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## Weekend Mass

**Saturday – 4 p.m.**

**Sunday – 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 12 Noon**

## Weekday Mass

**Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.**

## Confession

**Saturdays at 3 p.m. and by appointment**

## Office Hours

**Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

We welcome you all to be part of our  
community!

DIocese of JOLIET



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## Christ the King Mission Statement

*"A Roman Catholic Community of believers: To know God, love Him  
and serve Him in this life, modeling his Son, Jesus Christ,  
and to be with Him in the next life."*

## Mass Intentions for the Week



SATURDAY — December 9 - St. Juan Diego

\*4:00 p.m. — John Lavrin

SUNDAY—December 10 – **Second Sunday of Advent**

8:00 a.m. — Mary Marshall

10:00 a.m. — Fred Runge

12:00 p.m. — Matthew and Emily Rusek

MONDAY — December 11 - St. Damasus I, Pope

8:30 a.m. — Thomas White

TUESDAY— December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 a.m. — For Peace in the World

WEDNESDAY— December 13 - St. Lucy

8:30 a.m. — Norman Webb

THURSDAY — December 14 - St. John of the Cross

8:30 a.m. — Priests of the Diocese of Joliet

FRIDAY — December 15 - Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. — Lillian Gasiorowski

SATURDAY — December 16 - Blessed Virgin Mary

\*4:00 p.m. — Ruth Foys

SUNDAY—December 17 – **Third Sunday of Advent**

8:00 a.m. — Louise Biegalski

10:00 a.m. — Tom Weyburn

12:00 p.m. — Avelina Villanueva

### *From the Pastor's desk....*

*May God bless you during this holy Advent time. Today we celebrate the 2nd Sunday of Advent. We now have 2 violet candles lighted on our Advent wreath. Let us remember that Jesus will come again one day.*

*On Monday, December 11, priests and people of the diocese will gather to celebrate 75 years of our Diocese of Joliet. I will be bringing back a banner commemorating this special time for us, and it will hang on the back wall of the church for 1 year. Our diocese will recognize the anniversary, and celebrate for 1 year. We are fortunate that this anniversary also takes place at the same time as the Eucharistic Revival. We have much to be thankful for as our faith nourishes us.*

*This Friday, December 15, I will be hearing confessions in the church from 2:00 to 4:00. These confessions are face to face, and I will also be offering the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick if you would like.*

*Then, on Saturday, December 16, we will have our Deanery Event for confessions at Mary Queen of Heaven church on West Street in Elmhurst. Many priests will be available from 9:00 to 3:00.*

*I pray that your Advent Journey is going well for you and your loved ones. We have much to be thankful for; Jesus is with us.*

*Peace.....Fr. Jeff*

### Readings for the Week of December 10, 2023

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



### **Advent Prayer**

*Come, Lord Jesus.  
O God, you are great indeed.  
Look upon us and reveal  
your glory, promised to  
Abraham and sent to us  
through David and his  
lineage. Amen*

## 6 Hours of Confession

When was the last time you received Reconciliation?

Was it recently? In the past year? A while ago?

**You are invited to prepare your heart and soul for Christmas.**

**The priests of 15 parishes of Eastern DuPage will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Forgiveness of sins.**

**Saturday, December 16, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.**

**There will be select times when the Sacrament will be offered in Spanish.**

**All Catholics are invited to receive God's grace.**

**Mary Queen of Heaven, 430 N. West Ave. Elmhurst, IL 630-279-5700**



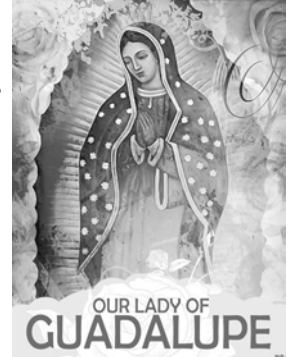
**Please join CCW for a Baby Shower for Jesus to be held on Wednesday, December 13, 9:00 a.m. - Parish Life Center (after the 8:30 a.m. Mass)**

After we all enjoy a light breakfast, we will watch the birth of Jesus on an episode of The Chosen. We will also be collecting unwrapped baby items for the Outreach House. The items most needed are diapers (size 4, 5, 6), pull-up diapers, infant baby clothes, baby wash, baby lotion and diaper rash cream. All gifts will go to mothers in need. Monetary donations are also welcome. Step away from your holiday preparations to spend some time with us for this worthy cause.

### **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

When Mary appeared to Juan Diego as Our Lady of Guadalupe, she had encouraging words for him. "Am I not here, I who am your mother?" In the image on Juan Diego's tilma (tunic), Mary identifies herself with the Aztec people. She has their hair and features, their symbolic maternity dress. She incorporated their important symbols of the sun, moon, and stars.

Today's Mass includes two Gospel options. Both are familiar passages from the Gospel of Luke - the Annunciation and the Visitation. Both are equally relevant to today's feast because Mary's yes to Christ isn't only to care for him but to come to us. Our Lady of Guadalupe is pregnant. The image bears witness to Mary's yes to conceive the Savior of the World. But even in her pregnancy, she goes to care for Elizabeth. Now Mother to all the world, Mary comes to the aid of her children, reminding them of her presence among them.



### **Gift them with a live amaryllis plant!**

CCW has had several requests for this wonderful fundraiser so we decided to do it a third time!! Your help in making this fundraiser a success would be invaluable. Help us help others! Some of the charities we support are Christ the King, Catholic Charities, Feed Our Starving Children, Outreach Community Ministries and more. Thanking you in advance for your support. The link to shop today is below. Check out the new options for this year! This sale is open to all, so spread the word and share the link!! If you don't have internet service, or if you have any questions, please contact Carol Paulsen at 630-932-1230. The website will be available through December 15: <http://christthekingcouncilofcatholicwomen.fundraising.com/>

### **Retirement Fund for Religious**

This weekend, December 9/10 our diocese will take up the national collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your support for this collection provides financial assistance for retirement needs for 297 U.S. religious communities. Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests—collectively known as women and men religious—have selflessly served for decades without significant financial compensation. However, due to escalating health-care costs, numerous U.S. religious communities face a substantial gap between their elderly members' needs and the financial resources available for their care. Many religious orders currently experience insufficient retirement savings. Please support the retirement needs of our senior religious. And please join me in praying for God's continued blessing on our nation's elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks — Bishop of Joliet

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