

# Christ the King Church

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## The kingdom of God

is like a mustard seed that is the smallest of all the seeds. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.

Mark 4:31-32

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### Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time • June 17, 2018

Week At A Glance	Upcoming Mass Intentions	Schedule of Masses
<p><b>Sunday, 6/17</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Happy Father's Day!</b></li> <li>• Dress A Child Boutique, Gym 8 am - 3 pm</li> </ul> <p><b>Monday, 6/18</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday, 6/19</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday, 6/20</b></p> <p><b>Thursday, 6/21</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Centering Prayer, Knights Hse 10am</li> </ul> <p><b>Friday, 6/22</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CtkAlive!, Hall 7 pm</li> </ul> <p><b>Saturday, 6/23</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men's Fellowship, Knights House 7:30 am</li> <li>• CtkAlive!, Hall 8:30 am - 5 pm</li> </ul> <p><b>Sunday, 6/24</b></p>	<p><b>6/18 8 am</b> - Rosemarie Wyss+</p> <p><b>6/19 8 am</b> - Joselito Asuncion+</p> <p><b>6/20 8 am</b> - Martha Perez+</p> <p><b>6/21 8 am</b> - Jeremias &amp; Salome Romana+</p> <p><b>6/22 8 am</b> - Mary Silva+</p> <p><b>Saturday, 6/23</b></p> <p><b>8 am</b> - Frederico Arellano Rossmann+</p> <p><b>5 pm</b> - Maureen Ketolaar+</p> <p><b>Sunday, 6/24</b></p> <p><b>7 am</b> - Ernastine Cazares-Schulte+</p> <p><b>8 am</b> - Bill Raymundo+</p> <p><b>9:15 am</b> - Martha Perez+</p> <p><b>10:45 am</b> - CTK Parishioners</p> <p><b>12:15 pm</b> - Bob Dunham+</p> <p><b>6 pm</b> - William Radding+</p>	<p><b>Monday - Friday, 8:00 am</b></p> <p><b>Saturday - 8:00 am, 5:00 pm</b></p> <p><b>Sunday Masses:</b> 7 am, 8 am, 9:15 am, 10:45 am, 12:15 pm, 6 pm</p> <p><b>Confessions:</b> Saturday, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm</p> <p><b>Parish Office:</b> 682-2486/www.ctkph.org</p> <p><b>Religious Ed:</b> 686-1017 www.ctkreligiouseducation.org</p> <p><b>Youth Ministry:</b> 676-0979 www.ctkym.org</p> <p><b>Facebook:</b> Christ the King Catholic Community of Pleasant Hill</p>

Dear Friends,

I would like to update you on a couple of our favorite retired priests who have taken a turn for the worse in the past few weeks. Fr. George Fitzgerald has decided to embrace hospice care after suffering through a serious bout of pneumonia that rendered him extremely weak and frail. He had continued to show improvement in terms of his memory and speech - he's very much engaged and aware, but nutrition has been limited to a feeding tube due to swallowing issues and his arms and legs have very limited movement and use. Bottom line, after much reflection he has decided to enter hospice and will be discharged to Newman Center where his family, colleagues and friends can continue to support him in any way they can. Fr. Tom Hall, one of his own confreres wrote, "I'm just leaving George. I came to visit, only to learn I'm saying goodbye. I stand in awe at his joyful resignation. I love him so!!!!"

Last week Fr. Brian Timoney and I visited Fr. Dan Danielson at Mercy Home where he is recovering from a fall he took six weeks ago. This is the second or third fall that he has taken in the past year, and this fall has undeniably changed his health status. He was recovering very slowly, and was planning to move into a different phase of his life. Fr. Jim McGee continues awaiting his death in a dignified manner. I am truly amazed and inspired by Fr. Brian Joyce and his optimism. It is painful to see our beloved priests who have worked hard in the vineyard of the Lord and have personally ministered to us embracing their own mortality with grace and joy.

