



# CHRIST THE KING EPISCOPAL CHURCH

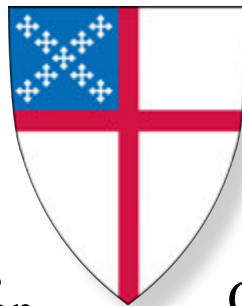
## ATASCOCITA, TX

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### Welcome to Christ the King!

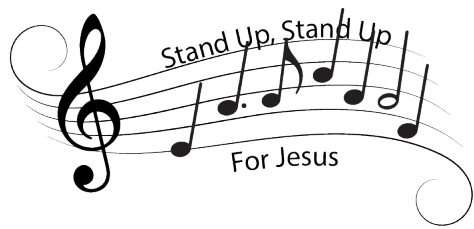
**F**rom the moment you walk through the doors of Christ the King you will feel the warmth and joyful spirit of our wonderful congregation.

Our beautiful church, nestled among the trees on 7 acres in Atascocita, is a tribute to God's glory. We are an outreach-oriented, diverse neighborhood church in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas.



When our bell tolls on Sunday morning, and our melodic pipe organ resonates through our narthex, young and old come together to celebrate the teachings of Christ as revealed in the Scriptures.

With open hearts and open arms we welcome anyone who walks through our doors to learn the Word of the Lord.



# Our Mission

To be a Light, Living as a Witness to Christ's Love, serving and nurturing all.



# Core Values

## ***Jesus is Lord***

Following the teachings of Christ as revealed in the Scriptures.

## ***Outreach***

Committing to Christ-centered service.

## ***You Are Welcome***

Respecting the dignity of all God's children.

## ***Faith and Fellowship***

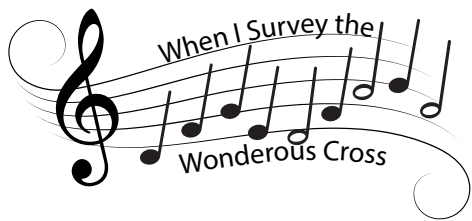
Growing together in joyful celebration of our faith in Christ.

## ***United through Prayer and Worship***

Praising God through our Liturgy.

## ***Love as Christ Loves Us***

Nurturing our Community.



## Our Worship

### *Sunday*

Christ the King has two worship services on Sunday:

**8:30 am** A traditional Rite II Holy Eucharist service

**10:00 am** A traditional Rite II Holy Eucharist service with music

During this service we have an adult and youth combined choir, a sung Liturgy and accompaniment provided by our beautiful Pilcher pipe organ.

Our well-equipped nursery is open for children 3 yrs and younger, and our exciting Children's Chapel Program welcomes Grades Pre-K through Grade 5.

# Supporting Our Worship



## Music

We are very blessed at Christ the King to have the most beautiful Pilcher Pipe Organ built by Henry Pilcher's sons of Louisville, Kentucky in the 1920's.

The glorious sound of the pipe organ accompanies the choir and fills the church at the 10:00am worship service.

We are equally blessed to have a young, enthusiastic and exceptionally talented part-time music director, Mr. Tim Smale.

Tim joined Christ the King just over a year ago and directs our small but dedicated choir. We are excited that he is already expanding our music program.

## **Acolyte Guild**

The Acolyte Guild is comprised mainly of our youth led by an Acolyte Master. The philosophy of the Acolyte Guild is to encourage our youth from age eleven through high school to make a meaningful commitment to servant ministry.

## **Altar Guild**

Our Altar Guild's members work diligently and quietly behind the scenes to ensure the altar is prepared for our Lord's Supper. In teams of three to four, the members of the Guild serve once every four weeks.



## **Usher Corps**

Christ the King's faithful ushers welcome visitors and members of our congregation every Sunday with a warm greeting. They distribute bulletins and the order of service, as well as carry out traditional duties of an usher in presenting the sacraments and collecting the offering. In addition, some of our very young members help with the basket to collect food for HAAM,

## **Lay Eucharist Ministers and Readers**

Each week our services are supported by members of this team who are responsible for the readings as well as bearing the chalice during the Eucharist.



# For Our Children



## Children's Chapel

Children ARE our future! On a Sunday morning during the 10am service our Children, aged Pre-K to Grade 5, leave the congregation and gather for a lesson that is in line with the week's Bible readings.

We ensure that this is not only a time to learn about God, Jesus and the Bible, but also a joyful and fun time where children grow together within our community.

The lesson is accompanied by a craft that emphasizes the message for the week so that our youngsters have a positive experience that they are eager to share with their families.

They are taught by a retired teacher and volunteers from our congregation. We love the vibrancy of our children and love to see them grow spiritually.



