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Sacraments/Services

Reconciliation ~ 15 Minutes Before Masses

Baptism ~ Parent instruction required (Recommended before birth)

Marriage ~ Contact us at least 6 months, prior to the date.

Religious Ed Classes ~ Sept. - May on Sunday at 9:00 AM

Ministry of Care ~ Bring communion, visit homes, hospitals, or nursing facilities.

PLEASE inform the office if your personal data changes
(Address, phone, status, etc.)

To register at Christ the King church,
please fill out the blue or yellow registration sheet found in the Narthex.

Office hours: Tuesday 8-4 and Wednesday 8-4

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday at noon Food Pantry hours-Mondays from 11-2

The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement Sheriff: (270)237-3210 or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-KYSAFE1; 1-877-597-2331). To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church, call Scott Ingram, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) at 270-852-8380 or Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish) at 270-880-8360. You may also visit the Office of Safe Environment (owensborodiocese.org/safe) for mor information. To make a report of sexual abuse of a minor and related misconduct by bishops, go to ReportBishopAbuse.org or call 1-800-276-1562

Christ the King Catholic Church

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Our Parish
COMMUNITY

November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent (A)

Isaiah 2:1-5 / Romans 13:11-14 / Matthew 24:37-44



Waiting, but Quick!

MIGUEL DULICK

This is the first Sunday of Advent, and the excitement is palpable. Writing 800 years before Christ, the prophet Isaiah sounds like breaking news: “They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.” The psalmist announces we are already there: “And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem.” Saint Paul tickles our fancy with another whole round of “revelation” yet to come “on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Only Jesus himself seems a little cautious: “Be watchful! Be alert!” The Lord “is coming,” but he’s not here yet. Leave it to Jesus to force the paradox for which Advent seems to have been created: Jesus is present, but we dare not “sleep,” lest we miss him!

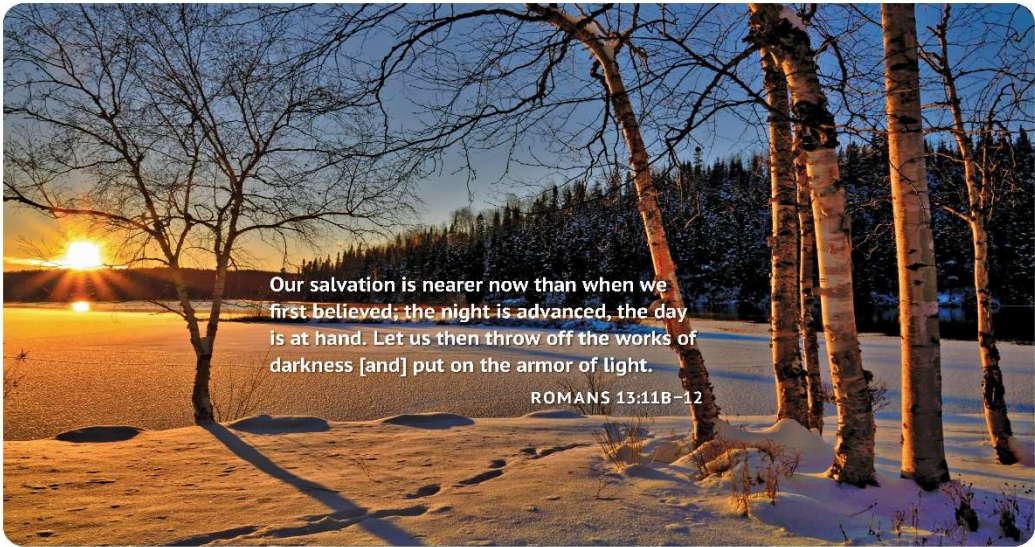
How do we wait for Christmas? After Halloween, the Christmas lights go up, the carols start, the “Merry Christmas!” / “Happy Holidays!” debate begins. Lent is a time for repentance, alms, and fasting. But there’s no fasting in Advent: we fill bags with gifts and stockings with goodies. The Church tries to slow us down and encourage a little reflecting to prepare the way, led by John the Baptist. So let’s keep waiting; let’s hold on to our peace. Christmas Eve will be here soon enough. But let’s not be too austere. A full menu of holiday parties and concerts and family feasts can legitimately “anticipate” Christmas. Let’s cheer each other: Merry Advent! ●

Reflect

What can I do to prepare for Christmas mindfully, peacefully, and joyfully?



