



# Christ the King Church

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HILLSIDE, NEW JERSEY 07205-2090  
christthekinghillsidenj.org

Rev. Luke Duc Tran ..... Pastor  
Rev. Msgr. Venantius M. Fernando ..... Pastor Emeritus  
Justin Bejar ..... Director of Religious Education  
Linda Mendoza and Lisa Bruno ..... Parish Secretaries

## SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday evening: 5:30 PM  
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM (Vietnamese), 11:00 AM,  
Portuguese 7:00 PM

## WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday-Saturday: 8:00 AM

## HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASSES:

8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

## RITE OF RECONCILIATION:

Every Saturday: 4:45 - 5:15 PM. For confessions at other times, feel free to call the rectory and make an appointment with the priest.

## NOVENAS:

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal every Monday after the 8:00 AM Mass. Our Mother of Perpetual Help every Wednesday after the 8:00 AM Mass.

## FIRST FRIDAY: SACRED HEART DEVOTION

7:00 PM: Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:

Public Grammar School Grades 1-8:  
Sunday, 9:30 - 10:45 AM Followed by attending 11:00 Mass

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):

is a process for:

- Adults who are not baptized and wish to become members of the Roman Catholic Church.
- Christians baptized into a non-Catholic Church who wish to become members of the Roman Catholic Church.
- Adult Catholics, baptized as infants in the Roman Catholic Church who have not received the sacrament of Confirmation and/or Eucharist.

## MARRIAGES:

The Sacrament of Marriage requires a time of spiritual preparation. Couples planning to be married are asked to make an appointment with one of the priests to set a wedding date and to begin preparations before the wedding according to N.J. Bishops Guidelines.

## CELEBRATION OF CHILDREN'S BAPTISM:

Parents are requested to contact the Rectory to make arrangements. Date and time can be arranged with the priest.

## SICK CALLS:

In case of serious sickness or accident, call the Rectory any hour of the day or night (908-686-0722). We would be pleased to visit sick parishioners whether at home or in a neighboring hospital. Notify us even if a person is only temporarily confined.

## PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Every family should be registered. Registration forms for new parishioners may be obtained at the Rectory; if you are moving, please notify the Rectory.

## TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Rectory ..... (908) 686-0722  
Fax ..... (908) 686-2504  
CCD Coordinators ..... (908) 686-0722

## GODPARENT / SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY

Canon ( Church ) Law states that a Godparent for Baptism and a Sponsor for Confirmation be an active, fully-initiated Catholic. An active Catholic is a parishioner who is registered, attends Mass weekly, contributes to the support of the Church, is in a valid Catholic marriage (an individual married civilly, by a judge, mayor or divorced and remarried without an annulment is not eligible to act as a sponsor). Please note that we can only write Letters of Eligibility for parishioners who meet these criteria.

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH, HILLSIDE, NEW JERSEY  
A NOTE FROM FATHER LUKE

THE EPIPHANY of the LORD January 3, 2021

Liturgy Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13; Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

In today's Gospel, the gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—have come to be understood as symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. They are special because in giving them, the Magi acknowledge who Jesus was to be: **our Savior**. We pray that we will acknowledge Jesus as Savior in all that we do and say.

Peace, Fr.Luke

Collections for December 27, 2020 - \$ 8,700.00 which include Sunday Mass Collections: \$ 2,388.00, Candles : \$ 114.00, Church Christmas Flowers: \$ 345.00 (total flower collections \$1,105.00), Gifts to the Church and Christmas Collections: \$5,126.00, Simbang Gabi: \$ 667.00, Addtl. Monthly Assessment : \$60.00. Thank You



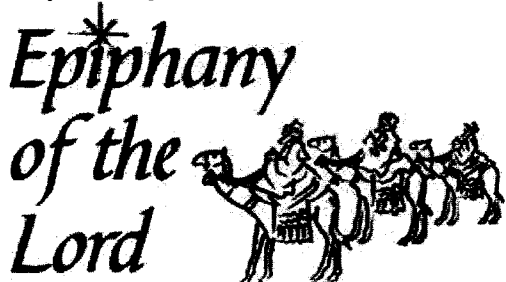
Evangelization- Human Fraternity : Pope Francis  
Prayer Intention for January 2021 May the  
Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship  
with our brothers and sisters of other religions,  
praying for one another, open to all.

*Stewardship*

REFLECTION

"... they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..." MATTHEW 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share !

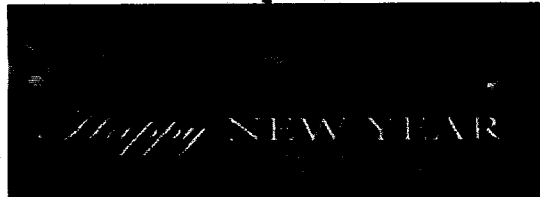


January 3: The Epiphany of the Lord  
Prayer

*May the splendor of your majesty, O Lord, we pray, shed its light upon our hearts, that we may pass through the shadows of this world and reach the brightness of our eternal home.*

*Epiphany mean " manifestation ". The gifts of the magi signify the mystery of Christ incarnate. Gold, frankincense and myrrh- the treasures signify the gifts we present to Christ in our daily lives. Gold is Christ wisdom, frankincense is the prayer and adoration we give Him and myrrh is our daily sacrifice.*

ANNOUNCEMENT



WE thank all of you for your generous support and gifts to the Christ the King Church.  
Have a blessed 2021 Father Luke

AN INVITATION

January 7 - Mass for Our Country at Holy Spirit Church 970 Suburban Rd. Union, NJ

Patriotic Rosary at 7:00pm : Holy Mass 7:30pm  
All Covid-19 protocols will be followed.

