

Christ the King Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

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I am the good shepherd,
and I know mine
and mine know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I will lay down
my life for the sheep.

John 10:14-15

Week At A Glance	Upcoming Mass Intentions	Schedule of Masses
<p>Sunday, 4/22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLOW, RE 3yr., Pre-K, K sessions • Confirmation, Parish Hall 7 pm <p>Monday, 4/23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE Grades 1-5, Older Sacraments <p>Tuesday, 4/24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE Grades 1-5 & Grades 7-8 • Perpetual Help/Rosary, Church 7 pm <p>Wednesday, 4/25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sewing Ministry, Hall 9 am • RE Grades 1-5 & Grade 6 <p>Thursday, 4/26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centering Prayer, Knights Hse 10am • Older Sac. Practice, Church 4 pm • RE Catechist Mtg, Rm A/B 7 pm • Youth Group, Parish Hall 7:30 pm <p>Friday, 4/27</p> <p>Saturday, 4/28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older Sac. First Eucharist, 10 am • ChristLight Reunion, Hall 6 pm <p>Sunday, 4/29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE 3yr., Pre-K, K sessions-No Clow 	<p>4/23 8 am - Santiago Casti 4/24 8 am - Angela Anna Baban+ 4/25 8 am - William Nieman+ 4/26 8 am - Catherine Costanza+ 4/27 8 am - Dan Caccavo</p> <p>Saturday, 4/28</p> <p>8 am - Ellen Hennessy+ 5 pm - Maureen Ketelaar+</p> <p>Sunday, 4/29</p> <p>7 am - David Bonelli+ 8 am - CTK Parishioners 9:15 am - Barbara Stavrus 10:45 am - John & Gertrude Serpa 12:15 pm - Orlando Villanueva+ 6:00 pm - Antonio Escolar</p>	<p>Monday - Friday, 8:00 am</p> <p>Saturday - 8:00 am, 5:00 pm Sunday Masses: 7 am, 8 am, 9:15 am, 10:45 am, 12:15 pm, 6 pm</p> <p>Confessions: Saturday, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm</p> <p>Parish Office: 682-2486/www.ctkph.org Religious Ed: 686-1017 www.ctkreligiouseducation.org Youth Ministry: 676-0979 www.ctkym.org</p> <p>Facebook: Christ the King Catholic Community of Pleasant Hill</p>

My Dear Fellow Parishioners:

Have you ever been on the receiving end of a miracle or a miraculous event? I have. It happened in 1999, when our now-retired pastor, Fr. Brian Joyce, invited me to come on board as a staff member here at Christ the King Parish. It was a part-time position as coordinator of the Small Christian Community and Bereavement ministries. Brian and I had known each other since the 1970s, during my tenure as Director of Mount Mary Immaculate Spiritual Growth Center in Lafayette.

In 2003, then RCIA Coordinator Marie Ascatigno announced her retirement from the staff. Brian appointed me as a committee of one and charged me with finding a replacement for her. After doing my due diligence and coming up empty, he said, "Why don't you do it?" Could that have been his intention all along?

Fast forward to today. After having the privilege of working alongside some of the best-ever priests and nuns (too many to name here) and the most committed "ministry mates" and parishioners I have ever known, I've come to the realization that it's now time for me to retire, which I will on July 31 of this year.

In the course of my parish ministries, I have gotten to know hundreds of you and consider you my cherished "homies." I've shared the RCIA journey with amazing and dedicated team members. Together, we have helped many new Catholics to enter the Church. In addition, we have accompanied other adult Catholics to the Sacrament of Confirmation. Since 2016, I've had the great privilege of spearheading the new *ctkAlive!* parish renewal initiative that is now under way. (Be sure to sign up for one of the summer weekend offerings on June 21-22 / July 22-23.) Is it any wonder that I sing/say, "Holy ground, I'm standing on holy ground," every time I step onto this beautiful campus? I really do. No kidding.

This is not goodbye. Esther and I aren't going anywhere. CTK will always be our spiritual home. So, if not farewell, then certainly a great big THANK YOU for allowing me into your lives and hearts these past 20 years.

