



# CHRIST THE KING PARISH

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“You also must be prepared.”

—Matthew 24:44—



FIRST WEEK OF  
**ADVENT**

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November 30, 2025

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT—WORSHIP AID

## CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Bernadette Farrell

Verses



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark - ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou - bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
3. bro - ken for oth-ers, shared un - til all are fed.
4. shel - ter - ing oth-ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

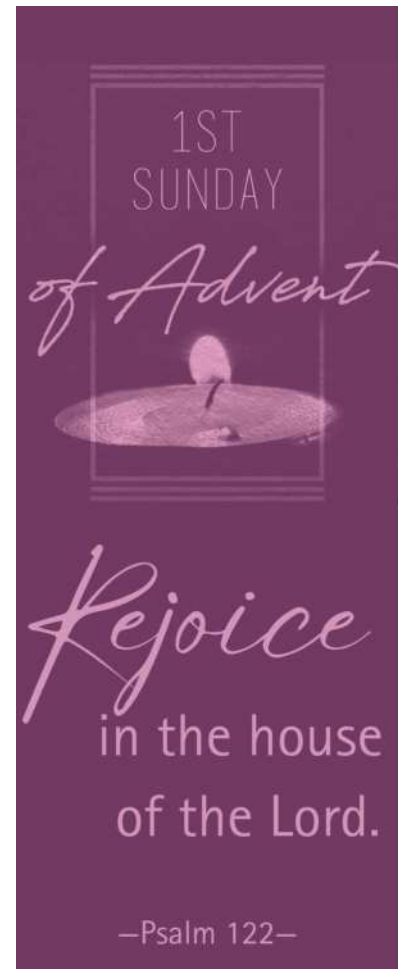
This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come, the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it; many peoples shall come and say: "Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths." For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

### Responsorial Psalm 122



R. Let us go re - joic - ing to the house of the Lord.



## ADVENT GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Andrew Wright

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Brothers and sisters: You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and lust, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

### Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

### The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

[Bow] *and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE ADVENT OF OUR KING

ST. THOMAS (WILLIAMS)

1. The ad-vent of our King Our thoughts must now em - ploy;  
2. The co - e - ter - nal Son A maid - en's off - spring see;  
3. In glo - ry from his throne A - gain will Christ de - scend,  
4. Our joy - ful prais-es sing To Christ, who set us free;

1. Then let us meet him on the road With songs of ho - ly joy.  
2. A ser-vant's form Christ put - teth on, To set his peo - ple free.  
3. And sum-mon all who are his own To joys that nev - er end.  
4. Like trib - ute to the Fa - ther bring, And Ho - ly Ghost, to thee.

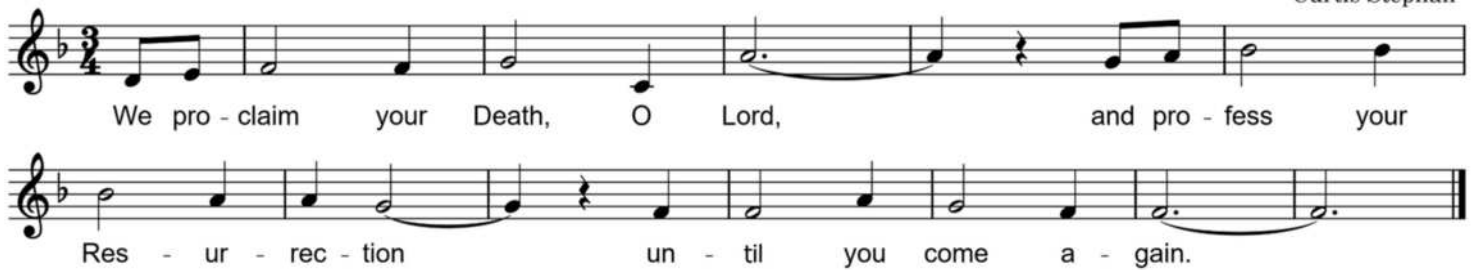


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Music: Aaron Williams, 1731-1776.



# WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH

Mass of Renewal  
Curtis Stephan



## COME, EMMANUEL

**Cantor** **All**

1. To a world a - wait - ing the break of day, Come, Em - man - u -  
 2. On - ly you can soft - en our hearts of stone! Come, Em - man - u -  
 3. All the deaf shall hear and the blind shall see! Come, Em - man - u -  
 4. You are prom - ise spo - ken from a - ges past, Come, Em - man - u -

**Cantor** **All**

-el! To a wan - d'ring people who've lost their way, Come, Em - man - u - el!  
 -el! You are here a - mong us, and yet unknown! Come, Em - man - u - el!  
 -el! And the mute shall speak and the lame run free! Come, Em - man - u - el!  
 -el! At the Bap - tist's cry and the trum - pet's blast, Come, Em - man - u - el!

**Cantor**

Lord of heav - en, yet Vir - gin's child, King by proph - ets fore - told, to  
 In our des - late and wea - ry land, come and bloom like a rose. As  
 Sun of Jus - tice and Prince of Peace, you are light of the world, who  
 When cre - a - tion has passed a - way, robed in glo - ry you come, as

**All**

shep - herds and wise men, to a man - ger of hay, Come, Em - man - u - el!  
 light in the dark - ness for the lost and a - lone, Come, Em - man - u - el!  
 was, and who is, and who ev - er shall be! Come, Em - man - u - el!  
 rul - er of all things, as the first and the last, Come, Em - man - u - el!

**Refrain**

Come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - some cap - tive Is - ra - el!

Wis - dom a - wake us, rouse us and shake us! Come, Em - man - u - el!

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# CREATOR OF THE STARS

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM  
Arranged by Josh Blakesley

Verses

1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, Your  
2. In sor - row that the an - cient curse Should  
3. When this old world drew on toward night, You  
4. At your great Name, O Je - sus, now All  
5. Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, Re -  
6. To God Cre - a - tor, God the Son, And

peo - ple's ev - er last - ting light, O Christ, Re - deem - er - of us  
doom to death a u - ni - verse, You came, O Sav - ior to set  
came; but not in splen - dor bright, Not as a mon - arch, but the  
knees must bend, all hearts must bow; All things on earth with one ac -  
deem us for e - ter - nal day; De - fend us while we dwell be -  
God the Spir - it, Three in One, Praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry

Refrain

all, We pray you hear us when we call. (To Verse 2) Come, O come, in - to the  
free Your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty. (To Refrain)  
child Of Ma - ry, blame - less moth - er mild. (To Verse 4)  
cord, Like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord. (To Refrain)  
low From all as - saults of our dread foe. (To Verse 6)  
be From age to age e - ter - nal - ly. (To Refrain)

night O child of light! Come, O come! The earth will bow; come save us now! O come!

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## PEOPLE, LOOK EAST

1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near Of the crown - ing of the year.  
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare. One more seed is plant - ed there.  
3. Stars, keep the watch when night is dim. One more light the bowl shall brim.  
4. An - gels an - nounce on this great feast: Him who com - eth from the East.

Make your house fair as you are a - ble, Trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.  
Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, That in course the flow'r may flour - ish.  
Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, Bright as sun and moon to - geth - er  
Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming With the word, the Lord is com - ing.

Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day

1. Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
2. Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
3. Love, the Star, is on the way  
4. Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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# LITURGICAL LIFE

## SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:00 pm	<b>November 29—First Sunday of Advent</b> The people of Christ the King Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>November 30—First Sunday of Advent</b> † Joe Kizior, birthday (Family) † Helen Diskevich (Ross & Carol Nese)
<b>MONDAY</b> 8:00 am	<b>December 1—Advent Weekday</b> † Dr. Bryan Kennedy (Kennedy Family)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8:00 am	<b>December 3—Saint Francis Xavier</b> † Natalie Carle (Faith Anne) † Donna Mullins (Parish Office)
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:00 am	<b>December 5—Advent Weekday</b> † Bernard Garvey (Kathleen Garvey) Scott Silvasy (George, Olga & Irina)
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:00 pm	<b>December 6—Second Sunday of Advent</b> † David Casasent (Casasent Family)
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>December 7—Second Sunday of Advent</b> † Dr. Bryan Kennedy (Kennedy Family) † Angelo Cilenti, Sr. (Jim & Craig)

