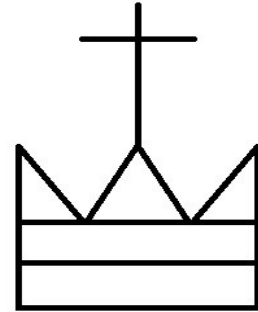


CHRIST THE KING

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 Weekday Masses; Thursday 6-7 p.m.; Sunday 8-8:45 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Follows 8:00 a.m. Thursday Mass until 9:00 p.m.

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 22, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent

DO YOU KNOW FR. CHRIS RECORDS HIS HOMILIES?

Search for 'Sunday Homilies with Fr. Chris Masla'

Beginning January 4, 2025

Christ the King Catholic Church

Will be adding a Saturday Vigil Mass @ 5:00 p.m.

Confessions prior to Mass: 3:30—4:30 p.m.

There will be NO Sunday morning confessions

Tuesday, Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Mass at 9:00 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 25th Christmas Day Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Tues., Dec. 31st New Year's Eve Vigil Mass @ 7 pm

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

9:00 a.m. MASS @ CTK

Christmas Play Today at 1:30 pm

All invited!

Pizza following

NEW YEAR'S EVE:

Tuesday,

DECEMBER 31, 2024

**Youth Group: Come
celebrate the New**

Year with us from 11-1

Countdown to noon

**with a balloon drop
and toast.**

**Please bring a side
dish/dessert to share.**

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MASS INTENTIONS: PLEASE CONTACT THE CTK OFFICE

12/22 For the repose of the soul of Tony Campbell
12/29 For the repose of the soul of Boleslaw Zielinski



Sunday	12/22	Micah 5:1-4a Psalm 80 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45
Monday	12/23	Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 Psalm 25 Luke 1:57-66
Tuesday	12/24	Christmas Eve 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Psalm 89 Luke 1:67-79
Wed.	12/25	CHRISTMAS Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1:1-6 John 1:1-18
Thursday	12/26	Acts 6:8-10 7:54-59 Psalm 31 Matthew 10:17-22
Friday	12/27	1 John 1:1-4 Psalm 97 John 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday	12/28	1 John 1:5-2:2 Psalm 124 Matthew 2:13-18
Sunday	12/29	Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Psalm 128 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:41-52

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 outside on church property without a parent or guardian to supervise them.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Christmas 2024

As we come to the close of a very busy year, we find ourselves waiting in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ at Christmas. Soon we will be entering the new Year of Jubilee in 2025.

During the Advent and Christmas season, we can become anxious by the seemingly endless challenges we must face. We can be distracted from the true gifts that define this holy season—the gifts of peace, joy, unity, and most importantly, the gift of Jesus Christ. When we embrace these precious gifts, we truly embrace this holy season.

On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, parishes throughout the Diocese will take up a special second collection to support the life changing work of Catholic Charities. In the Diocese of Richmond there are two Catholic Charities agencies: Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia, and Commonwealth Catholic Charities. Both agencies impact many lives & communities every day. Their mission expresses this love and joyful hope through volunteers, staff, and board members by providing food, clothing, shelter, guidance, and support for individuals and families on their way to a brighter future.

As you gather for Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, I encourage you to consider a generous gift to Catholic Charities through the second collection. Through your generosity you are making the work of these extraordinary organizations possible. Please be assured of my gratitude for your past support for the needs of our most vulnerable neighbors across this Diocese and the world. I ask you to please continue that generosity this Christmas by giving to Catholic Charities.

For all the good you do, especially in this holy season of Christmas, may God grant every grace and blessing to you and all those who are dear to you, as I remain,

**Sincerely in Christ,
Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout
Bishop of Richmond**



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 **Officer Owens** be aware of the responsibility the position holds. We pray not only for protection, but that the performance of duties is done with care and concern for the community served.

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



Prayers for Haiti: Please continue to pray for the people of Haiti and especially for the safety of Father René, his Parish, and the school.

Continued prayers for Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton victims, families and all those impacted.

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. Also, please let the office know when to remove a name.

Lori Barnette	Jo Ann Detta	Laurie Lawler	Cindy Pojeta
Alexis Bennett	Margaret Evans	Susan Laningham	Thomas Pojeta
Leslie Birch	Melissa Farmer	Bob Maiden	Candy Singleton
Marilyn Borquist	Ethan Finch	Judy Marburg	Diane Steele
Jonah Brooks	Ashley Foley	Mallory Minichello	Amy Sullivan
Karen Bush	Lorenzo Guillen	Irene Mooney	Jettie Sullivan
Jim Cowan	Floris Houston	Bill Munk	Teresa Swiney
Connie Crusenberry	Donna Hundman	Norma Napier	Pam Turner
Braedon Riley-Deaton	Ron Johnson	Daber Navarro	Amber 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, Joshua Shiley, Mars Wilson.

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office@christthekingsaintjohn.org by Friday Noon. Please include name & phone.