

Christ the King Parish

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First Sunday of Advent

December 1st, 2024.

Here's wishing Parishioners & Friends
born in the month of **November**

a **WONDERFUL BIRTHDAY** and
a **YEAR FILLED** with
GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS!

HAPPY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



May our gracious God shine his face
upon you now, and forever!

Love, Fr. Chrys

Seasons of Advent

The Season of Advent can speak to each heart . . .

Advent is a season of Faith. Fear and doubt often get in the way of accepting God's grace, healing and wholeness. Only a renewal of faith can bring us home.

It is a season of Hope. God does not leave us without comfort and support. Hope is a faithful virtue that empowers us to face the future with courage and faith, determination, strength and peace.

Advent is a season of Love. The light of Love comes to our hearts to counter the darkness and anxieties of life. It is the Lord's love for us that has made us loveable!

It is a season of compassion. Our burdens are embraced by God's compassionate heart. When we attempt to soothe hearts from breaking... when we offer comfort to those in pain... as we console those who mourn... when we feed the hungry... as we express reverence toward all of God's creation ... God lifts our burdens, and works through us to lift the burdens of others.

Advent is a season of truth. Advent truth is indeed astounding: Emmanuel ... God-with-us in the person of Jesus – the infinite Deity taking on our finite limitations. The Bethlehem mystery must be pondered in stillness and prayer if the truth is to be known. God's Grace through Holy Spirit comes indeed!

It is a season of prayer. Let us make quality time with God, seeking to deepen your bond of unity with our Creator. We need personal and public prayer alike; the quiet of the heart, and the gathered assembly in worship and prayer, praise and song.

Advent is a season of preparation. Through stillness and prayer, let us open and prepare to give birth and hold the Holy Presence of the Christ Child within our hearts.

Advent is a season of watchfulness. By asking and clinging to God's graceful Holy Spirit, we keep our senses keen to the signs in the world that we are called to respond and act upon.

Adapted from Fathoming Bethlehem: Advent Meditations by Robert F. Morneau

This weekend is the beginning of our beautiful, sacred Season of Advent as we celebrate today the First of four Sundays of Advent! May our gracious God touch our waiting and expectant hearts with hope and joy!

First Reading (Jeremiah 33:14-16). The Lord promises hope to a dispirited nation. A branch of righteousness will come to God's people through the line of David.

Second Reading (1Thess. 3:12-4:2). As Paul and his community in Thessalonica prepare for the Lord's coming, he urges them to concentrate on the only value that matters: Love. In this way, they will be living the kind of life that pleases the Lord, and brings glory to God.

Gospel (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36). Jesus tells his disciples that there will be signs in the heavens and on earth that will cause fear and distress to many people. Jesus encourages his people, that when faced with the fear of uncertainty, worries, and weighed down hearts, the sure way to gain confidence is to be alert, be on guard, be ready, have faith and stand strong, for redemption is drawing near.



As we begin our Advent journey toward the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord Jesus, we are called and urged be open in heart and mind, and keep our focus on our Lord... to be on guard... to stay awake... stay alert at all times and be ready. Life is full of evil and temptations, revenge, arrogance, and trials. But be confident, full of Holy Spirit's love, hope, joy, peace and faith. Be not afraid! Pray for strength. Trust in the Lord's redemption, which is drawing near. Which ever way we individually need to hear Jesus' message, may we all use wisely and effectively this waiting time of Advent to choose to prepare a sacred place within our stable-hearts for Jesus Christ to be born, dwell, and inspire!

Candidacy & Installation as "Acolyte" - Saturday, Dec. 7th at 4:00pm Mass. We will welcome His Grace Archbishop Albert Le Gatt, and Parishioners & Friends are warmly invited to come to celebrate, pray, and rejoice together with Seminarian Joseph-Martin Pham in his candidacy and installation as an 'Acolyte' (a person assisting the Presider / Priest in a religious service or procession). A light Reception will follow downstairs in Lennox Hall. *Blessings, Joseph-Martin!*

ADVENT BOOKLETS are available at the parking lot entrance, to enhance your personal or family Advent meditation and prayer at home throughout the week. May we join our hearts in the stillness of our Advent prayer, and make room for Emmanuel to be born!