## SAINT MARY CHURCH

<b>SUNDAY</b> 11:30 am	<b>November 30—First Sunday of Advent</b> † Josephine Clark (Sister, Rita, and family)
<b>SUNDAY</b> 11:30 am	<b>December 7—Second Sunday of Advent</b> † John & Carol Schuster (Loving Daughters & Families)

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday—November 30</b>		
Isaiah 2:1-5	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:37-44
<b>Monday—December 1</b>		
Isaiah 4:2-6		Matthew 8:5-11
<b>Tuesday—December 2</b>		
Isaiah 11:1-10		Luke 10:21-24
<b>Wednesday—December 3</b>		
Isaiah 25:6-10a		Matthew 15:29-37
<b>Thursday—December 4</b>		
Isaiah 26:1-6		Matthew 7:21, 24-27
<b>Friday—December 5</b>		
Isaiah 29:17-24		Matthew 9:27-31
<b>Saturday—December 6</b>		
Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26		Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
<b>Sunday—December 7</b>		
Isaiah 11:1-10	Romans 15:4-9	Matthew 3:1-12

## SAINT SCHOLASTICA CHURCH

<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:00 pm	<b>November 29—First Sunday of Advent</b> † Sam DiGregory (Mom)
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:30 am	<b>November 30—First Sunday of Advent</b> † Jeremy Charles Myers (Sylvia Maurin)
<b>TUESDAY</b> 10:00 am	<b>December 2—Advent Weekday</b> † Antoinette “Cookie” Mizgorski (Women’s Bible Study) † Anderson & Houston Families (Arlene)
<b>THURSDAY</b> 10:00 am	<b>December 4—Advent Weekday</b> † Loretta Montemurro (Mike & Judy) † Rose Wega (Harold Wega)
<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:00 pm	<b>December 6—Second Sunday of Advent</b> The people of Christ the King Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:30 am	<b>December 7—Second Sunday of Advent</b> † Mary Chiesa (Grandparents – Sissy & Pat Powers)

## SAINT EDWARD CHURCH

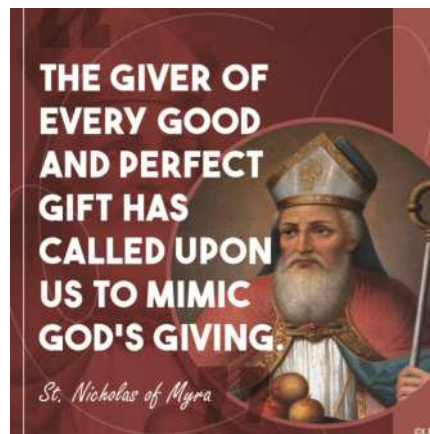
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:00 am	<b>November 30—First Sunday of Advent</b> † Johnny Haus (Sis Wachter)
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:00 am	<b>December 7—Second Sunday of Advent</b> † Reno Farina, Sr. (Reno & Barbara Farina)

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rose Kurry Kampner • November 15, 2025  
Hadley Ann Rose Visconti • November 23, 2025

## REST IN PEACE

Nino Esposito • November 15, 2025  
Marion M. Feeney • November 15, 2025





# A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Think of the magnificent Catholic churches that dot the planet and it may be that Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome immediately comes to mind. Whether you have been there and seen it in person or only know of its grandeur from television images, it is clear that men and women throughout the ages have sought ways to glorify God in the majesty of sacred buildings. While our feeble human attempts cannot measure up to the splendor of the Almighty, nonetheless, we continue in our desire to give all the honor and praise to God.

In our nation's capital in Washington, D.C. there is one such remarkable church. It is the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**, the largest Catholic church in the United States and the tenth largest in the world. I encourage you to read more by googling. See for yourself and learn about the Basilica dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the patroness of the United States of America.



