

Christ the King Church

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Palm Sunday

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Christ became obedient
to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Because of this,
God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name.

Philippians 2:8-9

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Week At A Glance		Schedule of Masses
<p>Sunday, 3/25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No CLOW • RE 3yr., Pre-K, K sessions <p>Monday, 3/26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE Grades 1-5, Older Sacraments <p>Tuesday, 3/27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE Grades 1-5 & 7-8 • Perpetual Help/Rosary, Church 7 pm <p>Wednesday, 3/28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE Grades 1-5 & Grade 6 • ctkAlive, Parish Hall, 7 pm <p style="text-align: center;">Holy Week</p> <p>3/26 8 am - Amparito Borromeo Guilatco+ No 6:30 pm mass</p> <p>3/27 8 am - Irma Lee+ No 6:30 pm mass</p> <p>3/28 8 am - Martha Perez+ No 6:30 pm mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3/29 Holy Thursday</p> <p>No 8 am mass</p> <p>7 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper</p> <p>8:30 - 10 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (gym)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3/30 Good Friday</p> <p>No 8 am mass</p> <p>12 pm - Taize Prayer</p> <p>1 pm - Walking with Jesus to Calvary</p> <p>1:10 pm - Stations of the Cross</p> <p>1:40 pm - Scriptural Reflection on the Cross</p> <p>2 pm & 6 pm - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion</p> <p>7 pm - Taize Prayer</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3/31 Holy Saturday</p> <p>No 8 am mass</p> <p>7:30 pm - Easter Vigil</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4/1 Happy Easter</p> <p>Masses: 7 am, 8 am, 9:15 am, 10:45 am, 12:15 pm</p> <p>Outdoor masses: 9:15 am and 10:45 am.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO 6 pm Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday - Friday, 8:00 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday - 8:00 am, 5:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday Masses: 7 am, 8 am, 9:15 am, 10:45 am, 12:15 pm, 6:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Confessions: (not 3/31) Saturday, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm</p> <p>Parish Office: 682-2486/www.ctkph.org</p> <p>Religious Ed: 686-1017 www.ctkreliouseducation.org</p> <p>Youth Ministry: 676-0979 www.ctkym.org</p> <p>Facebook: Christ the King Catholic Community of Pleasant Hill</p>

Dear Friends,

Beginning with Palm Sunday, we'll walk the steps of Jesus Christ this Holy Week, visiting each of the major events that occurred during our Savior's week of passion.

Day 1: Palm Sunday's Triumphal Entry: Jesus sat on the young donkey and slowly, humbly, made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, fulfilling the ancient prophecy in Zechariah 9:9. The crowds welcomed him by waving palm branches in the air and shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Day 2: Monday - Jesus Clears the Temple: On Monday morning, Jesus returned with his disciples to Jerusalem. Along the way, Jesus cursed a fig tree because it had failed to bear fruit, demonstrating that genuine faith is more than just outward religiosity. True, living faith must bear spiritual fruit in a person's life. When Jesus arrived at the Temple he found the courts full of corrupt moneychangers. He began overturning their tables and clearing the Temple, saying, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be a house of prayer,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves." (Luke 19:46)

Day 3: Tuesday in Jerusalem, Mount of Olives: On Tuesday morning, Jesus and his disciples returned to Jerusalem. They passed the withered fig tree on their way, and Jesus taught them about faith. At the Temple, the religious leaders aggressively challenged Jesus' authority. Later that afternoon, Jesus left the city and went with his disciples to the Mount of Olives. Here Jesus gave the Olivet Discourse, an elaborate prophecy about the destruction of Jerusalem and the end of the age. Scripture indicates that Tuesday was the day Judas Iscariot negotiated with the Sanhedrin to betray Jesus (Matthew 26:14-16). After a tiring day of confrontation and warnings about the future, once again, Jesus and the disciples stayed the night in Bethany.

