



# CHRIST THE KING PARISH

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“Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.”

—Matthew 3:3—



SECOND WEEK OF  
**ADVENT**

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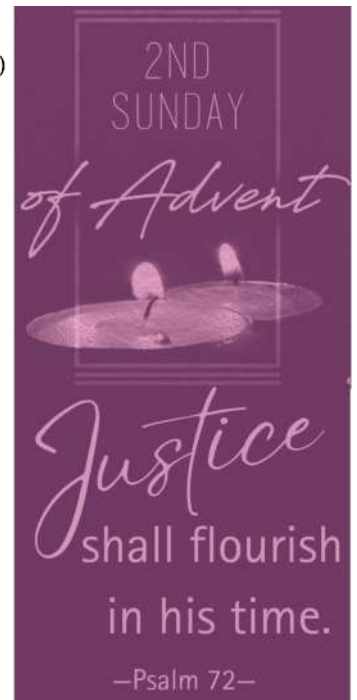
## THE ADVENT OF OUR KING

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.

Text: SM; Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. by Robert Campbell, 1814-1868, alt.  
Music: Aaron Williams, 1731-1776.



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

### Responsorial Psalm 72:

**R. Jus - tice shall flour-ish in his time, and full-ness of peace for ev-er.**

### Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: *Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.*

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

## Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: *A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.* John wore clothing made of camel’s hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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.

## O COME, DIVINE MESSIAH!

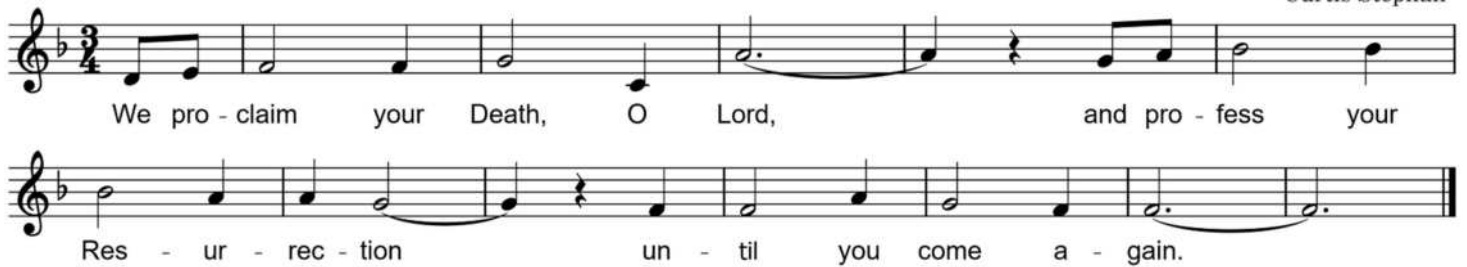
1. O come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah! The world in si - lence  
2. O come, De - sired of na - tions, Whom priest and proph - et  
3. O come in peace and meek - ness, For low - ly will your  
waits the day When hope shall sing its tri - umph, And  
long fore - told. Come break the cap - tive fet - ters. Re -  
cra - dle be: Though clothed in hu - man weak - ness We  
sad - ness flee a - way.  
deem the long - lost fold. Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to  
shall your God - head see.  
earth. Dis - pel the night and show your face, And bid us  
hail the dawn of grace. O come, Di - vine Mes -  
- si - ah! The world in si - lence waits the day When  
hope shall sing its tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.

Text: 78 76 with refrain; Abbé Simon-Joseph Pellegrin, 1663–1745; tr. by Sr. Mary of St. Philip, 1825–1904. Music: trad. French carol, 16th cent.



# 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 peo - ple who've lost their way, Come, Em - man - u - el!  
 -el! You are here a - mong us, and yet un - known! 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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# TASTE AND SEE