“I so look forward to Sunday Mornings! Being able to share God’s word with the youngsters in our congregation is such a gift.

It is always so refreshing to see their smiles and feel their joy as they set about fulfilling the various activities that I have planned in line with the Bible readings of the day.

We always finish with a prayer and in time for the children to join their families for the Holy Eucharist.” *Hilary*

## Youth Group

The children of Christ the King are mostly elementary-aged or younger.

Though our Children’s Chapel is full and active, most of our Youth Group have moved on to university and careers beyond high school.

# Christ the King Nursery

Our nursery is available for children 3 yrs and younger during our 10 am Sunday service.

We have a wonderful paid Nursery Worker, Miss Ashley Jones, who has been with us since 2017.

Ashley is a warm and loving individual who is dedicated to looking after our very young with utmost care so that parents can relax and enjoy the service.



“The nursery is a fun, safe environment where children can play or take a break.

We have a variety of toys for all ages and a kid friendly bathroom just the right size for your little one!

I love working with the children and building relationships and bonds.”  
**Ashley**







# Traditions

5th Sunday Potluck Lunch

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Easter Egg Hunt

Annual Bean Bag Golf Tournament

Children's Christmas Pageant

Annual Christmas Wreath Making

Hanging of the Greens

Quarterly Parish Workday

Vacation Bible School





# Ministries

## Outreach

### Have Shears Will Travel

Have Shears Will Travel is a nonprofit organization founded by one of our members, Barbara Goodson, in 2015. Each month over 700 free haircuts are provided to the homeless, hospitalized or in hospice care, displaced families, children or those suffering from substance abuse or domestic violence, bringing a sense of dignity to this neglected community.

### Breakfast With Santa

For 13 years, we've been proud to host Breakfast with Santa, an annual event that takes place on the second Saturday of December. This collaborative community gathering is supported by private, government, and charitable organizations.

Breakfast is served to all, and there are games and activities for the kids, arts and crafts, and a free photo with Santa.

### Humble Area Assistance Ministries (HAAM)

Christ the King was a founding member of Humble Area Assistance Ministries in 1990. HAAM was established to meet the growing demand in the Humble, Atascocita and Kingwood communities to help the needy with food, shelter, clothing, transportation and other emergencies.



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## Outreach

### **Churches United in Caring (CUIC)**

Churches United in Caring was established in 1984 with the help of Christ the King. It is a coalition of churches in the Crosby – Huffman area organized to provide food pantry relief to those in crisis need.

### **Lord of the Streets (LOTS)**

Christ the King is proud to be a support church of Lord of the Streets Episcopal Church, which ministers to the homeless in downtown Houston. Our church members consider this an important outreach and periodically serve breakfast to the homeless following Sunday morning services at Lord of the Streets

### **Hurricanes**

Our Gulf Coast is known for hurricanes and Christ the King always steps up to help with disaster relief. Following Hurricane Rita we partnered with Holy Trinity Episcopal in Dickinson, TX agreeing to shelter the parishioners of Holy Trinity in the event of inclement weather.

In 2017 Hurricane Harvey devastated our area and 8 families from our own congregation sustained serious damage to their homes. Our wonderful members mobilized immediately, helping to rip out sheetrock and serve food as our crews worked.



# Ministries



## Inreach

The Order of the Daughters of the King

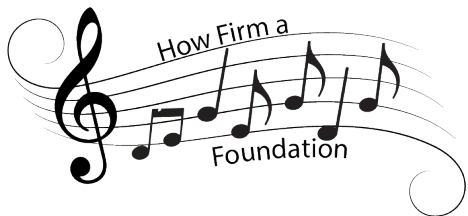
The Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Weekday Bible Study