Al Garrotto

I would like to thank Al Garroto for a job well done. As an RCIA Director, Al has been invited into the highs and lows, the yin and the yang, the passions, deaths and resurrections of peoples' lives. It is quite an honor and a blessing to accompany adults on their journey of faith. I would like to thank Al and Esther who have worked as a Team at CTK.

I would also like to share with you that Chris Caban informed me he has decided not to return as Principal of Christ the King School next year. I would like to extend my gratitude to Chris for his leadership and work with the school as well as the community and wish him and his family blessings as he moves to a new phase of his journey. Please join me in wishing him well.

Together with the Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Kathleen Radecke, and the Dept. of Human Resources we will launch our search for a new Principal. I will form a committee to help me with this endeavor and I ask for your support and prayers during this time of transition.

Fr. Paulson

Fourth Sunday of Easter ***April 22, 2018***

First Reading: Acts: 4:8-12

Early in the Acts of the Apostles, Peter and John healed a lame man who used to sit begging each day at the gate of the temple. This miracle led to their arrest, and they were brought before the Sanhedrin. In today's passage, we hear Peter speaking boldly about Jesus to these Jewish leaders. In these few sentences, Peter presents the very heart of the Christian message.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

During this Easter season, we are reading from the first letter of John. Today's passage reminds us about something both John and Paul emphasized: Jesus has made it possible for us to be God's sons and daughters, not just in some future life, but here and now.

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Healing Mass ~ Anointing of the Sick - Saturday, May 12th at 10:30 am. *"Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the Church and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord"* (James 5:14). All are welcome to join us for a parish mass and celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Bring relatives and friends from local care facilities - those who are able to come. Questions? Sr. Dominic Marie at 925-246-1122.

Catholic Advocacy Day is an annual event to provide Catholic citizens an opportunity to visit the Capitol offices of their elected legislators and influence them on pending bills of concern to the Catholic Church. This year's **Advocacy Day is Tuesday, April 24, in Sacramento.** Join the **CTK Advocacy Team** - we plan to go by train. Contact us at animo3@pacbell.net if you'd like to join us.

Asking for your Generosity and Support: Our Religious Education Program is again sponsoring the wine toss booth for the Parish Festival. Please help us by donating bottles of wine. You may drop the wine off at the RE office (facing Gregory Ln) Mon-Thurs. 9:30 am - 5:30 pm or you can leave the wine at the Parish Office. We will also collect wine before and after all masses on April 28/29 and May 5/6. Thanks for your support.

The **Our Lord of Pardon Prayer Group** is celebrating its 35 year anniversary on Sat. May 12 with a mass at 5 pm, followed by a procession into the gym where dinner will be served. Festivities will include entertainment, dancing and raffle prizes. This annual **Filipino fiesta** celebration honors the Holy Infant Jesus and Our Blessed Mother. Everyone is cordially invited to join in this celebration. Contact Irene at 415-810-1424 or Annalisa at 510-333-5105 for more information.

Religious Education Registration

Information: Join us to register your child for all RE programs:

Sun., May 6 - 10:30 am - 1 pm

Tues., May 8 - 2:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Wed., May 9 - 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

All registration in the parish hall. You will need to provide a copy of your child's baptismal cert. if you are new to the RE program. Please bring your completed registration forms and payment with you. Registration forms can be found on our website: ctkreligiouseducation.org or in the vestibule of the church. If you are interested in finding out **how your child can be baptized** (ages 3 yr to grade 8), contact the RE office at 686-1017. If your child is already baptized, don't forget to register for RE classes.

Singles and unmarried men and women over the age of 40 in the CTK parish, let's share out time and talents to support and serve the CTK community. Our first meeting will be a planning meeting open to anyone seeking to be leaders in the group. Help plan and create a supportive singles group at CTK. Our first meeting is on Thursday, May 10 at 7 pm in the Knights-Youth House. Email marcianatalie1@gmail.com or call Marcia at 925-529-2728.

