

# CTK

## CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Mass Schedule

Sundays: 7:00 a.m. (indoor)

9:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. (outdoor, weather permitting)

Mondays 7:00 a.m.

Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.

Thursdays 6:00 p.m.

Fridays (First Fri. only) 7:00 a.m.

Saturdays 9:00 a.m., 4:30 p.m. (alternating weekends)

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confession: Saturdays 3:30 p.m. (and by request)

#### Christ the King School

Principal Sherry Woodman, 615.292.9465

#### Marriage Preparation

Fr. Anh Tuan Phan, 615.292.2884  
(at least six months in advance)

#### Infant Baptism

Kathy Skinner, 615.292.2884  
(by third trimester)

#### Nursery (infants to age three)

during 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses  
Community Room of the Parish Center  
Jaimie Gorman, 615.777.8908

#### Pastoral Care

Margaret Emsweller, 615.777.8918

#### Adult Education and

Inquiries about becoming Catholic  
Jon Stotts, 615.777.8910

#### Parish Religious Education Program (PreK-8th)

Jaimie Gorman, 615.777.8908

#### Music Ministry

Lucia Huskey, 615.777.8907

#### Business Office

Dawnne Stephens, 615-777-8904

For ministry leaders and other information,  
please visit [ctk.org](http://ctk.org).

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# SUNDAY'S READINGS

## FIRST READING:

The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." (Gn 15:5)

## PSALM:

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever. (Ps 105)

## SECOND READING:

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. (Heb 11:8)

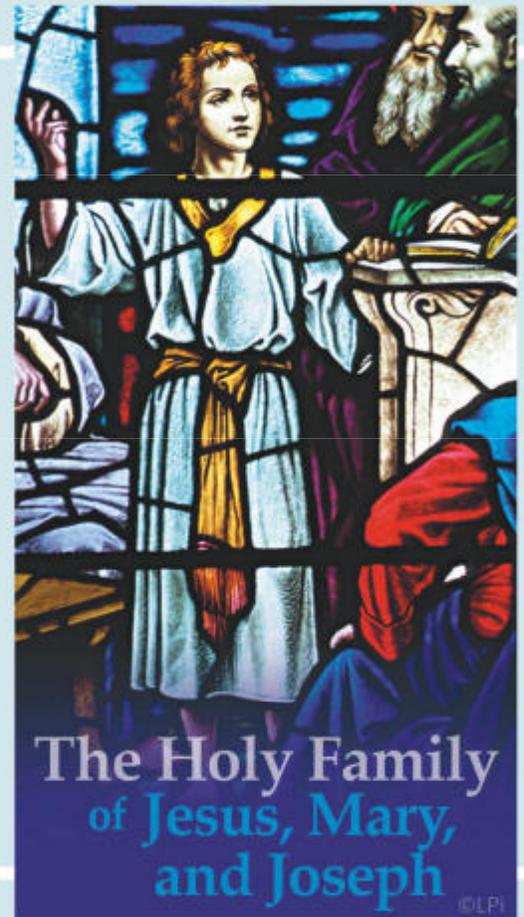
## GOSPEL:

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:40)

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## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020

- Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- Monday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Tuesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
- Thursday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
- Friday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God; New Year's Day; World Day of Peace
- Saturday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
- Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week



## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

The story of Abram and Sarah and their struggle to have a family centers on Abram's faith in the Lord. When have you needed to rely on faith when it comes to your family?

### SECOND READING

The author of Hebrews holds up Abraham as a model for the faith. When have you had to unconditionally trust in the Lord?

### GOSPEL READING

Only Luke records the presentation in the Temple of the baby Jesus. Simeon reveals to Mary and Joseph insights into Jesus and his destiny. How do you imagine Mary and Joseph understood Simeon's words?

## Sunday, December 27, 2020

Please refer to the parish app or website for our liturgy aid and other Mass information.

**Sunday Indoor Mass**  
7:00 a.m.

**Two Sunday Outdoor Masses (ballfield),**  
weather permitting, at  
9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

*On some Saturdays we also have*  
an indoor 4:30 p.m. Mass.

*We will offer this on Dec. 26 and Jan. 9.*  
(See [ctk.org](http://ctk.org) for our guidelines for gathering,  
including required masks and social distancing.)



