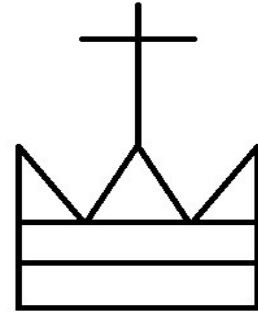


CHRIST THE KING

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Current Mass Schedule:

Sunday Mass: 9:00 a.m.
Weekday Mass: Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.; Thursday: 8:00 a.m.; Friday: 12:10 p.m.

Praying of the Rosary:
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Reconciliation:
30 minutes prior to all Masses & 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Thursday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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**Our Mission Statement:**

The parish of Christ the King Catholic Church continues the mission Jesus began of serving humanity.  
Inspired by Word and Sacrament, we share our God-given talents and gifts, faith and discipleship.  
In this, we enrich and share our Catholic faith.

*"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Matthew 18:20*

**December 17, 2023**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

**FOR FUTURE ANNOUNCEMENTS AFTER MASS:** Fr. Chris wants to be aware of any announcement that will be made after Mass. Please email him: [emasla@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:emasla@richmonddiocese.org) so he can review the content and/or introduce the speaker.

**Santa's Helpers for Families in Need:** The Outreach Committee thanks all our parishioners who participated in the Christmas collection for Faith in Action. More than 250 personal items were donated and delivered to the Food Pantry to be given to families in need. In addition, we have collected \$2,605 which will be donated to the Food Pantry for their use. *Thank you! You have helped to provide a Merry Christmas to many Washington County families.*

**Lighting the Advent Candles:** Please sign up on the sheet in the Commons if you or your family would like to light the Advent candle on Dec. 23rd (Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m.) and Dec. 24th. Please plan to arrive at least 10 minutes prior to Mass.

**Gift Bearer Participation:** At Mass, we offer our treasure and our lives to God. *All parishioners can and should participate in bringing up the gifts.* Sign up as a couple, family, with a friend or other parishioner. Please see the sign-up sheet outside the sacristy.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Contact the Church Office to schedule.

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|------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Dec. 21st: | Repose of the Soul of Tony Campbell       |
| Dec. 22nd: | Repose of the Soul of Boleslaw Zielinski  |
| Jan. 21st: | Repose of the Soul of Charlie Dolpp       |
| Jan. 31st: | Repose of the Soul of Wilhelmina Gasielki |



## **THIS WEEK'S DAILY READINGS:**

Sunday 12/17 Isaiah 61:1, 10 Psalm Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53 ...  
... 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday 12/18 Jeremiah 23:5-8 Psalm 72: 1, 12, 18 Matthew 1:18-25

Tuesday 12/19 Judges 13: 2-7, 24 Psalm 71: 3, 5, 16 Luke 1:5-25 12:20.

Wed. 12/20 Isaiah 7: 10-14 Psalm 24:1, 3, 5 Luke 1:26-38

Thurs. 12/21 Song of Songs 2:8-14 Psalm 33:2, 11, 20 Luke 1:39-45

Friday 12/22 1 Samuel 1:24-28 1 Samuel 2: 1, 4, 6, 8abcd Luke 1:46-56

Saturday 12/23 Malachi 3:1-4, 23 Psalm 25: 4, 8, 10, 14 Luke 1:57-66

Sunday 12/24 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Psalm 89: 2, 4, 27, 29 ...

... Roman's 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38

Christmas Vigil: Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29. Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Matthew 1:1-25

Christmas Night: Isaiah 9:1-6 Psalm 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 Timothy 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14

Christmas Day: Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6. Hebrews 1:16 John 1:1-18

### **ALL PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:**

During Mass, youth ages 17 & under may not leave our worship space unaccompanied by an adult. *This is for the safety of your children and the preservation of our church.* No child should ever be in the nursery, loft or be outside on church property without a parent or guardian to supervise them.

