

Christ the King Parish

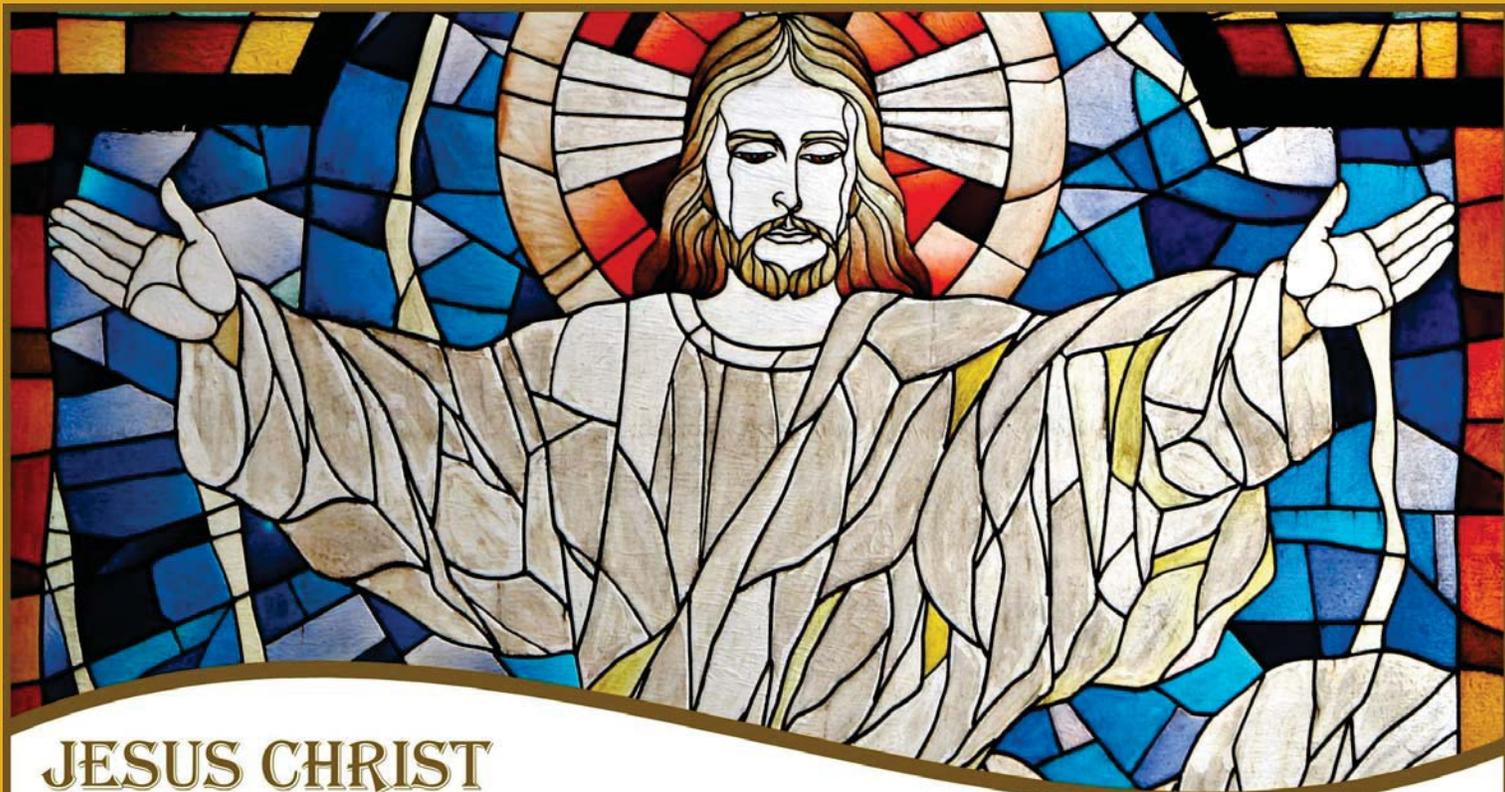
Reading, Massachusetts

November 23, 2025

Saint Agnes Church
186 Woburn Street
Reading, MA

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.



JESUS CHRIST

K I N G OF THE UNIVERSE

For He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth. Colossians 1:15-16



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

As asbestos removal wraps up, check our website & social media for locations.