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Breakfast Brothers





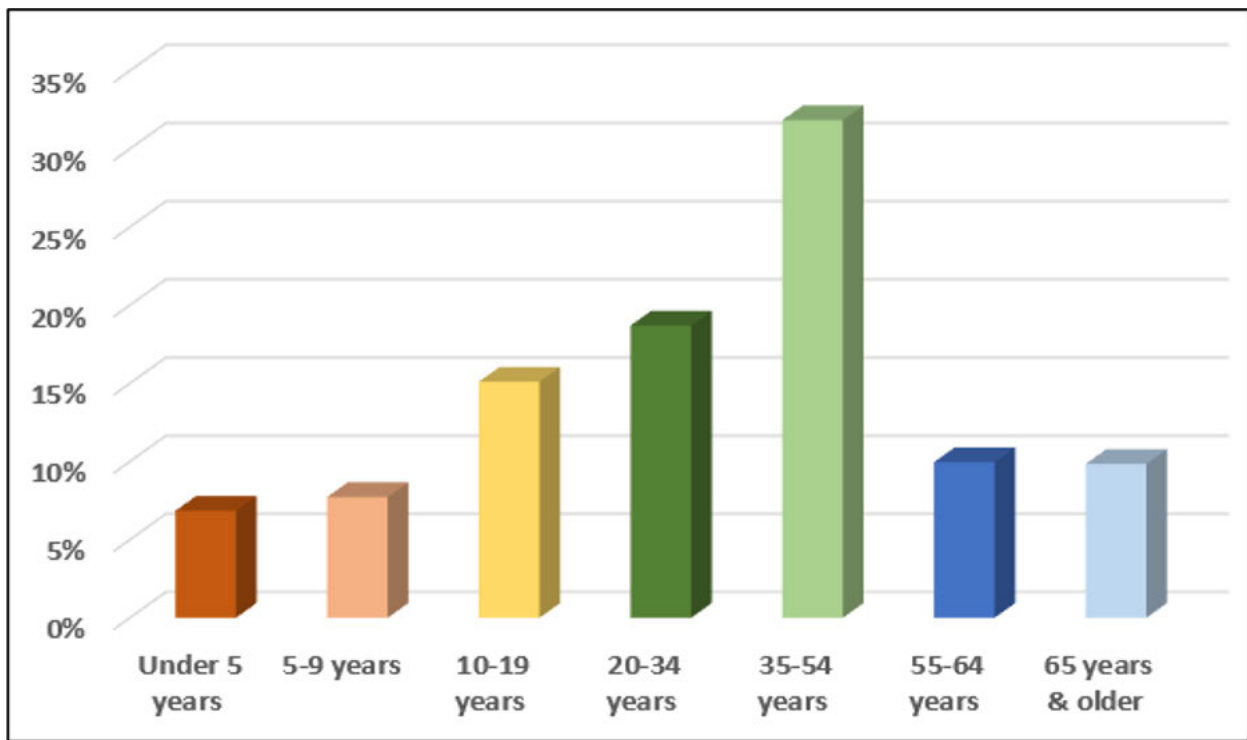
## Our Parish and Community

Christ the King is located in the suburb of Atascocita northeast of Houston, Texas. However, the expanded area in which parishioners live encompasses a much larger geography.

Most of the members of Christ the King reside in Atascocita, but approximately 25% of the households are located well outside of Atascocita, with 1/5 living 10 or more miles from Christ the King. Atascocita and adjacent Kingwood are sought after communities in the Houston area.

Atascocita's population has nearly doubled in size between 2005 and 2020 – from 46,390 to 70,704. The growth has been in both single family and multi-family housing, and in families and singles.

The housing in Atascocita is predominately single family (88%) with a few apartment complexes and Senior Living developments, which include Assisted Living and Memory Care as well as independent living.