### **Attendance & Contributions**

**Dec. 8, 2023**

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Attendance (2 Masses) | 108    |
| Offering              | 165.00 |

**Dec. 10, 2023 Week**

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Sunday Attendance       | 175      |
| Offering envelope       | 1,820.00 |
| Offering cash           | 179.00   |
| FIA Christmas           | 465.00   |
| Together as One         | 250.00   |
| Online Offering         | 3,022.00 |
| Online Together as One  | 303.94   |
| Online Parish Charities | 50.00    |
| Online FIA Christmas    | 295.00   |
| Online Holy Days        | 65.00    |

**Counters: Saturday, Dec. 23rd**

K. Jacob, A. Dumler, J. Dumler

**Sunday, Dec. 24th - 9 a.m.**

D. Hazard, D. Bisig, E. Marburg

**Sunday, Dec. 24th - 10 p.m.**

K. Jacob, R. Bowman, C. Bowman

**Monday, Dec. 25th—10 a.m.**

A. Dumler, J. Dumler, D. Smith

### **Expenses paid**

**Dec. 11 - 15, 2023**

\$5,641.53

|                             |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Rector's electric           | 88.00           |
| CTK electric                | 1,222.00        |
| Word Among Us               | 148.80          |
| Bristol Herald Courier      | 70.00           |
| B&G expenses                | 91.98           |
| Lowe's (Nov.)               | 94.30           |
| Leo's Pest Service          | 62.00           |
| Janitorial supplies         | 65.24           |
| <b>Outreach Ministries*</b> | <b>3,870.00</b> |

\*Quarterly Donation



## **SPECIAL NOTICES**

*The CTK community joyfully extends congratulations* to the Fischer family on the baptism of sons and grandsons Callum and Ozzy, by Fr. Christopher Masla on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at Christ the King. Callum and Ozzy's sponsor is Monica Fischer.

**Advent Reconciliation/Penance Service**  
*This Tuesday, Dec. 19th @ CTK*  
*7:00 p.m.*

**CTK Knights Keep Christ In Christmas cards and ornaments now on sale:** Stop by their display in the Commons after Mass before they run out!

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

follows Thursday 8:00 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 9:00 p.m. Please sign-up on the schedule in the Commons or click the QR code on opposite page to sign up digitally.

**Members of CTK Outreach have been part of an ecumenical group seeking to bring a refugee family to Abingdon.** It has been a long process but a couple from Venezuela will now be coming in January. ***Your prayers and support have been appreciated.*** We will continue to share more information. ~ Monica Appleby, Jean Irion, Jo Ann Detta, and Marty Huber

**Those affected by abuse: Virtual Gatherings begin in January:** As a community, the Diocese of Richmond strives to support survivors of child sexual abuse on their

journey toward healing and wholeness. For those who have suffered abuse by clergy residing in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, **you are invited to join a virtual gathering on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** Spouses and affected community members are also welcome. These gatherings, led by an independent facilitator, will offer a safe environment for participants to connect, share, support, and heal. ***These meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month.*** If you would like more info, or the virtual meeting link, please call the Victim Assistance coordinator at 877.887.9603 or email [dana@atreeplanted.org](mailto:dana@atreeplanted.org)

**Holy Land Emergency Appeal:** Bishop Knestout was recently contacted by the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Pontifical Mission. CNEWA is on the ground in the key regions of Jerusalem, Gaza, Beirut, and Amman. Their goal is to support high-priority, immediate emergency needs as well as long-term emergency needs. To this end, an appeal aimed at helping those most in need has been launched. Bishop Knestout asks all parishes to consider conducting a special collection to be taken up for the benefit of CNEWA's Appeal on the weekend of Dec. 31st. ***You may make checks payable to CTK with Holy Land on the memo line anytime or give online.***

### **Upcoming Dates to Note: see last page**

Dec. 23rd: 4th Sunday of Advent  
Vigil Mass - 5:30 p.m.  
Dec. 24th: 4th Sunday of Advent: 9:00 a.m.  
Dec. 24th: Vigil of the Nativity: 10:00 p.m.  
Dec. 25th: Nativity: 10:00 a.m.

## **Faith Formation Corner**

### **Third Sunday of Advent**

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In the First Reading, the Lord sends Isaiah with a message, and in the Gospel, God sends John to testify to the light of Christ. If you decide to "testify to the light" could that be "praying without ceasing" or by helping someone or looking for Christ in the poor all the time? Does God send you?

The Gospel has John the Baptist saying to the questioners, "There is One among you whom you do not recognize ... " How about you? Do you recognize Christ in all the different faces and manners He comes to you each day?

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent. Here is a site with more information for your household:  
<https://www.sadlier.com/religion/blog/advent-prayers-for-families>

### Special prayers and participations:



**Prayers 4 Protection Campaign:** Since 2016 the Abingdon Police Department has asked local churches to include prayers for their law enforcement and administrative personnel. Each week we have placed a name in the bulletin and asked that you devote prayers to that person and their family. This week we pray for **Patrol Officer Peyton Owens**. We pray that Office Owens be aware of the power and responsibility his position holds. We pray not only for his protection, but that he perform his duties with care and concern for the community he serves.