PENANCE EVENING

('Confession')

at our Parish of Christ the King

Four brother Priests will be here to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance with Parishioners & Friends.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 11th @ 7:00pm

Parish Schedule

SATURDAY, Nov. 30th **Vigil of First Sunday of Advent**
Liturgical Year 'C' - Lectionary No. 3, pg. 32
4pm Mass ~ For Merlyn+ & Lionel+ Subasinghe, Emmanuel Gunasekera+. By the Gunasekera & Novosel Families

SUNDAY, Dec. 1st **First Sunday of Advent**
9am Mass~ For the needs & intentions of all Parishioners.
11am Mass ~ In Thanksgiving for a successful surgery and Divine healing. By Vivien Farayibi & Family

MONDAY, Dec. 2nd **Weekday in Advent**
No Mass in our Parish on Mondays.

TUESDAY, Dec. 3rd **St. Francis Xavier**
10am Mass ~ For Tobias & Melanie Herold.
By Monika Dueck & Family
7pm Young Adults' Meet-up - downstairs in Lennox Hall

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 4^h **Weekday in Advent**
10:00am Mass ~ For Andrea & Jonas Zimmermann.
By Monika Dueck & Family
10:30am CWL General Meeting - down in St. Mary Room

THURSDAY, Dec. 5th **Weekday in Advent**
10am Mass ~ For lost spirits. By Reem Rahil Khazen

FRIDAY, Dec. 6th **St. John of the Cross**
10am Mass & Anointing ~ For Marina & Family.
By Monika Dueck & Family
10:30am - 12noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

SATURDAY, Dec. 7th **Vigil of Second Sunday of Advent**
4pm Mass, with Special Candidacy & Installation of Seminarian, Joseph-Martin Pham, as Acolyte. His Grace, Archbishop Albert Le Gatt presiding. Reception follows in Lennox Hall.
~ For the needs & intentions of all Parishioners

SUNDAY, Dec. 8th **Second Sunday of Advent**
Liturgical Year 'C' - Lectionary No. 6, pg. 35
9am-10:45am Catechism Classes - in Lennox Hall
9am Mass ~ For Aloysio Arantes+ (2nd Anniv.in heaven).
By Gisella Arantes
11am Mass ~ For Deceased Brother Knights+. By CTK Knights
** CWL is hosting **SOUP SUNDAY** after each Mass time today, downstairs in Lennox Hall. Everyone is invited and welcome.

May we unite together in prayer for:... Jean, B. John, Harold Abs, Bernie Bourret, Lise Daley, Orval Everett, Helena Facto, Gerry Grossman, Bonnie G, Lisa Hackett, Heinz Herold, Catherine Holmes, Catherine Hyska, Carole Johnson, Ed Labossière, Lois Lecuyer, Olga & Walter Majola, Helene McShane, Silvia & Hans J. Müllerleille, Charlene Ottenbreit, Pamela Rebello, Rose Rogers, Arlette Schamber, Joel Stone, Priyantha Subasinghe, Makenna Stratton, Marcel Verdonck, Marie Viallet... for all who seek healing and comfort in body, mind, or spirit... for a spirit of truth and reconciliation to be forefront in all nations and relationships...for our seminarians...for all people discerning their vocation...for all candidates journeying in the R.C.I.A. faith process...

2025 SUNDAY MISSALS are available on the counter at the entrances - \$5.00 each.

It's not too late to set-up your Advent wreath and candles!





*The Church's liturgical Season of Advent is a good time for beginnings ~ it is the beginning of a new liturgical year... and a new Season. It can also be a time of new beginnings in our daily lives, new ways of thinking, behaving, new attitudes, new ways of being and relating with others on a conscious level. When the Feast of Christmas arrives, may we be more aware of the power of Emmanuel's coming **as Presence** with and within each of us, and of our mindfulness of ministry to warm the lives of others because of God's wondrous redeeming Gift of Jesus.*

C.W.L. (Catholic Women's League) News

1/ Next General Meeting - Wednesday, Dec. 4th at 10:30am downstairs in Lennox Hall.