Celebrate With Sisters of the Holy Names:

My Religious Community, SNJM's will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of our arrival in CA with an opening event on May 10, 2018 at St. Theresa Event Center, 30 Mandalay Rd., Oakland. There will be a reception and short program from 4:30 - 6:30 pm. You are all invited to celebrate with us. Please RSVP to www.snjmca150.org. Thanks, **Sr. Maureen Viani.**

Searching for a spiritual home?

Our "no strings" inquiry series begins on Monday, May 21. Ideal for those wishing to learn about the Catholic faith. For more info, contact Al at algarrotto@comcast.net.

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.

**Elizabeth Dipietro, Violet DeBorja,
Rich Cotter**

Celebrate Earth Day by donating items to Festival! We need: *'Like new' stuffed animals and glassware. Please bring your donations to the school office lobby in a box or bag. *Clean and gently used books for adults and children. See drop off instructions below. *New or gently used items for the Country Store, but please no furniture, clothing, computers/TV sets. Items for Starbooks and Country Store can be dropped off at the following times. Please DO NOT drop off in front of school office or gym. Items must be dropped off in our storage pod, which is located next to the Knights (youth) House, adjacent to the main parking lot. **Drop off dates and time:**

4/22 8:30 - noon; 4/29 8:30 - noon;
5/5 1:30 - 5 pm; 5/12 1:30 - 5 pm.

Ballot Measure Pros & Cons will be presented by the League of Women Voters on Monday, April 30 at 7 pm in the parish hall. You can become an informed voter by attending this non-partisan presentation. Sponsored by Faith in Action. No charge, guests welcome.

Bundle Sunday clothing collection will be here at CTK on May 5/6. Bags will be available prior to the collection. More info soon.

Next weekend we have a second collection supporting CTK's own **St. Vincent DePaul** ministry. Thank you for your continued support.

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



Over three Saturdays, in April, the children of CTK R.E. and School received their First Communion. We congratulate and welcome to God's Table the following children:



Ella Abbott
Arianna Alcantara
Jaycee Behnke
Isabel Bennett
Isabella Bland
Kanoa Braganza
Julia Branch
Elliot Branning
Kaylee Brown
Linden Brown
Mikayla Cabida
Patrick Callahan
MiloPatrick Cannon
Lily Cardoza
Trey Carter
Venize Catapang
Ariana Cevallos
Michelle Cevallos
Darian Chittock
Connor Conway
Aislyn Corcoran
Christian DaSilva
Rylie Day
Elijah DeGuzman
Philip DeLanda
Scarlett Delcour
Amelie Dizon
Maya Dorado
Gabriella Duque
deEstrada
Jonas Ebding
Andrew Eberly
Stefanie Eitelgeorge
Maggie Francis
Emmet Freeman
Ava Galleno
Diego Galvez
Nicholas Gardiner
Trenton Graham
Pierre Guirguis
Brooklyn Hall
Ava Hansen
Isabelle Harris
Mia Hauschild
Benjamin Heinsch
Zachary Hertstein
Samantha Howard
Shaylyn Hughes
Georgia Hutcheson



Trevor Jung
Dominic Kauffman
Siena Karlin
Gianna Labao
Matteo Maciula
Mathew Makhoul
Ella McDivitt
Madilynn McKeown
Callan McMahan
Viviana Moguel
Clarisse Morales
Evelyn Morris
Madeline Mullane
Aislin Mullen
June Natal
Jeremy Navarro
Cooper Neff
John Nolan
Sophie O'Hara
Aaron Oliver
Noelle Orlina
Bella Outland
Andrew Pangilinan
Noah Peralta
Belen Perez
Elias Quiocho
Benedetto Ratto
Delia Rodriguez
Julian Rodriguez
Leo Rolfe
Francis Rubio
Giuanna Salcedo
Frank Saunders
Colette Sawyer
Jack Schilling
David Siu
Elyzabeth Smerechuk
Andrew Stephens
Millie Thomas
Jocelyn Thorne
Tiger Tomlinson
Grayson Upson
Lana Urmeneta
Roberto Valmonte
Anthony Vassallo
Baptiste Vialle
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