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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 more 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**

December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent (A)

Isaiah 11:1–10 / Romans 15:4–9 / Matthew 3:1–12



**Will You Notice
the Shoot?**

ANN M. GARRIDO

Today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah offers a familiar Advent image: the shoot sprouting from the stump of Jesse. The verses immediately preceding speak of God walking through the forest with an ax: "The tall of stature shall be felled, and the lofty ones shall be brought low" (Isaiah 10:33). But now, amidst all the destruction, a tiny sign of new life emerges, and the Spirit of God descends upon it, bearing many gifts—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, awe, delight.

So often, when we scroll through the news, our attention is captured by violence and war and the "mighty" who make great noise when they fall. "Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees," echoes John the Baptist in today's gospel. If we are looking for where God's Spirit can be found, however, Isaiah reminds us we will need to look elsewhere. We will need to attend to the quiet, fragile resurrections taking place below the surface when it appears as if all has been lost. If we seek wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, awe, and delight, we will need to look where the little ones of the earth are found. We must have our eyes open for the shoots.

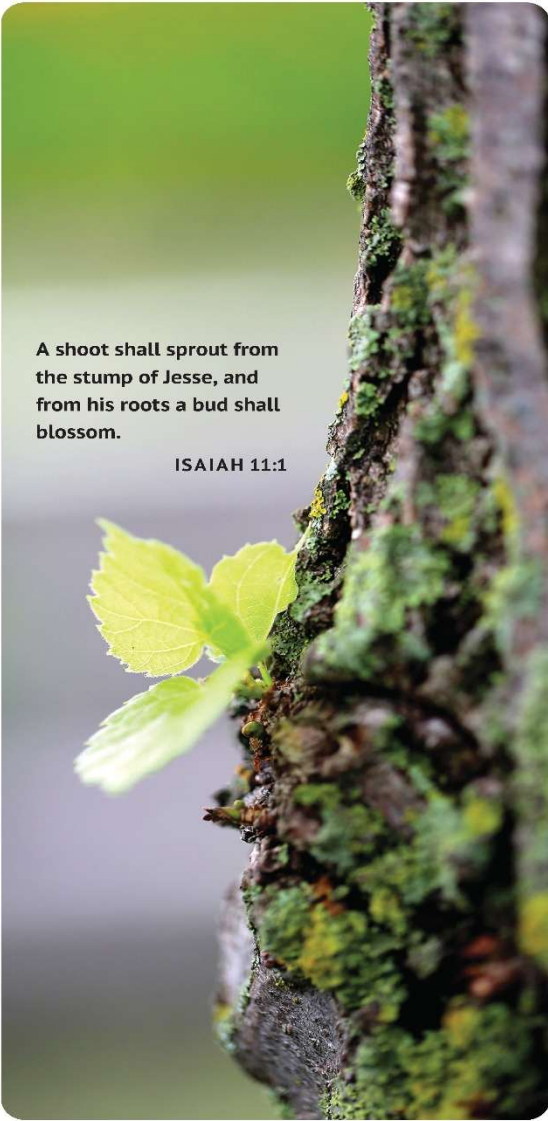
The gospels emphasize that Jesus was one such little one. Although the glory days of his people seemed to have come to a crashing close, they have not. In him, we glimpse the truth that life is stronger than death. We see that the future has not been erased, no matter how terrible the past. In him, we find our hope. ●



SCAN TO
LEARN ABOUT
AUTHOR ANN
M. GARRIDO

Reflect

**Are my eyes open to the small signs of God's work
in the world, or am I too distracted to notice?**



**A shoot shall sprout from
the stump of Jesse, and
from his roots a bud shall
blossom.**

ISAIAH 11:1



Lector
Dec. 14 Dave Gripp
Dec. 21 Kate Kiene
Dec. 28 Terri Anderson

Time	Mass Intentions
Sun. 12/7 11:00 AM	People of the Parish
Tues. 12/9 5:00 PM	Food and shelter for the homeless
Wed. 12/10 8:00 AM	Peace in Ukraine

July 2025- June 2026	Collection Last Week	Total Amount Collected to Last Sunday	Budget Needed to 11/30/2025
Regular Collection	\$787.00	\$27,041.00	\$29,053.72
Donations/Gifts	\$141.00	\$3,467.20	\$2,973.14
Building Fund	\$1,125.00	\$4,190.00	\$5,521.53
Miscellaneous	\$20.00	\$9,851.77	\$4,608.88
Total Income Collected	\$2,073.00	\$44,549.97	\$42,157.27

Prayer for Refugees and Victims of War

Lord God,
no one is a stranger to you
and no one is ever far from your loving care.
In your kindness, watch over refugees and
victims of war,
those separated from their loved ones,
young people who are lost,
and those who have left home or who have
run away from
home.
Bring them back safely to the place where
they long to be
and help us always to show your kindness
to strangers and to all in need
Grant this through **Christ** our Lord.

Attendance
Nov. 30 70

Ministry Schedule for Dec. 14th
Greeters/Gift- Anderson family
Servers(s)-Gabby & Tristan Garcia
Cup Minister-Troy & Terri Anderson
Host Minister-Vera Gothard
Refreshments-Chris E., Carol W. , Martha A. & Claudia Magana
Counters- Pauline Anderson and Jean Jansen

Prayer List	
Rose Ann Kiene	Jessica W.
George Campise	Nicole & Nathan Sim
Brittany Farris	Helen Shulte
Dave Weber & family	Doris & Bill Harrison
Judie Hasting	Nancy W.
Terry Bemboom	Diana Andrews
Etta Payne	Angie & Derik D
Tim Corkery	Joyce Werry
Bill & Wendy W.	Johnny & Emily
Duane Bemboom	Helen & Jerry Deal
Al Wheeler	Sharon & Ralph G.
Jerry Shulte	Leroy & Brian Jansen
Mary & Ken W.	Doc Hall
Kent W.	Jose & Maria Magana Angel
Frances & Charles W.	Tom & Nancy Stuller
Clara & IG Weber	Lisa & family
The Jansen family	Keith Evans
Alberta Kiene	The Homeless
Terry Stemmler	Chad Gregory & family
A special grandson & granddaughters	The Gripp family
The Wheeler family	

Dear Padre

December 7, 2025

Do non-Catholics go to heaven?

Yes, they do, because of the grace of God at work in his people. To suggest otherwise would seem to imply that Catholics somehow have a “golden ticket,” or some kind of right that simply does not exist.

The Incarnation of Jesus healed the division between heaven and earth, a division established by the “sin of Adam” and confirmed by our own lives of sin. Through his passion, death, and resurrection, all has been restored to the manner that the Father first envisioned through his Creation. The division was between humanity and divinity, not between religious practices and divinity. Catholics believe and celebrate that God accepts all people of a good heart and a good spirit. God is not blinded by the labels that sometimes blind his people to the bigger reality.

When Catholics, or people of any religion, proclaim exclusivity and specialness, particularly when it concerns eternal life, all people should be very cautious about what they assume. To assume a certain type of arrogance—to yourself and to your belief and life of faith—that excludes others or separates another as “not one of us” simply has no place in the kingdom of God. ●

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Dates to Remember

- 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- No 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

