



### In Loving Memory

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of: Bertha & Thaddeus Karcz, and Mary Serba; Rosalva Muller Rojo; George & Sheila Finn; Michael Atkins; Joan d'hedoville; McNamara/Policella; Robert James Asbell; Jan Chmurski; The Pavlovich & Apicella Families; John Journalist; Anne & Al McCoole; John Beaudry; and all the faithful departed.

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, December 29

4:00 PM Bertha & Thaddeus Karcz, and Mary Serba / Fr. Wyndham

#### Sunday, December 30

8:30 AM Rosalva Muller Rojo / Fr. Wyndham

10:30 AM George & Sheila Finn / Fr. Healey

5:30 PM The People of the Parish / Fr. Healey

#### Monday, December 31

8:30 AM Michael Atkins / Fr. Healey

4:00 PM Joan d'hedoville / Fr. Healey

#### Tuesday, January 1

8:30 AM The People of the Parish / Fr. Wyndham

10:30 AM Robert James Asbell / Fr. Healey

#### Wednesday, January 2

8:30 AM Jan Chmurski / Msgr. Tosti

#### Thursday, January 3

8:30 AM The Pavlovich & Apicella Families / Fr. Wyndham

#### Friday, January 4

8:30 AM John Journalist / Fr. Wyndham

#### Saturday, January 5

8:30 AM John & Mary McDonnell / Fr. Healey

4:00 PM The People of the Parish / Fr. Healey

#### Sunday, January 6

8:30 AM Liana Fantasia / Fr. Healey

10:30 AM Jan Chmurski / Fr. Wyndham

5:30 PM Rita Kennedy / Fr. Healey



### The Season of Christmas: Sunset–December 24, 2018 to January 13, 2019:

**The purpose of the season of Christmas:** Through liturgy to revisit the early manifestations that assure us that in Jesus, Son of Mary, born at Bethlehem, raised at Nazareth, baptized by John in the Jordan, the eternal word of God has indeed taken flesh and dwelt among us.

**The true meaning of Christmas:** That in this great Mystery of the incarnation, God is revealed as Immanuel: God with us! That is, not above or apart, but ever with us even in the darkest facets of the human condition.

**Holy Family/Whole Family:** From our celebration of the Birth of Jesus at Bethlehem – our focus begins to turn today to his “hidden years” at Nazareth where He was raised and came to maturity in preparation for the day he would leave and be baptized by John and so initiate his public ministry.

The Canonical gospels don't tell us much at all about this period other than the incident of the young Jesus, at about the age for Bar Mitzvah, becoming lost to his parents as he remained in the Temple area holding his own in discussions with scholars of the law.

What is beginning to yield some answers about life in general at this particular time in Nazareth for the Holy Family and for all families there is contemporary archaeology.

It has long been known that the remains of silos and mangers from the first century indicate that about 40 or so families lived here at the time of Jesus. Most recently even more extensive remains of a house have been uncovered in an excavation and coins from the time of Jesus were found to verify it as from this era.

So while no one can say whose house this was, there is a very strong likelihood that it was one that Jesus himself was familiar with and probably visited.

How can we say that? Because in the first century you didn't move into a small village where you didn't belong, that is, where you weren't connected to the clan that settled there.

So, while our children's bibles and catechisms may depict Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as an isolated single family unit living in a stone house together at Nazareth, in truth, it was more likely a much more extended family of which they were very much a part and with whom they were either living or at least in very close proximity.

Jesus was raised by Joseph and Mary for sure, but not be them alone, he was likely cared for and taught by other extended family members as well, and found companionship with “brothers and sisters” whether these be interpreted as step siblings or close cousins.

It does indeed take a village to raise a child if that child is to be imbued with a culture that includes deep religious convictions which result in faithful practice.

Naturally we would expect this to be true of Jesus for undoubtedly he was also taught by his Heavenly Father, but there is also strong indication that this was also true of the entire clan living at Nazareth in his day.

So then we should not be surprised to hear Joseph called “righteous” and James, the brother of the Lord, called “just” as both these titles indicate that they were very serious about observing the laws and customs of their Jewish religion.

This then stands in sharp contrast to our own day when members of extended families often do not live in close proximity to one another anymore and so a religious culture is

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all that more challenging to instill in another generation as this has often been the role of grandparents in particular.

Meanwhile, the predominant culture in which all of us are living is increasingly secular and at times even overtly hostile to religion, therefore the challenges to producing a "holy family" are especially daunting today.

So on this feast of the Holy Family, let us pray that all families will work at finding means by which members of the extended family through their church affiliation, liturgical participation and faith based customs and traditions may bear effective witness to what it means to seek holiness and thus encourage the formation of a stronger Catholic Christian identity in yet another generation.

