



Christ the King Church

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Rev. Luke Duc TranPastor
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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday evening: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM (Vietnamese), 11:00 AM,
Portuguese 6:00 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

Third Sunday of Advent - December 12, 2021

Liturgy Readings: *Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Isaiah 12:2-3,4,5-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18*

The theme of the season of Advent is sometimes described as a period of waiting for the birth of Jesus. However, today's Gospel reading suggests something different. John the Baptist did not tell the crowds to wait for the Messiah. He told them to prepare for the Messiah through acts of repentance. If Advent is a time of waiting, it is not the sitting in the doctor's office kind of waiting. It is a busy time of preparation, more like the waiting we might do when preparing for dinner guests. Our challenge is to not make this season a frenzied time, but rather a time of joyful anticipation and making ready for God who comes to dwell among us and changes our lives with the gift of salvation.

As you gather as a family, talk about the preparations your family is making during the season of Advent. Reflect together on these activities, not only on what you are doing but why you are choosing to do these things. After reading today's Gospel, consider how Advent is a time for making ourselves ready to receive Jesus in our lives. Could your family make some changes in your Advent activities so that each person is well prepared to celebrate the gift of salvation at Christmas? Conclude in prayer together that your family will be able to live the spirit of Advent.

Peace, Fr. Luke

Collections for December 5, 2021 - \$ 3, 297.00 which include Sunday Collections : \$ 3,064.00, Candles : \$ 84.00 .
First Friday Devotion : \$149.00 Thank you



Pope Francis Prayer Intention for December, 2021. Catechists : Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God - may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



REFLECTION

" Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God".
(PHILIPPIANS 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God - He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created to God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully share ourselves and our goods with others.



Prayer

Joy-filled Giver of Life. let the anticipation of your birth fill us with overflowing joy. May our excitement and anticipation be a sign to the world that you are always near. Amen



December 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

O Virgin of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas, grant to our homes the grace of loving and respecting life in its beginning, with the same love with which you conceived in your womb the life of the Son of God. Blessed Virgin Mary, protect our families so that they may always be united and bless the upbringing of our children. Amen



The Giving Tree 2021 for St. Joseph Social service Center - Dec. 5- 12

Christ the King will be participating in providing gifts for families at St. Joseph's in Elizabeth, NJ. If you can take a tag and purchase a gift of warm clothing or a gift card for the person listed. Please place the unwrapped gift with price tags attached and with tissue paper in a large Christmas bag and staple the tag with the family ID number in the upper right hand corner of the bag. Please return the gift to church on Sunday Dec. 5th but no later than Dec. 12, Thank you

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



- Saturday - December 11 - St. Damasus 1**
 8:00am - Memorial Mass
 5:30pm - Stefan Wlasuk by Sonya Prychoda
- Sunday - December 12 - Third Sunday of Advent**
 8:00am - People of the Parish
 9:30am - Vietnamese Mass
 11:00am - In Thanksgiving for the Bejar Family
 6:00pm - Portuguese Mass
- Monday - December 13 - St. Lucy**
 8:00am - Willaim J. Gallagher by Marie Hynes
- Tuesday - December 14 - St. John of the Cross**
 8:00am - Dominic Bui & Anna Nguyen by Family
- Wednesday - December 15**
 8:00am - Alejandro Chirinos & Aniceta Condor by Family
- Thursday - December 16**
 8:00am - Felipe Mariano by Greg & Dolores Pangilinan
- Friday - December 17**
 8:00am - Irineo Aala by Greg & Dolores Pangilinan
- Saturday - December 18**
 8:00am - Memorial Mass
 5:30pm - Nemesio Tan by Family
- Sunday - December 19 - Fourth Sunday of Advent**
 8:00am - People of the Parish
 9:30am - Vietnamese Mass
 11:00am - Michael Moonsammy by Family
 6:00 pm - Portuguese Mass



Pete Tartaglia, Anne Janowski, Antonio Oliveira, Mathew Varghese, Jimmy Edwards, Joe Dimeo, Jane Bridgeford, Venus Pineda Galang, Vincent Dante, Wilma Wiggins, Michael & Lucy Scaglione, Jim Madar, Cathy Probert, Horencio Alimario, Joan Hughes, and all in the Armed Forces and residents in nursing home and senior facilities.



* The Tabernacle Lamp is burning this week In Memory of
 + Michael Moonsammy offered by his family .



Christmas Mass Schedule at Christ the King Church 2021

Christmas Liturgies - Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24
 5:30pm - Family Mass, 10pm Mass

Christmas Day Masses - Saturday, December 25
 8:00am, 9:30am (Vietnamese Mass), 11am &
 12:30pm (Portuguese Mass)

THERE IS NO EVENING LITURGY ON CHRISTMAS DAY

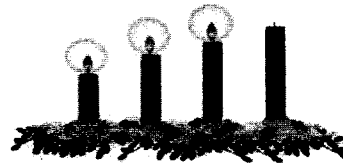
Sunday, December 26 - 8am, 9:30am (Vietnamese Mass)
 11am & 6pm (Portuguese Mass)

Friday - December 31 - 8:00am Mass

Saturday, January 1, 2022 New Year's Day Mass at 9am
 (Not a Holy Day of Obligation.) & 5:30pm.

Religious Education

Phone : 908-868-6775 Email : ctkhillsidedre@gmail.com
 Website: christthekinghillsidenj.org/faithformation
 Hours by appointment only.



THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

On 1st, 2nd and 4th weeks of Advent, the candles have been purple or violet as were the priest's vestments. This Sunday the candle (and vestments) are pink. Why? The candle for the third week is known as the candle of joy or the Shepherd candle and reflects the joy that comes with Jesus' arrival/birth and the salvation He has gifted to us. In the second reading we are told to rejoice, the Lord is near! In other words, this week of Advent celebrates the joy of Christ's coming to earth. The world is in a dark time right now with the pandemic still with us, so much hate and violence throughout the world, poverty, homelessness and the list could go on. We need the light of this candle to lead us to Jesus just as the shepherds and Wise Men followed the light of the star to Him.

Prayer: Jesus, during this Advent help us to be beacons of hope, patience, good deeds, love, peace and justice. Grant us what we need to keep our lights shining, to shed light on the road that leads us and others to You. Amen.

The **CHILDREN'S MASS** will be the 11th Mass next Sunday, December 19th. We invite ALL families to come as we prepare for the birth of Our Lord. As always the children will be participating in the Mass.

NOTICE FOR CCD STAFF

Fr. Luke invites all CCD catechists and aides to join him next Sunday, December 19th immediately following the Children's Mass in the Rectory Meeting Room for a Christmas celebration.

CCD Schedule for the Holidays:

- December 19 - Class
- December 26 - No Class
- January 2 - No Class
- January 9 - Classes Resume



Christ the King Church invite you to join us in our 9 consecutive days of Simbang Gabi Novena/Mass from December 15-23 at 7pm, except for Sunday December 19, Mass will be at 7:30pm. On the last day, December 23, there will be a reception at the CTK church hall immediately following the Mass. We enjoy everyone to bring potluck food to share for fellowship. Everyone is also invited to join in the offering of gifts at each Mass. Gifts will be donated for the church/rectory use.