

# Christ the King Parish

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## Second Sunday of Advent

## December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

### Preparing in Advent

The Second Sunday of Advent invites us to prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus as our Savior, not only at Christmas, but also in our daily lives. We are encouraged to make "royal highway" within ourselves, creating a space where Christ can dwell through the Holy Eucharist, the Holy Bible, and our encounters with others. Advent is a time to cultivate attentiveness to Christ's presence in our daily activities and relationships.

This Season also reminds us that we must be ready for Christ's return as our Judge. This anticipation of His Second Coming calls us to live with a sense of purpose, preparing ourselves for the end of our lives, and the ultimate fulfillment of God's promises for the world. In this way, Advent invites both reflection and action: preparing our hearts for Christ's daily coming and His final return.

~ Joseph-Martin Pham,  
Seminarian

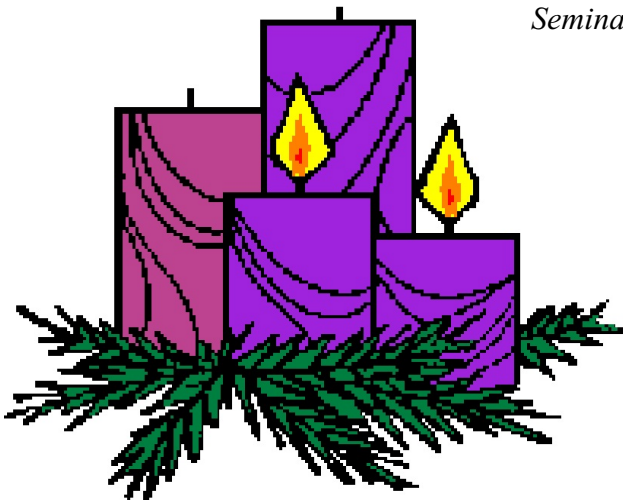
### ○ Emmanuel, Come !

John the Baptist was not swayed by society. Even in the face of ridicule and rejection, he was diligent and persevering in his mission. He saw things through the eyes of Holy Spirit, and spoke the truth. He definitely preached a challenging message to his listeners, reminding everyone who would listen to repent, to turn back to the Lord. The Kingdom of heaven has come near. Repentance must be sincere for people to bear good fruit for God's reign.

○ Emmanuel, come to our waiting hearts.

- + Heighten our senses to feel and know your Presence.
- + Increase our faith and deepen our love for you.
- + Soften our hearts to forgive like you.
- + Cleanse our eyes to see the wisdom of your Way.
- + Open our ears to hear the Truth of your Word.
- + Raise us up to a new way of Life in your Love.
- + Inspire our hearts to love like You.
- + Enlighten our attitudes to be accepting and merciful.
- + Animate our hands to reach out to those in need.
- + Motivate us to take steps with compassion and caring.

○ Emmanuel, we pray, come ! Bring forth Your kingdom! Your will be done on earth, through, with, and in us, by our anointing at Baptism. In humility, we pray, we may all use this Advent time to repent, and work together in unity to prepare Your way, O Lord.



## Parish Schedule

We embark upon our second week in The Church's beautiful, sacred Season of *Advent* as we celebrate today the *Second of the four Sundays of Advent*! We are reminded of our mission and responsibility to prepare the way of the Lord; to make straight his paths.

\* Thank you to Joseph-Martin, for preparing the following reflections on this weekend's Scripture passages

**First Reading** (*Baruch 5:1-9*) ~ The prophet Baruch asks the grieving Jerusalem to stand on the heights in order to see her scattered children coming home, with God in the lead. This reminds us that all of us, like Israel in her exile, have been led into the captivity of sin. Hence, we are in need of restoration and conversion by the Word of the Holy One.

**Responsorial Psalm 126** is a joyous song of ascent, sung by pilgrims on their way to Jerusalem. We see those who had gone into exile weeping now returning "rejoicing, carrying their sheaves".

