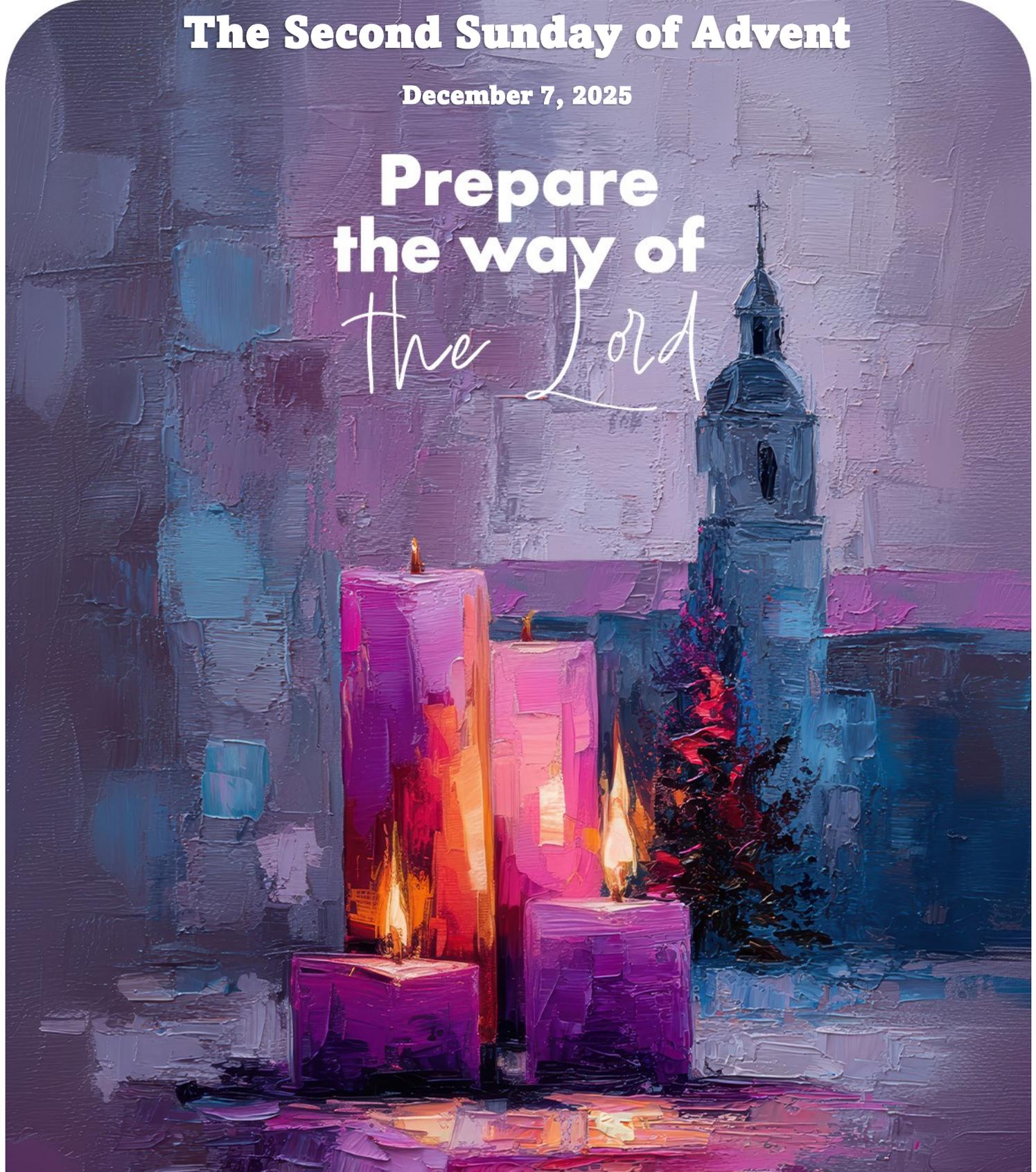


The Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

Prepare
the way of
the Lord



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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If you have an emergency after the office is closed, please call (810)235-1812 and someone will return your call.

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 December 7, 2025

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

Monday—Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the

Blessed Virgin Mary Gen 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3 and 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday Zech 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a; 12-1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday—Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday—Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

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, 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

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

Stewardship

Your Gifts to God & Parish

November 23, 2025

Offertory\$1525

Funeral Repast.....\$65

Total \$1590

Online Giving November 2025

Offertory\$9505

Building Fund\$25

Poor Box.....\$282

Total \$9812

Please Pray For:

Rena 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

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Ben Hooper

I remember going to Mass at my parish during Advent and hearing Father sing "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord" (from the musical *Godspell*) to start his homily. I was completely confused because the singing felt like it came out of nowhere. But he went on to explain how that song summed up the Advent season. We are preparing the way of the Lord.

In today's Gospel, we see that John the Baptist knew that Jesus's ministry was coming, saying "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." He was helping people repent so they could be ready for Jesus' world changing ministry. As ridiculous as he might've sounded, the people who listened were able to repent and prepare. Just like actors and actresses practice for the big show, preparing themselves to perform, we need to prepare ourselves for his Second Coming.

This can also apply to modern-day society. While we are preparing for the Christmas parties and all the gift giving, we sometimes forget, myself included, what we are truly preparing for. One thing that helps is remembering to fit in the Sacrament of Reconciliation to repent of my sins and be fully present to celebrate Jesus' birthday.

As we prepare for the Lord, I pray that each of you can truly enjoy the Advent season and the Christmas season. Let's also take time to pray for those who aren't practicing Christians, that this Christmas season can help them see the good that God can do in each one of our lives.

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.

Christmas Activities

Join us in the Fr. Dukette/Fedewa Hall after Mass on Sunday 14 December 2025 for the Twelve Days of Christmas, tables sing-a-long. All ages are welcomed and everyone is encouraged to come and have fun and fellowship.

It's that time of year again, to wear your "Ugly Christmas Sweater" for our 6th Annual "Ugly Christmas Sweater" contest to be held on Sunday, 21 December 2025, following Mass. All ages are welcomed and everyone is invited to participate.

Judges are needed.

See Robin if you have any questions, suggestions, or want to be a judge.

Free Christmas Concerts

Three men's choirs and the New Horizons Band

- Dec. 10 Wed - 7pm at St. John Davison social hall
 - Dec. 14 Sun - 3pm at Swartz Creek Community Church
- The Michigan Singing Knights are a Knights of Columbus affiliated men's choir. For more info Call Jim Lusty 810-618-2889 or email michigansingingknights@gmail.com

Holy Redeemer's 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.

