



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

The Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - December 26, 2021

Liturgy Readings: 1 Sam. 1:20-22,24-28; Ps. 84:2-3,5-6,9-10; 1 John 3:1-2,21-24; Luke 2:41-52

Today's Gospel describes a time of anxiety in the life of Jesus' family. We can imagine their panic and worry as they discovered that Jesus was not with the caravan returning to Nazareth. The Holy Family journeyed with family members and friends because traveling alone was dangerous. When they found Jesus at the Temple, Jesus spoke like a typical adolescent, unsympathetic to His parents' concern. Yet His words teach an important lesson about reducing anxiety in our family life. In essence, Jesus says, "If you had remembered who I am, you would have known where to find me." In their panic, Mary and Joseph had forgotten what had been told to them before Jesus' birth, that *their son was the Son of God*. Knowing a person well helps reduce our anxieties for them because we can better predict how they will behave, and we know their capacity to handle the challenges life might present to them.

As you gather as a family, have fun playing the game "How well do you know me?" Take turns trying to stump one another by asking family members questions about yourself, such as "What is my favorite memory of a family vacation?" "Given a choice, what dinner menu would I pick?" "If I could travel anywhere in the world, where would I go?" One member of the family might prepare and read the questions aloud as each person writes down the answers. Family members then take turns guessing the answers, playing this game as a quiz show. Observe that one thing about families is that we learn to know each other well.

On behalf of the staff at Christ the King parish, I wish you and your family a blessed and healthy New Year!
Peace, Fr. Luke

Collections for December 19, 2021 - \$4,313.00 which include Sunday Collections : \$ 2,474.00, Candles : \$ 81.00 .
Monthly Assessment : \$994.00, Christmas Flowers : \$ 764.00. 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

" See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 JOHN 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received - being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, other family members and friends that you love them, everyday! Also, pray for those people that are different from you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.



December 26 is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

God the Father, draw us into Your arms, that we might know how cherished we are as members of Your family. May our homes and our hearts be living examples of Your desire to gather all people in Your family. Amen



" The beauty of Christmas shines through in the sharing of small gestures of concrete love. It is not alienating; it is not superficial or escapist. On the contrary, it broadens the heart, open it to gratuitousness, to the gift of self and can also generate cultural, social and educational dynamics. The Light of Christmas shines all the brighter amid the darkness of pandemic". Pope Francis



"Jesus Christ is the greatest Christmas gift, the source of all real joy. He is the gift of God the Father, who became one of us in all things but sin by the power of the Holy Spirit. This amazing gift was first given to Mary, and then to all of us, to save us from the destructive power of sin and death. This is the joy, the fulfillment of all human desiring. This is what we celebrate at Christmas time - on earth as in heaven. This is the time of the year when we call to mind most vividly the mystery of the Incarnation and the joy of Christ's birth". Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



- Saturday - December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord**
 8:00am - For All Parishioners
 9:30am - Vietnamese Mass
 11:00am - For All Parishioners
 12:30pm - Portuguese Mass
- Sunday- December 26- The Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**
 8:00am - People of the Parish
 9:30am - Vietnamese Mass
 11:00am - Irineo Aala by Manny & Linda Mendoza
 6:00pm - Portuguese Mass
- Monday - December 27 - St. John the Apostle**
 8:00am - Teresa & Joseph Phan by Family
- Tuesday - December 28- The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**
 8:00am - In Thanksgiving for Jeslin Mattathil by Mathew Family
- Wednesday - December 29- St. Thomas Becket**
 8:00am - Maria Linh LE by Family
- Thursday - December 30**
 8:00am - Edward Almeida by Greg & Dolores Pangilinan
- Friday - December 31 - St. Sylvester I**
 8:00am - Greg Thacker by the Mendoza Family
- Saturday- January 1, 2022 -The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
 9:00am - People of the Parish
 5:30pm - Araceli de los Reyes by Elizabeth Sciorra
- Sunday - January 2, 2022 - Epiphany of the Lord**
 8:00am - People of the Parish
 9:30am - Vietnamese Mass
 11:00am - Eriberto Gascon by Greg & Dolores Pangilinan
 6:00 pm - Portuguese Mass

Please pray for...

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.



* The Tabernacle Lamp is burning this week In Thanksgiving for the Lopes Family offered by Fernanda Lopes.

* The Bread & Wine are being offered this week In Thanksgiving for Christine's children by their mother.



Christmas Mass Schedule at Christ the King Church 2021 & 2022

- 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 - Mass at 9am & 5:30pm
- Sunday, January 2, 2022 - Mass at 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 6pm.

Christ is the reason for this season. Have a blessed Christmas.



Religious Education

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 Website: christthekinghillsidenj.org/faithformation
 Hours by appointment only.



The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him, Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High." (Luke 1:30-32)

Prayer: Dear Father in Heaven, Thank You for giving us the gift of Jesus, the greatest Christmas gift of all. Please help us to remember why we celebrate, even as we eat Christmas cookies and open presents. Fill our hearts with His love, mercy, generosity, compassion, forgiveness and kindness not only at Christmas but every day. Amen



The CCD staff wishes all parishioners a Blessed Christmas. Thank you to all the children who participated in last week's Children's Mass, the choir for their beautiful singing and to Fr. Luke for celebrating the Mass and for the special blessing he gave all the children in attendance.

THANK YOU THANK YOU

Special thanks to the Viera family who generously donated toys for the children attending the children's Mass. May your generosity be returned to you many times over! Of course, we can't forget to thank Santa for stopping by to visit the CTK CCD children. We know he is very busy this time of year but he must have heard how good they all have been!!!!

