



# The Parish of Christ the King



DISTRIBUTION OF  
HOLY COMMUNION  
11:45 AM - 12:50 PM  
EVERY SUNDAY



## IN LOVING MEMORY

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of:  
Jim Vaccaro, Richard E. Goggin, William A. Kenney, Sr.  
Yvonne Gatineau, Thomas Phillips, James Crowley,  
Louis Barnett, Eleanor McElroy, Mary Serba, James and Valarie Falese,  
Michael Kelley, Lester and Lillian Silva



Saturday, December 13, 2025

4:00 PM Fr. E. Healey  
Jim Vaccaro

Sunday, December 14, 2025

8:30 AM Fr. E. Healey  
Yvonne Gatineau

10:30 AM Fr. J. Prusaitis  
The People of the Parish

5:30 PM Fr. M. Chmurski  
Thomas Phillips

Monday, December 15, 2025

8:30 AM Fr. E. Healey  
James Crowley

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

8:30 AM Fr. E. Healey  
Louis Barnett

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

8:30 AM Fr. J. Prusaitis  
Frederick J. Higgins

Thursday, December 18, 2025

8:30 AM Fr. M. Chmurski  
Eleanor McElroy

Friday, December 19, 2025

8:30 AM Fr. M. Chmurski  
Mary Serba

Saturday, December 20, 2025

4:00 PM Fr. M. Chmurski  
James and Valarie Falese

Sunday, December 21, 2025

8:30 AM Fr. T. Wyndham  
Michael Kelley

10:30 AM Fr. E. Healey  
Lester and Lillian Silva

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

## The Pastor's Pen

THE WEEKLY COLUMN BY FR. EDWARD HEALEY



**GAUDETE!** This is the name given to the Third Sunday of Advent, which in Latin means rejoice! The Third Sunday brings us all that much closer to the end of what is meant to be a sober and penitential period of fasting and prayer in preparation for the Second Coming of Christ than the commemoration of his first coming, which will be celebrated at Christmas. Our Parish Pancake Breakfast is a simple yet effective way to forget fasting for a day and to rejoice in anticipation of the festive season of Christmas, which is not far away!

**ALWAYS ADVENT:** As we come now to the Third Sunday, it is clear that this special but short season is soon to be over as we move toward the authentic Season of Christmas. Yet while the Season of Advent, which begins our new liturgical year, is brief, the spirit of this season is with us always in our liturgical prayer. Indeed, in the Mass itself, we are always reminded of Advent's theme: that we are awaiting the final act in Salvation History, the return of Christ in Glory as judge, to gather all the faithful into his kingdom, which is to be without end. Indeed, our Christian Faith, which is rooted in history and celebrated in mystery, is ever future-focused. Soon we will commemorate the first coming of Christ as we celebrate his nativity, but that is an event in salvation history already accomplished and not to be repeated. So too is the redemption accomplished by the death and resurrection of Christ as commemorated during Holy Week and Easter, but celebrated every day in the Mass. These are pivotal events already accomplished, but the saving effects of these are made present to us in our liturgy. Yet as we pray in each Mass for the coming of God's Kingdom, or express our longing to experience "the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ", we express in every season and in every Mass the Advent hope that is integral to our Christian faith. So as we approach now the final days of Advent and switch our focus on December 17th toward immediate preparation for Christmas, let us not get bogged down in historical reenactment, because the baby born at Bethlehem has long ago grown into a man whose ministry and mighty deeds revealed God's coming Kingdom and whose saving work has opened its gates to face at the end of our time, or the end of all time, whichever may come first! Thus, the Advent character of authentic Christian faith is meant to keep us ever alert and preparing for what is yet to come, as we regularly and faithfully remember with praise and gratitude all that has already been, all that is now, and all that will be forever!

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**Sacrament of  
Reconciliation**  
in preparation for  
Christmas will be  
**Tuesday, December 23,**  
**2:30-5:30 PM**

third sunday of  
**ADVENT**  
the Shepherd's Candle

joy





## Collection

Totals for the weekend of  
November 6th & 7th

First Collection	Second Collection
Offertory	Building & Maintenance
\$9321.00	\$3845.00

## Online Giving

### Week of December 1, 2025

First Collection:	\$2,654.00
Annual Collection:	\$500.00
Second Collection:	\$1,060.00
Matthew 25:	\$646.00
CTK Pantry Project:	\$1,505.00
Building/Grounds:	\$255.00

Total: \$6,620.00

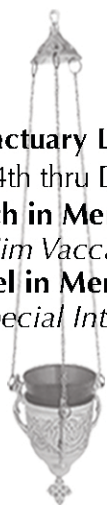
Thank You for Your Continued Support!  
Consider using online giving to donate  
to the Weekly Collections, Scan the QR Code  
to donate.



