

Christ the King Roman Catholic Parish

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Mass times:

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

Weekdays: Mon, Wed, & Thurs: 9 am

December 29, 2019

Feast of the Holy Family

Reading I: Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14

Reading II: Colossians 3: 12-21, or 3: 12-17

The Gospel: Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

“Wives, be subordinate to your husbands...Husbands, love your wives...Children, obey your parents in everything...Fathers do not provoke your children.”

Pope Francis said that families, through their life of prayer and love, become “schools of true human growth.” Being credible witnesses of Christian love, especially that of family members, exerts the most positive influence on our children. We are all children of God, let us pray and love each other as God, Our Father, does for us.

Parish Giving

Collections	12/15/2019	Y-T-D
Collected	2,202.00	59,371.00
Needed	<u>2,446.00</u>	<u>58,708.00</u>
Difference	(244.00)	663.00

2019 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

Goal	Pledged	Received
\$13,596	\$2,725	\$2,675

We Are Living Stones

Goal	Pledged	Received
\$145,484.00	\$61,140.00	\$41,176.74

Our share after meeting tithing goal of \$12,000—\$14,588.37

If you have not yet made a pledge to the ***Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal***, *there is still time*. Please complete a pledge envelope and drop it in the collection basket, or bring it to the parish office. If you have already made a contribution, Thank you.

Prayers for the Dead

Eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him/her. May he/she rest in Peace. Amen

May his/her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Prayer requests for the dead and for the recently deceased in our community.

Jacqueline Simmons, Rashad Thomas, Teresa Garner, Denise Floyd, Tashan Coaxum, Elizabeth Livingstone, Joseph Seals, Douglas Miguel Rodriguez, Leah Mindel Ferencz, Moshe Deutsch.

In 1984 during the devastating civil war in El Salvador my family and I arrived in the city of San Miguel, some five hours away from Honduras. We had lost family members to the war, we had lost everything, even our sense of church. We were really poor.

I started working at a body shop during the day and studying during night in order to help the family. Mr. Martinez was my boss, a very nice man and hard working. I had not seen a priest or attended a church service since 1980, the year that we became displaced because of the war. I knew a couple of prayers taught by my grandmother but not more than that. Out of the blue Mr. Martinez called all his workers to his office, mostly man and told us we were going on a Holy Week Spiritual retreat for men. I told him I did not know what a retreat was and that I did not have the money to pay. His reply was simple: You work for me, I already paid for you, and you are going, and you will find out what it is once you get there. He had even asked permission from my parents to let me go. We started on Holy Thursday and finished on Easter Sunday at three in the Morning. On the first day of the retreat I had no idea what was going on. I was just thinking about breakfast, lunch and dinner. By the third day everything started to make sense and I was happy I had been invited by Mr. Martinez. At that retreat I did my first confession and my first Holy communion. I was 15 years old. I started to go to mass every Sunday. I will always be grateful to Mr. Martinez for not taking no for answer from me.

The year 2020 is here and God will do great, great things for us. I also hope we can keep our New Years resolutions for our own good and the good of those we love. However, I want to invite and encourage everyone at this beautiful community of Christ the King to invite one person a week by any means possible, and I assure you God will do the rest. Invite, invite as if your hair was on fire.

Fr. Mino

Share your faith story. Email your story to ctkjcj@gmail.com or am-warren@verizon.net

Mass Intention: End to violence in our Community.

Mass Readings for Dec. 29- Jan. 4, 2020

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Please **PRAY**
for the sick of our parish and
those that care for them

Please keep the following parish family members and friends in your prayers:

Francena Thomas, Beverly Chestnut, William Moore, Nathaniel McDougald, Irene Gaynor, Pearl Hardy, John Lott, Connie Moses, Deneen Dorsey, Carol Jones, Julia Hunt-Walker, Mildred Hamm, Elizabeth Gaines, Alicia Brown, Ellen Stuckey, Shirley Connell, Harold Wilson, James Holloway, Dolores Sanders, Bessie Johnson, Gordon Gladden, Adela Buccilli, Lourdes Ithier, Robert Orange, Aaron Anderson, Bennie Fields, Pat Edomy, Valerie Thomas-Floyd, Davey Bogar, Harriet Donald, Wanda Manning, Roberta Brown, Sharon Massey, Michael J.R. Coates, Claude Hunt, Carolyn K. Rice, Verdena Johnson, Aurora Curry, Elissa Hairston, Valerie Lewis-Mosley, Renade Bigbie, Janie Jackson, Aaron Hairston, Verdell Moses-Boyd, Dad Mallard, Diane Weems, Katherine Graham, Eleanor Mixson, Kadeem Carson, Velma Smith Ingram, Miya Enix, Ruth Ann Watkins, Anna Marie Mosley, Minnie Johnson, Shirley West, Curtis Curry, Bestine Remy, Jessie Williams, Maurice Anyaorah, Charles Simmons, Bryson Nelson, Gail Williams.

God of mercy, ease the suffering of those on our prayer list. Comfort them in their various illnesses. Please give them courage, patience and hope. In their times of loneliness assure them of our love and prayers.

Men's Prayer Group will meet following Mass.

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration in the Rectory Chapel at 6:00PM Wednesday.

Bible Study meets after Eucharistic Adoration in the Rectory at 7:30 .