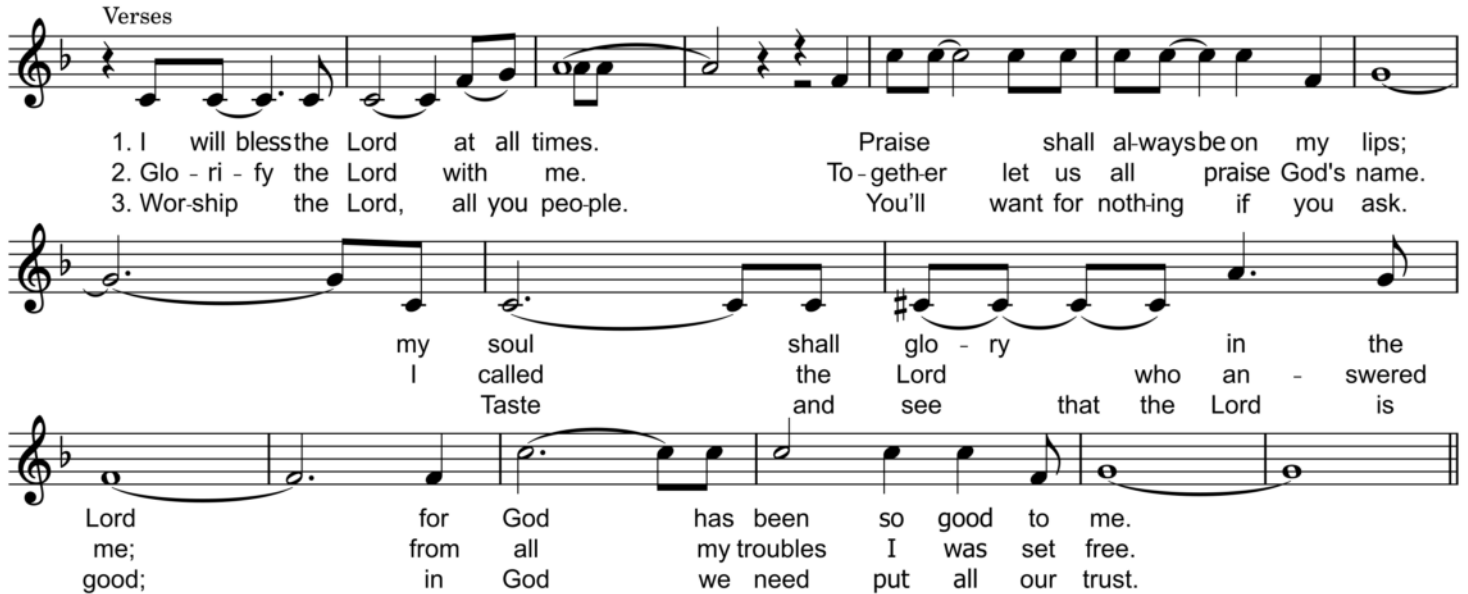
James E. Moore

**Refrain**



Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

**Verses**



1. I will blessthe Lord at all times. Praise shall al-ways be on my lips;  
 2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me. To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.  
 3. Wor - ship the Lord, all you peo - ple. You'll want for nothing if you ask.

my soul shall glo - ry in the  
 I called the Lord who an - swered  
 Taste and see that the Lord is  
 Lord me; for God has been so good to me.  
 good; from all my troubles I was set free.  
 in God we need put all our trust.

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# THE KING OF GLORY

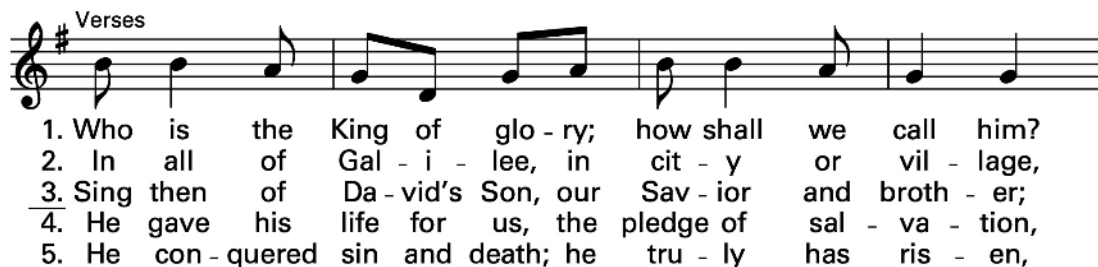
KING OF GLORY

**Refrain**



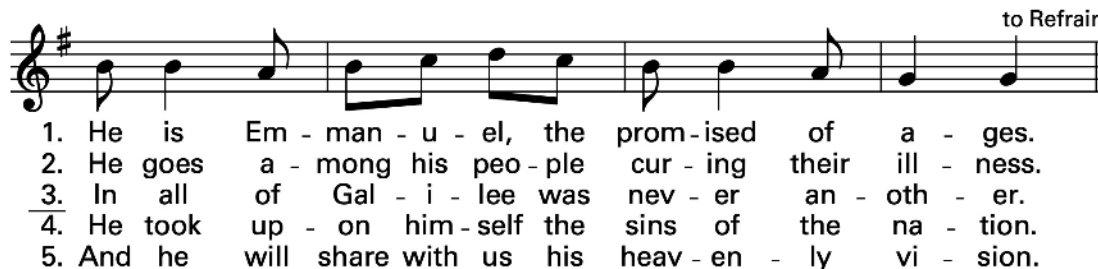
The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.  
 O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.

