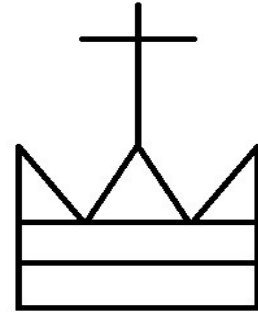


CHRIST THE KING

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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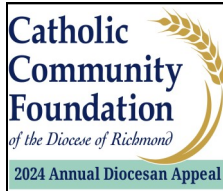
**Our Mission Statement:**

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*

**March 17, 2024**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**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.



**2024 Annual Appeal -- Sharing His Love with Others** is underway! If you did not fill out an in-pew card, go to our website or see recent email or use your phone to capture the **QR code here** to



donate. We now have 31 donors bringing in \$5,825 toward our target goal of \$10,850. We thank you!

**Upcoming Lenten Penance Services:**

St. Anne: this Thursday, Mar. 21st @ 7 p.m.  
(no confessions @ CTK from 6-7 p.m.)  
**CTK: Tuesday, Mar. 26th @ 7 p.m.**

**Eucharistic Revival Retreat for Deanery 14: Mar. 25-27th @ 6:00 p.m. @ CTK.** This retreat invites all parishioners in our Deanery. Our 7 p.m. Penance Service will coincide with the retreat on Tuesday, Mar. 26th. Please see the flyers and sign-up sheet on the Commons table. Let us know you are coming! You can also go to the Sign-up Genius links that will be sent by email.

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

Mar. 17th: O'Grady Brothers



**Attendance & Contributions  
Mar. 10, 2024 Week**

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| 9:00 a.m. Attendance          | 194      |
| Offering                      | 1,595.00 |
| Offering cash                 | 264.00   |
| Haiti                         | 50.00    |
| Catholic Relief Services      | 405.00   |
| Online Offering               | 2,427.00 |
| Online <i>Together as One</i> | 303.94   |
| Online Parish Charities       | 50.00    |
| Online Catholic Relief        | 100.00   |
| Online Haiti                  | 50.00    |
| Online Holy Days              | 5.00     |

**Counters: Mar. 17th:**  
M. Hahn, A. Dumler, J. Dumler

**Expenses paid  
Mar. 11 - 15, 2024  
\$10,814.01**

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Bristol Herald Courier       | 70.00    |
| Feb. Cathedraicum            | 1,434.83 |
| Parish Sharing for Schools   | 696.00   |
| Property/Liability Insurance | 467.00   |
| Catholic VA assessment       | 248.33   |
| Online giving fees: Feb.     | 318.95   |
| Employee background checks   | 20.00    |
| Payroll                      | 5,742.28 |
| Fr. Chris: future retreat    | 838.67   |
| Electric: Rectory            | 153.00   |
| McKay: liturgical supplies   | 230.65   |
| Ashley plumbing              | 149.00   |
| Word Among Us                | 148.80   |
| Fleenor Security             | 105.06   |
| Leo's Pest Control           | 62.00    |
| Lowe's                       | 141.44   |
| Eddie's Trophies             | 88.00    |

**THIS WEEK'S DAILY READINGS:**

Sunday 3/17 Ezekiel 37:12-14 Psalm 130:1, 3, 5, 7 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45  
Monday 3/18 Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b, 5, 6 John 8:1-11  
Tuesday 3/19 2 Samuel 7:4, 12-14a, 16 Psalm 89:2, 4, 27, 29 Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a  
Wed. 3/20 Daniel 3:14-20, 91, 95 Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 John 8:31-42  
Thursday 3/21 Genesis 17:3-9 Psalm 105:4, 6, 8 John 8:51-59  
Friday 3/22 Jeremiah 20:10-13 Psalm 18:2, 3bc, 5, 7 John 10:31-42  
Saturday 3/23 Ezekiel 37:21-28 Psalm Jeremiah 31:10, 11, 13 John 45-56  
Sunday 3/24 Isaiah 50:4-7 Psalm 22:8, 17, 19, 23 Philemon 2:6-11 Mark 14:1-15:47

**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

**Final Lenten Ecumenical Service this Wednesday, Mar. 20th @ 12:05 p.m. @ Abingdon United Methodist Church;** Rev. Glenn Patterson, pastor of AUMC, will be the speaker. This annual event has been coordinated and provided by Abingdon's Main Street Churches.