## Sanctuary Lights

December 14th thru December 20th

**Church in Memory of**  
*Jim Vaccaro*  
**Chapel in Memory of**  
*A Special Intention*



MAGGIE KAORU  
SWARTZ

Christ the King Youth Ministry Presents:



## Christmas Nativity Pageant

Support the children of Christ the King by coming  
to the Annual Christmas Pageant!  
December 21st, 2025

Immediately following the 10:30 Mass  
Christ the King Parish Hall

Contact: Sarah Provencher sarah@christthekingparish.com

## Hallow



### Advent Pray25 with Hallow

Visit Hallow on our website to learn  
more and to sign up, go to:  
**ministries/clubs > spiritual life > Hallow**  
or [www.christthekingparish.com/hallow/](http://www.christthekingparish.com/hallow/)



## BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING



The Parish Nurses need to pause the  
Blood Pressure Screenings for the  
winter. They will resume in the spring.

They wish you all a safe and healthy  
winter and a blessed Christmas Season.



### GOOD MORNING COFFEE and TEA

Please join us after  
8:30 AM Mass every Monday,  
Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday  
in Classroom D  
All are welcome!



## WHAT'S MISSING?

Do you have questions about your Catholic faith

Do you know why you are Catholic?

Religion and faith may at times be confusing.

Of course, God is mystery, and not  
all questions have an answer.

However, the idea is to explore that area  
between black and white, to find the spiritual  
rainbow who is our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Please join us for discussion and prayer.

This process is for those who want to bridge  
the gaps in their journey of faith.

**January 8, 9:30 AM Classroom A**

## FAITH FORMATION

Each Sunday at the 8:30 AM Mass  
the children light our advent wreath.



walking with purpose  
SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY

This week we light 2 purples and the **pink**  
candle... "Gracious  
God, as we light this  
candle, may the joy of  
Your salvation fill us  
with gladness. Help us  
to share this  
everywhere we go. In  
Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."



Don't forget, WWP advent gatherings are  
this week-Tues 12/16 & Thurs 12/18



CTKWWP@Gmail.com for information about  
our women's Bible Study



## MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY



### *Meeting Mental Health with Grace*

*It is the LORD who goes before you; he will be with you and will never fail you or forsake you. So do not fear or be dismayed.*

Deuteronomy 31:8

God has great compassion for those who suffer. While it may not always be apparent in the midst of our difficulties, the Lord is near. We can look to Him for peace, healing and comfort.



EMPATHY-KINDNESS  
COMPASSION-COMMUNITY

TO LEARN MORE CALL 508-477-7700 EXT. 52  
or go to: [christthekingparish.com/mhm/](http://christthekingparish.com/mhm/)

### CTK PANTRY WISH LIST



DIAPERS  
5T/6T, 5 AND 6

DOG AND CAT FOOD  
WET (CANS) AND  
DRY (KIBBLE)



DROP OFF AT FOOD PANTRY  
WEDNESDAY MORNINGS OR  
AT THE PARISH OFFICE  
MON.-FRI. 9-1, SAT. /SUN. 9:00-12:00 PM.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US  
SUPPORT OUR LOCAL FAMILIES.



**Christmas Cards**  
20 cards per package | \$10 per package

Every great gift and every perfect gift to those who love you.



**Christmas Postcards**  
20 cards per package | \$5 per package

Jesus is the REASON for the SEASON

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas, and may the peace and joy of the season be yours and the peace of God.

**Contact: PARISH OFFICE**  
508-477-7700

### **Christmas Luncheon and Rosary**



Join us for camaraderie,  
community service and  
prayer. On **Wednesday,**  
**December 17th from 1-4PM**  
in Classroom C we will gather for  
a Christmas luncheon and to pray  
the rosary and make rosaries.

The rosaries made will be donated to Build the Faith, a nonprofit founded by 9-year-old Christina Dangond and her parents during Christina's battle with cancer. Build the Faith uses the proceeds from the sale of rosaries to build churches for communities in need around the world. For more information contact Deb Egan at [egand555@gmail.com](mailto:egand555@gmail.com).



The Christ the King Mental Health Ministry is excited to introduce our facilitated "Faith Sharing Group."

**What is the Faith Sharing Group?**  
It's a peer-to-peer support group where you can share your mental health challenges and apply your Christian faith to them. CTK volunteers with Mental Health First Aid Training facilitate the group, but they are not mental health professionals.

the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month  
4:00pm - 5:00pm in Classroom A  
"All are Welcome"

for questions go to  
[www.christthekingparish.com/mhm](http://www.christthekingparish.com/mhm)



St John of the Cross Lay Carmelites meet at 11:30 every third Sunday.