Day 4: Silent Wednesday:

Day 5: Thursday's Passover, Last Supper: That evening after sunset, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as they prepared to share in the Passover. By performing this humble act of service, Jesus demonstrated by example how believers are to love one another. Then Jesus shared the feast of Passover with his disciples. As the Lamb of God, Jesus was about to fulfill the meaning of the Passover by giving his body to be broken and his blood to be shed in sacrifice, freeing us from sin and death. Later Jesus and the disciples left the Upper Room and went to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed in agony to God the Father. Late that evening in Gethsemane, Jesus was betrayed with a kiss by Judas Iscariot and arrested by the Sanhedrin. He was taken to the home of Caiaphas, the High Priest, where the whole council had gathered to begin making their case against Jesus.

Day 6: Good Friday's Trial, Crucifixion, Death, Burial: Good Friday is the most difficult day of Passion Week. Christ's journey turned treacherous and acutely painful in these final hours leading to his death. According to Scripture, Judas Iscariot was overcome with remorse and hanged himself early Friday morning. Meanwhile, before the third hour (9 a.m.), Jesus endured the shame of false accusations, condemnation, mockery, beatings, and abandonment. After multiple unlawful trials, he was sentenced to death by crucifixion. Jesus spoke seven final statements from the cross. His first words were, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34). His last were, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." (Luke 23:46, NIV) Then, about the ninth hour (3 p.m.), Jesus breathed his last and died. By 6 p.m. Friday evening, Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea, took Jesus' body down from the cross and lay it in a tomb.

Day 7: Saturday in the Tomb: Jesus' body lay in the tomb where it was guarded by Roman Soldiers throughout the day on Saturday, which was the Sabbath. When the Sabbath ended at 6 pm, Christ's body was ceremonially treated for burial with spices purchased by Nicodemus.

CTK invites you to embrace silence and prayer during this Sacred Week.

Blessings!

Fr. Paulson

Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) March 25, 2018

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Chapters 40-55 of the Book of Isaiah contain the message of a prophet who spoke to God's people during their exile in Babylon. Several times the prophet speaks about a servant who will one day deliver God's people. Because the Servant is portrayed as suffering, Christians have traditionally identified Jesus with him.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

We have in this passage one of the most beautiful sections of Paul's letter to the Philippians. He wants the members of the community at Philippi to work harder at unity and humility, and to teach this he quotes an early Christian hymn about Jesus.

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This week we begin **Holy Week** with the celebration of Palm Sunday. As always on Palm Sunday we will have the long reading of the gospel. Normally, the congregation takes the part of the rabble-rousing crowd ... the bad guys. This year - on Palm Sunday - the **congregation will assume the part of JESUS**. Just think about that. Usually, the part of Jesus is assigned to the priest. Yet the church has always acknowledged the presence of Jesus in the community -- the mystical body of Christ. As you read the part of Jesus in this week's gospel - take to heart - that as a community of Christ the King -- WE are the body of Christ.

Winter Nights Shelter at CTK will be April 9 - 22, 2018. Sign-ups for food donations and individual volunteers are on our website - ctkph.org. Please sign up to help today. Any questions, please call Rick at 925-676-0979.



It's Not Too Late!

Please help us to decorate our **Easter Cross**! There is still time to pick up a Lily Packet from the back of the church and

return your completed **Lily Hands** by Wednesday, March 28th. You can return to the RE Office or the Parish Office, or put in the basket in the vestibule of the church. Don't miss out on being a part of the Parish community by helping to decorate our Easter Cross. It's easy and fun for the whole family!

Pan da Vida Retreat, a Eucharistic-centered retreat for ages 13-18, will be offered April 13-15 at St. Raymond in Dublin. Retreat fee is \$50.00. For more information, call Shannon Rogers at 925-574-7410 or srogers@st-raymond-dublin.org.

Christ the King School has openings in **Grade 2** for the 2018-2019 school year. If you are interested, please call the school office at 925-685-1109 for more details.

SVDP membership has dropped from 63 to 50. Consequently, it's becoming difficult to staff the coverage necessary to adequately serve our clients. Please contact Steve Paris at 925-825-3687 or by email at smparis1@comcast.net if you are interested in seeing whether this ministry is a good fit for you.

Avoid the long lines at See's this Easter...the **Boy Scouts Troop 221** are selling **See's Easter Candy** after the masses this weekend. All proceeds help offset the costs for camps and other scout activities. Thank you for your support.