**Blessing and Distribution of Calendars:** Calendars for the New Year which include the feasts and seasons of the Church Year will be blessed and available for distribution at all Masses this weekend. Even as we observe the Christmas season in these days when the secular world would say it has ended, let us remember that as people of faith we are invited to keep a different calendar, one that with the unfolding of each year helps us to focus not on the passing of time but on the great mysteries of the Incarnation and Redemption that speak to us of God who has intervened in time and human history but who is beyond it and calls us all to life beyond time in eternity.

**Solemnity of Mary, The Most Holy Mother of God, January 1st, Holy Day:** While it is the conclusion of the Octave of Christmas and that alone would be cause to worship, there could be no better way to start a new year than to come to the celebration of Mary's Feast on the eve of, or on the first day of the year.

Mary is the first believer in Jesus Christ, and as such, is the mother of all believers – so let us appeal to her intercession as we begin a new year that it will be one in which we continue to grow in faith.

Masses for the celebration of this Holy Day will be at 4:00 PM on Monday, New Year's Eve, and at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM on Tuesday, New Year's Day.

**The Feast of the Epiphany:** Next Sunday, January 6th, the church will observe the Feast of the Epiphany, traditionally called "little Christmas".

For many Latin American and Eastern Christians this is the high point of the Christmas Season and the day on which, in imitation of the visit of the Magi, gifts are presented to the Christ Child and also exchanged.

Creating a custom of gift giving on this day, would really have the advantage of the discounts that come with the so called "after" Christmas sales and beat at their own game the commercial interests that seek to redefine Christmas!



Parish Library  
Reviews



**THE LITTLEST MAGI** written by *Chris Auer* and illustrated by *Bruce Eagle*.

Jacob, a young boy, who is a servant in King Herod's household overhears three strangers tell Herod about a new king. Wanting to see this new king, he stows away in the stranger's caravan. From there the story takes some unexpected turns that will keep readers ages 4-8 turning pages.

**PRIESTS FOR THE THIRD MILLENIUM** by *Bishop Timothy M. Dolan* brings together the wisdom and insights Dolan has shared with seminarians over the years.

Practical, faith-filled and laced with Irish humor, much of this book will encourage and benefit those who have already been ordained in addition to anyone who wishes to understand how priests are being formed and who wishes to heed the universal call to holiness proclaimed by the Second Vatican Council.



Christ the King  
Knights of Columbus  
Council 13388

The January meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be Monday, January 7th in classroom D. OFFICERS MEETING at 6:00 PM and BUSINESS MEETING to follow at 7:00 PM.

CTK CHARISMATIC PRAYER  
GROUP



Please join us in Praise and Worship of Our Lord and Intercession for our Parish and World needs.

Monday 7 PM to 8:30 PM Classroom C

For info call Marie 508-539-4926  
Pam 508-681-8299



Calendar of Events

50+ Club
DAVE BURBANK
Orchestra Concert
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019
at 1:00 PM



Attention Young Adults –
Ages 18-35

We are working on scheduling our first YOUNG ADULT GATHERING at Christ the King over the “semester break” – between Christmas and the second week of January. If you will be home for the holidays and are interested in being part of this event, please e-mail Chris Hughes at cdh8@comcast.net or call the parish office at 508-477-7700. We will notify you of the official date once we hear back from our Young Adults. Thank you!

St. Vincent de Paul
Food Pantry

The Food Pantry will be open every WEDNESDAY MORNING from 10 AM until 12 Noon.

– IN ADDITION –

ONE EVENING PANTRY THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM.

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING GIFT CARDS TO OUR PANTRY. THESE ARE ADDED HELP TO OUR NEEDY CLIENTS. THANK YOU.

PLEASE DONATE NON-PERISHABLE FOOD. THANK YOU!

Attention: Parishioners of Christ the King Parish
We have space available in our weekly bulletin to advertise your business.
Your ad would appear in our weekly bulletin and also would be listed on our website.
If interested in placing an ad, please call the parish office at 508-477-7700 for further information.

Support Group Meetings

AA MEETING – Monday evenings, 5:30–6:30 PM, Room B. This Meeting is open to anyone with a desire to stop drinking. If you think you have a problem with alcohol, you are welcome to attend this Meeting.

AA MEETING – Tuesday evenings, 7:30–8:30 PM, Parish Hall, “Speaker’s Meeting”.

MASHPEE SUBSTANCE USE TASK FORCE – Drop in Night – providing substance use information, education and treatment resource. First Tuesday of each month, 4–8 PM, Mashpee Public Library. All are welcome.

MEN’S ALANON MEETING – Wednesday evenings, 6:45 PM, Room C.

