

# Christ the King Church

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## *Pentecost* SUNDAY

MAY 20, 2018

There appeared to them  
tongues as of fire,  
which parted and came  
to rest on each one of them.  
And they were all filled  
with the Holy Spirit.

*Acts 2:3-4*

Week At A Glance	Upcoming Mass Intentions	Schedule of Masses
<p><b>Sunday, 5/20</b>  <b>Monday, 5/21</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RCIA, Parish Hall 7 pm</li> </ul> <b>Tuesday, 5/22</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knights of Col., Knights House 7 pm</li> <li>• Perpetual Help/Rosary, Church 7 pm</li> </ul> <b>Wednesday, 5/23</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sewing Ministry, Hall 9 am</li> </ul> <b>Thursday, 5/24</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Centering Prayer, Knights Hse 10am</li> </ul> <b>Friday, 5/25</b>  <b>Saturday, 5/26</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men's Fellowship, Knights Hse 7:30am</li> </ul> <b>Sunday, 5/27</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmation Ceremony, 3 pm</li> <li>• <b>No 6 pm Mass</b></li> </ul> </p>	<p><b>5/21 8 am</b> - Alwin and Steffi  <b>5/22 8 am</b> - Maria Lang Lam+  <b>5/23 8 am</b> - Consuelo Limgengco Rogué+  <b>5/24 8 am</b> - Kathleen O'Connel  <b>5/25 8 am</b> - Gobnait O'Dyer</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday, 5/26</b></p> <p><b>8 am</b> - Nieves Rabara Go+  <b>5 pm</b> - Carondelet HS Community</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, 5/27</b></p> <p><b>7 am</b> - Erlind Chong+  <b>8 am</b> - Domenico &amp; Maria Scocci+  <b>9:15 am</b> - Paul Weyhmiller+  <b>10:45 am</b> - Robert Lanciano+  <b>12:15 pm</b> - Maureen Johnson  <b>No 6 pm Mass</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday - Friday,</b>  <b>8:00 am</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday - 8:00 am, 5:00 pm</b>  <b>Sunday Masses:</b>  <b>7 am, 8 am, 9:15 am, 10:45 am,</b>  <b>12:15 pm, 6 pm</b>  <u><b>*No 6 pm mass May 27*</b></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Confessions:</b>  <b>Saturday, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm</b></p> <p><b>Parish Office: 682-2486/www.ctkph.org</b>  <b>Religious Ed: 686-1017</b>  <b>www.ctkreligiouseducation.org</b>  <b>Youth Ministry: 676-0979</b>  <b>www.ctkym.org</b></p> <p><b>Facebook: Christ the King</b>  <b>Catholic Community of Pleasant Hill</b></p>

Dear Friends,

On Thursday, May 10, someone slashed half a dozen of our Church pews in the late afternoon. Our security system has not yet been installed, because we were planning to do it at the same time as the Ministry Center. My reaction was one of sadness and pain for the person and his or her state of mind. Is this person angry, mentally challenged or just being a vandal? Do we close our Church from now on? I let my emotions settle down, and then tried to see it with the "eyes of my heart." St. Paul to the Ephesians tells us that we must have the eyes of our hearts enlightened so that we might know (Ephesians 1:17- 19). I decided not to close the Church and keep it open until late afternoon. We need a place to pray.

It is a fact of life that when we as a community reach out in compassion to the poor and the vulnerable, to strangers and those emotionally challenged, it is also expected that we will encounter such problems. I am so grateful for our Vincentians and for their great ministry to the poor. I wish we could do even more. It is possible that someone emotionally upset or angry with God committed these acts of vandalism. We don't know. We need to be smart and vigilant. But we must also recognize the real issue here. However terrible it may be, these folks are making their voice known to us as a society or in particular to us as people of God. We need to address their problems, anger or mental illness. We as a community of Jesus must listen and respond in loving and non-judgmental ways to alleviate the suffering in our world. The great Archbishop Desmond Tutu, said, "My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together." In this more unequal, hotter, unstable and interdependent world we cannot now settle for charity alone. We must recognize our responsibility to the poor and the vulnerable and continue the long march to justice. Most people who live with mental illness have, at some point, been blamed for their condition. They've been called names. Their symptoms have been referred to as something they can control if they only tried. They have been illegally discriminated against, with no justice. Let us continue to do the good we do, and embrace the challenges with joy.

We have reported the incident to PH Police Dept., and have approached our insurers about getting our pews restored. There is a deductible of \$ 2500.00, and I am happy to report that one of our faithful families has stepped forward to pay the difference.

Thank you.

**Change my Criminal Record:** The Ella Baker Center and close ally, Street Level Health Project, are hosting an expungement clinic on June 19th in Oakland. Californians passed Prop 47, which allows past criminal convictions to be expunged or reclassified as lesser offences if they meet certain criteria. Please see the following link for more information about Prop 47: <http://myprop47.org/change-my-record/> **This clinic is especially meaningful to our immigrant neighbors.** Expungement allows community members to remove past offenses, which may be barriers to attaining an immigration status. The expungement of past offenses may even disqualify neighbors from ICE enforcement, ensuring their safety from detention. Please help support friends you may know!

**Thank you!** This year we have had three weekends of First Communions and our Teen Confirmation will be next Sunday at 3:00pm. I have personally sat with our teens for 5 minutes each to interview them and to share in their own excitement as they approach this awesome sacrament. Our first communion children were well prepared and the services were very meaningful. I am very grateful to Sr. Maureen, Joan Smits, catechists and school teachers for a ministry well done. I would like to thank Rick Lejano, Helen Christian and our confirmation team for working so hard with our young people. I am looking forward to having many of these confirmed teens to join us as Peer Leaders next year. May God bless us on this Pentecost and May His Spirit pour down into our hearts!

