

# The First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

**Stay**  
*awake!*

Christ the King Catholic Church

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## Mission Statement

Christ the King Roman Catholic Church is a faith community founded in the African American culture to answer God's "Call" to be a guiding light and disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through our gifts and talents, we strive to evangelize and minister to our entire multi-ethnic community.

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Please call the office to make appointments for sacraments, funerals, parish registration, marriage preparation (9 months in advance), jail visits, house blessings, homebound ministry, and for information about the Church.

## Scripture Readings

### For the Week of November 30, 2025

**Sunday—First Sunday of Advent**

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122, 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

**Monday** Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday—Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest**

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sunday—Second Sunday of Advent**

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rm 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

## Office Hours—By Appointment

Tuesday—Wednesday 10:00am-2:00 pm

**Administrator** Fr. Tom Firestone

**Office Manager** Stephanie Murphy

**Sunday Mass** 9:00 am

**Confession** after Mass Wednesday

**Daily Mass** Wednesday 11:00 am

The deadline for bulletin submission is 10:00am on Tuesdays.  
Email parish events to the office.

## Mass Intentions & Candle Remembrance

**Sunday, November 30, 2025**

9:00 am +Lucille Hawkins  
*Req. by Robin Johnson*

**Wednesday, December 3, 2025**

11:00 am +Fr. John Rocus

**Sunday, December 7, 2025**

9:00 am +Paula Montano  
*Req. by Pat Maestez*

**Wednesday, December 10, 2025**

11:00 am +Fr. Terrance Dumas

**Sunday, December 14, 2025**

9:00 am +Donald Cronin  
*Req. by Nina Poole*

**Wednesday, December 17, 2025**

11:00 am +Bishop Carl Mengling

**Sunday, December 21, 2025**

9:00 am +Deanna Henry  
*Req. by Frankie Dolehanty*

Let us walk in the  
*light of the Lord*

ISAIAH 2:5

*The Mass Intention book is open for 2026. Please stop by the office to have your intention noted.*

## Please Pray For:

Renae Banks-Rowser  
Christopher Boehm  
Preston Boehm  
Ollie Brown  
Annalynn C.

Alex Chan  
Lorene Ferguson  
James Harrison  
Dave Kronner  
Aurelia LaValley  
Sue Martinus  
Thaddeus McCain

Johnnie Metcalfe  
Curtis Mitchell  
Anita Myles  
Wanda Nichols  
Nina Poole  
John Prince  
Roberta Rouse

Joe Rowley  
Ruth Schmitter  
Carolyn Schannon  
Barbara Seneski  
Mama Sol  
Barbara Staton  
Velma Stewart

Camille Turner  
Savanna Vaughn  
Troy Vaughn  
Darlene Verdun  
Loretta Washburn  
Nancy White

## Do What You Can

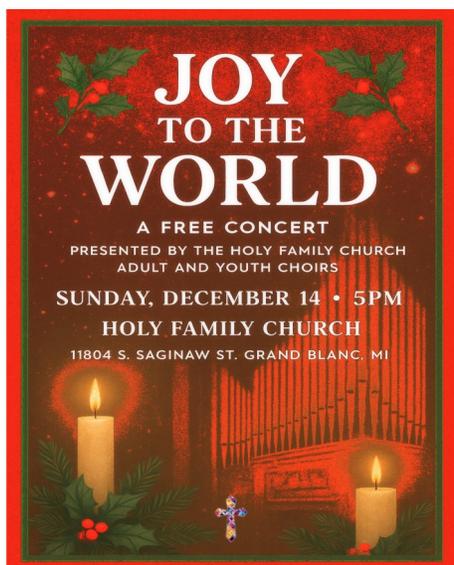
**Tom Schmidt**

The reading from the prophet Isaiah this Sunday contains a remarkable prediction—the end of war between nations (Isaiah 2:4). So why hasn't it been fulfilled? We can look to the second reading and the Gospel for some hints.

Both readings talk about being awake and ready for our salvation (Romans 13:12) or the coming of the Son of Man (Matthew 24:39). Being awake doesn't mean consuming lots of coffee or turning the music volume all the way up. Paul calls it "putting on the Lord Jesus Christ" as a soldier would put on armor before a battle. He even mentions rivalry and jealousy as attitudes to avoid. What if we not only avoided them, but also taught our children to avoid them? What if everyone eventually learned not to be jealous and hateful?

We are a long way from ending all wars. There are still people who teach hate to the poor instead of helping to feed them. There are still people who get rich selling the weapons of war. This brings us back to the first reading, in which Isaiah speaks of beating swords into plowshares. Instead of trying to stop all wars, could we at least show forgiveness to someone who has hurt us? Maybe we need to be ready to share our faith. Maybe we have to be awake to any opportunity to show God's love to those around us. If we can just be patient with other people's faults and weaknesses, we may not stop all wars, but we will be prepared for the coming of the Prince of Peace.

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## Friends and Family and Wellness Sunday

**December 7**

On the first Sunday of each month, bring a friend or family member to celebrate Mass with us. There's plenty good room.

For this Wellness Sunday, blood pressures will be taken after Mass in the hall. Please know your numbers.

## Morning of Prayer and Reparation

**December 6th - 9:00am**

Christ the King will be hosting the World Apostolate of Fatima's Morning of Prayer and Reparation for World Peace starting at 9:00am on December 6. The morning will include the Divine Liturgy, celebrated by Fr. Roy Horning, Investiture in the Brown Scapular, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, Holy Hour of Prayer and Rosary.

## Holy Redeemer's 2025 Christmas Concert

**December 12 & 13, 7:00pm, Holy Redeemer**

When the world feels divided and weary, we need Christmas more than ever. In a season often marked by hurry and deadlines, we pause to remember that God is still a God of hope -- a light that breaks through the gloom, a love that dispels the clouds of night. Join us for Holy Redeemer's 2025 Christmas Concert -- an evening of music, reflection, and joy that lifts our eyes beyond the darkness toward the One who brings peace. The concert will also be live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.

## A Mass for Healing

**December 17, 2025 • 5:30pm**

Holy Redeemer Church hosts a Mass for healing every third Wednesday of the month with Fr Georges Bidzogo. You are invited for this time of powerful encounter with Jesus, our healer. This includes healing for physical illness, mental health, or any other prayer intentions you may need. We begin with a rosary at 5:30pm, praise music at 6pm and Mass begins at 6:30pm Mass followed by healing ministry by devotion with Fr Georges, in coordination with prayer teams from St Francis Prayer Center.