ALANON MEETING – Thursday evenings, 7:00–8:30 PM, Room A-1.

AA MEETING – Saturday evenings, 7:30 PM, Room B.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS – at Christ the King, Wednesdays, 6:30–7:30 PM, Room A. First Wednesday of the month – Information Night for Newcomers. Everyone welcome.

MONTHLY PARKINSON’S SUPPORT GROUP: – 2nd Thursday from 10 AM – 11:30 AM, Mashpee Council on Aging, 26 Frank E. Hicks Drive. To register or for more information, please contact Jeanne Jackson at jahjackson@comcast.net / 508-367-4267 or Denise Dever at ddever@homeinstead.com / 508-778-8613.

Meetings

EXERCISE CLASS – for folks over 50, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:15 AM, Parish Hall. Contact office for more information.

RESPECT LIFE MEETING – The Respect Life Ministry meets in Classroom C the 1st Monday of the month immediately following the 8:30 AM Mass. Everyone is invited.

50+ CLUB – A Parish organization for Seniors. Meetings and activities usually the 1st Tuesday of every other month in the Parish Hall at 1 PM. Day trips are scheduled every other month on a weekday. New members are always welcome. Call Agnes and Charles Hopewood at 410-287-4879 for further information.

THIRD ORDER OF CARMELITES – meets the 3rd Sunday of the month, 10:30 AM. Mass followed by a teaching in Room A; daytime prayer in St. Jude’s Chapel. We meet every Sunday at 6:30 PM, St. Jude’s Chapel for evening prayer. We welcome your presence. The Lay Carmelite Order of St. John of the Cross. Dottie Cawley 508-477-2798 for more information.

Upcoming

Weekly Readings for the Week of December 30, 2018

If you are willing to listen, you will learn, if you give heed, you will be wise. (Sir 6: 33)

Sun., December 30: Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14; Ps 128 or 1Sam 1: 20-22, 24-28; Ps 84; Col 3: 12-21 or 1John 3: 1-2, 21-24.

Mon., December 31: 1John 2: 18-21; Ps 96; John 1: 1-18.

Tues., January 1: Num 6: 22-27; Ps 67; Luke 2: 16-21.

Wed., January 2: 1John 2: 22-28; Ps 98; John 1: 19-28.

Thurs., January 3: 1John 2: 29–3: 6; Ps 98; John 1: 29-34.

Fri., January 4: 1John 3: 7-10; Ps 98; John 1: 35-42.

Sat., January 5: 1John 3: 11-21; Ps 100; John 1: 43-51.

Next Sun., January 6: Isa 60: 1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6; Matt 2: 1-12.



**Bereavement Group to Begin**

If you're in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith sharing group is for you. It meets for six Tuesdays beginning on **January 8, 2019**. Prayer, scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship begin at 1 p.m. For more details, pick up the Seasons of Hope brochure at the exits and office or contact Donna in the parish office at 508-477-7700 or at [donna@christthekingparish.com](mailto:donna@christthekingparish.com)

**NEW YEAR'S –  
SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 31**  
**Mass for the Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.**

4:00 PM - Church - Fr. Healey

**MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST**  
**Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.**

8:30 AM - Fr. Wyndham

10:30 AM – Fr. Healey

**ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY  
for the SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION:**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22**  
1:30 PM TO 3:30 PM

**Our Web Sites**

<http://www.ChristtheKingParish.com>

**FACEBOOK**

[facebook.com/CTKCapeCod](https://www.facebook.com/CTKCapeCod)



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**Christ the King 50+ Club invites you to enjoy the**

**Dave Burbank Orchestra  
in Concert**

Orchestra Members Dave Burbank (brass and vocals), Marcia Burbank (vocals), Phil Oliver (percussion) and Steve Fabri (keyboard) will entertain us with songs we all enjoy and remember.

**Christ the King Parish Hall**

**Tuesday, January 8, 2019 1:00 PM**

**Refreshments --- Door Prizes**  
**Admission: \$5.00      50+Members Free**

**Scheduling Masses . . .**

As of January 2, 2019, the office will be scheduling masses for the months of July through December 2019.

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**THE KING'S CORNER**  
musings of a pastor and his deacons

To find the blog visit the homepage of our web site [www.christthekingparish.com](http://www.christthekingparish.com) and click the logo above.

**Sanctuary Lights**

The Sanctuary Light in the Church will be lit this week  
**For A Special Intention**

The Sanctuary Light in St. Jude's Chapel will be lit this week  
**For A Special Intention**

**Collection Weekend of  
December 22 & 23, 2018**

First Collection: \$7,321.00 (*Offertory*)

Second Collection: \$3,935.00  
(*Building Maintenance*)

**Thank You**