I have a personal affection for the Basilica. During my years of study for the priesthood, I lived a five-minute walk away and visited there regularly. I was especially drawn to the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament where I spent many peaceful hours in prayer.

Perhaps it was in that sacred space that my vocation was made certain. The Crypt Chapel of the Basilica is also the place where I was ordained as a Transitional Deacon on January 22, 1977, just one year before my ordination as a priest on January 28, 1978 in Saint Augustine Church in Lawrenceville.

In the more than 100 years since construction began and continued throughout the decades, countless numbers of Catholics and other people of good will have toured as well as prayed and worshiped in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Naturally, like any building, the Basilica is aging and showing signs of wear and tear. Thus, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is asking for a nationwide second collection to help with the cost of improvements that will include lighting and electrical updates, improvements to the heating and air-conditioning, the preservation of precious artwork, and other essentials.

Therefore, on December 6-7—the weekend closest to

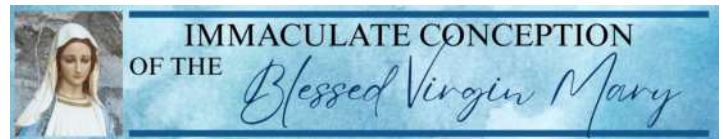
the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which is on December 8<sup>TH</sup>—a second collection will be taken in every Catholic church in the United States. All donations will find a most worthy purpose in helping to secure the infrastructure of the Basilica and maintain its beauty for many, many years to come. I am confident that you will be generous.

*Father Dale DeNinno*

## Advent Giving Tree

The traditional tree will be located in the center aisle of church or in the vestibule on each of the four weeks of Advent. They will have decorative Christmas tags with the request of your generous support to help the good work of:

- the Hope for Haiti Outreach
- the Jubilee Soup Kitchen located on Forbes Avenue in the Lower Hill District
- the Capuchin Mission and Missionaries in Papua New Guinea



## Feast of the Immaculate Conception Monday—December 8, 2025

This feast that honors the Blessed Virgin Mary as conceived without sin and remaining free from sin the whole of her life is always celebrated as a holy day of obligation, including when the date falls on a Monday. Thus, all Catholics are to attend Mass. The schedule of Masses in the churches of Christ the King Parish will be:

8:00 am	Saint Joseph
10:00 am	Saint Scholastica
11:30 am	Saint Mary
6:00 pm	Saint Edward

## Holy Hour and Benediction

The pre-Christmas preparations are notoriously noisy and busy. Why not consider stepping away from the noise and preoccupations to spend time in quiet prayer before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament? The monthly Holy Hour and Benediction, will be held on Thursday evening, December 4, from 6:30-7:30 in Madonna Church.

# NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Offering Mass this weekend** in Saint Joseph Church, while Fr. Bill Siple is away, are two priests of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Father John Marcucci, the former pastor of Saint Mary's Church on Middle Road in Glenshaw and now retired, is presiding and preaching at the 4:00 o'clock Saturday vigil Mass. Father Tom Kunz, currently serving as the Vicar General and General Secretary in the Diocese of Pittsburgh (*the right-hand man to Bishop Mark Eckman*) is presiding and preaching at the 9:00 and 11:00 o'clock Sunday morning Masses.

**Father Bill Siple will remain on vacation** until Saturday, December 6<sup>TH</sup>. During the time that he is away, and Father Dale is the lone priest, there will only be one weekday Mass. The daily Mass schedule for the two weeks will be as follows:

**Monday, Wednesday, and Friday**

8:00 am Mass in Saint Joseph Church

**Tuesday and Thursday**

10:00 am Mass in Saint Scholastica

The 9:00 o'clock Mass

on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday

and the Wednesday 10:00 o'clock Mass

will resume the week of December 8<sup>TH</sup>.

**The 2026 Parish Calendars** for Christ the King are now available for distribution, beginning on this First Sunday of Advent, the start of a new liturgical year. Our appreciation to the local funeral homes who help to pay the cost of printing: Weddel-Ajak in Aspinwall, Slater in Sharpsburg, and Smith in Blawnox.