**Verses**



1. Who is the King of glo - ry; how shall we call him?  
 2. In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,  
 3. Sing then of Da - vid's Son, our Sav - ior and broth - er;  
 4. He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion,  
 5. He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,

**to Refrain**



1. He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of a - ges.  
 2. He goes a - mong his peo - ple cur - ing their ill - ness.  
 3. In all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.  
 4. He took up - on him - self the sins of the na - tion.  
 5. And he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

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# LITURGICAL LIFE

## SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

<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)
<b>MONDAY</b> 8:00 am	<b>December 8—Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> † David Casasent (Casasent Family)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8:00 am	<b>December 10—Advent Weekday</b> † Joann Kolson (Family)
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:00 am	<b>December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> † Aldo & Giovanna Settino (Children)
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:00 pm	<b>December 13—Third Sunday of Advent</b> † Carl & Angelina Leya (Stephen & Joann Leya)
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>December 14—Third Sunday of Advent</b> † Pam (Santelli) Golla (William J. Golla) † Joseph Puthenpurayil (Family)

## SAINT MARY CHURCH

<b>SUNDAY</b> 11:30 am	<b>December 7—Second Sunday of Advent</b> † John & Carol Schuster (Loving Daughters & Families)
<b>MONDAY</b> 11:30 am	<b>December 8—Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> † Barbara Imhof (Christian Mothers & Rosary Society)
<b>SUNDAY</b> 11:30 am	<b>December 14—Third Sunday of Advent</b> † Martier, Nicholas, Kost, & Rios Families

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday—December 7</b>		
Isaiah 11:1-10	Romans 15:4-9	Matthew 3:1-12
<b>Monday—December 8</b>		
Genesis 3:9-15, 20	Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12	Luke 1:26-38
<b>Tuesday—December 9</b>		
Isaiah 40:1-11		Matthew 18:12-14
<b>Wednesday—December 10</b>		
Isaiah 40:25-31		Matthew 11:28-30
<b>Thursday—December 11</b>		
Isaiah 41:13-20		Matthew 11:11-15
<b>Friday—December 12</b>		
Zechariah 2:14-17		Luke 1:26-38
<b>Saturday—December 13</b>		
Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11		Matthew 17:9a, 10-13
<b>Sunday—December 14</b>		
Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11

## SAINT SCHOLASTICA CHURCH

<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)
<b>MONDAY</b> 10:00 am	<b>December 8—Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> † James Davidson, Jr. (Renee Davidson)
<b>TUESDAY</b> 10:00 am	<b>December 9—Advent Weekday</b> † James J. Schaming (Diane S. Hupp, daughter)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 10:00 am	<b>December 10—Advent Weekday</b> † Marie Certo (Jo Certo)
<b>THURSDAY</b> 10:00 am	<b>December 11—Advent Weekday</b> † Stephen & Mary Miketic (Family)
<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:00 pm	<b>December 13—Third Sunday of Advent</b> San Lucia (Anna Patitucci)
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:30 am	<b>December 14—Third Sunday of Advent</b> † Robert Rosati (Frank & Maria Greco )

## SAINT EDWARD CHURCH

<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:00 am	<b>December 7—Second Sunday of Advent</b> † Reno Farina, Sr. (Reno & Barbara Farina)
<b>MONDAY</b> 6:00 pm	<b>December 8—Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> † Gladys Garland (Alfreda)
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00 am	<b>December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> † Wanda Gibel (Ed Theiss & Family)
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:00 am	<b>December 14—Third Sunday of Advent</b> The people of Christ the King Parish

## MADONNA OF JERUSALEM CHURCH

<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00 am	<b>December 9—Advent Weekday</b> In Thanksgiving (Theresa Urso & Family)
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00 am	<b>December 11—Advent Weekday</b> † Nash, Rudzki, & Sciallaba Families (Pat Nash)