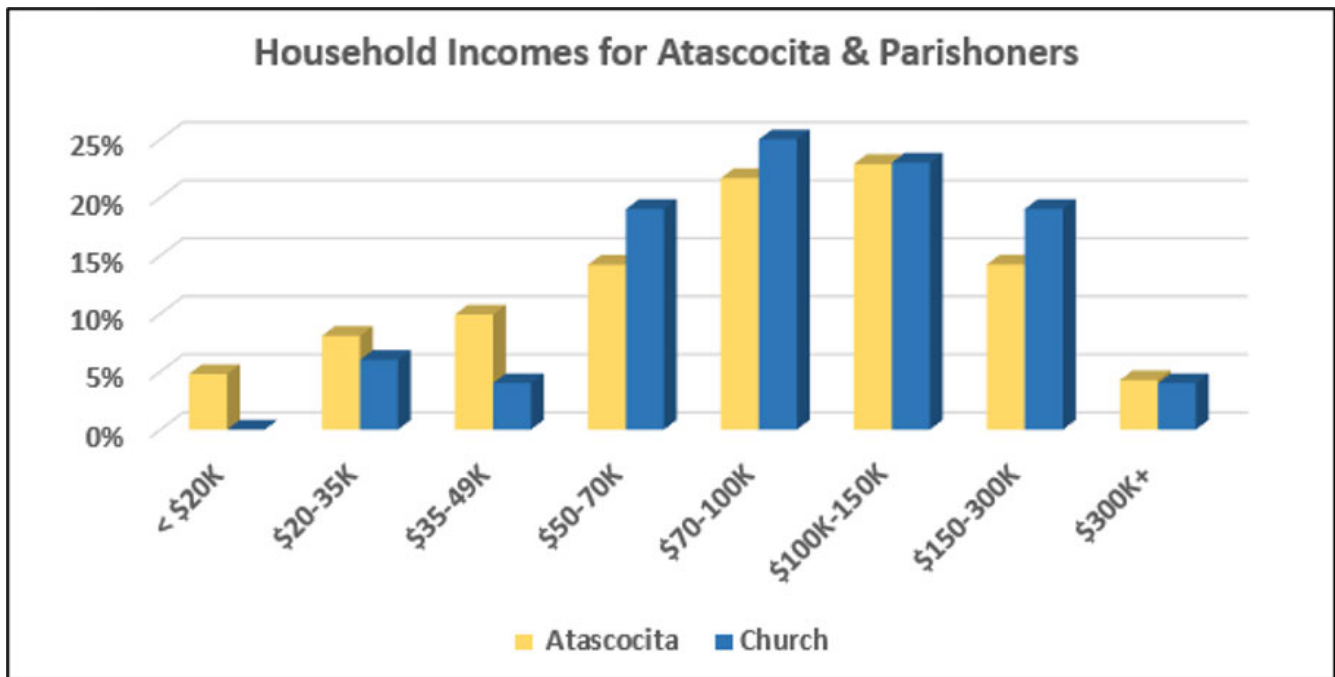


*Age of Atascocita's population*

While Atascocita has experienced rapid growth in the past 30 years, there is still a considerable amount of undeveloped and park land throughout the area.

We have several golf courses and country clubs, many with tennis and pickle ball courts. There are neighborhood parks and pools throughout the area as well as large public parks, including a large facility with several baseball fields. In addition, there are several public marinas and numerous areas for fishing.

Atascocita is in close proximity to Humble and Kingwood where there are a number of excellent medical practices and hospitals. Memorial Hermann NE and HCA's Kingwood Hospital are both within 10 miles of the Church. There is a plethora of emergency care centers within a 2 mile radius of the Church. Two major oncology centers are located nearby – one in Humble and one in Kingwood. Virtually every medical specialty is represented with excellent doctors who take most medical insurance.



Atascocita’s median household income is \$107,633, considerably higher than Houston’s median of \$60,426. Atascocita’s median household income also exceeds that of the neighboring communities with the exception of the east side of Kingwood, due north of Atascocita.

The Parishioners of Christ the King have a very similar income distribution as Atascocita.

Christ the King has a well-educated parishioner base. While 14% of Atascocita’s population over the age of 24 have graduate degrees, 32% of Christ the King’s adult survey respondents have graduate degrees, with another 7% having some post-graduate education.

Of Atascocita’s population over the age of 24, 30% have only a high school diploma or less, while 7% of Christ the King’s adult survey respondents have less than a high school diploma, and some of those may be under the age of 25.





# The Rector We Seek

Welcome to Christ the King! We are ready and excited to embrace a new rector to help our church flourish.

Our parish is warm and welcoming with a clearly defined traditional Episcopal faith. Our population is diverse, and recently 90% of our church members completed a parish survey. The following is based on the results of that survey.

## The Rector We Seek:

♪ Will be warm and compassionate with an engaging personality. He or she will foster the joyful spirit of our congregation, will be approachable, and will make everyone feel welcomed and connected from the moment they step through our doors. Our new rector will have integrity, authenticity, and be transparent in all of his or her actions.

♪ He or she must have a strong managerial style, encouraging diversity in leadership while managing difficult situations. Will have a conservative fiscal sense to maintain and increase our sound financial position, while making the improvements and expansion to our church and grounds as needed.

♪ Will continue and foster Christ the King's traditional Liturgical Worship style. This includes an 8:30 am spoken word, contemplative Holy Eucharist and a later 10 am music-rich family service with choir and our magnificent pipe organ. Expanding our music program is a priority for our parish.

♪ Will have passion and energy for developing and implementing strong vibrant Christian education and Spiritual Formation programs. Our Children's Chapel is well attended and we look forward to expanding our children's programs and Youth Group with our new rector.

♪ Will encourage church outreach and ecumenical activities that join us to the local faith community. Charitable organizations are a large part of our identity and we're proud of the existing charities we support. He or she will encourage broader participation in both our inreach and our outreach.

♪ Will have the passion and energy to lead the church in the development and implementation of a relevant plan to attract new families and younger members. He or she will be able to serve the spiritual and emotional needs of our congregation.

To all passionate and dedicated Episcopal priests seeking a vibrant community to lead and inspire, we invite you to join us as our new rector.

Embrace the opportunity to grow our church, nurture faith, foster community, and guide souls on their spiritual journey.

**Apply now and become the cornerstone of Christ the King's future!**