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, and 11:30 AM
Monday-Saturday: 9:00 AM

Confession Times

Wednesday: 7:00-8:00 PM
Saturday: 9:30-10:30 AM & 2:45-3:45 PM

Adoration Times

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

Saturday, November 22

7:00 AM - Men's Group - St. Agnes Parish Center
 9:00 AM - Daily Mass
 9:30 AM - Adoration & Confession
 10:00 AM-2:00 PM - Christmas Faire - St. Athanasius PAC
 2:45 PM - Confession
 4:00 PM - Mass

Sunday, November 23

8:30 AM - Sunday Mass - St. Agnes Church
 9:30 AM - Young & Growing Families - St. Agnes Lower Church
 10:00 AM - Sunday Mass
 11:30 AM - Sunday Mass - St. Agnes Church
 1:00 PM - Baptism Service - St. Athanasius Church
 4:15 PM - Confirmation Year 1 - St. Agnes Parish Center
 4:15 PM - Yr 1 Parent Info Meeting - St. Agnes P.C. 1st floor
 5:30 PM - Youth Mass - St. Agnes Church
 6:40 PM - Confirmation Year 2 - St. Agnes Parish Center
 6:40 PM - Yr 2 Parent Info Meeting - St. Agnes P.C. 1st floor

Monday, November 24

9:00 AM - Daily Mass - St. Agnes Church
 7:00 PM - Confirmation Leader Zoom - email Michelle Goldner

Tuesday, November 25

9:00 AM - Daily Mass
 7:00 PM - Rosary - St. Agnes Church

Wednesday, November 26

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



Thursday, November 27

Parish Office Closed
 9:00 AM - Daily Mass

Friday, November 28

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

Saturday, November 29

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

Sunday, November 30

8:30 AM - Sunday Mass - St. Agnes Church
 10:00 AM - Sunday Mass
 11:30 AM - Sunday Mass - St. Agnes Church



Special Collection this Weekend, November 22/23 Retirement Fund for the Religious

Since 1988, the collection has provided needed financial support for religious communities who have served the Archdiocese of Boston as educators and health care and social service providers. Please give generously in recognition of the Sisters' years of dedicated service. For more information, please contact the Delegate for Religious at 617-746-5637. Scan the QR code to give online, or make checks payable to Christ the King Parish memo'd "Retired Religious."



**NEW Mass Parts
 beginning in the
 season of Advent**



Give them a listen now so you're familiar with them by the weekend of November 29/30.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLe7ui1cPnaL5GSfLU-Cn3e5Kp97VG54p4>



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

We're thankful for all of our wonderful parishioners and hope you all enjoy time with family and friends.

*The parish office will be closed
 Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28.*

From the Pastor, Fr. Bobby LeBlanc

Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend we celebrate our parish's patronal feast—the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe—and the 100th anniversary of its institution by Pope Pius XI. In 1925, as aggressive secularism and hostility to faith spread through nations, the Pope's encyclical *Quas primas* reminded the world that while governments rise and fall, Christ reigns forever. Pope Pius XI warned that when societies try to remove Christ and His law from public life, the result is discord and division. This solemnity still calls us to proclaim, not only in private but in public, that Jesus Christ is Lord and King of the universe.

Christ's Kingship is rooted in the mystery of the Incarnation: the eternal Son of God became man, suffered, died, and now reigns over all creation. Because He is fully God and fully man, all human beings and angels are subject to Him. His Kingship must touch every part of our lives. As *Quas primas* beautifully teaches:

“He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, ‘as instruments of justice unto God.’” (33)

This feast is especially important for us as Christ the King Parish, formed from the union of Saint Agnes and Saint Athanasius. I know very well that some may still feel sadness, frustration, or division regarding the merger. I still hear talk from parishioners as if we are still separate communities. But this solemnity calls us to what Jesus prayed for at the Last Supper: “I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me” (John 17:20-21).

Unity was one of our Lord's final desires for His Church—and it must be ours as well. If Christ is truly our King, then resentment cannot rule us. Past hurts cannot define us. We must choose forgiveness, healing, and a renewed commitment to move forward together as one parish united in Jesus Christ our King. Unity is not only possible; it is the only way forward for a parish that wants to flourish.