### Senior and High-Risk Masses

*Our next parking lot Masses are on*  
**Jan. 2 and 16 at 3 pm**

*Seniors and those who are at a higher risk*  
*are invited to join us. We will remain in*  
*our vehicles throughout the liturgy.*

*\*Please note: This is a change. There is no Mass on Dec. 22*



### UPCOMING HOLY DAY LITURGIES

#### Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Eve 6 pm inside  
New Year's Day 11 am inside

## REPORT of COLLECTIONS

WEEK 24 — DECEMBER 13, 2020

Regular Contributions	34,918.00
Tuition Assistance	3,150.00
Registered Households	1889

*Please prayerfully consider Christ the King Parish and the*  
*Diocese of Nashville in your estate planning.*  
*Call 615-292-2884 with questions.*

*In 2020, participating member status is based on a*  
*minimum of \$950 in annual offertory contributions —*  
*used to determine eligibility for reduced school tuition rates.*

## MASS INTENTIONS of the WEEK

### DECEMBER 27TH THROUGH JANUARY 2ND

#### Masses this week:

Sun. 7 am, 9 am, 4 pm; Mon. 7 am;  
Wed. and Thurs. 6 pm; Fri. 11 am; Sat. 9 am and 3 pm

**Sun. 7 am - Int. Brett & Connie Wesnofske and family**

**Sun. 9 am - Tari Stejskal Santana** by Ramona Stejskal

**Sun. 4 pm - The People of the Parish**

**Mon. 7 am - Int. Sean Patrick Wilson**

by Mick & Shannon Beisel

**Wed. 6 pm - James Bankster**

by Leonard & Nikki Raymond

**Thur. 6 pm - Sara Roberts** by Louis Roberts

**Fri. 11 am - Betsy Shannon Moran**

by Mick & Shannon Beisel

**Sat. 9 am - Phillip & Sue Simpson** by Paul & Sallie Simpson

**Sat. 3 pm - Rocco Gigante** by Arlene Stone

### JANUARY 3RD THROUGH 9TH

#### Masses this week:

Sun. 7 am, 9 am, 4 pm; Mon. 7 am;  
Wed. 6 pm; Thur. 3:30 pm, 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm;  
Fri. Midnight, 9 am, 11 am; Sat. 4:30 pm

**Sun. 7 am - Joyce Shrum** by Pat & Priscilla Watson

**Sun. 9 am - Sara Hakeem** by Bob & Alice Eadler

**Sun. 4 pm - The People of the Parish**

**Mon. 7 am - Francoise Naga** by Mick & Shannon Beisel

**Tue. 8:15 am - John M. Lybarger**

by Dave & Cindy Lybarger

**Wed. 6 pm - Jay Hammond** by Norman Dreher

**Thur. 6:00 pm - Bill Long** by Vicki Dukehart

**Sat. 9 am - Augusta Flanagan**

by Leonard & Nikki Raymond

**Sat. 4:30 pm - Beth Creighton** by Gino & Jeanne Marchetti



*May the souls of the faithful departed,*  
*through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

### **FLOWER MEMORIALS**

*Contributions to the Altar Flower Fund*  
*recognized during the month of*

#### DECEMBER

*are in memory or in honor of:*

† Stephen Burk by Eni Burk

† Vincent Cannariato, Jr. & Robert Maggiotto

by John & Georgia Indrigo

† Sally Killian by Thomas Killian

## Unlocking every door

Fruitfulness is a sign that we're doing something right. Plant a seed, water it, give it light, and it brings forth a shoot. Neglect it, and get nothing. We measure success in terms of fruitfulness: schooling completed, jobs held, relationships that endure, children raised, financial security, years lived, virtues practiced. God blessed Abram with wealth and years, but to that old man, the only true measure of success was a child. By what standard do you evaluate your life's worth? What's required for you to say in the end: "Lord, now you let your servant go in peace"? [www.preparetheword.com](http://www.preparetheword.com)

## NEWS for the PARISH



*On behalf of Fr. Dexter, Fr. Phan, and your parish staff, we wish you a blessed and joyful celebration of Christmas and thank you for your tremendous care and support throughout this challenging year.*

### THANK YOU!

We want to offer a special shout-out to all of our Knights of Columbus who have helped keep the church doors open daily for those who want to stop by and pray and to our sacristans who have worked tirelessly to set up indoor and outdoor Masses and clean up afterwards. Your generous sharing of your time and effort does not go unnoticed. Thank you to all who have worked in any way to keep our community together this year.



### END-OF-YEAR GIVING

All contributions of the 2020 tax year must be received by December 31. Contributions can be made through Mass collections, our online giving page ([ctknashville.weshareonline.org](http://ctknashville.weshareonline.org)), dropping off at the church office by December 23, or using the rec-tory mailbox. Thank you for your generosity!

