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DECEMBER 31, 2023

THE HOLY FAMILY

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, January 1, 2024

Mass at 9:30 a.m.

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

### Weekday

**Tuesday - Friday**

Morning Prayer: 7:15 a.m.

**Tuesday - Friday**

Mass: 7:30 a.m.

### Weekend Mass

**Saturday**

Mass: 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday**

8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

### Confession

**Saturday**

2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Or by appointment

### PASTOR

Rev. Carl Wertin

### PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Victor Raj



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The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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## OUR LOCATION

### Christ the King Catholic Parish

1708 Horseshoe Drive, Pueblo, CO 81001 | (719) 542-9248

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**Office Hours** | Monday - Friday | 9:00 a.m. - Noon

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 pm

The Parish Office will reopen on January 2nd.

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# A LETTER FROM FR. CARL

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What a full year we have all had together! It is a joy to take a minute to reflect in this Christmas season on all that the Lord has been about. May the same graces be for us in this coming year.

We are a parish family that seek to create and nurture joyful Disciples of Christ in a way that strengthens us as parishioners to fill any emptiness of one another's hearts and those of our neighbors. The fruit of this is seen in the good results of our discipleship efforts. Engaging the pathway to discipleship, we have offered, and many have engaged in, the steps that are helping us bring about Jesus' vision for us. In a specific way we have offered:

- Sycamore, Rescue Project and Alpha as Step 1 opportunities.
- July and December Retreat opportunities in Westcliffe and here at Adrians Hall as Step 2 opportunities.
- Religious Ed Households, Cor group for Men, and Bible Studies for Women and much more for Step 3.
- I'm most excited that we offered Discipleship 101 sessions last spring as a Step 5.
- We continue to offer formation for sacraments and plentiful opportunities for prayer to cover Step 4 and 6.
- It's been very exciting to see the Adoration Chapel come about for our parish. We've heard many testimonies about the beautiful prayer with which Jesus is blessing people during their prayer time there.
- We not only call ourselves an Amazing Parish but we strive to be just that. Our Parish Leadership team has been most helpful and a true source of support for me in my leadership as pastor of this parish. Marcia Griglak, Zack Garduno, Pat Hamann and I continue to strive to lead you all with great love and with expectancy for the good things the Holy Spirit is bringing about.
- Our Eucharistic Revival Team has been enriched themselves and has offered great things to our parish. Lorreta Hernandez, Rose Higgs, Zack Garduno, John and Aggie Knapp, Fr. Jegan before and now Fr. Victor, and I have worked well together. It's been beautiful to see the results; especially the Mary Rosary Procession, the Eucharistic Procession, the Real Presence Retreat- including a wonderful Taste of Christ the King event, and even a recent letter campaign to neighbors inviting them to experience themselves the power and goodness of Jesus' Body and Blood.
- Even as of late there has been many gatherings so as to bolster and train our current Liturgical Ministers. A tremendous thanks to Judy Campbell, Ellen Cummings, John Paul Nelson and those who are helping to lead these important and essential trainings. Thanks to all who generously offer service to ensure our Liturgical prayer runs as smooth as possible.

As I wrap up the reflection, let me honor those who have come and those who have gone. With great joy I welcome all new parishioners who have registered in this past year and any and all visiting us this holiday season. More intensely, I remember with many of you the faithful souls of our parish and families who have died this past year. We continue to miss them dearly. Also, those parishioners who have moved away are not forgotten. May God bless them and their new living situations.

On that note, to Deacon Corey Compton: We miss you, brother. As a parish family, we have been tremendously blessed by you for the years we enjoyed your presence. As God opens this new door for you and your family, know of our prayers and support. It's not the same without you here; especially without you making fun of us all! Ha ha.

As for other Staff, we said goodbye to Fr. Jegan and welcomed Fr. Victor as Parochial Vicar. It is a great gift to have two priests serving here at Christ the King. Colleen Russ ended her fruitful time of employment with us as she moved onto the Diocese, which created a space for our new hire Todd Johnson, who has stepped into the finance role with ease and competence.

With the new year upon us, may we go forward in all Faith, Hope and Love. This Parish is truly a gift to each of us and to many. God is present here. Please accept my apologies for any and all of the shortcomings that are mine to own and work against in a better way. Also, please accept all my gratitude for who you are and what you mean to Christ the King Parish. My closing encouragement is that we all remain totally open to the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Love and be loved, pray and serve, Love God and Love your neighbor, and definitely pray for the openness that will allow each of us and all of us together to be open to all that God desires to be and do for us and through us this coming year of grace.



## NET RETREATS

**FRI. JANUARY 12TH, 2024**  
3:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.  
"LOVE ONE ANOTHER"  
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**OR**

**SAT. JANUARY 13TH, 2024**  
FROM 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.  
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## STEUBENVILLE OF THE ROCKIES

Zack Garduno, our High School Discipleship Coordinator, is extending an invitation to the High School youth in our parish and community to join Steubenville of the Rockies this coming June 21st –23rd. Steubenville of the Rockies is a powerful youth conference where hundreds of other Catholic youth gather together to experience the love and joy of Christ through outstanding speakers, uplifting music, powerful prayer, and most importantly the Sacraments. It will be held at the Gaylord of the Rockies Conference center in Denver, Colorado. This great experience is for current 8th graders who will be going into 9th grade fall of 2024 through current 12th graders.

Zack will host an information meeting at Christ the King Parish on January 7th at 12:15 p.m. in Sr. Joan's Room, where he will go over information on registration, cost, etc. Zack would like to open this up to as many youth in our Diocese as possible, so please spread the word about this great opportunity to your community and any others who may be interested!

For questions contact Zack at 719-542-9248, ext. 114.



## Weekly Readings

Readings for the week of December 31, 2023

**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

**Monday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

**Friday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

**Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 30 - 4:00 p.m.  
For the People of Our Amazing Parish

Sunday, December 31 - 8:00 a.m.  
† Evangeline Andrews, by Ray and Leila Andrews

Sunday, December 31 - 11:00 a.m.  
† Sam Naccarato, by Amy and Tim Cawlfild

Sunday, December 31 - 7:00 p.m.  
† Angie Duran, by the Christ the King Staff

**Monday, January 1 - 9:30 a.m. Solemnity of Mary**  
**For the People of Our Amazing Parish**

Tuesday, January 2 - 7:30 a.m.  
† Yvonne and John Neuhaus, Paula Neuhaus

Wednesday, January 3 - 7:30 a.m.  
Special Intentions of Jerry Thompson,  
by Wayne and Paula Martinez

Thursday, January 4 - 7:30 a.m.  
Special Intentions of Jerry Thompson,  
by Wayne and Paula Martinez

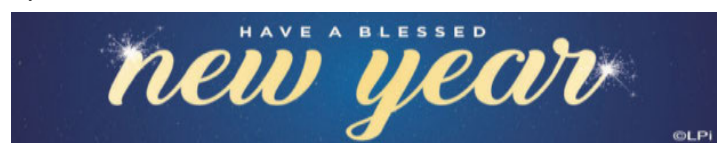
Friday, January 5 - 7:30 a.m.  
Special Intentions of Jerry Thompson,  
by Wayne and Paula Martinez

Saturday, January 6 - 4:00 p.m.  
† Grant Oakes, by Steve and MaryAnne Oakes

Sunday, January 7 - 8:00 a.m.  
For the People of Our Amazing Parish

Sunday, January 7 - 11:00 a.m.  
† Michael Lauer, by Stephen Lauer

Sunday, January 7 - 7:00 p.m.  
Special Intentions of Claudette Milisavljevich,  
by Anna Guerrero





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