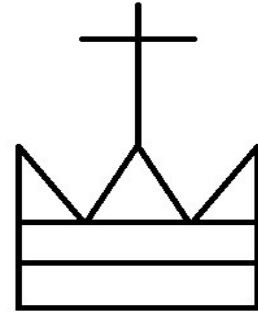


CHRIST THE KING

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 31, 2023**  
**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

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

**Tomorrow, Monday, Jan. 1st**

Holy Mary, Mother of God  
Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Regular schedule remainder of week.

**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 **this weekend**. ***You may make checks payable to CTK with Holy Land on the memo line anytime or give online.*** **Thank you to all who have donated so far.**

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

Jan. 5th: Repose of the Souls of Jennie & Larry Ritter  
Jan. 12th: Repose of the Soul of Judy Monin  
Jan. 19th: Repose of the Soul of Tim Ritter  
Jan. 21st: Repose of the Soul of Charlie Dolpp  
Jan. 31st: Repose of the Soul of Wilhelmina Gasiecki

**Attendance & Contributions  
Dec. 23-24-25, 2023 Week**

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| 12/23 5:30 p.m. Attendance    | 64       |
| 12/24 9:00 a.m. Attendance    | 147      |
| 12/24 10:00 p.m. Attendance   | 202      |
| 12/25 10:00 a.m. Attendance   | 83       |
| 12/23-24 Advent Offering      | 625.00   |
| 12/23-24 Offering cash        | 542.00   |
| <i>Together as One</i>        | 100.00   |
| 12/24-25 Christmas Offering   | 1,850.00 |
| 12/24-25 Offering cash        | 430.00   |
| Buildings & Grounds           | 1,000.00 |
| Total Catholic Charities      | 302.00   |
| Online Offering               | 3,375.00 |
| Online <i>Together as One</i> | 360.00   |
| Online Parish Charities       | 50.00    |
| Online Faith Formation        | 100.00   |
| Online Holy Land Appeal       | 250.00   |
| Online Holy Days              | 200.00   |
| Online CCC                    | 300.00   |

**Counters: Jan. 7th:**  
G. Eng, E. Marburg, K. Jacob

**Expenses paid  
Dec. 26 - 29, 2023**

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| \$1,740.44             |          |
| Thryv (Dex Media)      | 16.00    |
| McKay: Sanctuary lamps | 486.94   |
| Highlands Heat/AC      | 1,237.50 |

**THIS WEEK'S DAILY READINGS:**

Sunday 12/31 Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Psalm 128:1, 3, 4 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:22-40  
Monday 1/1 Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 67: 2, 5, 6, 8 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2: 16-21  
Tuesday 1/2 1 John 2:22-28 Psalm 98: 1, 2, 3CD John 1: 19-28  
Wed. 1/3 1 John 2:29-3/6 Psalm 98 1, 3CD, 5 John 1: 29-34  
Thursday 1/4 1 John 3: 7-10 Psalm 98: 1, 7, 9 John 1:35-42  
Friday 1/5 1 John 3: 11-21 Psalm 100: 100:1b, 2, 3, 4, 5 John 1: 43-51  
Saturday 1/6 1 John 5:5-13 Psalm 147:12, 14, 19 Mark 1: 7-11  
Sunday 1/7 1 Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1, 7, 10, 12 Ephesians 3:2, 5, 6 Matthew 2:1-12

**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.

## SPECIAL NOTICES

**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 this 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)

**Feminine Genius - the Women's Bible Study:** will resume Saturday, Jan. 13th (9 - 11:30 a.m.) with a study of Psalms! This is a 6-session study, but will be split up in the weeks before and after Lent due to a special Lenten study. See the schedule posted on the Fellowship Bulletin board in Commons. *We have a solid group of women who meet regularly, but new women are always welcome!* Please email Donna at [faithformation@christthekingsaintjohn.org](mailto:faithformation@christthekingsaintjohn.org) before Jan. 7th to sign-up so books can be ordered.

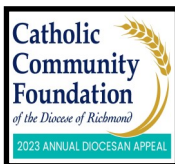
**New monstrance:** If you would like to contribute toward our new monstrance (on its way!), *please make check payable to CTK w/ monstrance on memo line.*

**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 to sign up digitally.



**HAPPY NEW  
YEAR!**

**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.



**2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal is complete!** We ended **over goal with \$10,725 paid toward our \$10,420 target.** *We thank YOU!*

Your contributions will

provide food & fuel for heating, rent, shelter & assistance for children, families, and elderly across our Diocese + return funds to our parish. We have received \$1,946.40 to date.

### **Please Note:**

Fr. Chris will be on retreat the week of Jan. 22nd –26th. There will be no weekday services at CTK or St. John that week.

## **Faith Formation Corner**

### **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph B**

Today's celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family highlights the importance of family in our religious life. We know that Mary and Joseph's faithfulness to God enabled them to cooperate in God's plan for our salvation by accepting the responsibility to raise God's Son, Jesus. From his parents, Jesus learned how to be a faithful believer in his Jewish tradition. Simeon's prophecy about Mary's sorrow alerts us to the importance of a family's commitment to one another, a commitment that is expressed in both good times and bad.

In this Gospel, Simeon says to Mary that a 'sword of sorrow' would pierce her heart because of Jesus. Can you name a 'sword of sorrow' that you have had to deal with, and what helped you carry that cross?

As you look back to the family you grew up in, what was the faith atmosphere like? What one word of wisdom can you offer to families today? What is one thing today's Gospel says so us that we disciples of Jesus need to heed and act on?

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family. Here is a site with several resources for your household:

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2023-12-31>

### 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 Ricky Stumbo**. We pray that Officer Stumbo 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.

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