**Second Reading** (*Philippians 1:3-68-11*) ~ In writing to his beloved community at Philippi, Paul, prays that they be filled with joy as they await the day of Christ. Paul reminds us that our remembrance of God's saving deeds during the Advent Season is meant to stir our Faith and to fill us with confidence so that, "The One who began a good work in us will continue to complete it", until Jesus comes again in glory.

**Gospel** (*Luke 3:1-6*) ~ John the Baptist challenges us to prepare the way for salvation of "all flesh", including our own, by a true repentance leading to the renewal of our lives. Fulfilling the Lord God's words to Israel through Isaiah, John, by his preaching of repentance and a change of life is "the voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths..." For us, this command means that we are to prepare a royal road in our hearts for our Savior, a way out of the wilderness of sin and alienation, to God.



**Prayers & Blessings to Seminarian Joseph-Martin Pham, celebrating his Candidacy & Installation as "Acolyte" this Saturday, Dec. 7th at 4:00pm Mass.** Thank you to His Grace Archbishop Albert Le Gatt for being here to preside and celebrate with us; and to Parishioners & Friends for coming and gathering to pray, rejoice and worship God together.

**Feast of the Holy Family** ~ On Sunday, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the *Feast of the Holy Family*, with the Mass at 11:00am dedicated to honoring married Couples celebrating milestone Anniversaries of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, and 60 years of Marriage.

This Mass, presided by Fr. Chrys, will highlight the beauty of the *Vocation of Marriage*, and the enduring commitment of couples within our Parish.

Couples wishing to participate in this special celebration are invited to sign up on the sheet available at the parking lot entrance. During the Mass, Father Chrys will offer a certificate of blessing to each couple as a token of this joyous occasion. ~ Submitted by Joseph-Martin, Seminarian



...and every mountain and hill shall be made low, the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see God's salvation.

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

**SUNDAY, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>** **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+ (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.in heaven).  
*By Gisella Arantes*  
11am Mass ~ For Deceased Knights+. *By CTK Knights*  
\*\* **SOUP SUNDAY** down in Lennox Hall after each Sunday Mass.  
All Parishioners & Friends are invited to come - \$5 per person.

**MONDAY, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>** **Immaculate Conception of Mary**  
No Mass in our Parish on Mondays.  
(7pm Evening Mass at St. Boniface Cathedral. Everyone welcome.)

**TUESDAY, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>** **Weekday in the Advent Season**  
10am Mass ~ *Birthday Blessings for Vera Mark.* *By Jolene Allen*  
7pm Knights of Columbus - General Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>** **Weekday in the Advent Season**  
10am Mass ~ For Albert+ & Aida+, Layla+ & Mona+.  
*By Reem Rahil Khazen*  
7pm Sacrament of Penance Evening (Confessions)

**THURSDAY, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>** **Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
10am Mass ~ *In Thanksgiving to Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe.*  
*By CTK Catholic Women's League*  
1:30-3pm CWL Christmas Gathering - Lennox Hall

**FRIDAY, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>** **St. Lucy**  
10am Mass~ For Meaghan Dueck.  
*By Mom Monika & Dad Cam Dueck*

**SATURDAY, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>** **Vigil of Third Sunday of Advent**  
4pm Mass ~ For the needs & intentions of all People.  
7pm Movie Night for Catechism Families - in Lennox Hall

**SUNDAY, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>** **Third Sunday of Advent**  
*Liturgical Year 'C' - Lectionary No. 9, Pg. 38*  
9am-10:45am Last Catechism Classes for 2024 - in Lennox Hall  
9am Mass ~ *In Thanksgiving for many Blessings on their Wedding Anniversary.* *By Kemi & Chima Chira*  
11am Mass ~ *For son Alijah (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. In heaven).*  
*By Mom Arlene & Dad Alex Valenzuela & Family*  
12noon **HAMPER PACKING** in the gym.

**May we unite our hearts together in prayer for:....**  
Jean, B. John, Harold Abs, Bernie Bourret, Lise Daley, Orval Everett, Helena Facto, Lynne Funk, Gerry Grossman, Bonnie Guarino, Lisa Hackett, 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...

