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Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. For centuries we as Catholics celebrated this Feast on Jan. 6, but the decision was made a number of years ago (at least in the United States) to celebrate the Epiphany on the Sunday which falls between Jan. 2 and Jan. 8.

"Epiphany" means "manifestation." It is on this day that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is revealed as the light of all nations. Officially Christmas is not over. In fact, the recommendation of the Church is that on this day those who display a crèche, a nativity or manger scene, should replace the shepherd and sheep with the Magi and their likely animals on which they traveled as well as their gifts. However, that is all secondary to the real meaning of this day.

At Christmas the Messiah Jesus was revealed to the shepherds, who were Jewish. But on this day the Lord is revealed to all nations and to the Gentiles (represented by the Magi). We are all familiar with the star the Magi followed, but we need to understand all that is happening and what it means. This all represents the Light of Christ, a Light which today we honor and commemorate. We are called to be the Light of Christ right now to those around us and those with whom we come in contact. That way we can be the disciples Christ wants us to be.

The poet William Cullen Bryant captures the significance of the star the Magi followed very well when he wrote, "O Father, may that Holy Star, Grow every year more bright, And send its glorious beams afar, To fill the world with light."



# CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 5, 2025



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<b>MASS SCHEDULE AT CHRIST THE KING</b>	
<b>WEEKLY</b>	
Saturday	7:00pm (Spanish)
Sunday	10:15 am
Wednesday	5:30 pm
Wednesday	7:00pm (Spanish)
First Fridays	
Holy Days of Obligation	4:00 pm
<b>Reconciliation</b>	
Wednesday	5:15 pm
Sunday	9:45 am or by appointment

<b>MASS SCHEDULE AT BLESSED TRINITY</b>	
<b>WEEKEND</b>	
Saturday	4:00 pm and 6:00 pm
Sunday	7:10 am, 8:45 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm Spanish, 5:00pm LifeTeen
<b>DAILY</b>	
Monday—Friday	7:10 am and 5:30 pm
Wednesday	8:15 am (follows school schedule)
Thursday	6:30 pm Spanish
Saturday	8:00 am
<b>MASS SCHEDULE AT LA GUADALUPANA</b>	
Tuesday	7:00 pm Spanish
Sunday	7:00 pm Spanish

## PARISH LIFE

JANUARY 5, 2025 — THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### MISSION STATEMENT

We, the community of Christ the King Catholic Church, are committed to following Christ's teachings of loving God and our neighbors, through faith, service and worship. Our mission is to seek the kingdom of God and to be an example to everyone, of God's unending love and mercy, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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Glen & Ethel Alder	Mobile Home Tenants	239.1299
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Immigration Help		800.411.0714

### NEW PARISHIONERS and WINTER VISITORS

are requested to register soon after arrival. Registration forms are available in the foyer of the Church. Completed registration forms should be placed in the collection basket.

**BAPTISM:** We are pleased to help your family prepare for the special event of your child's entrance into our faith community. To help parents and godparents prepare, a class (English) is held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the Community Center at Blessed Trinity and in Spanish the 2nd Saturday of each month, at 9:00am at La Guadalupana. Parents and Godparents must attend this class prior to scheduling baptism.

**MARRIAGES:** If you are planning to be married your preparation process should begin at least four (4) months prior to desired date. We look forward to helping you during your time of engagement and preparation for the vocation of Christian marriage. Call the Blessed Trinity Church Office at 352.629.8092 for an appointment with one of our priests.

**SICK CALLS AND HOSPITAL VISITS:** If you or a family member are in a local hospital or homebound and would like to receive Communion or Sacrament of the Sick, please call 506.0282 and key in your number or contact Blessed Trinity office at 629.8092. When registering at the hospital, put your name on the Catholic List.

**HALL RENTALS:** Having a Baby Shower, Birthday Party or Anniversary Party? The hall is available for rental. Please call 352.484.5619 for more information.

### 5th Annual Mass for Life

Friday, January 17th, 2025 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary Queen of the Universe.

Bilingual Rosary at 11:15am followed by Mass at noon. Bishop John Noonan will be the main celebrant.

### Diocesan Collection: Seminarians

Jan 4/5

This special collection for seminarians is used to support the formation of seminarians as they discern their vocation to the priesthood. Preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Orders is a nine year process of intellectual, spiritual, pastoral and human formation that prepares men to answer the call they have received to serve God's people in love and humility.

Your support ensures that our seminarians receive adequate tuition assistance.

### A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's second reading we hear Saint Paul teach the community at Ephesus that God's revelation had come, not just to their community, but to others as well; that a broader community of believers was being allowed to exercise stewardship over the Good News. Good stewards recognize that it is in our life together as a Eucharistic community that we find ever new vistas and insights into God's vast universe of love and mercy. If we take time to listen to one another, we discover stories of faith beyond our own. Pause this week to converse with others, listen to their prayers, and observe acts of kindness and generosity. See if you can gain an understanding of God and the world that you have not experienced or known before.