## A Letter from the Little Sisters of the Poor

Dear Father Dale,

We are extremely touched by the outpouring of support from Christ the King Parish and the enormous amount of food supplies donated by your dear parishioners. This is like the multiplication of loaves—truly, charity begets charity. People always heap praise on us for what we do for the elderly, but we don't deserve it. Without friends like you, we would never be able to accomplish our mission.

Your donations filled a good part of our empty storeroom. What hope you instilled in us. We thank God for your generous response as always. May the good Lord who is never outdone in generosity send each one of you an abundance of His blessings.

Sincerely in Jesus & Mary,

*Sister Rosemarie, l. s. p.*

**Calling holiday bakers!** Christ the King Parish will be supplying homemade baked goods to local food pantries and programs in December. Our collection date is Sunday, December 14. Please bring your homemade baked goods to

the social hall at Saint Scholastica Church, either after Mass on Saturday evening, or before 10:30 am on Sunday. We are looking to serve over 100 families.

**The Women's Bible Study** will begin a new ten week study entitled "Entertaining Angels" beginning Tuesday, January 6, from 1 to 3 pm in the Saint Scholastica social hall. Workbooks are \$25. For details and to purchase the workbook, please call 412-445-0476.

**Christ the King Respect Life:** "Any decision for abortion ultimately shatters every potential relationship with a mom, a dad, a sibling, a grandmother, a grandfather, uncles, aunts, childhood friends, extended family, etc." (*PA ProLife Federation*) "Choice is a process we use to arrive at a goal. The question is not 'choice' or 'no choice'. The question is 'What are we choosing? Is the choice good?'"

## Around the Diocese . . .

### 2026 Pittsburgh Creche Fundraising Lottery

**Ticket:** For many years, the Pittsburgh Creche has stood as a visible sign of our faith in the heart of Downtown Pittsburgh—a beautiful public proclamation of the birth of our Lord. Did you know that it costs nearly \$90,000 each year to maintain and store the Creche? You can make a difference by purchasing a 2026 Pittsburgh Creche Fundraising Lottery Ticket (valid January 1, 2026-June 30, 2026). Each ticket costs \$25 and is based on the Pennsylvania Daily Evening Lottery Drawing (3 digit) at 7:00 pm. For more information, please email [crechefundraising@diopitt.org](mailto:crechefundraising@diopitt.org) or visit [www.diopitt.org/advent](http://www.diopitt.org/advent). The creche will remain open for viewing 24 hours daily through January 6, 2026.

**Missionary Artisans** is a new organization begun by Pittsburgh Catholics that aims to serve in the heart of mission territory throughout the world. They have collected goods from Colombia, Uganda, Jamaica, Malawi, and South Sudan all made by people who have little or no income, some made by people with disabilities. You can purchase Christmas gifts with meaning from their website at [missionaryartisans.org](http://missionaryartisans.org).

**Catholic Cemetery Association** is hiring telemarketers to work from home. To apply, please contact Laura Scotty with a resume at [Lscotty@ccapgh.org](mailto:Lscotty@ccapgh.org).

**Join Pittsburgh's pro-life community in caroling** to bring the light of Christ to the darkness of Downtown. We'll meet at 9 am on Saturday, December 13, in front of Planned Parenthood at 933 Liberty Avenue in Pittsburgh. At 10 am, we'll head to the Little Lamb Resale shop just up the street for cookies and fellowship. We hope you can join us in celebrating life with song. No need to sign up. For details, please contact Tim at [timbarr5480@gmail.com](mailto:timbarr5480@gmail.com).



# NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Year-End Giving

The Advent Season also means the new year will be here soon. Now is a great time to reassess your giving options:


1. If you give your donations by mail through your bank account, please check these items:

- Name: Christ the King Parish
- Address: 342 Dorseyville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15215
- Envelope ID: please include your current envelope number, if not sure, contact the parish office.
- If there is a specific donation you wish to make, such as the Annual Parish Appeal, please make a notation on the check.