Our sincere condolences to Monika & Cam Dueck,  
Family & Friends, grieving the death of  
her Dad, Heinz Herold. †



**ADVENT EVENING to CELEBRATE  
the SACRAMENT of PENANCE  
(‘Confession’)**

**at our Parish of Christ the King**

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

**WEDNESDAY, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm**

**C.W.L. (Catholic Women’s League) News**

**1/ Soup Sunday** - THIS Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> after the 9am & 11am Mass times. Held downstairs in Lennox Hall. Everyone is invited and welcome. Suggested offering: \$5.00 per person.

**2/ Christmas Gathering for all CWL Members** will be held on Thursday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**3/ Blessings** ~ May we all experience HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE during this ADVENT SEASON. ~C.W.L. Members

**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.

**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. God Bless.

~ Submitted by Laurier Gladue, Grand Knight

**2025 SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES BOXES** are ready for pick-up at the parking lot entrance (*please do not use them* until Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025). Please call the Office with any changes to your personal info.

(Fr. Chrys says **it would be great** to have all the Sunday Offering envelopes boxes **picked-up before** the Christmas Eve Mass times. Thank you for your kind consideration.) If a box has not been prepared for you, and you’d like one, please contact the Parish Office.

>> If you are not yet **registered with CTK Parish**, you are invited to fill out a registration form (at the *Info Centre* by the parking lot entrance), and simply place it in the Collection basket, or call or visit the Parish Office. Indicate whether you would like to receive a box of 2025 Sunday Offering envelopes.

>> 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 First Sunday of Advent:

- > Sunday Collection Offerings \$2,978.25
- > Building & Maintenance Offerings \$530.00
- > Christmas Flower Offerings \$435.00
- > Hamper Donations \$350.00

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

**You are invited to visit**

**\*\* CTK Parish Website & Facebook Page >**

[www.ctkp.ca](http://www.ctkp.ca)

**\*\* Christ the King School > [www.ctkschool.ca](http://www.ctkschool.ca)**

**\*\* St. Boniface Archdiocese >**

[www.archsaintboniface.ca](http://www.archsaintboniface.ca)

Two Different Feast Days ~ On December 8<sup>th</sup>, The Church celebrates the *Feast of the Immaculate Conception* (of the Blessed Virgin Mary). God, in wisdom and mystery, protected Mary right from her conception, to be the chosen pure and holy bearer of Christ.



+ **A special Evening Bilingual Mass at St. Boniface Cathedral** will be shifted and celebrated on Monday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm (due the actual Feast Day being the Second Sunday of Advent). Parishioners

& Friends are invited to participate in celebration of this *Feast Day*. A light reception will follow in the Cathedral’s narthex.

+ The *Feast of the Immaculate Conception* is often confused with the *Feast of the Annunciation*, which recalls the appearing of the Angel Gabriel to the young woman, the Virgin Mary, betrothed to Joseph. The Angel Gabriel **announced** (‘Annunciation’) to her that she was **chosen** by God to conceive and give birth to God’s Son, Jesus the Messiah. In deep faith and trust in her God, Holy Mary’s faith-filled, willing ‘Yes’ to God’s will brought salvation to the whole world. The Church celebrates this Feast of the Annunciation – the conception of Jesus by Holy Spirit – on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March, nine months before Christmas.

**ONE MORE WEEK ‘til  
CHRISTMAS HAMPER  
PACKING & DELIVERY**

**NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 15<sup>th</sup> at 12noon in the Gym.**

>> **PACKING** ~ Everyone is invited to come over to the gym and kindly pitch in. **SIGN-UP** on the sheet at the parking lot entrance.

>> **HAMPER DELIVERY** ~ **SIGN-UP** if you are able to serve kindly by **delivering** 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 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.

>> **The Gift Tree** - Thank you for your prompt and caring response – all the cards were chosen. Please, *please* return the **wrapped gift with the card attached** before Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> (Hamper Packing Day.)

**\*\*\* Gift Ideas for children 10-14 years** – Please see a list of some gift ideas on the Bulletin Board at the parking lot entrance.

