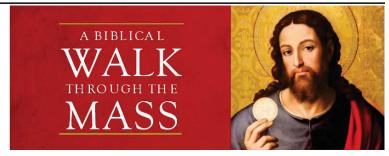
Do you like to sing? Do you enjoy singing along to the music selections during Mass? Why not try singing with the choir! We are always looking for more singers to join in our music making. No experience necessary! Please fill out this form if you are interested in learning more about our choirs!

Adult Choir Teen Choir (Grades 7 -12) Children's Choir (Pre-K - Grade 6)









The Mass is nothing short of amazing. Through it, we encounter God in the most intimate way possible as we hear him speak to us in the Liturgy of the Word and as we receive him Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. In his video-based study *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

Join us for A Biblical Walk Through the Mass at Christ the King Parish beginning Thursday, October 2, 2025. We will meet at 6:30pm at St. Agnes Church for the Rosary and then move to the parish center for fellowship after. Sign up for a small group for this enlightening study of the Mass. Groups meet weekly or biweekly during various times and days of the week. For more information or to register for a group see the Faith & Fellowship page on the website. If you are already in a small group, your leader will contact you with more information.



Oktoberfest Ticket Sales — Can You Help?

OKTOBERFEST is coming soon, and we are seeking Volunteers to help sell tickets after Weekend Masses! As in last year, we will be selling tickets online and also in person after weekend Masses. Are you able to stay after Mass (once tickets go on sale) to sell tickets? All information you will need for ticket selling will be available to you. Please call the Parish Office and speak to either Jackie or Monica to let us know what dates/ Mass times you can sell at! Thank you!





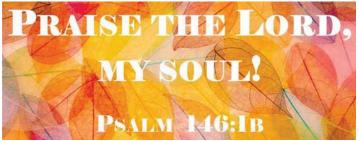
Please come to the St. Athanasius PAC on Saturdays at 5:00 PM when we join for food, fun and faith as we watch each episode as a community. The Chosen will still be shown weekly (about 5:15 PM) at the St. Athanasius PAC even if the 4 PM Mass continues at St. Agnes. Everything's better when you do it with friends! All are welcome. Pizza, calzone and desserts are served. Come and join us!

Episode 3: (October 4) Woes

Peter still does not understand why he can't go with Jesus. Jesus tells the apostles that he is leaving them The Holy Spirit in His place. Jesus incites the Pharisees.

REMAINING FALL DATES:

October 4, October 11, October 25, November 1, and November 8 Note: no event on October 18th





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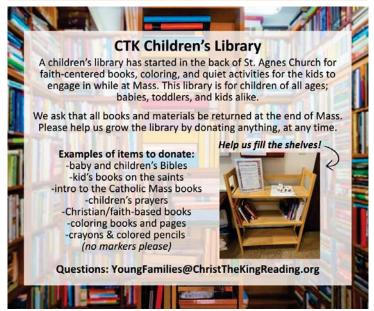


CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



Sunday, October 5 at the 8:30 AM Mass St. Agnes Church

"Let the children come to me."







September 29th: Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael the Archangels

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



Catechists – we need you! We are still in need of Catechists for Family Faith Formation:

Sundays @ 9:45 AM - grades 1, 2, 4, & 5 Mondays @ 4:45 PM - grade 5 Mondays @ 5:00 PM - grade 6 Tuesdays @ 3:45 PM - grade 3 Wednesdays @ 3:45 PM - grades K & 1

To Volunteer as a Catechist, visit ChristTheKingReading.org/catechists or email Paula at PColpitts@ChristTheKingReading.org.



youth Ministry family Hike

SATURDAY OCTOBER

Families with kids in grades 7-12 are invited to come together for a fun morning outdoors. We will hike the Yellow Loop (approx. 1 mile) to the Solstice Stones where Fr. Bobby will celebrate Mass with us.

It's a great way to build community, enjoy God's creation, and connect (or reconnect!) with fellow parishioners.



JOIN US @ 10 AM

Ward Reservation, 65 Prospect Rd, Andover From I-93 Exit 35, take Route 125 N for 5 miles. Turn right onto Prospect Road and follow for 0.3 miles to entrance and parking lot on right. Parking is free for Trustees members; Só for non-members.





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How Was Your Hamburger?

Each year our Council kicks off its fraternal year of service manning the grill at the annual Parish Outdoor Mass and Picnic." Charity, Unity and Fraternity are our guiding principles." Throughout the year our efforts will take our fraternity beyond our parish into the greater community offering acts charity as "Christ calls us to unity with Him and with each other" in these acts of service. As September quickly passes into October, family fall family schedules have been established and time becomes scarce. Yet our work of, "Building A Bridge Back to Faith" must go on in our homes, parish and community. We invite the Men of Christ the King Parish to join us in this effort. For now, simply consider this invitation and stop by our table at the Parish Ministry Fair on October 18th & 19th.



