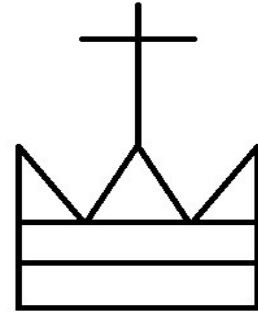


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Current Mass Schedule:

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*

**January 14, 2024**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

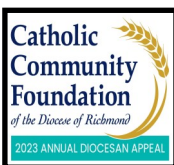
**ANNOUNCEMENTS AFTER MASS:** Fr. Chris wants to be aware of any announcement that will be made after Mass. Please email him: [cmasla@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:cmasla@richmonddiocese.org) so he can review the content and/or introduce the speaker.

**Annual Collection for Haiti: is today, Jan. 14th.** Please see Fr. René's message on the next page and more details in the emails sent out. ***Please make checks payable to CTK with Haiti on the memo line or give online now.*** Any amount will be greatly appreciated and used for the most basic of needs.

**Update: Recent Collection Totals:** Holy Land Emergency Appeal: \$1,958.86 and Commonwealth Catholic Charities: \$602.00. Thank you for your generosity to these timely and worthy causes.

**2nd Collection for Respect Life is Sunday, Jan. 21st:** This annual diocesan collection is for the protection of the Unborn. Please make checks payable to CTK with Respect Life on the memo line or give online. If you have not given online, cut & paste into your browser: [osvhub.com/ctk-abingdon/giving/funds/respect-life](https://osvhub.com/ctk-abingdon/giving/funds/respect-life)

**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 update** We are now over goal with \$10,750 paid toward our \$10,420 target. ***We thank YOU!*** Your contributions 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 from these funds. ***Information coming soon on the 2024 Appeal!***

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

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 Gasiiecki



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

Sunday 1/14 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 Psalm 40 2, 4, 7, 8, 10 ...  
... 1 Corinthians 6: 13c-15a, 17-20 John 1:35-42  
Monday 1/15 1 Samuel 15:16-23 Psalm 50:8, 16bc, 21, 23 Mark 2:18-22  
Tuesday 1/16 1 Samuel 16: 1-13 Psalm 89:20, 21, 27 Mark 2:23-28  
Wed. 1/17 1 Samuel 17:32, 37, 40-51 Psalm 144:1b, 2, 9 Mark 3: 1-6  
Thursday 1/18 1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19: 1-7 Psalm 56:2, 9, 10b, 12 Mark 3: 7-12  
Friday 1/19 1 Samuel 24:3-21 Psalm 57: 2, 3, 6, 11 Mark 3:13-19  
Saturday 1/20 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11, 19, 23-27 Psalm 80: 2, 5-7 Mark 3:20  
Sunday 1/21 John 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 25:4, 6, 8 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31 Mark 1: 14-20

### **Attendance & Contributions Jan. 7, 2024 Week**

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| 9:00 a.m. Attendance          | 164      |
| Offering                      | 1,345.00 |
| Offering cash                 | 288.00   |
| Holy Land Appeal              | 25.00    |
| Haiti                         | 75.00    |
| Online Offering               | 1,597.00 |
| Online <i>Together as One</i> | 353.94   |
| Online Parish Charities       | 50.00    |
| Online Haiti                  | 25.00    |
| Online Respect Life           | 50.00    |

**Counters:** Jan. 21st:  
A. Dumler, J. Dumler, J. Rodriguez

### **Expenses paid Jan. 9 - 12, 2024**

|                              |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
|                              | \$3,890.77 |
| Altar wine                   | 124.50     |
| Office supplies              | 214.51     |
| Sunday coffee supplies       | 120.43     |
| B&G supplies                 | 17.89      |
| Outreach retreat             | 51.55      |
| Electric: Rectory            | 116.00     |
| Lowes: Dec.                  | 10.49      |
| Dec. Cathedralium            | 1,434.83   |
| Parish Sharing for Schools   | 696.00     |
| Property/Liability Insurance | 467.00     |
| Catholic VA assessment       | 248.33     |
| Online giving fees: Dec.     | 326.09     |
| Women's Bible Study          | 63.15      |