Please call Pam for more info:  
508-681-8299



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### SHOP HOURS

Tues., Thurs. & Sat. 9AM-3PM  
Donations 9AM-12 Noon  
Phone 508-420-0949



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 13388

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

December, 2025

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BLOOD DRIVE ~ 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2025

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY CALL 508-862-5378

"COME JOIN US"

CONTACT GRAND KNIGHT JOE MOONEY 610-283-1983

*Third Sunday*

Behold, I am sending  
my messenger ahead of  
you; he will prepare  
your way before you.

Matthew 11:10



Christmas Memorial Decorations

*Christmas Flowers*

Check the pews for envelopes  
if you would like to contribute.

**CTK  
CHARISMATIC  
PRAYER GROUP**



All are welcome!

Please join us in the Praise and Worship  
of our Lord and the intercession  
for our Parish and the World

Monday, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM classroom C  
For more information call  
Marie 508-539-4926 or Pam 508-681-8299



**BE RECONCILED!:** The work of Advent is preparation to meet the Lord, as he comes to us now in word and sacrament, and as he promises to come in glory as judge. So let us take the opportunity presented to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday, December 23rd, from 2:30 to 5:30 in the Church. This will be the final opportunity to experience that sacrament before Christmas as there are no confessions available except in case of emergency on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

**THE GIVING TREE:** Many local families depend upon our care and concretely expressed concern to provide a nicer experience of Christmas for their children than their limited resources can provide. Thus, it is our tradition to contribute to the Giving Tree, which enables our Financial and Resource Assistance Ministry to provide gift cards to department stores to needy families vetted in advance as worthy, enabling them to purchase appropriate gifts for their children. So please take an envelope found on the trees at the entrances of the Church and place in it whatever monetary contribution you are able or willing to spare at a time when the budgets of many are often strained. No monetary gift is insignificant, and when combined with the gifts of others, can provide for those less fortunate. Thank you for your generosity!

**PLAN AHEAD:** Maybe you enjoy the stress of trying to find a parking spot, and then finding adequate space in the pews for yourself and your family members at the 4 O'clock Vigil Mass on Christmas? Yet for those who seek a less stressful experience, we encourage you to consider any of the other Masses of Christmas that do not attract the same overwhelming crowd as the 4 Additional Masses of Christmas besides the 4 PM Mass on Christmas include a 6 PM, and a 10 PM Mass on Christmas Eve, and an 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM on Christmas morning. There is never a late afternoon or evening Mass on Christmas Day as the clergy, staff, musicians and other liturgical ministers need the opportunity to be able to celebrate Christmas too!



**R. I. P. – SR. ANNETTE ROACH, O.P.:** Sr. Annette Roach, a Dominican Sister of Hope who, along with Sr. Claire, long coordinated the Faith Formation Program here at Christ the King Parish, has passed away. The Funeral Mass for Sr. Annette has taken place on Friday, December 12th, at the Center of Hope, headquarters of her religious congregation in Ossining, New York. As the distance and timing of the services for Sister Annette made it inconvenient for many of the clergy, staff, and parishioners who would

like to prayerfully remember Sister Annette and give thanks for her life and ministry, a Memorial Mass will be held on Monday, December 15th, at 2:00 PM in the St. Jude Chapel; all are welcome to participate. A guest book will be available to sign and in which to place comments, which will then be given to Sr. Claire and the community at Ossining. The Memorial Mass will be live-streamed for those unable to attend in person.



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## 3rd Sunday of Advent

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John Baptist Cloaks Baptize Wages  
Expect Water Sandals Thresh Wheat

## WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 14, 2025

*YES, I AM COMING SOON. (RV 22:20)*

**SUNDAY** IS 35: 1-6A, 10/ PS 146/ JAS 5: 7-10/ MT 11: 2-11

**MONDAY** NM 24: 2-7, 15-17A/ PS 25/ MT 21: 23-27

**TUESDAY** ZEP 3: 1-2, 9-13/ PS 34/ MT 21: 28-32

**WEDNESDAY** GN 49: 2, 8-10/ PS 72/ MT 1: 1-17

**THURSDAY** JER 23: 5-8/ PS 72/ MT 1: 18-25

**FRIDAY** JDG 13: 2-7, 24-25A / PS 71/ LK 1: 5-25

**SATURDAY** IS 7: 10-14/ PS 24/ LK 1: 26-38

**NEXT SUNDAY** IS 7: 10-14/ PS 24/ ROM 1: 1-7/ MT 1: 18-24

