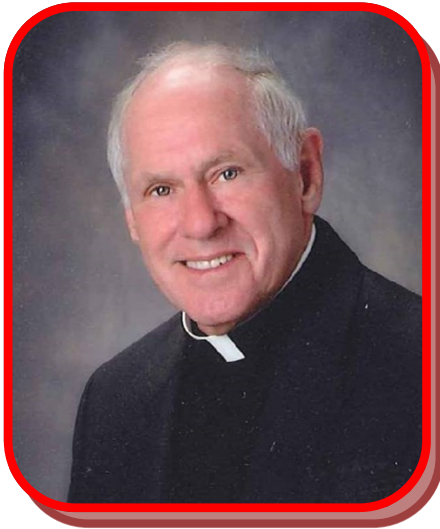


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50th Jubilee Celebration

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Pentecost Sunday

Jesus breathed on
them and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit.
Whose sins you forgive
are forgiven them,
and whose sins you
retain are retained."

John 20:22-23

May 24, 2015



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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 5/24

- Fr. George Golden Jubilee
- Youth Mass 6:30 pm

Monday, 5/25

- Happy Memorial Day
- Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, 5/26

- Rosary & Perpetual Help, Church 7pm
- Spanish Prayer, Church, 7:30pm

Wednesday 5/27

Thursday, 5/28

- Centering Prayer, Min Ctr 10:00 am
- RCIA Min Ctr, Chapel, 7pm

Friday, 5/29

Saturday, 5/30

- Men's Fellowship, Chapel 7:30am
- Secular Franciscans, Min. Ctr 9:00 am
- Filipino Fiesta Gym, 6:00 pm

Sunday, 5/31

- Youth Mass 6:30 pm

To Hear the Gospel and Make a Difference

Dear Friends,

Bishop Barber recently sent a letter to the priests of the diocese reminding us to get involved in promoting justice to our immigrant brothers and sisters. He wrote, "I am writing to alert you to President Obama's immigration Executive order, likely to take effect this summer, which would expand the number of undocumented immigrants able to apply for legal status in the United States. In the diocese of Oakland, an estimated 80,000 undocumented immigrants live in the shadows. They are currently denied legal work, a driver's license, sometimes deported – their families torn apart at moment's notice – and soon they may have the chance to live without fear. As a Diocese, I am calling on Catholics to be part of a special immigration initiative, launched by Catholic Charities of the East Bay, called "Helping Our Neighbors," which finds its purpose in the U.S. Bishop's Justice for Immigrants Campaign." Bishop Barber has asked parish clergy and staff to promote and participate in events and especially workshops that promote "Helping Our Neighbors."



Pope Francis made a statement on this issue in the context of the alarming number of unaccompanied children into the United States. He said, "Globalization is a phenomenon that challenges us, especially in one of its principal manifestations which is emigration. It is one of the "signs" of this time that we live in and that brings us back to the words of Jesus, "Why do you not know how to interpret the present time?" (Lk 12,57). Despite the large influx of migrants present in all continents and in almost all countries, migration is still seen as an emergency, or as a circumstantial and sporadic fact, while instead it has now become a hallmark of our society and a challenge. It is a phenomenon that carries with it great promise and many challenges. Many people forced to emigrate suffer, and often, die tragically; many of their rights are violated, they are obliged to separate from their families and, unfortunately, continue to be the subject of racist and xenophobic attitudes."

Pope Francis further said, "A change of attitude towards migrants and refugees is needed on the part of everyone, moving away from attitudes of defensiveness and fear, indifference and marginalization – all typical of a throwaway culture – towards attitudes based on a culture of encounter, the only culture capable of building a better, more just and fraternal world."

Francis called the whole church to a spirit of service, accompaniment, and defense of immigrants. He stated, "It's important for the entire church that welcoming the poor and promoting justice not be entrusted only to 'specialists,' but that it be given attention in all of pastoral life, in the formation of future priests and religious, in the normal activities of parishes, and in movements and other church groups."

I hope and pray that we as a Church can respond to the call of our fearless leaders – both Pope Francis and Bishop Barber and do our best to promote the cause of immigrants in our society.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Fr. George Fitzgerald on the occasion of his 50 Years of Priesthood. We love Fr. George and we pray that he continues to bring God's love and peace to many more in the years to come.