As we celebrate our patronal feast, may Christ reign in our minds, wills, hearts, and bodies—and may He reign fully in our parish. May He make us one, heal what is wounded, and lead us forward in His peace.

In Christ our King,

Fr. Bobby



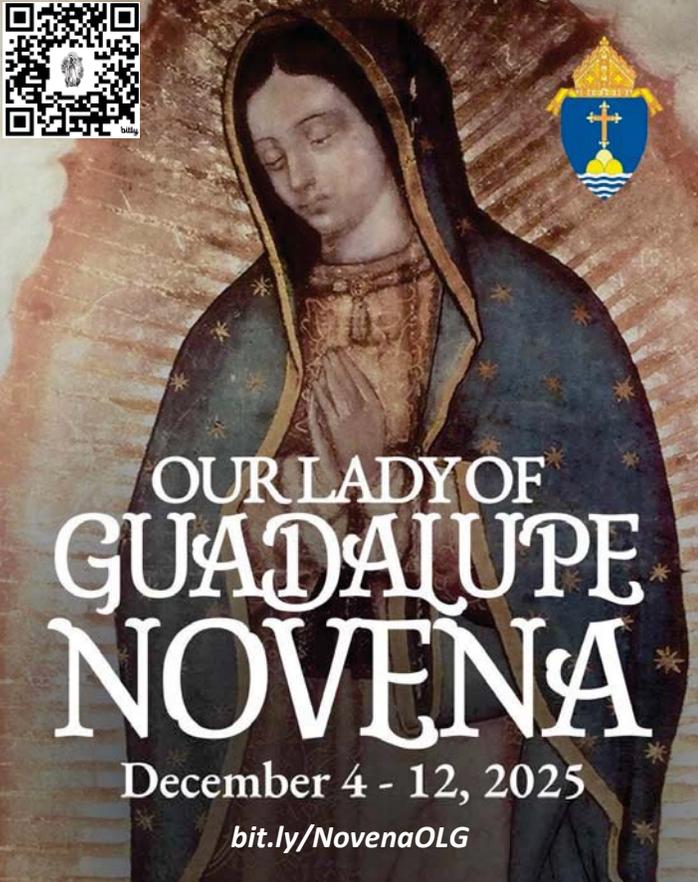
ALL ABOUT ADVENT
 Visit our website to read about everything happening at Christ the King Parish during the 2025 Advent season!
ChristTheKingReading.org/christmas

Blessing of the Nativity

Saturday, December 6

St. Athanasius at 5:00 PM

Following the 4:00 PM Mass we will have a special Blessing of the Creche (outdoor Nativity scene). There will be a lighting of the trees, the Blessing of the Bambinelli, Christmas Caroling, and cocoa & cookies in the Parish Activity Center! Join us!

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE NOVENA
 December 4 - 12, 2025
bit.ly/NovenaOLG



Feast of the Immaculate Conception
 Monday, December 8, 2025
 Holy Day Masses at 9 AM and 7 PM



Night at the Nativity

Open Hours
 December 13 (5 PM-9:30 PM)
 December 14 (9:30 AM- 2PM)
 St. Agnes Parish Center
 Christ the King Parish, Reading MA

Come One, Come All!

Join us for a festive gathering with something for everyone to enjoy:

- Admire beautiful, one-of-a-kind & handmade nativity sets
- Savor a warm cup of coffee, tea, or hot cocoa, along with delicious treats
- Bring your children to the Nativity Story Hour, taking place on 12/13 at 6, 7 & 8PM and 12/14 at 10, 12, & 1 PM

Suggested donation \$5 per person or \$15 per family.