2. If you'd like to donate online through our secure site, now is the perfect time to make the change.

- Go to [www.ChristtheKingpgh.org/giving](http://www.ChristtheKingpgh.org/giving) to set up your donation with a bank account or credit card.
- You can make one-time or recurring donations for Offertory, Annual Parish Appeal, parish ministries and 2<sup>ND</sup> collections.
- If you set up an account for a recurring donation, you can change the frequency and amount of your donation as well as view your donation history or a year-end statement.

Your support of Christ the King Parish is greatly appreciated! Please contact the Parish office at 412-963-8885 with any questions. *2025 year-end financial statements will be available after January 15. To request one, please call 724-473-9024 or email [DVanDemark@ChristtheKingpgh.org](mailto:DVanDemark@ChristtheKingpgh.org).*



### Families on Mission – Service Project


CTK will be collecting toys for Play it Forward Pittsburgh 2025!

**Donate your gently used or new toys, games, electronics, sports equipment, and dvd movies. We will get them to the toy drive and make sure they go to good homes this holiday season.**

We will NOT be collecting books or stuffed animals this year.

You can also volunteer to help sort the toys at the Play it Forward location between December 8 and 13. We will be going as a group on **Wednesday December 10 between 5 and 7 PM.**

See link below to sign up!

WHERE TO DONATE	VOLUNTEER TO SORT
<b>Drop-off Locations:</b> St. Joseph Church St. Scholastica Church	
<b>Collection Deadline:</b> Sunday, December 7th at noon	<b>Learn More:</b> <a href="http://www.playitforwardpittsburgh.com">www.playitforwardpittsburgh.com</a>

# PARISH INFORMATION



## DAILY MASSES—WEEK OF DECEMBER 1

8:00 am Saint Joseph Church Fr. Dale DeNinno  
*Monday, Wednesday, Friday*

10:00 am Saint Scholastica Church Fr. Dale DeNinno  
*Tuesday and Thursday*

## SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES—DECEMBER 6

4:00 pm Saint Joseph Church Fr. Dale DeNinno

5:00 pm Saint Scholastica Church Fr. Bill Siple

## SUNDAY MASSES—DECEMBER 7

8:00 am Saint Edward Church Fr. Bill Siple

9:00 am Saint Joseph Church Fr. Dale DeNinno

9:30 am Saint Scholastica Church Fr. Bill Siple

11:00 am Saint Joseph Church Fr. Dale DeNinno

11:30 am Saint Mary Church Fr. Bill Siple

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

*Every Thursday*

6:30-7:00 pm Saint Scholastica Church

*Every Friday*

9:30-10:00 am Saint Edward Church

*Every Saturday*

11:30-Noon Saint Joseph Church

## HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION

Thursday, December 4, 6:30 pm Madonna Church



## Our Prayer for Christ the King Parish



Heavenly Father,  
our hearts are open to you  
as we discover the mystery of your love  
at work in our lives.  
Help us to **rediscover** each day  
the power of that same love  
through the sacred gift of our Catholic faith.

Jesus our Lord,  
in baptism we connect our lives with you as disciples.  
Help us to **reconnect** each day and allow our faith life  
to be nourished by your Word and Sacrament  
through the prayer of our weekly attendance at Mass.

Holy Spirit,  
breathe into us faith, hope and love  
as we commit ourselves to a new and bold Pentecost.  
Help us to **recommit** each day  
through our energy and resources  
to the life of our parish community.

Give us the grace  
to **rediscover**, to **reconnect** and to **recommit**  
to all that is good and holy.  
You are God forever and ever. Amen.



## Collection for November 15 & 16

In-person donations: \$16,272

Online donations: \$7,790

Total: \$24,062

*Please make checks payable to "Christ the King Parish"  
Thank you for your generosity!*



**December 7: Annual Parish Appeal**  
**December 7: National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**

## — SACRAMENTS & PASTORAL SERVICES —

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To **register as a member** of Christ the King Parish, please call the parish office or go to [ChristtheKingpgh.org/join-our-parish](http://ChristtheKingpgh.org/join-our-parish).