Monthly Wednesday Morning Coffee & Fellowship

Come enjoy coffee, treats, and conversation after the 9:00 AM Daily Mass in the St. Agnes Parish Center on the 1st floor (around 9:30). In the spirit of building community, we hope to create more opportunities to connect with one another outside of Mass.



Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, October 1 Wednesday, November 5 Wednesday, December 3

Questions or want to help host? Call the Parish office or email Contact@ChristTheKingReading.org.



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 for faith sharing and discussion.

FALL 2025 DATES

October 2 & 16 November 6 & 20 December 4 & 18 Follow us on Instagram:
@youngadult catholics_ctkp

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

- 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.
- 2. Place donations in the baskets during Sunday Mass offertory collections.
- 3. 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 9/21/2025

Weekly Offertory Target	\$21,362
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Offertory		
In person/Mailed in	\$9,129	
Online Giving	\$7,629	
Total Offertory	\$16,758	

"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. 28	Fr. Maciej Araszkiewicz	Lucas DaCosta
Sept. 29	Fr. Gabriel Troy	Alexander DeTirado
Sept. 30	Fr. Joseph Nguyen	Joseph Jasinski
Oct. 1	Fr. Edwrd Riley	Nicholas Jones
Oct. 2	Msgr. Stephen Salocks	Samuel Kalu
Oct. 3	Dr. David Brogan	Christopher Puglia
Oct. 4	All Fransiscans	Miguel Roque

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),
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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 + = remembrance



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 27

9:00 AM - Members of St. Vincent dePaul & the Reading Food Pantry

4:00 PM - Amelia D'Attore † - birthday memorial

Sunday, September 28

8:30 AM - Anna Falco † - 1st anniversary 10:00 AM - Jean & Al Perry †

11:30 AM - Mass for the People of Christ the King Parish

Monday, September 29

9:00 AM - celebrating the birthday of Caroline Langfeld

Tuesday, September 30

9:00 AM - Margaret Viau †

Wednesday, October 1

9:00 AM - Mary Jane Nadeau † - 1st anniversary

Thursday, October 2

9:00 AM - Joseph Potvin, Jr. †

Friday, October 3

9:00 AM - Michael †

Saturday, October 4

9:00 AM - Vocations to the priesthood and religious life 4:00 PM - Frank Dee + - 11th anniversary

Sunday, October 5

8:30 AM - Mass for the People of Christ the King Parish 10:00 AM - Aurelia & Aquilino Centrella† and Michael Sverdlove† 11:30 AM - Anne Gray †



Liturgical Music for September 28th The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pro: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #434 Off: "What Wondrous Love Is This" #422 Comm: "Vine and Branches" #340 Rec: "Beautiful Savior" #208 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: ECStone@ChristTheKingReading.org

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.

ChristTheKingReading.org/home-blessing

MASS AND SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS, MASS CARDS

Call or visit the Parish Office to schedule.

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

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

SACRAMENTS

† BAPTISM: We hold a Baptism Service twice a month on Sunday at 1:00 PM. Submit your request for baptism at: *ChristTheKingReading.org/baptism*. The Parish Office will contact you to schedule the baptism date.

+ BAPTISM PARENT MEETING:

Classes are held one Sunday per month after the 11:30 AM Mass at St. Agnes in the Lower Church. Please call the office to confirm.

† MARRIAGE: ChristTheKingReading.org/marriage

Arrangements are made with a priest at least six months in advance.

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WINCHESTER HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN 781-756-2295, Mary Beth Moran

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

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Dcn. Mike Curren

4 RECONCILIATION: ChristTheKingReading.org/reconciliation

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

† EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

St. Agnes: Wed. 7:00-8:00 PM & Fri. 9:30 AM-12:00 Noon

St. Athanasius: Sat. 9:30-10:30 AM

4 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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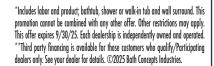
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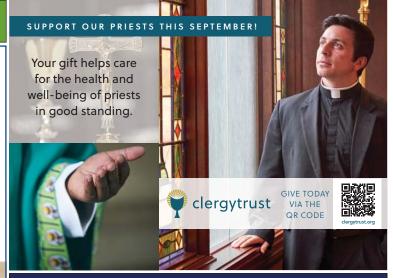




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