Mass sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT FOR 2020

If you need a statement for tax purposes for 2020, please complete this form and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the rectory.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

CTK Church Number is 0935 for everyone.  
We need your 2 or 3 or four digit number posted under the date of your envelope.  
Your daytime phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Letters will be given by request only.

# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**Saturday - January 2- St. Basil & St. Gregory Nazianzen**

8:00am - Memorial Mass

5:30pm - Maria Halpin by Family

**Sunday - January 3- The Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00am - People of the Parish

9:30am - Vietnamese Mass

11:00am Robert Lapore Sr. by Family

6:00pm - Portuguese Mass

**Monday - January 4- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

8:00am - Yrma Artesga & Josie Paine by Family

**Tuesday - January 5 - St. Joh Newmann**

8:00am - Gus & Anna Klink by Joseph Kauker

**Wednesday - January 6 - St. Andre Bessette**

8:00am - Michael Van & Maria Pham by Family

**Thursday - January 7 - St. Raymond of Penafort**

8:00am - Peter Tran by Family

**Friday - January 8**

8:00am - Maria Halpin by Family

7:00pm - First Friday Mass & Novena

**Saturday - January 9**

8:00am - Memorial Mass

5:30pm - William Wlasuk by Sonya Prychoda

**Sunday - January 10 - Baptism of the Lord**

8:00am - People of the Parish

9:30am - Vietnamese Mass

11:00am Walter Wiggins by Catalina & Joseph Riccobono

6:00pm - Portuguese Mass

*Please Pray For...*

Jimmy Edwards, Juana Cruz Koda, Lily Lim, Joe Dimeo, Jane Bridgeford, Venus Pineda Galang, Lexi Obregon, Vincent Dante, Wilma Wiggins, Michael & Lucy Scaglione, Jim Madar, Jennie Hoek, Gloria Ferro, Kathy Probert, Horencio Alimario, Joan Hughes, Adelina Lapinski and all in the Armed Forces and residents in nursing home/ senior facilities.



\*The Tabernacle Lamp will be burning this week In Thanksgiving for the Lopes family.

\* The Family Lamp will be burning this week In Thanksgiving for the Costa family.



**Pope Francis has proclaimed a "YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH "**  
December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021

" There are many saints to whom God has given the power to assist us in the necessities of life, but the power given to St. Joseph is unlimited. It extends to all our needs and all those who invoke him with confidence are sure to be heard."

St. Thomas Aquinas



## Religious Education

Phone : 973-923-8328 Email : [ctkhillsidedre@gmail.com](mailto:ctkhillsidedre@gmail.com)

Website: [christthekinghillsidenj.org/faithformation](http://christthekinghillsidenj.org/faithformation)

Hours by appointment only

**VIRTUAL CCD CLASSES RESUME THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021 AT 9:30AM.**

**FAMILY MASS**-The next Family Mass will be the 11am Mass on Sunday, January 17, 2021. Please start off 2021 by joining us for our first Family Mass in the new year.

**WHO TO CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS**-You can contact your child's catechist or our DRE, Justin Bejar. You can reach in by emailing him at [justinfelixbejar@gmail.com](mailto:justinfelixbejar@gmail.com).

**CCD Volunteers**-The CCD program is always looking for more volunteers to assist the catechists with our virtual classes. No experience is necessary except for a strong desire to help the children of our parish grow in their faith. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering their time to our church and the children of the parish, even if just in a virtual/digital capacity, please reach out to Justin Bejar at [justinfelixbejar@gmail.com](mailto:justinfelixbejar@gmail.com).

**Altar Servers Needed**-If any young man or woman is interested in serving our Lord as an altar server, please reach out to Justin Bejar at [justinfelixbejar@gmail.com](mailto:justinfelixbejar@gmail.com). The only requirement is you must have made your First Communion.

**CYO GROUP**-We are very fortunate here at Christ the King to have a wonderful group of young men and women involved in the CYO. If you have made your confirmation and are looking to get to know other young people of your parish, please reach out to Ana Amaya at 908-868-6775.

**CYO Choir**-The CYO choir always welcomes new members. If you are interested in joining, please reach out to Robert Lapore, Jr, the CYO music director. His cell # is 908-967-2868. Please consider joining. All are welcomed no matter what experience or talent you may have.

**Reflection:** We have just ended what is probably the most difficult year many of us have ever experienced. How will you let 2020 define your life going forward? What did you learn from this past year? Will you just remember the negative or will you remember how people reached out to help each other whether it was the healthcare worker who worked non-stop not just hours or days but weeks and months to help those afflicted with Covid, the workers who delivered groceries and medicine to stores and people or the neighbors who took care of those in their communities who were elderly or sickly. Yes we saw despair and heartbreak but we also saw God's love working through so many people. We also saw families being able to take this time and reconnect. God gave us free will which means we can choose to see only the negative of 2020 and let that spill over into this new year or we can learn from what we have been through and bring God's love into the new year. Which will you choose to do?

**Prayer:** God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another. As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

**PEACE**