### REST IN PEACE

Carol Krzyzanski • November 9, 2025  
Peter LaCava • November 20, 2025  
Ramona Polovich • November 24, 2025  
Lorenzo Settino • November 25, 2025  
Lorraine Maslaney • November 30, 2025

### TABERNACLE VIGIL CANDLE

#### Week of December 7

St. Joseph Church:	† Diane D'Amico (Janice & Dan Kerr)
St. Scholastica Church:	The people of Christ the King Parish (Kathy Murray)



# A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

## Do You Know Your A, B, C's?

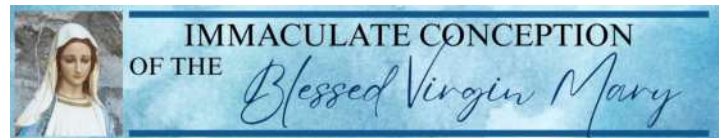
Although things are not perfect  
Because of trial or pain  
Continue in thanksgiving  
Do not begin to blame  
Even when the times are hard  
Fierce winds are bound to blow  
God is forever able  
Hold on to what you know  
Imagine life without His love  
Joy would cease to be  
Keep thanking Him for all things  
Love imparts to thee  
Move out of "Camp Complaining"  
No weapon that is known  
On earth can yield the power  
Praise can do alone  
Quit looking at the future  
Redeem the time at hand  
Start every day with worship  
To "thank" is a command  
Until we see Him coming  
Victorious in the sky  
We'll run the race with gratitude  
Xalting God most high  
Yes, there'll be good times and  
yes, some will be bad, BUT  
Zion, waits in glory . . . where none are ever sad!



## Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception



Construction on this beautiful shrine church in Washington, D.C., dedicated to the honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, began in 1920. With a Crypt Church and the Upper Church that houses multiple altars and sacred images to honor the Blessed Mother, and other specific saints, this House of God needs continual attention and improvement. Therefore, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked for a second collection this weekend of December 6-7 to help with the needed attention to the infrastructure. The generosity of your gift and that of Catholics throughout the United States will assure that the Basilica retains its beauty to the glory of God.



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

This feast honors the Blessed Virgin Mary who was conceived without sin and remained free from sin the whole of her life. It 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

## Advent Giving Tree

The tree is in the center aisle of church or in the vestibule during the four weeks of Advent. Each tree has seasonal Christmas tags with the request of your generous support. All donations will be divided equally and given 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 Friars (Priests and Brothers) who serve as missionaries in the mission of Papua New Guinea.

# NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

## A Final Update on the Former Saint Francis of Assisi Church, Rectory and Property

- In October of 2018 it became part of the Lower Allegheny Valley grouping of parishes.
- In July of 2021 Father Mike Decewicz retired from active ministry and moved into the rectory, using the church and social hall for the work of the Addiction Recovery Ministry.
- Upon the death of Father Mike Decewicz on November 10, 2023, A.R.M. moved back to Sharpsburg to use the facilities of the John Paul I Pastoral Center.
- On May 18, 2024, a petition from the pastor and members of the Finance Council of Christ the King Parish was presented to Bishop David A. Zubik requesting his permission to close the church and relegate it to profane but not sordid use.
- Bishop Zubik issued a formal decree on July 6, 2024, stating that Saint Francis of Assisi Church would officially close on August 15, 2024.
- On November 15, 2024, a Market for Sale request was submitted to the Diocese of Pittsburgh for permission to sell with an asking price of \$950,000. The 1.74 acre site that includes the church, rectory and garage were assessed by Valbridge Property Advisors at \$885,000.
- In January of 2025, a potential buyer contacted Mr. Chuck Goetz who serves the Diocese of Pittsburgh as the Director of Property, Planning and Maintenance. An offer was made of \$900,000. The Pastor and Finance Council accepted.
- After a slow and tedious process, the formal closing of the sale was on November 21, 2025. At that time \$892,080.00 (*minus the payment of county, township, and school taxes*) was deposited into the savings account of Christ the King Parish.
- On Monday, November 24, 2025, the pastor relinquished the keys to the new owner, Mr. Geoff Alexander. His intent is to raze the buildings and use the property to build a small strip shopping area.