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK



Is 42:1-4, 6-7

Acts 10:34-38

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

### MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, Jan 8 Maguire & Lavan Family L/D

Sunday, Jan 12 Betty Wallace †

Please contact Sandra Hajal at 867.1810 or email nhajal@aol.com to request a Mass for a loved one.

### PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

We are asked to remember members of the Parish or a member's family/friends in our prayers that they may have a speedy and complete recovery. Please enter their names in the white book in the foyer and they will be presented at Mass.

Recently deceased—

### CTK ONGOING EVENTS

**Legion of Mary** meets each Wednesday before Mass. Contact Sandie Maguire at 352.466.3977

**Rosary** is said Sunday mornings at 9:30am

**Online Rosary** - Visit [www.comepraytherosary.org](http://www.comepraytherosary.org)  
**Coffee/Donuts** served after Sunday Mass in the hall.

**Soup Kitchen** is open on Tuesday from 12:00pm-2:00pm. Soup, sandwiches, drinks, stories, smiles, laughs and dessert.

**Altar Flowers** contact Sose Gaudet at 622.3589 to place flowers on the altar with (1) week notice.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** - Council 16413 meets the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:00pm in Oschman Hall. For more information contact Grand Knight, Bruce Burleson 352.812.1313.

**Bulletin Advertising** contact Melinda Gunn at 629.8092. Space is available. The semi-annual rate is \$80.00 for 6 months.

**Parish App:** myparishapp.com or the app store

**Hall Rental:** Contact Steve Floyd at 352.484.5619

### STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

### LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is actively seeking new members. Please contact Sandie Maguire at 352.466.3977 for more information.



## Stewardship Saint for January

Saint John the Almsgiver

Saint John the Almsgiver earned the title “almsgiver” because of his passion for social justice and his stewardship of the poor and oppressed. Born at Amathus, Cyprus, around 560, the son of the governor of Cyprus, he was wealthy and of noble lineage. His wife and children died before John reached the age of 50.

A devout Christian, John sought to live a life of simplicity and in the spirit of poverty despite his wealth. He used his riches and position to help the poor. Despite being a layman, the Church at Alexandria petitioned to have John appointed bishop. He was consecrated Patriarch of Alexandria in 610.

He pledged himself to practice “charity without limits” and placed several thousand needy persons under his personal, pastoral care. He always referred to the poor as his “lords and masters,” because of what he called “their mighty influence at the Court of the Most High.”

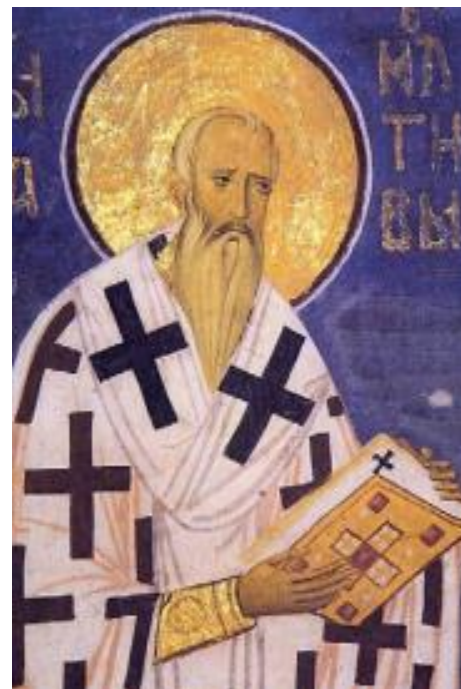
He divided the church treasury’s gold among hospitals and monasteries, and worked to establish an economic redistribution system whereby poor people received adequate money and means to support themselves. Refugees from neighboring territories were welcomed with open arms.

John was a reformer who established new hospitals and increased the number of churches in Alexandria from seven to seventy.

As bishop, John developed a reputation for kindness. Twice weekly, he made himself available to anyone, rich or destitute, who wished to speak with him. People lined up and waited patiently for their turn.

When asked about his passionate concern for the poor, it is said that John often recounted a youthful dream. In it, a beautiful young woman told him that she was “charity.” She told him: “I am the oldest daughter of the King. If you are devoted to me, I will lead you to Jesus. No one is as influential with him as I am. Remember, it was for me that he became a baby to redeem the world.” John used this story to persuade the rich to be generous.

When the Persians sacked Jerusalem in 614, John sent food and money to support the Christian refugees. Eventually, the Persians took over Alexandria, and John himself was forced to flee to his native Cyprus. John died peacefully on November 11, 619. His feast day is January 23.



## Bible Study

We are starting our bible study of the Book of Revelation today!

Please consider joining us after Mass in the parish hall classroom. No book is required.