To **update your contact information** or let us know if you or a family member is homebound or has moved to a nursing home, please call the parish office or go to [ChristtheKingpgh.org/contact-us](http://ChristtheKingpgh.org/contact-us).

To schedule a **Mass Intention or Tabernacle candle**, please call the parish office or download the form at [ChristtheKingpgh.org/mass-intentions](http://ChristtheKingpgh.org/mass-intentions).

We believe that **faith formation** is a lifelong journey. Go to [ChristtheKingpgh.org/grow](http://ChristtheKingpgh.org/grow) for information on family and adult faith formation as well as our youth ministry program.

**Get involved in parish life!** Go to [Christthekingpgh.org/share](http://Christthekingpgh.org/share) to find out about liturgical ministries, parish organizations, and volunteer opportunities. All staff and volunteers in the Diocese of Pittsburgh are required to obtain clearances and training to comply with the Safe Environment Policy.



# PARISH INFORMATION

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tuesday, December 2	1:00pm	Women's Bible Study	Saint Scholastica Social Hall
Wednesday, December 3	10:30am	The Chosen	Saint Scholastica Social Hall
Wednesday, December 3	7:00pm	Hope for Haiti Committee Meeting	Saint Scholastica Social Hall
Thursday, December 4	6:30pm	Holy Hour of Prayer and Benediction	Madonna Church
Thursday, December 4	7:00pm	Listening Friends: Survivors of a Suicide Loss Support Group	Saint Joseph, John Paul II Hall
Friday, December 5	6:00am	TMIY Men's Group	Saint Scholastica Social Hall
Sunday, December 7	11:00am	Family Faith Formation-Finding God, Sunday A Session	Saint Joseph Church
Sunday, December 7	3:00pm	Women's Shelter Meal	Saint Joseph upper parking lot

## *Make this a meaningful Advent Season...*

**Make this Advent a time of spiritual growth and reflection.** Go to [ChristtheKingpgh.org/Advent](http://ChristtheKingpgh.org/Advent) to find resources and sign up for a Flocknote with inspirational prayers, videos, activities, and commentary for adults and families.

**Text ADVENT2025 to 84576** to receive a text message from the Diocese of Pittsburgh each day of Advent, preparing your heart for Jesus' coming. Find more resources at [diopitt.org/advent](http://diopitt.org/advent).

**Enjoy family Christmas fun at Breakfast with Santa** on Saturday, December 13, at 9 am at Saint Joseph Church. To purchase tickets, go to [ChristtheKingpgh.org/preschool-events](http://ChristtheKingpgh.org/preschool-events).

**Get in the mood for Christmas** with a free concert of seasonal favorites by the Pine Creek Community Band on Sunday, December 14, at 2:00 pm in Saint Mary Church.

**Pause and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas** on Sunday, December 21, at 3 pm at Saint Joseph Church when our parish choir and instrumentalists will offer a concert of carols, anthems, and inspirational readings.

**Help those in need** by making a donation through our Advent Giving Trees located in the vestibules of each of our churches. You may take one of the tags and return it with your gift to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket. Your donations will be divided evenly among the following three ministries:

**Christ the King Parish's Hope for Haiti Committee** continues to work to empower the poor in Haiti and beyond, especially through educational initiatives and grassroots partnerships. Funds contributed by parishioners sponsor Catholic schoolchildren in St. Marc, Haiti (currently 10 children sponsored per year), through the Mortel High Hopes for Haiti Foundation, as well as benefiting other organizations with similar missions supporting Haiti and local Haitians.

**The Jubilee Soup Kitchen** is Pittsburgh's only 365-day soup kitchen and comprehensive support center. They offer services from daily meals and food pantries to a homeless prevention program, job training, and childcare services.

**The Capuchin Mission and Missionaries in Papua New Guinea:** From their earliest days, the Capuchins have been in the forefront of the Church's effort to bring the Gospel to the entire world. They serve in local churches, prisons, soup kitchens, shelters for the homeless and in a variety of other ministries.