*Thank you for your kind generosity !*



**CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL NEWS** ~ The School is preparing for their Christmas Concert at 1:30pm & 6:30pm on Thursday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> in the gym.

> The Advent Mass with the School ~ Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

> Last Day of Classes for 2024 is Friday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>.

> CTK School **OPEN HOUSE** ~ Thursday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>/25 @ 6:30pm

*Jesus comes to the world, not in an historical embodied void, but through an event in real time, and a real place, through a real, human, living Mother, Mary, whose ‘yes’ brought the promise of new life and salvation to all the world. Let us stay awake, attentive, and express our humble thanks to the Lord for coming in our lives.*



# Children's Corner



Dear Girls & Boys, how was your first week of Advent? Try not to get caught up in the frantic frenzy of wanting 'presents, toy, and things'. As you spend time in prayer at home, watch how the light of your Advent wreath candles increases, reminding us of the abundance of Christ's light and love in our lives. May we prepare the way of the Lord Jesus by our kind acts of care.

**ADVENT CRY DESERT FORGIVENESS GRACE  
GUARD HOPE LOW PATHS PREPARE  
PROPHECY REPENTANCE SALVATION SEE  
STRAIGHT VALLEY VOICE WATCH WAY**

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Stay awake ! Be ready ! Watch for the Lord to come in our lives. The Lord Jesus comes to us in every moment... in every heart beat... in every breath... in every sigh...



"Come, O come Emmanuel !"

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup></b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> 9am Mass 11am Mass + Bapt	<b>Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup></b> No Mass on Mondays.	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Christmas Eve</i> 4pm Eve Mass 8pm Eve Mass 12 Midnight Eve Mass	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Christmas Day</i> 10am Mass	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b> No Mass. Office closed.	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b> No Mass. Irregular Office hours.	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b> 4pm Mass
<b>Dec. 29<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Feast of the Holy Family</i> 9am Mass 11am Mass	<b>Dec. 30<sup>th</sup></b> No Mass on Mondays. Irregular Office hours.	<b>Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024</b> <i>New Year's Eve</i> 4pm Mass	<b>Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025</b> <i>New Year's Day</i> 10am Mass	<b>Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025</b> No Mass & Office closed	<b>Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025</b> 10am Mass & Anointing, followed by Exposition 'til 12noon	<b>Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025</b> 4pm Mass

Remember... It is not Christmas Day yet...! Let's not rush this beautiful, sacred Season of Advent. Let's all slow down, and turn away from the temptation to hurry and worry. Let us wait and watch attentively and appropriately, and stay awake and alert. Let us take time to ponder, pray, and prepare our stable-hearts to make room to give birth to our Lord. This is a time of preparation, moving with, in, and also toward the wonder and mystery of the reign and heart of God. Let us remember always, and all ways, the significance and power of this Advent Season.

### FAITH FORMATION NEWS



**Thursday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 7-10 pm: Young Adults Christmas Party**

**Saturday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**, there will be 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.

**Sunday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Last Class of Catechism before break.** The first Class after break is Sunday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**Friday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 pm: Youth Group Meet-Up.**

**Questions?** Please call Suzette 431-373-0572 or email [suzette@ctkp.ca](mailto:suzette@ctkp.ca)

The next Mass with Children will be on **Sunday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11am Mass**. Hope lots of Families with Children are able to come to celebrate, pray, sing and worship our God together.

*Our lives are like a perpetual Advent journey, faithfully waiting, watching, listening, praying, and deepening our relationship with our coming Messiah Lord. Pray for strength and hold onto HOPE ! Let us prepare the way of the Lord, and be a voice crying out in our desert-world, filled with insidious temptations, bitterness, assumptions, self-centeredness... But never give up on hope in God. "Come, O come, Emmanuel!"*

While in prison, Paul lavishes words of affection, or encouragement and guidance to the Philippian community. He compares his feelings for them with those of Christ himself for his holy people. In turmoil and suffering, the love of others in community has the power to carry us through, becoming powerful vessels of God's love for one another.