SIGN UP



Save the Date for

Christ the King Parish
LESSONS & CAROLS

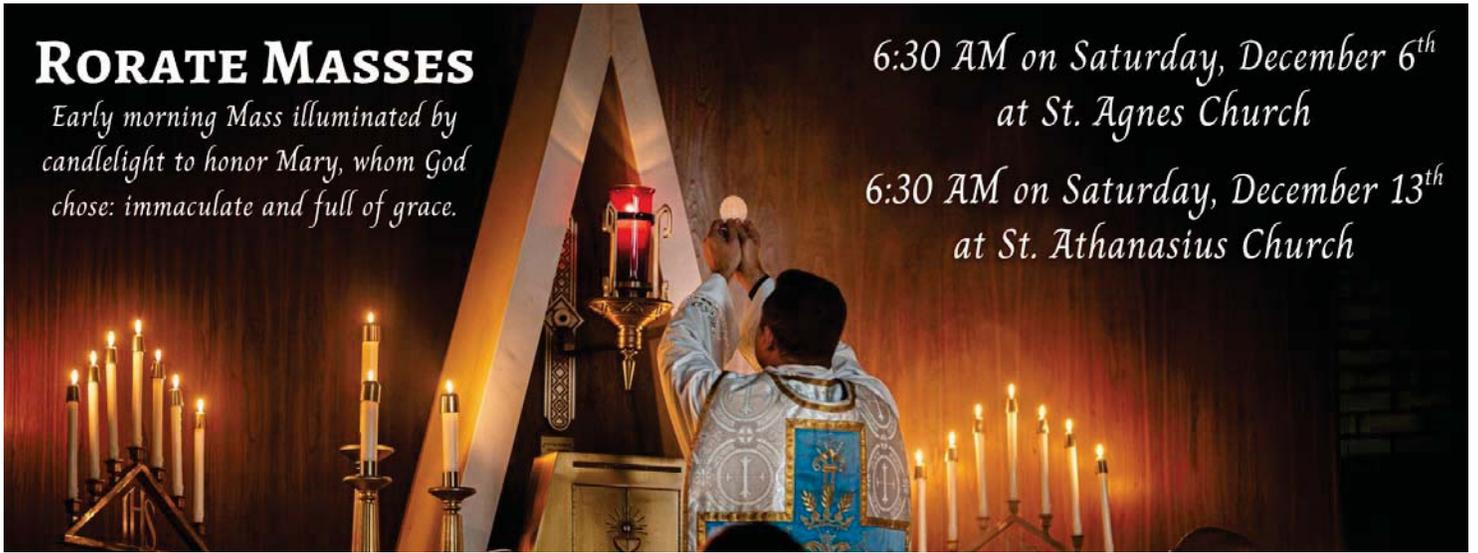
Saturday, December 20th
 St. Agnes Church
 7:00 PM

RORATE MASSES

Early morning Mass illuminated by candlelight to honor Mary, whom God chose: immaculate and full of grace.

6:30 AM on Saturday, December 6th
at St. Agnes Church

6:30 AM on Saturday, December 13th
at St. Athanasius Church



The Blessing of the Bambinelli - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Please join us for the Blessing of the Bambinelli to be celebrated at all our Masses on the 2nd Sunday of Advent (4:00 PM Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 6; all Sunday Masses on Sunday, December 7). You are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figurines from your home Nativity sets for this special blessing.

The Origin of the Tradition

A beloved annual tradition around the world in preparation for Christmas, the Blessing of the Bambinelli was first instituted by St. John Paul II. This Advent tradition is a way for children and families to connect their Nativity scene at home to the celebration of Christmas at their church.



Christ the King Sunday (Year C)

Fr. Walter Ciszek, a Jesuit priest being promoted for sainthood, spent years in Russia as a political prisoner. In one of his books, "He Leadeth Me," he writes, "There is a tremendous truth contained in the realization that when God became man, He became a working man—not a king nor chieftain, not a warrior or statesmen, nor a great leader of nations." We celebrate Christ the King, not as a political figure or world leader, but as the King of the Cross where the work of salvation takes place. It is a work of love.

Subjects follow their king into battle. We follow Christ into battle with sin and with death. First, He shows us how to live in love as God intends as He teaches, preaches, heals and forgives. Then, through His death, He destroys the power of sin and evil over us and asks us to pick up the cross and follow Him. We honor Him as the crucified King who suffers for our sins and gives us the hope of eternal life.

We serve the Lord and we follow Him. His kingship is one of service, love and humility. He invites rather than commands; he leads rather than directs. He is the Lord, the Savior, the Anointed and the Son of God. He is the victor, ruler and redeemer! But mostly, He is Jesus, our Brother, our King of love and of life.