*The church office will be closed from  
December 23 to January 3.*

**WE CELEBRATE!**

*The baptism of  
Grace Marie Marsicano  
Roman Joseph Rich*



## FULFILLED IN YOUR HEARING: HOW JESUS READ THE BIBLE

Presented by Ricky Shinall, M.D., Ph.D.  
January 17, 24, & 31 @ 10:30am  
<http://www.ck.org/adult-formation>



Almost a quarter of the gospels consists in quotations from the Old Testament, many of them on the lips of Jesus. What can we learn about biblical interpretation from how Jesus interpreted and used these texts? How did the early Christians read the Old Testament? Do we read it in the same way? In this Sunday morning adult education Zoom series, CTK parishioner and biblical scholar Ricky Shinall will help us answer these questions over the course of three weeks by examining Jesus's own use of the Law, the Writings, and the Prophets.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Once you have established Christ the King as your church home, you should officially register with us. Registration is one simple form that helps you not only become a member of the parish, but also helps us know and recognize you when it comes time for special events in your faith life, such as preparing for marriage, celebrating your child's baptism, applying for school, or helping you in a time of need. Please contact the parish office or go to our Join the Parish page on our website at <https://ctk.org/join-our-parish>.

### Do you have our parish app?

You can download the "We Connect" parish app through your device's app store.



*Once you have the app and choose Christ the King as your home parish, be sure to click on More, then Message settings and select "General" messages to help you stay connected about Mass changes, parish events and announcements. You can also access the liturgy aid for Sunday Masses, daily readings, online giving, and the Sunday Gospel reflection video from the app.*

## FROM our SCHOOL

Christ the King School is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. Contact Jeanette Neuhoff Vogt '76 for more information at [jeanette.vogt@cks-nashville.org](mailto:jeanette.vogt@cks-nashville.org) or call 615-777-8976. Visit [www.cksraiders.org](http://www.cksraiders.org) for a look at what CKS has to offer.



## **Christmas 2020**

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**Additional Christmas**

**Altar Flower**

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Alana White



# WORD *on* FAITH

Simeon and Anna had been waiting a very long time for consolation, for redemption; waiting to see salvation with their own eyes. In today's Gospel, their waiting comes to an end. They see Christ, indeed Christ is put in Simeon's arms. Simeon and Anna go forth in peace. We too have been waiting, during the weeks of Advent, the months of the pandemic. We too have seen Christ—in nature, in our lives, in each other, and hopefully within ourselves. Now we too are sent forth in peace.

Unlike Simeon and Anna, our story does not end as we leave this sanctuary in peace. We are sent forth to bear Christ into the world. Christ has not only been placed into our arms, Christ has been given into our hands. We have been anointed, made *alteri Christi* or other Christs, to act in Christ's place in this world. We are now the ones to bring consolation to the oppressed, redemption to the mistreated, salvation to the world.

According to Thomas Keating, "Bonding with others takes place as the love of the Spirit is poured forth in our hearts. We feel that we belong to our community, to the human family, to the cosmos. We feel that our prayer is not just a privatized journey but is having a significant effect in the world. We can pour into the world the love that the Spirit gives us."

And so we might pray this week, "Make my hands your hands, my feet your feet, my heart your heart. Let me see with your eyes, speak with your lips, love with your heart and understand with your mind. Make me your other self."

*written by Carolyn Goddard*

## **DIOCESAN YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES**

*(additional opportunities listed on our website under YOUTH)*

**PASTOR**—REV. DEXTER SUTTON BREWER  
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**IN RESIDENCE**—REV. MARK SIMPSON  
615-292-2884, Ext. 114

### **DEACONS**

DAVE LYBARGER — dave.lybarger@ctk-nashville.org  
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### **PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

CREDO - YOUNG ADULTS - credo@ctk.org  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Jim Blackstock, info@ctk.org  
PRAYER CHAIN - Call 615-777-8918 / prayerchain@ctk.org  
ROOM IN THE INN - Kitty Ganier  
ctkroomintheinn@gmail.com  
SCOUTING - Boy Scouts (John Green 615-500-8528); Girl Scouts  
(615-383-0490)  
WOMEN'S COUNCIL - Pat Lavorini & Genie Herron — meets third  
Tuesdays 10 am and 6:30 pm, Council Room

*For a complete list of parish organizations,  
the parish event calendar and more,  
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### **LAUGH FOR THE DAY**



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