**A BIG 'THANK YOU' TO ALL WHO ARE WORKING HARD ON THE FESTIVAL!**

Paulson



## **Pentecost Sunday May 20, 2018**

### **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 of the feast. Today we hear how Pentecost became a Christian feast.

### **Second Reading:**

#### **1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13**

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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**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](mailto:algarrotto@comcast.net).

**Fr. Brian Joyce update:** Fr. Brian is living in Alameda, but comes to CTK each Monday and would love visitors! Please call the parish house first to make an app’t and plan to stop by to see him for a short visit. 925-682-2486.

One of the rich spiritual practices of the Christian faith is a silent form of prayer called **Centering Prayer**. We have a group that meets here at Christ the King on Thursdays at 10 am in the Knights/Youth House. Email [pstevens6604@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pstevens6604@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

Christ the King parish has teamed up with **Car Donations Services, Inc.** to provide you with an easy way to **donate a vehicle** whether it is running or not! CDS takes care of every aspect of your car donation. Start the process by calling 888-686-4483.

**Taize Prayer Around the Cross:** Need to refresh and relax? Join us for an hour of beautiful music, chants, scripture readings and quiet, reflective time. Sunday, May 20 Taize will be celebrated at WC United Methodist Church at 1543 Sunnyvale Ave. at 7:30 pm.

Many people request that their sick or deceased loved ones be mentioned in the prayers at our Masses. In order that everyone may feel encouraged to have their loved ones prayed for we now have a special book in the vestibule where anyone may write the name of someone who is sick or deceased. This **Book of Intentions** will then be brought forward with the gifts of bread and wine and placed on the altar.

**ctkAlive!** Summer sign-ups are here! Two weekend options this summer to engage more fully with our Catholic FAITH, explore new approaches to PRAYER, and consider ways to ACTION. Sign up after masses on June 9-10 or email [algarrotto@comcast.net](mailto:algarrotto@comcast.net). **ctkAlive!** Be alive and active in your parish community.

Could YOU be a friend to the **Caring Hands Program**? If you have just an hour or two each week to offer friendship and occasional rides to a senior in your neighborhood, Caring Hands would love to talk with you. Enriching matches and deep relationships are created with **frail or isolated seniors** who treasure a friendly visit, a walk, a social outing or a ride to the doctor. The program is flexible and you can volunteer in your own neighborhood. Please contact Stacy Appel at 925-952-2999 or [caring.hands@johnmuirhealth.com](mailto:caring.hands@johnmuirhealth.com).

May is the month dedicated to Mary. To celebrate, St. Bonaventure’s Women’s Christian Fellowship will be hosting its **annual May dinner**. Enjoy a wonderful chicken marsala and pasta dinner along with a speaker. Thursday, May 31, 6:30 pm. RSVP to Joy at 925-673-7025.

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.



**Pray the Rosary:** Christ the King has a weekly **Rosary and Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help**. Tuesdays at 7pm, the group meets in the cry room, located in the vestibule in the church. For details, contact Shirley at 925-957-0488.

### 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.

*Bishop Richard Garcia, Deacon  
John Ashmore, Rich Cotter,  
Gayle Nault, Fr. George Fitzgerald*

**Save the Date:** Saturday morning, June 9, Dr. Toinette Eugene will speak on “**Mary Magdalene: Witness to the Paschal Mystery**” in the parish hall. The morning will begin with 8 am mass, followed by continental breakfast. From 9:30 am to 11 am, Dr. Eugene will use scriptural passages, Bible study with art illustrations, and questions to enhance her presentation. All are welcome. RSVP to Gwen at [animo3@pacbell.net](mailto:animo3@pacbell.net).

**Help Wanted!** Sr. Maureen is looking for an **adult volunteer** who would be interested in working Sunday mornings, 8 am - 10:30 am, September 2018 - May 2019. A job description and training is provided. Contact Sr. Maureen at [mvianicktke@gmail.com](mailto:mvianicktke@gmail.com) if interested in learning more.

The **Altar Society of CTK** congratulates Adelaide Daley as the winner of the Mother's Day Quilt! Fr. Timoney picked the lucky number. We would like to thank everyone who bought a ticket. All proceeds benefit Christ the King Church.

Today we have a **second collection** for **Catholic Charities of the East Bay** to “make all things possible” for those on the margins, which includes families or seniors facing homelessness, those experiencing violence at school, home or on the streets. Your gift will touch the lives of many in the East Bay. Thank you.

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



# ctkAlive!

Alive and active in our faith as a parish community

## Summer Weekend Series

Sign-up now for one of two weekends of  
ctkAlive!

June 22-23, Friday 7 pm - 9 pm; Saturday 8:30 - 5 pm  
OR

July 20-21, Friday 7 pm - 9 pm; Saturday 8:30 - 5 pm

Take advantage of long summer days and  
the abbreviated ctkAlive! summer schedule  
to

- Engage more fully with our Catholic FAITH
- Explore new approaches to PRAYER
- Consider how we can translate our FAITH  
and PRAYER into ACTION to make a differ-  
ence in our communities

Fr. Paulson has asked each adult member of CTK  
to participate in one of the ctkAlive! series offered  
this year or in the next few years.

How about now?

Find more information at [ctkph.org/ctkalive](http://ctkph.org/ctkalive)

### MARY MAGDALENE: WITNESS TO THE PASCHAL MYSTERY



**Dr. Toinette M. Eugene,**  
PhD in Religion and Society  
and M.A. in Theology and Education

**June 9, 2018**

**8:00 am**

**Christ the King Catholic Church**

All are welcome; bring a friend  
RSVP to [animo3@pacbell.net](mailto:animo3@pacbell.net)

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