~James Gaffney © Pilot Bulletins



K-6 Catechists – we need you!
We still need Catechists for K-6 Family Faith Formation. Email Paula at PColpitts@ChristTheKingReading.org.



Confirmation Leaders - we need you!
We still need small group leaders for our Confirmation program. Please email Michelle Goldner at MGoldner@ChristTheKingReading.org.

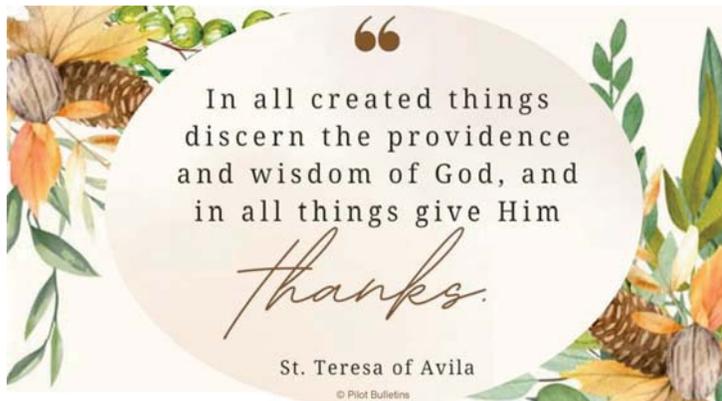


Save the Date!

Monday May 11, 2026
Hillview Country Club – N. Reading
Registration will open in February 2026



If you would like to volunteer to help organize or run the tournament, please contact Ron Fotino at Ron.Fotino@gmail.com or 603-285-5269



St. Teresa of Avila

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Young & Growing Families 

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:
November 23 & December 14
9:30 AM in the St. Agnes Lower Church

Visit ChristTheKingReading.org/young-growing-families or email YoungFamilies@ChristTheKingReading.org



YOUNG ADULT Community

UPCOMING DATES:
December 4 & 18
January 8 & 22
February 5 & 19

Join other young adults (20s & 30s) on two Thursday evenings each month at 7:30 PM in the St. Agnes Lower Church for Bible study & conversation. Connect online for event announcements.
youngadults@christthekingreading.org | [@youngadulcatholics_ctkp](https://www.instagram.com/youngadulcatholics_ctkp)



The 7 Gifts of Catholicism
A presentation by Father Ed Malone
Monday, December 1st
from 7:00-8:15 PM in the St. Agnes Parish Center
More to follow in 2026!

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, December 3

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



Meet our Catechists



“The Knights of Columbus is a brotherhood in service to the Catholic Church, bound together by our principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.” Over the years, many men of our council have served our parish as catechists. Currently there are a number of our brothers serving. We will introduce as many as we can starting with Bob Aiello. Bob began teaching his adult daughter’s fourth grade CCD class and continued with her up to Confirmation. He then returned to grade school classes and is presently teaching sixth grade Faith Formation. He exemplifies the words in the book of Joshua, “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”



November — Pray for the Faithful Departed
PRAYER OF SAINT GERTRUDE
 Eternal Father, I offer You the most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home, and within my family. Amen.

2025 Catholic Appeal Update

We are pleased to share that Christ the King Parish has raised \$99,381 toward our 2025 Catholic Appeal goal of \$99,400 (updated Nov. 17). This is **99.98%** of our goal! Please give today to help us reach our goal. Use the blue envelopes, scan the QR code, or visit the website: www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org.



First Holy Eucharist Celebration

Congratulations to the 5 Teens who received First Eucharist at last Sunday's Mass. Blake, Lucas, Nick, Matteo, and Spencer, may this sacred moment deepen your faith and bring you closer to the Lord.



Christ the King Parish Financial Update

Support Your Parish

These are financially challenging times for many, and for our Parish as well. For each person who attends Mass, it costs \$25 per week to maintain each of our churches. Please consider raising your weekly gift to this level if it is within your means. We are grateful for all our parishioners!

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.
2. Place donations in the baskets during Sunday Mass offertory collections.
3. Donate to our Parish Venmo account @CTKReading by scanning this QR code.
4. Mail donations to the Parish office: 184 Woburn Street Reading, MA 01867



Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!