"Gaudium et Spes," a document issued by the Second Vatican Council, underscored the Catholic conviction that God has called us to an endless sharing of divine life beyond death. But even for believers, letting go of earthly existence is difficult. We rightly fear death because we lose so much in dying: people we love, our work and ministry, and all those things, which have given us contentment in life as we have known it. Further, we are bothered by the prospect that our lives will be forgotten. The desire to live is inescapably lodged in our hearts. We cannot ultimately control or prevent death from happening to us. Therefore, we also fear death because it opens a door to the unknown. As faith-filled people, we must take these fears seriously and stand with people in their anxiety to effectively share the perspective that can transform suffering and death from a mere termination to a completion of life.

The proper respect for the sanctity of life lies between two extremes. One extreme is "physical vitalism," which advocates the absolute value of maintaining biological life regardless of other values, such as independence, loss of dignity, preventing pain, or saving resources. The other extreme is "utilitarian pessimism," which values life for its social usefulness and advocates ending life when it becomes frustrating, useless, or burdensome. Between these two extremes, the Catholic principle of sanctity of life affirms that life is a basic good, but it is not an absolute one to be preserved at all costs. Physical life is a basic good because it is fundamental for achieving all other values, and furthermore it sets the limits for promoting human well-being.

Two obligations flow from the sanctity of life principle: (1) the obligation to nurture and support life and (2) the obligation not to harm or destroy life. The sanctity of life principle therefore gives a strong presumption in favor of sustaining life. Anyone who would take life or fail to prevent death must have a very serious reason to warrant overriding the presumption.

As a Church we can accompany a seriously ill or dying person through prayer, sacraments, community presence, and physical care by exercising joint stewardship with that person for the life that belongs to God. We should not wait till the last minute for administering the sacrament of the sick. A priest should be called when the person is capable of understanding what is being gifted to him through the sacrament. I would strongly recommend taking time to reflect, pray and do an advanced medical directive to outline your wishes and preferences in regard to medical treatments and interventions. And then, also plan your own funeral, and it will help you embrace your mortality ever better. Finally, please do not be late to your own funeral. May God bless all our priests and parishioners who are currently dying or in hospice care!

*Paulson*



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***First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24***

Ezekiel was a major Old Testament prophet who ministered to the Jewish people exiled in Babylon. He often used parables and dramatizations to convey his message. In this passage, Ezekiel uses the image of trees to talk about the restoration of Israel and the fall of the Babylonian empire.

***Second Reading:  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10***

We continue today to read from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. In this section of the letter, Paul describes our life on earth as a pilgrimage home to heaven.

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**Searching for a spiritual home?** If you are not a Catholic, but would like to learn more about our faith community, contact Al Garrotto at [algarrotto@comcast.net](mailto:algarrotto@comcast.net).

**Invitation for grades 7/8, teens and adults.** We have room for everyone! Liturgy of the Word (**CLOW**) for children in grades 1-3 is held during the 9:15 am mass every Sunday Sept. through April. We need more help presiding, setting up and assistants. Everything is prepared for you. Join a team - your team works only once a month - that's **one Sunday**. If interested, call Sr. Maureen 686-1174 or email [smvianickre@gmail.com](mailto:smvianickre@gmail.com).

**Dress A Child Boutique** is happening today in the **gym!** Celebrate 10,000 dresses made at CTK. Boutique features the dresses and shorts along with household and gift items. 8 am to 3 pm Sunday, June 17 in the gym. All proceeds benefit CTK's Capital Campaign.

The **Faith in Action Committee** is sponsoring the sale of **fair trade products** after the masses this weekend. Please stop by their table. Your support is appreciated

The **Bay Area Crisis Nursery** is looking for **volunteers**. If you would like to schedule a tour of the nursery to discuss this opportunity further, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 925-685-6633.

**Companions in Ignatian Service and Spirituality** is a unique program for women and men who desire to deepen their awareness and love of God through accompanying the poor and marginalized and engaging with fellow Companions in dialogue, prayer and reflection. We are currently accepting applications for 2018-2019 program. New participants are welcomed until our program is filled, usually by August 6. For more information, please contact Marco Matute at [Marco@SaintAgnesSF.com](mailto:Marco@SaintAgnesSF.com).

