

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

Blessed is the one
**who takes no
offense at me**

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 December 14, 2025

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

Monday

Num 24: 2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab; 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday Gen 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8,17; Mt 1:1-17

Thursday Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Friday Jdg 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Saturday Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday—Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rm 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Be strong, fear not!
HERE IS YOUR GOD

Isaiah 35:4

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 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

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

11:00 am +Justina Major
Req. by Anita Myles

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 30, 2025

Offertory.....	\$1080
Poor Box.....	\$25
Funeral Repast.....	\$45
Donations.....	\$50
Building.....	\$30
Total	\$1230

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

The Prophet's Profit

Tom Schmidt

If you read the books of the prophets in the Old Testament, you might notice that they were not very popular. Most were killed or exiled because they challenged people (especially the rulers of the people) to follow the commands of God. John the Baptist (who could be called the last Old Testament prophet and the first prophet of the New Testament) suffered the same way. So what kept the prophets going?

First of all, the prophets had faith in God. They believed that God spoke through them, they believed that God's people must obey his commandments faithfully and love the Lord above all things. They had faith that God would protect them and support them, and that God would always keep His promises.

Second, they had patience. They kept going when people rejected their preaching. They patiently waited for God to keep those promises, sometimes for the rest of their lives. Some prophets had to be patient with their own weaknesses or their failure to change the behavior of the people of Israel.

The third gift of the prophets was hope: That by keeping God's commands, God's people would be renewed, along with all of creation. Our first reading is an example of such hope, with its descriptions of deserts becoming gardens and the sick and disabled being healed and strengthened.

So what do we learn from those prophets? First, we need to keep our faith in God strong. If you go to church once a week, the bare minimum, it would be like exercising only once a week and thinking that will keep you in shape. Prayer, for our spiritual health, is an exercise just as important as aerobics for physical health.

Second, we need patience and not just with our kids. We need to be patient with ourselves and with God. Some people stop going to church because they don't see any spiritual growth in themselves. So be patient; don't expect to become a saint right away. Sometimes even saints could not see their own spiritual growth.

Finally, the gift of hope helps us be patient because we trust that God will keep his promises and give us whatever we need. The reading from Isaiah gives us hope that God will open our eyes of faith, clear our ears to hear His word, (Is 35:5) and "meet him with joy and gladness" (Is 35:10).

Christmas Schedule 2025

23 December Office Open	29 December
24 December Mass 7:00pm	30 December Closed
25 December Closed	31 December Closed
26 December	01 January Mass 11:00am
27 December	02 January
28 December Mass 9:00am	03 January

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Christmas Activities

Join us in the Fr. Dukette/Fedewa Hall after Mass today 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.