Here is the upcoming schedule:

1/5/2025: Introduction

1/12/2025: Revelation 1: Introduction and Inaugural Vision

1/19/2025: Revelation 2-3: Letters to the Seven Churches

1/26/2025: Revelation 4-5: Creation and Redemption



## Marriage Preparation

Preparing for the sacrament of marriage? Saturday, February 15 is the date for the next Blessed Trinity Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation program. The program runs from 8:00am to 5:00pm in the King of Kings building at Blessed Trinity and includes continental breakfast and lunch. Cost is \$50 per couple.

Register on the Blessed Trinity website, <https://btchurch.blessedtrinity.org/ministries/pre-cana/>

Please note: the next Pre-Cana program will not be until April 26, 2025.



**Free Soup Kitchen**  
Every Tuesday From 12:00pm - 2:00pm

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WE FEED YOUR HUNGRY HEART AND SOUL  
AT OUR SOUP KITCHEN !!!!!

## January Menu

1/7/25 Debbie's Chili

1/14/25 Cheesy Potato Soup

1/21/25 Corn Chowder

1/28/25 Cabbage and Noodles

Assorted desserts, coffee  
and various soft drinks

Meals are Free Every Tuesday

From 12pm-2pm

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Every year billions of people celebrate a mother and the birth of her baby.

Children around the world point at the newborn child in the nativity scene and ask, "Who's that?" and parents and grandparents whisper, "That's Jesus, Our Lord and Savior."

Then the same children point to Mary and ask, "And who's that?" and they get the answer, "That's His mother, without her Christmas could not have happened."

We Catholics love our church. As in our families, we are born into the church at baptism. Like a mother, the church feeds us in the eucharist, forgives us in reconciliation, strengthens us in confirmation, consoles us with the anointing of the sick and gives us away in marriage or religious life.

In this family of faith we look to Mary as our spiritual mother—a mother who inspires, guides and protects us.

Mary never went to college, yet we call her "The seat of wisdom" - as she gave flesh to wisdom, to the word, to the eternal son of God.

Her proclamation, "Be it done to me according to your word." Mary is wise because she accepts God's will. She is the greatest of all the saints because she is closest to her divine son and wants nothing more than to draw us close to Him.

In this new year, do your best to imitate Mary by drawing closer to her divine son, Jesus.

### Children's Offerings

It is time to encourage parents to encourage their children to bring a gift for God each and every week. It does not have to be money, a drawing-letter-etc to be put in the collection basket. It really should be their gift.

Encourage them. It is a real life learning experience.

### I belong to \_\_\_\_\_?

Can you belong to two parishes at the same time? Yes, you can. The obvious example would be all our winter visitors who are here for the winter months and "up north" during the summer.

Another example would be where a person has a property or a home here and a more permanent home elsewhere. You obviously can register in both parishes.

But if you only live in one area, can you belong to two parishes in that area?

It depends on what you mean by belonging!! If "belonging" only means going to Mass, then you can.

But being a genuine parishioner means a lot more than going to Mass. It does mean that but more so you are a vital part of the mission of the parish. You place your "tithes" there. You support the ministries—the mission of that parish. You are a vital part of that community.

Commitment is the key.

### Comment Box

Do you have a thought, idea, comment for any of the staff of CTK?

We have a comment box inside the church foyer. You can place those comments in the box at any time and we will make sure they get to the right staff member. We hope this will be another helpful tool we can use to keep building our parish community.



## Retrouvaille

Sometimes things can go very wrong in a marriage. Retrouvaille is a program to help heal and support married couples experiencing difficulties, couples broken, lonely and hurting. It's also for couples who have separated or divorced and want to try again.

Our next program begins in Winter Park January 31-February 2, 2025. Not counseling or group therapy. For more information and registration, call 352.274.4614.

All calls and names held in strictest confidence. We invite you to visit our website at [Retrouvaille.org](http://Retrouvaille.org)



### Charismatic ???

The Charismatic Renewal gets its name from the "charisms" or "Gifts" of the Holy Spirit which are being poured anew upon our Church today. This outpouring of Grace is merely the unfolding of Pentecost into the lives of everyday Believers.

The "Fountains of Living Water" prayer group, is part of this Charismatic Renewal. Mother Mary is our role model. Her "yes" to the Holy Spirit, not only changed her life, but redefined humanity. We invoke her to lead us ever deeper into a life surrendered into the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Join us as we seek to avail our lives to God's plan for us, and to the charisms He is offering us to accomplish His work.

We meet every Thur., 7-8:30pm in the Adult Day Care. For info: Richard@ 352-342-2982 or Katy@352-342-2983 or email [i2bxtn@gmail.com](mailto:i2bxtn@gmail.com).

Fountains of Living Water Prayer Group

## Medjugorje Trip 2025

Planning has started for the Spring 2025 trip to Medjugorje.

The group will depart on Sunday, April 20, 2025 and return on Monday, April 28, 2025.

If you are interested in going, please contact Katherine Baker at 352.629.8092 or at [kbaker@blessedtrinity.org](mailto:kbaker@blessedtrinity.org)

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