**ctkAlive!** Summer sign-ups are here! Two weekend options this summer (June 22-23, or July 20-21) to engage more fully with our Catholic FAITH, explore new approaches to PRAYER, and consider ways to ACTION. Sign up after masses this weekend or email [algarrotto@comcast.net](mailto:algarrotto@comcast.net). **ctkAlive!** Be alive and active in your parish community.

**The Filipino Society of Christ the King** will hold a **BINGO** game on June 30 at 5:00 pm in the parish hall. Game tickets \$25 for 12 plays. We will also sell raffle tickets at \$10 for a chance to win great prizes. All proceeds will go to CTK's Capital Campaign. Call Abe at 925-381-5898 or Maritess at 925-899-9078 for more information. Ticket sales begin soon.

Need to refresh, regenerate and relax? Join us for one hour of beautiful music, meditative chants, scripture readings and quiet, reflective time. **Taize Prayer around the Cross** is celebrated each month at one of 5 churches. This Sunday, June 17 we will celebrate at St. Andrews Presbyterian at 7:30 pm, 1601 Mary Dr. Pleasant Hill.

**Magnificat SOTI**, a Ministry for Catholic Women, invite all to join them at their **prayer breakfast** June 30, 9:30 am at Crowne Plaza, Concord. Join us for a morning of praise, prayer and inspiration with speaker Susan Potvin. Susan is the leader of Living Praise and Worship. For reservations, call Jennifer at 503-709-8449.

**ChristLight XV** - Save the dates: Nov. 9, 10 and 11, 2018. ChristLight is an engaging and fun spiritual experience that builds community and brings us to a closer connection with Christ in our lives. Over 500 CTK participants have experienced ChristLight and for many it has changed their lives! Look ahead and mark your calendars so you can participate in this acclaimed retreat.

### 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, Rich Cotter, Fr. George Fitzgerald, Fr. Jim McGee, Deacon John Ashmore**

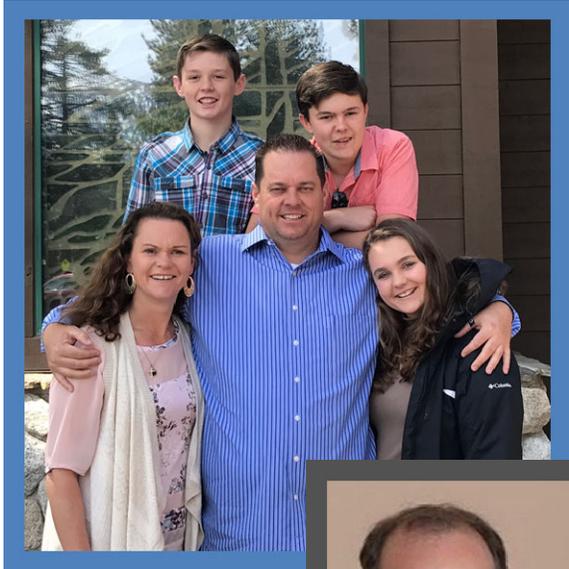
**Brick Sale Update:** It's not too late to order an engraved brick to support Christ the King Parish. While the first order for over 600 bricks is now on its way to the fabricator, we will be adding brick requests that come in through mid-July to this order. Bricks are available for a donation of \$250.00. We want everyone in the parish to participate in this fund raiser and you can pay for the brick over time. An **engraved brick** is a long lasting and beautiful way to honor someone important to you and support your parish. Forms are available in the vestibule or on-line at [ctkph.org](http://ctkph.org).

**Celebrate Italian Heritage Night** with the Oakland A's and CTK's **Italian Catholic Federation**. Saturday, Aug. 4th. First pitch at 6:05 pm, against the Detroit Tigers. Ticket includes **field level seat, post-game fireworks, A's Italian Bobble head and a pre-game social** featuring Italian performers! Contact Rose at 925-381-4709 to purchase your \$30.00 ticket.

**Catholic Charities** is sponsoring a **free citizenship workshop** and fee waiver assistance. Come get free assistance with a review of the naturalization process, application preparation and paperwork review. Saturday, June 23, 9 am - 4 pm. 29475 Mission Blvd, Hayward. Call 510-768-3100 for more information.

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FATHER'S  
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