**PRAYERS REQUESTED (new names this week in bold):** (If you are sick, in the hospital, or unable to go to Mass, please call the office. Please let the office know of name removal.)

|                  |                     |                    |                                |
|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Vesta Andrews    | Madeline Dean       | Donna Hundman      | Evelyn Salak                   |
| Clayton Arnold   | Gianna Del Gaudio   | Ron Johnson        | Mary Schunke                   |
| David Arnold     | Stevan Demase, Jr.  | Jean Knapp         | Donna Seymour                  |
| Jackie Arthers   | John De Sensi       | Grayson Lamie      | Kim Shew                       |
| Harold Arthers   | Jo Ann Detta        | Laurie Lawler      | Candy Singleton                |
| Robert Back      | Mendy Dillow        | Kim Lydzinski      | Michelle Smith                 |
| Nat Bertrami     | Jackie Dolpp        | Judy Marburg       | Kevin Sparks                   |
| Bonnie Beane     | Jerald Eichelberger | Cannon Martucci    | Debbie Sprinkle                |
| Laurn Becker     | Philip Econopouly   | Sharon Martucci    | Jesika Stoll                   |
| Scott Beeler     | Alan Fairbanks      | Bonnie Meade       | Susan Suboc                    |
| Leslie Birch     | Judy Fairbanks      | Debbie Meade       | Jettie Sullivan                |
| David Bisig, Jr. | Melissa Farmer      | Mallory Minichello | Teresa Swiney                  |
| Dianne Bisig     | Alex Fast           | Martin Monahan     | Michael Tully, Jr.             |
| Jessee Blevins   | Ethan Finch         | Kathy Monyak       | Pam Turner                     |
| Marilyn Borquist | Randy Flora         | Irene Mooney       | Adalyn Webb                    |
| Gerard Boyd      | Megan Fleenor       | Connie Moser       | Gabriel Webb                   |
| Tom Boyle        | Frank Fratto        | Laura Mullins      | Cathy White                    |
| Brenda Brooks    | Dalton Gilbert      | Steve Mullins      | Peggy Williams                 |
| Maryann Browning | Amy Gray            | Bill Munk          | Amber Wolfe                    |
| Sue Burns        | Juanita Gray        | Jimmy Murray       | Denise Wolfe                   |
| Karen Bush       | Lorenzo Guillen     | Robertta Owens     | <b>As of Jan. 1st, names</b>   |
| Reneé Clifton    | Tyler Hamm          | Linda Painter      | <b>will be removed if they</b> |
| Sharon Connelly  | Gail Hearl          | Heather Parks      | <b>have been listed for 6</b>  |
| Jim Cowan        | Terri Hopkins       | Julia Perkins      | <b>months. Please email</b>    |
| Janice Cowan     | Floris Houston      | Jim Plihcik        | <b>office if you wish a</b>    |
| Greg Dean        | Mike Hughes         | Ryder Roark        | <b>name to remain.</b>         |

**MILITARY PRAYERS:** Brandon Bates, Paul Browning, Jose Cisneros, Michael Davidson, Scott Elliott, Geoffrey Estes, Matt Frazier, Chuck Gill, Scott Hebert, Anthony Lachlan, James Mayes, Kevin Perkins, Michael Richardson, Blaine Robinson.

**Office Manager: Mary Byrd - 276.628.2941**  
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**Sacramental emergency: 423-281-3860**

**Please submit info to the office or email**  
**[office@christthekingsaintjohn.org](mailto:office@christthekingsaintjohn.org) by Friday Noon. Please include name & phone.**

## **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2023**

### **Saturday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Vigil**

5:30 p.m. Christ the King

### **Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

9:00 a.m. Christ the King

11:30 a.m. St. John

### **Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Vigil**

9:30 p.m. Christ the King: Program of sacred music

10:00 p.m. Christ the King (incense used)

BYO Wine & Cheese Reception follows in Seger Hall

### **Monday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> The Nativity of Our Lord**

10:00 a.m. Christ the King (incense used)

12:30 p.m. St. John (incense used)

### **Monday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 Mary, Mother of God (not a day of obligation)**

9:00 a.m. Christ the King

**Remainder of week is our normal schedule.**