Fr. Paulson

Reflections on Sunday Readings:

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Pentecost was a Jewish feast that celebrated the beginning of the harvest. It took place 50 days after the feast of Passover. Jewish pilgrims came to Jerusalem from all over the ancient world for the celebration. Today we hear how Pentecost became a Christian feast.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Paul's first letter to the Corinthians responds to a letter they wrote to him, asking how to deal with the diversity of gifts in the community, and the rivalries and jealousies that inevitably arose. In today's passage, he uses a comparison that we will recognize immediately.

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Daily Masses:

Monday-Friday,
8:00 am

Saturday Masses:

8:00 am & 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses:

7 am, 8 am, 9:15 am,
10:45 am, 12:15 pm,
6:30 pm

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Important Note: If you wish to **continue to receive** your parish **envelopes**, please call the office at 925-682-2486. Leave your name and we will continue to provide you with envelopes.

Second Collection: Youth Ministry Summer Service Trip

This summer, youth ministry teens will be travelling to New Orleans where they will help build homes through Habitat for Humanity. This past weekend they participated in a 24-hour fast fundraiser where they learned about the ongoing relief efforts in New Orleans. Today, we will be taking a second collection to support this service trip. All funds raised will go directly towards travel expenses to keep costs low for the teens. Thank you so much for your support.

Help Needed! Tuesday, June 2nd, there will be an important gathering in Sacramento to ask for an increased budget for the **Medi-Cal** program. This program assists the underprivileged, especially children and the elderly. We can support this action by participation. **A bus will pick up** participants here at Christ the King on June 2nd. Time will be announced. Snacks, water and shade will be provided. RSVP to mlacy853@hotmail.com if you are willing to join us to be a voice for the poor.

SEW FEST! Dress a Child Around the World 3rd Annual SEW FEST & lunch to be held on Saturday, June 13th, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in the parish hall. All first time sewers as well as our regulars and sewer helpers are welcome. All materials provided. **Please come and join in the fun** of doing something significant for the most needy children around the world. Dresses and shorts are sent to the most poverty stricken areas around the world, including Africa, Philippines, Haiti, Central America, South America, and the U.S. For more information, call Carol Vogl at (925) 288-0488.

Our Lord of Pardon Family Prayer Group is celebrating its 32nd anniversary on **Saturday, May 30, 2015**. Everyone is cordially invited to join the festivities. The celebration, also sponsored by the Filipino Society of CTK, starts with the 5:00 pm mass, followed by a short procession from church to the gym. Light dinner will be served, and then fun begins with exciting entertainment, raffle, and dancing. We thank the CTK community for its continued support.

Capital Campaign Update! Thank you to everyone who has participated by returning a campaign card. We have over 300 families who have turned in a pledge card. As of Tuesday, May 19th we have \$1.6 million pledged. If you have not received a pledge card, you will be receiving one in the mail. You can also make your pledge on line. Thank you for your generous support.

Searching for a spiritual home? Our 4 week "no strings" inquiry series begins Thursday evening, May 28th. Ideal for learning about Catholicism and for baptized Catholics who have not yet completed their sacraments. Contact Al Garrotto at 849-6319 or algarrotto@comcast.net.

Important note from CTK School. Christ the King School is looking for **highly qualified teachers**. We have a few positions open for next year. Please address inquiries and resumes to jobs@ctkschool.org.

Festival News! The ship has sailed and the voyage was a great success. **Thank you to the committee** for all your hard work and to everyone who volunteered and attended. This event is all about community and it was great to see so many happy faces despite the cold weather. Congratulations to the raffle winners: \$2000- Louis Maderious \$1000-Janet Ayris; \$500-Winona Cerletti and Lindsay Melaas; \$100-Duane Rustad, Jodi Henrekin, Mary Ann Savignano and Beth Van Heel.

Young Adults (21-30's), join us for **Thirsty Thursday's Summer Edition**. We will begin with a prayer service in the amphitheater from 7:00-7:30pm, followed by a BBQ and bonfire! We will provide burgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs and beverages. You bring a side or dessert to share. June 4th, July 2nd, and August 6th.

The **Office of Vocations** with the help of the Department of Faith Formation and Evangelization, will be hosting a **Quo Vadis Days**, July 12-15th at the Oakland Diocesan Youth Retreat House, Casa San Felipe in Lafayette. Quo Vadis (Latin for Where are you going?) aims to assist young men to recognize and respond to their own vocation invitation from our Lord and grow in their relationship with Christ. **Young men, ages 13-18 years old** are invited to join this event. Activities will include a great deal of fun, prayer, games, music, discussions and talks. The fee is \$50.00 and financial assistance will be available. Call 510-893-4711 for more information.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
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GRADUATING CLASS OF 2015!**

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***May the blessings
of your proud
community
go with you.***