SCAN TO
LEARN ABOUT
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Our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness [and] put on the armor of light.

ROMANS 13:11B-12



Lector
Dec 7 Vera Gothard

Attendance
Nov. 23 73

Ministry Schedule for Dec. 7th

Greeters/Gift- Vargo Family
Servers(s)-Jonathan Garcia & Jared Magana
Cup Minister-Mike & Kate Kiene
Host Minister-Terri Anderson
Refreshments-Pauline Anderson, Valerie Vargo and Nancy Campise
Counters- Chris Eastman and Carol Wheat
Setup- Jarvis Johns

Prayer List

Jean Jansen	George Campise
Al & Joyce Wheeler	Nancy W.
Russell Austin	3 sisters
Bill Grapes	Angie & Derek D.
Kim Payne	Bill & Wendy W.
Kala Franklin	Jessica W.
Judie H.	Tim Corkery
Doris & Bill Harrison	Nicole & Nathan Sim
Vickie Walden	5 grandkids
Johnny & Emily	2 Great grandkids
Janie Davis	Myra Jane Crowley
Diana Crum	Leroy & Brian Jansen
Tom & Nancy Stuller	Frances & Charles W.
Ruth Ann Belew	Clara & IG W.
Helen & Jerry Deal	Sharon & Ralph G.
Jerry Shulte	Jose & Maria Magana-Angel
Doc Hall	Daniel Lunsford
A special grandson & Granddaughters	The Jansen family
The Gripp family	Keith Evans
Terry Stemmler	

Dear Padre

November 30, 2025

Is Advent a penitential season?

Strictly speaking, the penitential times in the Church are “every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent” (Code of Canon Law, 1250). Advent is a time to prepare for Christmas when Christ’s First Coming is remembered, and this remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. (See *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar*, 39.) While Advent is more anticipatory than penitential, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops states, “Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.” Although, historically, Advent was similar to Lent as a forty-day period of prayer and fasting, it was less severe than the season preceding Easter, and it lacked uniformity in the Western Church. The Eastern Church still begins the Nativity Fast on November 15, while in the Western Church, Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas.

Regardless, the significant focus of Advent is our Lord’s coming (*adventus* in Latin). The Church reflects this anticipation of Advent through such practices as limiting floral arrangements in the sanctuary, simpler liturgical music, and omitting the Gloria at Mass until Christmas. We can also reflect the anticipation of Advent through such spiritual practices as participation in works of charity, moderation in shopping, celebration of the sacrament of penance, fasting on Fridays, and prayerful contemplation on our Savior’s Incarnation. ●

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Dates to Remember

Dec. 1st- Decorate Community Hall and Narthex for Christmas 9:00 am. Volunteers are needed to help.

Dec. 7th- Honor our Lady of Guadalupe Mass 11:00 am

Dec. 8th- The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, Patroness of the United States, is December 8th and a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass times: St. Mary 8:00 am, 6:30 pm (No Vigil Mass)

Christ the King 5:00 pm.

Dec. 10th- Parish council meeting 9:30 am

Dec. 10th - King’s Angel meeting at China King 11:30 am

Dec. 14th- Anointing of the sick during 11:00 Mass

Dec. 16th- Advent Penance service 5:30 pm following 5:00 pm Mass

Dec. 24th- No 8:00 am Mass

Dec. 24th- Christmas Eve Mass 7:00 (music to begin at 6:45 pm)

Dec. 25th - No Mass Christmas Day