**We welcome new employees!** Denise Nelson is our new Parish Secretary and she began this past week. She will be in the office with Mary for the next few weeks. Adam Brock, our Bookkeeper here at CTK and at St. John the Evangelist, will start Monday, March 18th.

**Adult Faith Formation will present *Jesus and the Eucharist*:** a 7-week presentation produced by the National Eucharistic Revival. ***Relax - this is not a Bible Study or a class.*** Each presentation begins in prayer, has 2 short lessons and small group discussion on a couple of questions. Themes presented are: What's our story? Am I saved? Why a Church? The Story of the Eucharist and Bread for the Journey. The Eucharist is a gift from God to the Church and it is what makes us distinct from other Christian faiths. **Presented in Seger Hall Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m. OR attend Saturday mornings from 9-11 a.m. beginning Apr. 6th through May 23rd.** Pick a time that works for you or make use of the flexibility of being able to attend some Thursday evenings and some Saturday mornings. Presentations will be identical. Sign up sheets are on the table in the Commons or e-mail [faithformation@christthekingsaintjohn.org](mailto:faithformation@christthekingsaintjohn.org)

**Easter Flowers:** As we make our way toward Easter, many may wish to make special donations in honor of loved ones. Special donations or those in general to the parish are always greatly appreciated in our Easter and Flower Funds. *Make checks payable to CTK with note on memo line or go to those online funds to donate.*



**Feb. 14th-Mar. 24th** area Christians from various denominations participate in the **40 Days for Life campaign** to end abortion. For 40 days, there is prayer, fasting and a peaceful daily prayer vigil near the Bristol Women's Health Center (2603 Osborne St, Bristol,

VA). To volunteer, please contact Angie Bush at [40daysbristoltn@gmail.com](mailto:40daysbristoltn@gmail.com) or 276-644-0340. Learn more at [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com).

**Thank you for your donations to Catholic Relief Services:** We have collected \$605 to date. CRS carries out the commitment of the U.S. Bishops to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas. They are motivated by the Gospel of Jesus Christ to cherish, preserve and uphold the sacredness and dignity of all human life, foster charity and justice, and embody Catholic social and moral teaching. ***You can still give to this fund by making checks payable to CTK with CRS on the memo line, or give online.***

**Stations of the Cross** at **6:00 p.m.**  
**Friday, March 20th**  
Followed by Knights Fish Fry  
**Good Friday: Stations at Noon**

### **Faith Formation Corner**

#### **5th Sunday of Lent**

#### **Scrutinies**

How does Pope Francis in this Angeles talk on the raising of Lazarus describe the beginning of our resurrection? Jesus calls to us as He called to Lazarus in his tomb: "Come forth!" This call is addressed to every human person because we are all marked by death. Christ is not resigned to the sepulchers that we have constructed with our choices of evil and death, with our mistakes, our sins. [Jesus] invites us, almost orders us, to come out of the tombs into which our sins have plunged us. This is where our resurrection begins: when we decide to obey the command of Jesus to come into the light, to life; when the masks fall from our faces ... and we rediscover the courage of our original faces, created in the image and likeness of God.

[ ... the raising of Lazarus shows us that] there is no limit to the divine mercy, which is offered to everyone. ... The Lord is always ready to roll away the tombstone of our sins, which separate us from Him, the light of the living.]

Here is another site with Lenten resources for your household: <https://mycatholic.life/lent-prayers-reflections/>

Today is also St. Patrick's Day. Here is a site with information about him: <https://www.catholic.org/saints/saintpatrick/>

### 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 Scott Debusk**. We pray that Officer Debusk 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.

**Yard Sale:** The CTK Youth Group is planning a yard sale in late April/early May. Please save any donatable items you may have. Do not bring items to the church until we have an official date! If you have questions, contact:

***tracycweaver@gmail.com***

#### **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.



*March 24th -  
March 31st*

**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.**)

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

**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, **Joshua Shiley**.

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**Fr. Chris email: *emasla@richmonddiocese.org***  
**Sacramental emergency: 423-281-3860**

**Please submit info to the office or email**  
***office@christthekingsaintjohn.org* by Friday Noon. Please include name & phone.**