

Christ the King Church

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Easter Sunday

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H E I S R I S E N

C E L E B R A T E T H E S A V I O R



Week At A Glance	Upcoming Mass Intentions	Schedule of Masses
<p>Sunday, 4/1 - Happy Easter!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No CLOW/ No RE • No 6 pm mass <p>Monday, 4/2</p> <p>Tuesday, 4/3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perpetual Help/Rosary, Church 7 pm <p>Wednesday, 4/4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sewing Ministry, Parish Hall 9 am • Young Adults, House 7 pm <p>Thursday, 4/5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centering Prayer, Knights Hse 10am • No Youth Group <p>Friday, 4/6</p> <p>Saturday, 4/7</p> <p>Sunday, 4/8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Clow/No RE • ICF, Hall 2 pm • Confirmation, Parish Hall 7 pm 	<p>4/2 8 am - John Macaluso+</p> <p>4/3 8 am - Luz Adame Vallejo+</p> <p>4/4 8 am - Paul Sbragia+ J.P. Sbragia-Zoricic+</p> <p>4/5 8 am - Lois Gandolfo+</p> <p>4/6 8 am - John & David Macaluso+</p> <p>6:00 pm - Jeremias & Salome Romano+</p> <p>Saturday, 4/7</p> <p>8 am - Soledad Vallejo+</p> <p>5 pm - Carondelet HS Community</p> <p>Sunday, 4/8</p> <p>7 am - CTK Parishioners</p> <p>8 am - Albert Milano+</p> <p>9:15 am - John Aitken+</p> <p>10:45 am - John Crabtree+</p> <p>12:15 pm - Rudy Bautista+</p> <p>6:00 pm - Joyce Locke+</p>	<p>Monday - Friday, 8:00 am</p> <p>Saturday - 8:00 am, 5:00 pm</p> <p>Sunday Masses: 7 am, 8 am, 9:15 am, 10:45 am, 12:15 pm</p> <p>No 6 pm Mass Easter Sunday</p> <p>Confessions: Saturday, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm</p> <p>Parish Office: 682-2486/www.ctkph.org</p> <p>Religious Ed: 686-1017 www.ctkreligiouseducation.org</p> <p>Youth Ministry: 676-0979 www.ctkym.org</p> <p>Facebook: Christ the King Catholic Community of Pleasant Hill</p>

Dear Friends,

I would like to wish each and every one of you "Happy Easter." I would like to welcome all our parishioners, their families and friends to Christ the King Parish for this wonderful celebration.



For Christians, Easter Sunday is the most important day on the calendar. The special Easter word is Hallelujah (from two Hebrew words that mean Praise the Lord), and it expresses the joy and happiness we should feel (even if we are unsure of its etymology and exact meaning).

Imagine yourself walking beside Mary Magdalene and the other Mary early on Easter Sunday. They were going to the tomb (a burial cave cut out of the limestone surrounding Jerusalem) where they supposed that Jesus corpse was laid out on a niche or platform. They wanted to complete the preparations of his body according to the Jewish burial ritual of the time. The reason for the spices was to keep down the smell. They assumed that Jesus' body would decompose over a years' time; then they would gather his bones and place them in a stone box called an ossuary.

The two Marys were surely confused and discouraged that morning. The two women had hoped that Jesus would win over their people by his wisdom and goodness. They had hoped that he would bring about the kingdom of God on earth, but now he was dead. These women had stayed at the site of his crucifixion. They saw him suffer; they saw him die; they saw where he was buried. Their lives, once full of hope, had been thrown into chaos and confusion.

But to their astonishment, they found the tomb both opened and empty. An angel at the site told them, "Do not be afraid. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said." The amazing, spectacular and miraculous explanation was that God had raised Jesus from the dead. These words did not dispel entirely the women's confusion. Still, the words "Do not be afraid" gave them hope and comfort. The words inspired them to remain faithful to their beliefs and hopes about Jesus and his movement, to move forward in their own lives and to help spread the good news about Jesus' life, death and resurrection. By fulfilling the risen Jesus commission to tell the male disciples to go to Galilee, Mary Magdalene has come to be known as the Apostle to the Apostles.