Weekly Offertory Target: \$21,362

Offertory Week Ending 11/9/2025	
In person/Mailed in	\$9,608
Online Giving	\$6,837
Total Offertory	\$16,445

Offertory Week Ending 11/16/2025	
In person/Mailed in	\$11,424
Online Giving	\$7,543
Total Offertory	\$18,967

“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
Nov. 23	Fr. Paul Ritt	Rafael Gonzales
Nov. 24	Fr. John Kearns	Romeo Saucedo
Nov. 25	Fr. Arnold Kelley	Christopher Siverio
Nov. 26	Fr. James Braley	Adam Sorrels
Nov. 27	Fr. Christopher Hickey	Happy Thanksgiving!
Nov. 28	Fr. Thomas Sullivan	John Turner
Nov. 29	Fr. George Pucciarelli	David Bardales



Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 22

9:00 AM - Daily Mass

4:00 PM - Kenny Harkins 5th anniversary

Sunday, November 23

8:30 AM - Coach Squires 3rd anniversary

10:00 AM - The Izzo Family

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

Monday, November 24

9:00 AM - Eric and Vittoria Federico

Tuesday, November 25

9:00 AM - Claire Canty birthday memorial

Wednesday, November 26

9:00 AM - George Stevenson

Thursday, November 27

9:00 AM - Mass of Thanksgiving

Friday, November 28

9:00 AM - Robert J. Surette

Saturday, November 29

9:00 AM - Anthony and Marjorie Zecchino

4:00 PM - Anne Marie and Berthier Pedneault

Sunday, November 30

8:30 AM - Mass for the People of Christ the King Parish

10:00 AM - Sean and Ann Tierney

11:30 AM - Oscar and Margaret Conte

Please pray for those in Military Service

Cpl. Brenden Amico

Capt. Luke Beaulieu (US Army)

Fr. Stephen Booth, Chaplain, US Navy Lt.

Fr. David Campo, Chaplain, US Navy Lt.

Capt. Stephen Campo (USMC)

2nd Lt. Keegan Coulter (US Army)

Spc. William T. Fisher (US Army)

Cpl. Daniel Gonzales (US Marine Corps)

1st Lts. Ryan & Nolan Johnson (US Army)

Major Zachary Johnson (USMC)

LCPL Dean Lepore

PFC Christopher Lewis

Ens. David Lynch (US Navy)

2nd Lt. Declan McClellan (US Army)

Pvt. Luke Nelson (USMC)

Jackson Nicolo (US Army Rangers)

2nd Lt. John O'Brien (US Army)

Major Jared Peledge (US Army)

Capt. Jeffrey Peledge (US Army)

Frank J. Pendergast (USMC)

Lt. Kevin Plumer (Navy)

Timothy Thomas (US Army)

Sgt. Zachary Thomas, US Army

Capt. Katie Sliwoski (USMC)

Capt. Nicholas Staffier (US Army)

Chaplain Tom Whiteman

Justin Whitmarsh



Liturgical Music for November 23rd

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Pro: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" #723

Off: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" #450

Comm: "Worthy is the Lamb" #596

Rec: "Hail, Redeemer, King Divine" #722

Mass Parts Begin #873



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PARISH REGISTRATION: Register as a parishioner on our parish website: ChristTheKingReading.org/register-with-parish

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

Visit our website: ChristTheKingReading.org/serve
Send an email: Contact@ChristTheKingReading.org
Call the Parish Office for more information or speak with clergy

HOW DO I BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER? If you would like to join this ministry, learn more at ChristTheKingReading.org/altar-server, 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.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS - Come to the Communion line of the priest and tell him you need to receive a low-gluten host.

HOME BLESSING - 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 up to four months in advance.

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

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.

LAY STAFF

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Bulletin@ChristTheKingReading.org

The deadline for bulletin notices is noon on the Sunday 7 days prior to the requested publication date.

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Dcn. Bill Reidy (co-chair), Bob Finigan, Bill Lucey, Dcn. Mike Curren

† 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

† **ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Call the Parish Office to request. Extraordinary Ministers are also available to bring the Eucharist to the homebound.

† **FUNERALS:** ChristTheKingReading.org/funerals
or call the Parish Office, 781-944-0490

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