**Last call for 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.

**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.

**Your Giving Tree Donations Support . . .** through our Haiti outreach, Christ the King parishioners have supported ten students per year in several Catholic schools in St. Marc, Haiti, for several years. These include a preschool, a primary school (Ecole Les Bons Samaritains), and a secondary school (College James M. Stine). The schools are administered through the Mortel High Hopes for Haiti Foundation (<https://highhopesforhaiti.org/>). Children entering the preschool are selected from impoverished neighborhoods in St. Marc. Primary school pupils are drawn exclusively from the preschool. In addition to an education and daily meals, children in the primary grades receive semi-annual dental and annual eye care. Academically qualified individuals may continue on to the high school, serving grades 7-13. Through the dedication of students, staff and parents these schools have managed to remain open during the chaos and uncertainty of the present situation in Haiti. Thank you for your generosity!

**Christ the King Respect Life:** Our group recently signed and delivered, along with bud vases and flowers, Thanksgiving cards to the residents of Kadima Rehab and Nursing Home in Cheswick. *The National March for Life* will be on Friday, January 23, in Washington, DC. Families and individuals, young and old, are invited to come on our bus leaving from St. Bonaventure and St. Scholastica. Further info to come. *Our next meeting* will be this Thursday, December 11, at 7:30 pm at the Scanlons' house. Please call 412-551-3204 for the address.

**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. If you give your donations by mail through your bank account, please make sure checks are made out to Christ the King Parish and mailed to 342 Dorseyville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15215. If you'd like to donate online through our secure site, 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. 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. 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).*



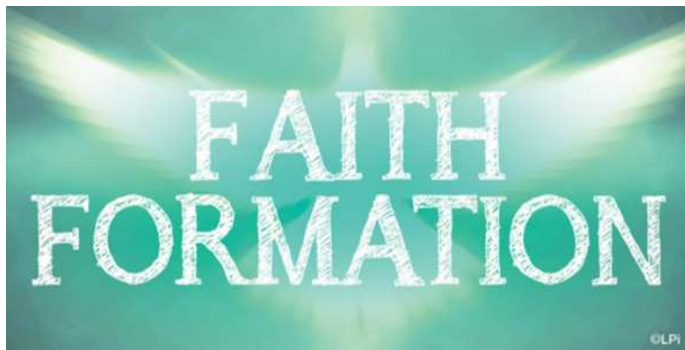
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Pine Creek  
Community Band  
**Christmas  
Concert**  
Saint Mary Church  
Sharpsburg  
Sunday, December 14  
2:00pm



CHRIST THE  
KING PARISH  
*The True Meaning of  
Christmas:*  
A Concert of Carols, Anthems,  
and Readings  
Sunday, December 21  
3:00 pm  
Saint Joseph Church



The focus for Family Faith Formation sessions this month is Advent. Families will participate together in activities that will help ready their hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The families are invited to share their pre-Christmas and Christmas traditions with other families in the group, and to look for the spiritual meaning at their heart. Families will also participate in an Advent-themed game. The sessions will end prayerfully with several families lighting an Advent wreath.



Our Families on Mission group will be caroling at Lighthouse Pointe on December 14. All parish families are invited to join them! Please sign up using the QR code to the right.



Families on Mission  
**Christmas  
Carol Singing**  
Get your vocal cords warmed up and join other families as we sing holiday carols to the senior residents of Lighthouse Pointe Village at Chapel Harbor! Sunday December 14, 2025.  
AT 01:45 PM | **14** | DECEMBER  
Lighthouse Pointe Village  
500 Chapel Harbor Dr, Pittsburgh, PA  
  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AADA28A3FDC43-60402154-christmas>

# PARISH INFORMATION



## DAILY MASSES—WEEK OF DECEMBER 8

(See page 7 for the Holy Day Mass schedule)

