

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

By Fr. Matthias

Dear CTK Brethren,

I am writing to wish you a blessed celebration of the Nativity of Christ Our King! As we commemorate his birth, we look forward to his second and glorious coming. At the same time, we celebrate his daily coming to us in the Holy Eucharist, in the people around us, keeping in mind that one day he will come to take us to heaven.

Through his incarnation, preaching, healing, suffering, death and resurrection, Christ our King, instituted sacraments and entrusted them to the Church to continue with the mission of saving everybody (Mt 28:19-20). On his behalf, I am very grateful to all of you who are very active in his Church. You are doing a noble service in his Kingdom. The service you render zealously in the different ministries is simply amazing!

Many thanks for your financial support without which the Church cannot run.

Here in our CTK Family, following the vision of Christ our King, we welcome and give opportunities to everyone to pray and to serve. Let us continue doing so with love and enthusiasm! "NO SOUL LEFT BEHIND;" "NO CLASSROOM CHAIR LEFT EMPTY." One of the best gifts we can give to Jesus is to bring another soul to him.

Christmas is an opportune time to invite people who do not attend Mass to do so. Jesus instituted the Holy Mass and commanded that we celebrate it, because he judged it necessary for our salvation. Whoever succeeds in bringing such people to Church, like the star that brought the Magi to Christ, will have really had a fruitful Christmas.

Fruitful Christmas and happy new year to you all.



First Reconciliation

Do you have a child in 2nd grade or above who wants to make their First Communion this year? Did you miss our parent classes for Reconciliation? If yes, please contact Janet Ficca as soon as possible. Another set of classes will begin in early January. Your child must receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before First Communion.



All are invited to an Epiphany Party!

Sunday, January 7th

2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Please bring a dish to share and a small gift (\$10).

R.S.V.P. to Janet Ficca by January 2nd.

Did You Know...?

- One Sunday a month, someone from Faith Formation will be speaking at all Masses. Our next "Did You Know...?" will be the weekend of January 6th & 7th and the topic will be: What is Epiphany? Please submit any questions / topics you would like answered in the future to jficca@christtheking.hrcoxmail.com.

Please join us for cake and ice cream
after the 5 p.m. Children's Mass on Sunday, December 24th!



Interested in learning more about
the Catholic faith?

RCIA

Join Us Wednesday Nights

7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Ashland House

Open to ALL adults

We will NOT meet 12/27.

PARISH & DIOCESE

ADVENT TO EPHIPHANY at CTK SCHEDULE FOR 2017-2018

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 23rd
8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Masses on Sunday, December 24th

CHRISTMAS

Children's Vigil Mass at 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve
Midnight Mass at Midnight
10 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day (Monday)

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 30th
8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. & 5 p.m. Masses on Sunday, December 31st

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

10 a.m. Mass on Monday, January 1st

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday, January 6th
8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. & 5 p.m. Masses on Sunday, January 7th



PARISH JOB OPENING ~ SAINT PIUS X

The Parish Office is looking for the right candidate to fill the position of **Receptionist**. The position is 20 hours per week, 9am to 1pm Monday thru Friday. The work consists of reception duties, assisting our Food Pantry visitors, recording sacraments, maintaining parishioner records, preparing the weekend mass script, petty cash, mass intention records and other similar duties. We are looking for someone who is a practicing Catholic, experienced with Word, and Excel, enjoys interfacing with people in all walks of life, has a clear handwriting, is comfortable using email and internet, has good mobility and the natural instinct to offer a smile to everyone who enters our office. Preference will be given to applicants who have experience working in the Catholic Church environment. Salary will be based on diocesan scale. Background check and Virtus training are required. Please complete the application found at <http://richmonddiocese.org/office/office-of-human-resources/> and click on download application. A completed, signed application should be emailed along with your resume to jmurphy@piusxparish.org. Questions can be directed to Janet Murphy at the parish office, **583-0291 extension 15**.



Catholic Diocese of Richmond Office of Worship

This year Christmas falls on a Monday, with the 4th Sunday of Advent on the previous day. The faithful should know that there exists the obligation to attend Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent, and too, a separate obligation to attend Mass for Christmas (The Nativity of the Lord). To satisfy both obligations, a Catholic must attend two separate Masses.

*A Catholic may satisfy the obligation for the 4th Sunday of Advent by attending an anticipated Mass (Vigil Mass) on Saturday evening, December 23rd **OR** attending Mass any time on Sunday, December 24th (including a Christmas Eve Mass). A Catholic, though, would also need to attend an additional Mass on either Sunday, December 24th or Monday, December 25th to satisfy the obligation for the Christmas Holy Day.*

Because of the pastoral demands on the priests and other ministers, as well as the need to prepare the church space for the celebration of Christmas, parishes may choose to alter their Mass schedule for the 4th Sunday of Advent.

To that end:

- Each parish is asked to celebrate an anticipated Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent on Saturday, December 23rd, if the parish has a regularly scheduled anticipated Mass (Vigil Mass) scheduled.*
- Each parish is asked to celebrate at least one Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent on Sunday morning, December 24th. The parish may choose to celebrate only one Mass, or more than one Mass. However, no Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent should begin after 12 pm Noon.*