## SPECIAL NOTICES

**Message from Fr. René:** *Sisters and brothers in Christ, dear benefactors and friends:* In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I hope you are well. In recent years we have noticed an upheaval in the world. War and hostilities rage in some countries. Haiti, which was already very poor, is suffering even more. In Haiti, gangs rule the roost, and the government is both complicit and powerless. Thus, it is the poorest who suffer the most. In Fond-Michel and Morne Blanc, the situation is serious and sad. Personally, I am very affected by this situation. I see the misery of the village families, but I can't do anything about it. Many people come to the parish for help (money, food) but I cannot respond to their request, because I too am suffering. The main problems I face are: 1-Insecurity. 2-Lack of economic means (no money to do certain things, small jobs and meet my own needs). 3-Hunger. Despite everything, we do not lose hope. And your solidarity, your friendship with my parish strengthens this hope. Thank you for who you are to my community and to me personally. *Sincerely yours, Fr. René*

**Bienvenido New Friends!** Today Wilmer, Cecilia, and Hillary joined us for Mass for the first time. This family from Venezuela is sponsored by the Abingdon Ecumenical Refugee Partnership. They are staying with parishioners Jean and Glenn Irion. Again, Bienvenido!

### 2024 Calendars have arrived!

**Please take one per family from table in Commons.**

**FIA Food Pantry Volunteers:** Daytime **Monday, Jan. 15th & Friday, Jan. 19th from 9:45 am-1 pm, and Tuesday, Jan. 16th from 3:45-6 pm.** Sign up on board at church entrance or contact Polly Berry: 276.492.3878 or [pollyberry2017@gmail.com](mailto:pollyberry2017@gmail.com) if you can assist with any hours to help at the computer/desk, stocking shelves, packing carts, or bagging.

### 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.



**2024 Confirmation:** Please keep in your prayers our youth who will be confirmed by Bishop Knestout at **St. Anne, Bristol, on Feb. 3rd:** Lillian Early, Emma Fischer, Dominic Monin, R.J. Selvaggi, and Daniel Weaver.

**New monstrance:** If you would like to contribute toward our new monstrance, ***please make check payable to CTK w/ monstrance on the memo line. Thank you to those who have donated so far.***

### Dates to 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.

Jan. 21st: Respect Life Sunday  
Jan. 28th: Knights Sunday

### Faith Formation Corner

#### **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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In today's Gospel, Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?

Each year, the Pope asks for prayers for specific intentions. Here is the site that outlines those intentions for 2024: <https://www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2024#:~:text=January&text=We%20pray%20that%20the%20Holy,rituals%20in%20the%20Catholic%20Church>.

### 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 Yancey Wilmoth**. We pray that Officer Wilmoth 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.

**Those affected by abuse: next Virtual Gathering is Feb. 8th at 7:00 p.m.** 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 these virtual gathering the first Wednesday of each month 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. **If you would like more information, or the virtual meeting link, please call the Victim Assistance coordinator at 877.887.9603 or email [dana@atreeplanted.org](mailto:dana@atreeplanted.org)**

**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.**)

|                  |                            |                       |                        |
|------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Laurn Becker     | <b>Sharon Page-Dowling</b> | Donna Hundman         | Bill Munk              |
| Leslie Birch     | Melissa Farmer             | Ron Johnson           | Candy Singleton        |
| Marilyn Borquist | Ethan Finch                | Laurie Lawler         | <b>Jettie Sullivan</b> |
| Maryann Browning | Randy Flora                | <b>Martin Monahan</b> | Teresa Swiney          |
| Sue Burns        | Lorenzo Guillen            | Judy Marburg          | Pam Turner             |
| Karen Bush       | Johannah Harrison          | Mallory Minichello    | Amber Wolfe            |
| Jo Ann Detta     | Floris Houston             | Irene Mooney          | Denise Wolfe           |

**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.**

#### **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.