8:00 am Saint Joseph Church Fr. Dale DeNinno

*Monday, Wednesday, Friday*

9:00 am Madonna Church Fr. Bill Siple

*Tuesday and Thursday*

9:00 am Saint Edward Church Fr. Bill Siple

*Friday*

10:00 am Saint Scholastica Church Fr. Dale DeNinno

*Tuesday and Thursday*

10:00 am Saint Scholastica Church Fr. Bill Siple

*Wednesday*

## SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES—DECEMBER 13

4:00 pm Saint Joseph Church Fr. Bill Siple

5:00 pm Saint Scholastica Church Fr. Dale DeNinno

## SUNDAY MASSES— DECEMBER 14

8:00 am Saint Edward Church Fr. Dale DeNinno

9:00 am Saint Joseph Church Fr. Bill Siple

9:30 am Saint Scholastica Church Fr. Dale DeNinno

11:00 am Saint Joseph Church Fr. Bill Siple

11:30 am Saint Mary Church Fr. Dale DeNinno

## 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



### Collection for November 22 & 23

In-person donations: \$13,681

Online donations: \$3,034

Total: \$16,715

### Retirement Fund for Religious: \$18,873

### Collection for November 29 & 30

In-person donations: \$16,768

Online donations: \$2,572

Total: \$19,340

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



## 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  
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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
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
Wednesday, December 10	6:00pm	Family Faith Formation-Faith Stories, Wednesday A Session	Saint Joseph Church
Thursday, December 11	7:30pm	Respect Life Meeting	Contact 412-551-3204 for details
Sunday, December 14	11:00am	Family Faith Formation-Finding God, Sunday B Session	Saint Joseph Church



## Creation Care Corner

As Catholics we are called to be good stewards of God's creation. Here are a few ideas for a 'greener' Christmas:

- Buy cards and gift wrap made from recycled paper (note "post consumer content").
- Avoid cards with metallic or plastic coatings
- Decorate with LED light strings and turn them on only when people are present to enjoy them.
- When you're not enjoying a fire in your fireplace, close the flue and block the hearth to prevent heat loss.
- Buy a locally grown tree. See if your municipality has a tree chipping/reuse system.

Small steps over time make a positive difference!



**December 25: Christmas Charities**  
**January 4: Annual Parish Appeal**

## Advent 2025

Make this season a time of spiritual growth and reflection. Go to [ChristtheKingpgh.org/Advent](http://ChristtheKingpgh.org/Advent) to find resources.

**Advent Giving Trees** are 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, The Jubilee Soup Kitchen, and The Capuchin Mission and Missionaries in Papua New Guinea:*



## Around the Diocese . . .

**Come to celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe** on her December 12 feast at Saint Paul Cathedral. The event includes Eucharistic adoration at 5:30 pm, rosary at 6:00 pm, Mass at 7:00 pm. Mariachi musicians will play for the procession as people carry flags of the Americas and sing hymns in several languages. Led by the bishop, participants present flowers to Our Lady of Guadalupe. The rosary and homily are bilingual. All are welcome!



The second candle on the Advent wreath represents Peace. Often called the "Bethlehem Candle," the second Advent candle reminds us of Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before Mary gave birth to Jesus. It celebrates the song of the angels: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." Jesus, the light of peace, shines forth from Bethlehem for all the world.



# 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. ***We need to restock our shelves after Thanksgiving! Items for holiday celebrations will be especially appreciated.*** 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 toy cars and trucks and women's sweatshirts, especially size large. These can be left in the Saint Scholastica social hall.



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**ARM's Shoebox Collection:** Please fill a shoebox with personal care items (such as disposable razors, soap, shampoo, lotion). Include a signed Christmas card inside the wrapped box (no bows or ribbons please) and mark it "L" for ladies or "M" for men. Boxes can be dropped off no later than December 15 at the John Paul I Center, 201 9th Street, Sharpsburg.

**A Message from Nancy:** Whether you were a part of Caldwell Bankers providing us with 130 turkeys, the gentleman who donated 16 twenty pound turkeys, or the many who brought in their free Giant Eagle turkey; whether you were Oakmont Bakery whose pies were the hit of the year, the gracious person who brought in several boxes of stuffing, or the person who couldn't contribute financially but instead prayed for our work . . . THANK YOU! We provided 173 families with their Thanksgiving dinner this year.

My most heart-wrenching memory this year is the young mother who knocked on the door of one of our volunteers, saying her family had nothing to eat and wondering if she might have a turkey. When she received a full Thanksgiving meal, including a pie, she burst into joyous squeals. We even included a prayer card provided by the Knights of Columbus to encourage our recipients to give thanks to the true source of everything.

Again, we could not have accomplished this without all of you!



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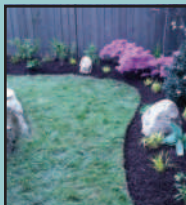
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