On this Easter day, the risen Jesus offers us the same message of hope and comfort, "Do not be afraid." The problems in our personal lives, our church, our country and our world will not be solved overnight and disappear. Because of them, we may well remain confused and discouraged amid what may seem like chaos to us. But the promise of Easter is that in the end life triumphs over death, good conquers evil and hope overcomes despair. The message of the risen Jesus this Easter, as on the first Easter, is one of hope and comfort. As the risen Jesus said to the women on their way from the tomb, so he says to us: "Do not be afraid."

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us." - St. Augustine



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is
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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 Lejano at 925-676-0979.

“Let the little children come to Me.” First Friday Mass, April 6, 2018 at 6 pm. **Children’s Holy Hour** will be from **4 pm to 5 pm** in the main church, right before the regular First Friday adoration from 5 pm to 6 pm. Prayer, song and silence in front of the Blessed Sacrament will be led in a **Holy Hour designed for kids**. All are welcome!

Come hear the official **Chaplain to Congress speak at the Catholics@Work breakfast** in San Ramon on Tuesday, April 10. Rev. Patrick J. Conroy, SJ, will share his unique insights from his journey of walking alongside the 435 members of the US House of Representatives. Join us for breakfast, networking and his inspiring story at Crow Canyon Country Club, preceded by mass at 6:30am. Sign up at Catholics@Work.org.

Movie Night at Our Lady of Grace: On Friday, April 6, come and watch the movie, **Seed: The Untold Story**, a heartwarming account of how indigenous seed keepers along with farmers, scientists, and lawyers stand up to giant chemical companies to defend the future of our food. Stack Hall at Our Lady of Grace Church, Castro Valley, 7 pm. Free!

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.

Finance town hall meeting will be held Saturday, April 7 in rooms A/B following the 5:00 mass. Come hear about the state of Christ the King finances from our finance committee members. Ask questions and see progress about the ministry center and other capital campaign projects.

Website Assistance Needed - CTK’s Faith in Action committee is in need of a volunteer who can maintain the committee’s webpage on the parish website. After an initial update, ongoing work would likely only involve a few hours per month. If you’d be interested in helping, please contact Pat at pstevens6604@sbcglobal.net.

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.

This year’s **Quo Vadis Camp** is scheduled on July 15-18 at the Diocese of Oakland Youth Retreat Center in Lafayette. The three day camp aims to assist young men in discerning their vocation as they grow in relationship with Christ. Camp is open to young men ages 13-18. Call the vocations office at 510-267-8356.

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.

Kitchen, Gym Capital Campaign Brick Update! Have you turned in your brick order form yet?? To date we have just over 300 bricks ordered. Won’t you join those parishioners and order your dedication brick today? Our goal is to install the **first 500 bricks adorning the new walkway** to the ministry center.

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.

Thank you for participating in **CRS Rice Bowl** this Lent! 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.

Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose Center for Education & Spirituality present: **Spirituality of Creativity with Fr. Arthur Poulin.** Saturday, April 14, 9 am - 11:30 am. Dominican Center, 43326 Mission Circle, Fremont. RSVP at 510-933-6360.

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PROCLAIM THE RISEN CHRIST

On Easter morning everything--the spring weather, the flowers, birds and butterflies, the people around us in their finery, the beautiful liturgy and music--everything seems to bear witness that Jesus Christ is risen today! Like the eyewitness accounts in today's scriptures, the glorious and joyful life all around us helps us to believe the good news of the Resurrection and sing "Alleluia!"

In the scriptures today we hear from Peter and Paul and John. All three speak with conviction about witnessing the resurrected Christ. John's Gospel account includes Mary of Magdala, who also was privileged to witness the Resurrection and tell others the good news. On this glorious Easter Sunday can we ourselves give eyewitness accounts that Jesus Christ is risen today, alive and active in our lives?

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