Monthly Eucharistic Adoration follows the first Saturday evening Mass.

Lord
teach
us
to pray
Lake 11:1

Lectors

Date		
Dec 28	Ann Warren	
Dec 29	Lois Salley	Anthony Oparaji
Jan . 1	Iris Jones	Diana Maina
Jan. 3	Mabel Hawkins	
Jan. 4	Iris Jones	Rosemary Nwabueze

Eucharistic Ministers

Date	Chalice	Host to Pews	Host
Dec 28	Mabel Hawkins		
Dec 29	Charnette Lewis	Yolanda Jackson	Monica Harwell
Jan . 1	Mabel Hawkins	Ann Warren	
Jan. 3	Ann Warren		
Jan. 4	Cecelia Faulks	Lois Salley	Ann Warren



Pastoral Council	
Patrice Maina	Beauty Muswema
Kimberly Robertson	Alan Lee
Rosemary Nwabueze	Devon Roland
Mabel Hawkins	Eleanor Simmons
Charles Simmons	

Finance Council	
Yolanda Jackson	Donna Boyer-Lendor
Fred Garlin	Ronald J. Hunt
Shalitha Nelson	Anthony Ngaojia
Monica Harwell	
Verdena Johnson	Christine Wooten

Sacred Music Ministry

Michelle Adolphus: Children and Youth

Mission Statement of Christ the King Roman Catholic Church

It is our mission that all are welcomed, every race, creed, and color.

To reach out to everyone within our community with love, respect, hospitality, and support.

To worship in a manner which is consistent with our African-American Heritage and culture.

To involve ourselves in building up our community, by confronting areas of racial, social and economic injustice.

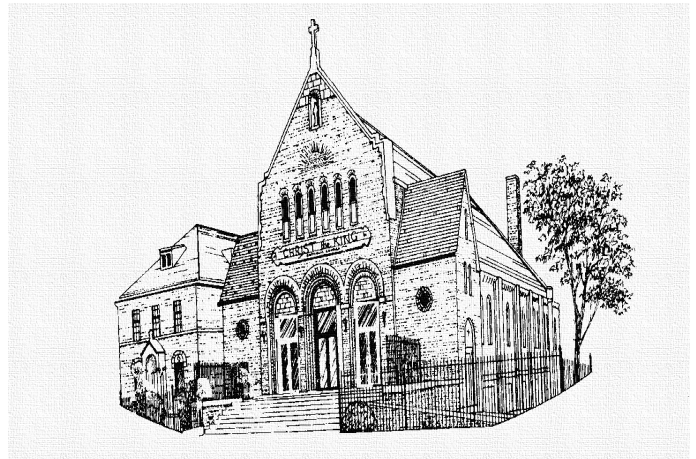
To embrace our youth, understand their needs, nurture them and ensure that the youth are in integral part of our parish.

To become knowledgeable about African-American history,

Reporting Sexual Abuse Information

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by any member of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate actions to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256

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Trustees: **Mrs. Verdena Johnson**
Ms. Christina Wooten

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office Hours

Monday–Thursday 9:00 AM–2:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM–12:00 Noon

The Sacrament of Baptism

Celebrations are held seasonally. Parents should contact the pastor to set up an appointment. Parents and godparents are invited to our baptismal preparation program.

The Sacrament of Marriage

Couples considering marriage are expected to make arrangements with the pastor one year in advance. All couples are welcome to our marriage preparation program.

Parish Membership

Christ the King is a parish that welcomes all. Every member of the parish is expected to be involved in stewardship of time, talent, and treasure and one of the church ministries. Anyone needing offering envelopes should contact the rectory.

Christian Formation

Inquiry classes into Catholic faith RCIA formation for adults seeking full membership in the Catholic Church are held in the rectory. For more information please contact Fr. Mino for meeting times.



**WATCH
NIGHT
2020**

Tuesday, December 31 11:00 PM

Bring your favorite pot luck meal to share following Prayer Service
Christ the King Catholic Church

Come to our
Watch Night Service
768 Ocean Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07304



Mark your calendar with our upcoming events.

Dec. 31: Night Watch at 11pm

**Jan. 1: New Year's Day/Mary Mother of God
Mass at CTK 10am**

Jan. 10: Karaoke 6:30 pm—9:00 pm

Jan. 12: Second Sunday Sharing

Jan. 19: Word of God Sunday - Lector Installation

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We serve on the first Saturday of the month. Donations are also needed to stock the food pantry. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Helping hands are always needed.



UPCOMING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

WORKSHOPS

Are you interested in serving as a Lector or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or do you need a refresher? Registration for the workshops will open soon.

LECTORS : February 22, 2020

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF
HOLY COMMUNION:**

April 25, 2020

The winter cold is here .The homeless will be homeless in the cold. This winter we will try to do our part. We will open our hearts and our base-ment to them a couple of mornings every week. We want to warm the body and stomachs by provides a little shelter, coffee and donuts, and friendly conversation.

Please contact Ann Warren if you are interested in assisting.

**Karaoke is re-
turning in Jan-
uary 2020. We
are adding
games to the
mix. Our new
title is**

**Karaoke &
Game Night**

**featuring clas-
sic card games
like Spades and
Pokeno.**