# SOCIAL OUTREACH



**CTK's Saint Vincent de Paul Society** offers financial assistance (rent, utility payments, furniture, etc.) to neighbors in

need. Volunteers are always welcome to help us complete financial assessments. Contact 412-254-4446 or [svdp@ChristtheKingpgh.org](mailto:svdp@ChristtheKingpgh.org) for further information.

**Our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry** has seen a significant increase in the number of neighbors needing our services. In September and October, over 115 families per month received food during our two distributions and through deliveries to those who cannot come to the Pantry. Donations of non-perishable food, toiletries, and paper products are accepted year round in the designated collection areas in the entrances of Saint Joseph, Saint Scholastica, and Saint Edward Churches, or at the lower level of Saint Mary Church on Tuesdays from 8:30 to 10:30am. *Items for holiday celebrations (stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, baking supplies, etc.) will be especially appreciated over the next few months.* Monetary donations can be made in the monthly SVdP envelope or online at [ChristtheKingpgh.org/parish-ministry](http://ChristtheKingpgh.org/parish-ministry). Our team of amazing volunteers ensures that we are ready to serve and enjoys a wonderful sense of community. New volunteers are always welcome. You can find more information by following us on Facebook at Sharpsburg Food Pantry or on our website [www.sharpsburgfoodpantry.org](http://www.sharpsburgfoodpantry.org). You can also call 412-781-2866 for further information on the Pantry.

**Christ the King Parish provides a hot meal** for the women's shelter at Bethlehem Haven on the first Sunday of each month and the men's shelter at Community House on the fourth Saturday of each month. We are always looking for new volunteers to help by donating a portion of the meal. For details on how you can participate in this ministry, go to [ChristtheKingpgh.org/shelter-meals](http://ChristtheKingpgh.org/shelter-meals).

**The Aspinwall Homeless Ministry** supports numerous homeless individuals and needy families throughout our region and they are always happy to accept donations of non-perishable food. They are particularly in need of cookies, canned vegetables, pudding cups, large bags of chips and other snacks, macaroni and cheese, Ritz crackers, Spam, canned red or black beans, tuna and chicken (foil packets or cans with pull tabs), and powdered or shelf-stable milk. Please leave donations in plastic bags in the gray bin at the Saint Scholastica Church entrance. Donations of Giant Eagle gift cards are also welcome. They can be brought to the Saint Scholastica Church office.

We are also collecting new items for all ages for our Christmas gift program. We are in particular need of baby dolls, footballs, toy cars and trucks, and bath towels. These can be left in the Saint Scholastica social hall.



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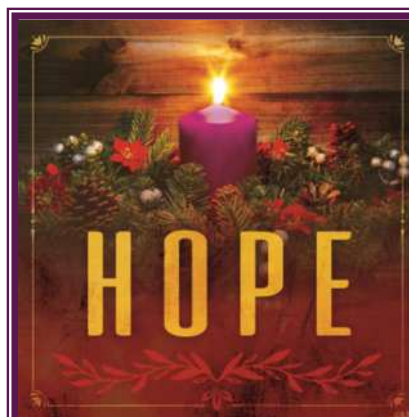
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Advent is a time of waiting and preparation, a time to ready our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Beautiful Advent traditions have developed to help us prepare

for Christmas. One of the most common is the Advent Wreath, which is full of deep symbolism.

The circular shape of the wreath reminds us of the eternal nature of God and his endless love for us.

The evergreen leaves remind us of the gift of everlasting life given to us through Jesus.

The candles remind us that Christ is the true light of the world. Each Sunday, the wreath gets brighter and brighter as more candles are lit and we approach the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

The first candle on the Advent wreath represents Hope. Also called the "Prophecy Candle," the first candle harkens us back to Isaiah's foretelling of the birth of Christ and all of the promises God gave us in the Old Testament that would be fulfilled by the birth of Jesus. As we read these prophecies and anticipate the birth of Christ, we are filled with hope.

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