Interested in helping run a **summer day camp** for one week? We are currently putting together summer programming for kids and we need your help. Volunteers (teens and adults) organize small groups to host different "camps" for 1-4 days during the week. Examples include art camp; science camp; music camp; theater/improv. camp. All camps are supervised by Contra Costa Interfaith Housing staff. For more information: Gloria@ccinterfaithhousing.org.

Birthright of Concord Pregnancy Support Center invites you to their "Spring into Action" luncheon on Thursday, April 19 at 11:30 am at Boundary Oak Golf Course, WC. Speaker: Clare Caputi, an inspiring young leader. Contact Pat or Libby at 789-7227 for more information and reservations.

Ministry Center Progress: Interior walls have now been relocated both upstairs and downstairs and contractor plans a walk-down with key parties for final agreement. Once approved work can begin on the structural enforcement required for earthquake compliance and subcontractors can begin running electrical and plumbing lines. Vegetation along the north wall (driveway by the church) removal is required to begin work on the windows and new entranceway from the driveway.

Pray for Our Sick

May you be wrapped up in God's love, Found deep in His everlasting wings, carried and kept, safe and cherished. May the healing power of Christ breathe across your being now.

*Ryan Joseph,
Maura Atherton,
Aldo Rocca, Al Zamolo*

Join **Carondelet High School** on Monday, April 30 for its **Cougar Classic Golf Tournament** - a fun-filled day at Blackhawk Country Club all to benefit young women's education. Ticket includes green and cart fees and all on-course gaming, box lunch, course treats, refreshments, 19th Hole premium hosted bar and clubhouse banquet. Register at CarondeletHS.org/Golf.

Tour to Ireland and Scotland! - Back by popular demand, Sr. Joanne Gallagher will be leading another enjoyable tour in August 2018. More details soon. Call Sr. Joanne at 925-989-3862 for more information.

Thank you for participating in **CRS Rice Bowl** this Lent! During the coming week, please turn in your rice bowl to the ushers, or count up the money in your Rice Bowl and write a check with memo "rice bowl". **Thanks for your support of Catholic Relief Services.** We hope that the prayer, fasting and learning of the Rice Bowl program has made your almsgiving a meaningful expression of practicing Lent this year.

Pope Francis has asked us to support the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. Thank you for your support.

Forgot your cash, check-book or donation envelope? Scan this QR code to connect with our donation site.



HOLY WEEK

◊ **Palm Sunday, Sunday, March 25**

◊ Mon., March 26 thru Wed., March 28 -
8 am mass only (no 6:30 pm mass)

◊ **Holy Thursday Liturgy March 29**

(no morning mass)

7 pm ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper

8:30 pm ~ Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament in the gym

◊ **Good Friday, March 30**

(no morning mass)

12 pm ~ Taize Prayer around the Cross

1 pm ~ Walking with Jesus to Calvary

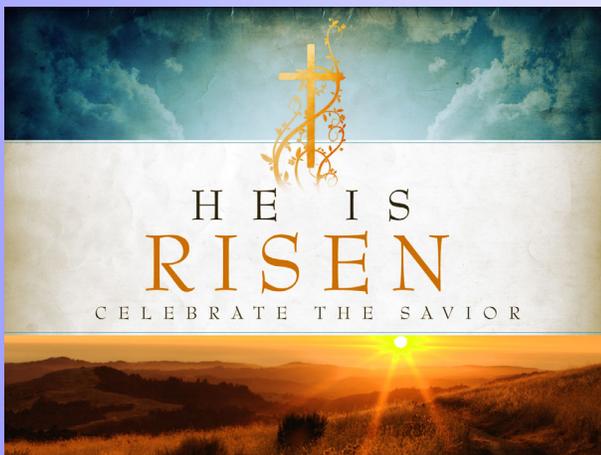
1:10 pm ~ Stations of the Cross

1:40 pm ~ Preaching on the Passion of Jesus

2 pm ~ Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

6 pm ~ Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7 pm ~ Taize Prayer around the Cross



◊ **Easter VIGIL , Saturday, March 31**

7:30 pm (no morning mass)

◊ **Easter Sunday, April 1**

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

Two outdoor masses at 9:15 am
and 10:45 am.

NO 6 pm Mass

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