2/ Soup Sunday - Dec. 8th after the 9am & 11am Mass times. Held downstairs in Lennox Hall. Everyone is invited and welcome. Free-will offerings would be graciously received.

3/ Christmas Gathering for all CWL Members will be held on Thursday, Dec. 12th at 1:30pm downstairs in Lennox Hall. You are invited to bring an appetizer or dessert to share, and a \$10-\$15 gift for the Gift Exchange. Bring a friend if you wish, too. Hope to see Members there.

CTK Knights of Columbus News

1/ 50/50 Draw is still up and running. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, go to **Funding Change Manitoba**. Click on "Buy Tickets", scroll down to Knights' page on the list. For help, see one of the Knights after Mass. ~ *Laurier Gladue, Grand Knight*

2/ We are collecting new and gently used clothing to be shipped to our brother Knights in the Philippines to be giving to those in need. Please leave donations at parking lot entrance we will pack and ship them as the boxes are filled. Thank you for your continued support. ICCD tickets for a new car are also available. God Bless. ~ *Laurier Gladue, Grand Knight*

2025 Sunday Offering Envelope boxes are prepared (please do not use them until Jan. 1st, 2025) and ready for pick-up at the parking lot entrance. Please call the Office if there is no box issued to you, and you'd like one, and also contact the Office with any changes to your personal info.

A kind request ~ It would be great to have all the Sunday Offering envelopes boxes picked up before Christ Eve Mass times begin, to have a nice clean and clear counter. Thank you for your help.

>> If you are not yet **registered** with CTK Parish, and you would like to receive a box of 2025 Sunday Offering envelopes, we invite you to fill out a registration form (at the *Info Centre* by the parking lot entrance), or call the Parish Office.

>> If you are interested in the **Pre-Authorized Debit** method of making your offerings, there are forms at the parking lot entrance counter.

Offerings graciously received on Nov. 23rd & 24th:

- > Sunday Collection Offerings \$2,372.00
- > Building & Maintenance Offerings \$556.00
- > Christmas Flower Offerings \$20.00

Thank you all for your faithful ways of stewardship through time, talent, and treasure.

Let us not sit around and wait for someone else to do what God has asked us to do ourselves.

Evening Bilingual Mass on Monday, Dec. 9th at 7pm at St. Boniface Cathedral, in celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (of our Blessed Mother Mary). All Parishioners & Friends are welcome to come to participate. A light reception will follow in the Cathedral narthex.



The mood of the Advent season which we begin today is one that invites us to stay awake, be attentive, mindful, and heart-ful. It is a time to get ready, not just for all the 'things' we associate with Christmas – the gifts, the cooking, the Christmas tree, the decorating, the buying of gifts, (and St. Nick). In Advent, we prepare first and foremost for A Person: we prepare for the gift of God himself in Jesus, Emmanuel.

With Gratitude, Christ The King Parish thanks Sir Thomas Cropro Foundation Inc. for supporting our Parish and School projects. The foundation supports educational and social service projects offered by churches of all faiths. Their help goes a long way in helping us, and many other communities accomplish some big goals.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER PACKING & DELIVERY SUNDAY, DEC. 15th at 12noon in the Gymnasium.

>> **Everyone** is invited to come over to the gym and pitch in. **SIGN-UP** on the sheet at the parking lot entrance. >> **SIGN-UP** if you are able to help to **DELIVER one of the Hampers.**

>> **FOOD ITEMS** are still needed for the Hampers: canned meats (tuna, chicken, ham, salmon); pancake mix & syrup; hot chocolate mix; tea, coffee; jello; pudding; cake mixes; boxed stuffing; instant and/or scalloped potatoes; peanut butter; jam.



>> **MONETARY DONATIONS** ~ On a blank envelope, please mark your name/info, & indicate "Hampers". Enclose your donation, making **any cheques payable** to "CTK Parish" re. Hampers.

>> **NEW SOCKS** are also needed, especially with the snowy Winter Season here to stay for a few months now.

>> *The Gift Tree*, at the parking lot entrance, holds name-cards with the names of the Children whose family will be receiving a Christmas Hamper through our CTK Parish. Parishioners are invited to choose a name-card, purchase an approx. \$30 gift, wrap it, attach the name-card you chose, and please, *please* return the **wrapped gift** before Dec. 15th (Hamper Packing Day.) >> For some **Gift Ideas for children 10-14 years**, see the Bulletin Board poster.

Thank you for your kind generosity !

CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL NEWS

- > **Dec. 12th** ~ The School is practicing and preparing for their Christmas Concert at 1:30pm & 6:30pm in the gym.
- > **Dec. 19th** ~ Advent Mass with the School at 10am. Parishioners & Friends are welcome to join them.
- > **Dec. 20th** ~ Last Day of Classes for 2024.

Children's Corner



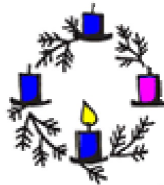
Dear Girls & Boys, the Season of Advent encourages each of our hearts to stay awake and be ready for the Lord's coming. On our Advent journey, may we make ready our stable-hearts through prayer and kind works of service, preparing a fitting place for Jesus Christ to be born.

**ADVENT ALERT ARISE AWAKE BE CANDLES
COMING DAYS FAITH GLORY GUARD HEAR
HOPE JOURNEY LIFT LOOK POWER PRAY
PREPARE RAISE READY SEE SIGNS STAND
STRENGTH WAIT WALK WATCH WREATH**

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"Come, O come Emmanuel!"



2024 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE & 2025 NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec. 22nd, 2024 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> 9am Mass 11am Mass	Dec. 23rd No Mass on Mondays.	Dec. 24th <i>Christmas Eve</i> 4pm Eve Mass 8pm Eve Mass 12 Midnight Eve Mass	Dec. 25th <i>Christmas Day</i> 10am Mass	Dec. 26th No Mass. Office closed.	Dec. 27th No Mass. Irregular Office hours.	Dec. 28th 4pm Mass
Dec. 29th <i>Feast of the Holy Family</i> 9am Mass 11am Mass	Dec. 30th No Mass on Mondays. Irregular Office hours.	Dec. 31st <i>New Year's Eve</i> 4pm Mass	Jan. 1st, 2025 <i>New Year's Day</i> 10am Mass	Jan. 2nd, 2025 No Mass. Office closed	Jan. 4th, 2025 10am Mass & Anointing, followed by Exposition 'til 12noon	Jan. 5th, 2025 4pm Mass

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, 7-9 pm: Young Adults Monthly

Meet-Up

Saturday, Dec. 14th, we are having a **Catechism Family Movie Night** from 7-9 pm! Catechism children and their families (parents, siblings, grandparents etc.) are invited to come and watch "The Star" with us. It is rated PG and is 1.5 hours long. It is a really sweet movie about the animals in the Nativity Story of Jesus' birth.

Thursday, Dec. 19th, 7-10 pm: Young Adults Christmas

Party

Sunday, Dec. 15th ~ Last Class of Catechism before Christmas break.

Friday, Dec. 20th, 7-9 pm: Youth Group Meet-Up Sunday, Jan. 12th, 2025 ~ First Class of the new year.

Have Q's? Contact Suzette - 431-373-0572 suzette@ctkp.ca

Sunday, Dec. 22nd is the next Mass with Children at **11am Mass**. Hope lots of Families with Children are able to come to celebrate, pray, sing and worship God together.

We don't need to "put God" into our lives. "Know that the Lord is God; God created us, and we are God's." (Ps. 100) God is already and always here! Let us wake up and recognize God's loving presence here, now! May God's kingdom come and be born to us as we wait...

Emmanuel, we wait in your grace-filled reign!

In mystery and wonder, may we wait in joyful hope and peacefulness in the truth of Emmanuel. May we watch mindfully, and make room in our hearts for the coming of Christ our Messiah, our Lord and Savior, our companion and friend, and give birth to Jesus in the actions of our daily lives.