

Christ the King Church

199 Brandon Road, Pleasant Hill, CA 925-682-2486



August 5, 2018

Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

*The bread of God
is that which comes down
from heaven and
gives life to the world.*

~ John 6:33



Week At A Glance	Upcoming Mass Intentions	Schedule of Masses
<p>Sunday, 8/5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Pilgrim Cross Prayer Service, 7 pm <p>Monday, 8/6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilgrim Cross Prayer Service, 6:30 pm <p>Tuesday, 8/7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilgrim Cross Prayer Service, 6:30 pm <p>Wednesday, 8/8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilgrim Cross Prayer Service, 6:30 pm <p>Thursday, 8/9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centering Prayer, Knights House 10am • Pilgrim Cross Prayer Service, 6:30 pm <p>Friday, 8/10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilgrim Cross Prayer Service, 6:30 pm <p>Saturday, 8/11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Fellowship, Knights House 7:30 am • Pilgrim Cross Prayer Service, 6:30 pm <p>Sunday, 8/12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Pilgrim Cross Thanksgiving Mass 12:15 pm, followed by luncheon 	<p>8/6 8 am - Eddie Connell+</p> <p>8/7 8 am - Antonio Estacio+</p> <p>8/8 8 am - Norman Gard+</p> <p>8/9 8 am - Mary Logrande+</p> <p>8/10 8 am - Michael Dennehy+</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, 8/11</p> <p>8 am - David Laurentius+</p> <p>5 pm - Robert Joost+</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 8/12</p> <p>7 am - Peter Dowd</p> <p>8 am - CTK Parishioners</p> <p>9:15 am - John Aitken+ Joyce Locke+</p> <p>10:45 am - Primo Maliwanag+</p> <p>12:15 pm - Orlando Villanueva+</p> <p>6 pm - Trevor Smits+</p> <p style="text-align: right;">+notes deceased</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 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 Fellow Parishioners,

As most of you know, I had a bicycling accident in April that left me with some pretty debilitating injuries. During those first weeks of recovery, I found myself in an unfamiliar place, a place where I had to depend on others for virtually everything. I wasn't able to feed, bathe or dress myself for several weeks. For someone as fiercely independent as me, this was quite a challenge.

When the question, "Why me?" crept into my mind, I was reminded of an interview given by the late Charles Krauthammer. Krauthammer was a nationally syndicated writer and political commentator who became a quadriplegic at the age of 22 after a diving accident. The interviewer asked if Krauthammer had ever asked, "Why me?" concerning his condition. His inspiring response was, "No. The more appropriate question should be, 'Why NOT me?' Why should I think that I am somehow immune from the vagaries of life?" He went on to say that bad things can happen to anyone without explanation, and all are equally susceptible to suffer from life's calamities. With that in my mind, "Why me?" retreated from my thoughts and was quickly replaced by the question, "Okay God, what do you want me to learn from this?"

I'm sure God has much to teach me from this event; some things I have yet to discover. But two things I've taken away from this are the importance of gratitude and the need for community.

While I've always considered myself a grateful person, I think my sense and expression of gratitude needed some honing. It's one thing to thank my wife for fixing a nice dinner. It's quite another when she not only fixes the dinner but also feeds me. It's one thing to thank my wife for keeping our house neat and clean. It's quite another when she is also tasked with keeping me neat and clean. So perhaps God was encouraging me to acknowledge and express my gratitude to my wife more often. So let me say it, for the record:

"Thanks, Julie. I couldn't have made it without you! Not just through the accident, but through everything we've shared over the past 25 years. You're the best!" (Oh yeah, we celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary 3 weeks after the accident!)

By nature, I'm something of a loner, so I've always struggled with what it means to be part of a community. Through this experience, God has taught much that I needed to know. I learned quickly that I wasn't alone in my injuries. Both Julie and I were so blessed and uplifted by all of your prayers, cards, email, phone calls, visits and even meals brought to our home, way out in Antioch. I don't know how to repay each of you for the love and support you've shared with us. But please know that all of you will always be in our prayers. You know that stuff about feeding the hungry and visiting the sick? You guys passed that one with flying colors!

So, thank you again my CTK family. I'm overjoyed to be back with you, I'm forever grateful for our relationship, and I'm overwhelmed to belong to such a vibrant community.

God bless you!

Deacon John



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First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

The book of Exodus tells of the Israelites' escape from Egypt and their journey to Mt. Sinai some 1,200 years before Christ. The bread described in today's reading is called *mana*, a word derived from the ancient Hebrew words for "what is this?"

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

In our consecutive readings from the letter to the Ephesians, we have come to a part of the letter which gives practical advice for daily living. Today's reading describes the practical effects of baptism. In the waters of baptism, we symbolically die to one way of living and rise to a new way of life.

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Healing Mass: Save the date, **Saturday, August 25 at 10:30 am.** All are invited to join us for a parish Mass during which we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. A good time to bring those who are homebound or in care centers ~ those who are able to come.

Confirmation Registration - If you are a Sophomore or Junior in high school and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year; please download a registration form at ctkym.org or you can find registration forms and calendars in the back of the church. Please call the Youth Ministry Office at 676-0979 with any questions.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul furniture ministry here at CTK is in need of **volunteers** who have pickup trucks and also volunteers who can help pick up and deliver mattresses and furniture. Many of our clients are moving from unstable to permanent housing and we try to provide the basics. This volunteer outreach is very rewarding and does "Make a Difference" for those in need. If you can help once a month for an hour or two, please call Mary Jo at 925-822-3559. Thanks and God bless you!

Light for Others Catholic Group is sponsoring the movie, "**The Five People You Meet in Heaven**" on Saturday, Aug. 11 at 10:00 am. Rossmoor Peacock Hall Theater, 1001 Golden Rain, WC. Admission is free. Call Nel for information at 925-984-5552.

Searching for a spiritual home? If you are not a Catholic, but would like to learn more about our faith community, contact Fr. Mario at frmar10@ctkph.org.

St. Stephen Parish Scripture Study: Join St. Stephen on Wednesdays, August 8 - Dec. 12 at 9:30 am - 11 am in Room 5 for scripture study. Beginning with a study of 1 Samuel. All are welcome, no matter what level of experience that you have with scripture study. Please read Chapters 1 - 5 and bring your Bible. Any questions, call Jeannette at 925-286-1507.

Christ the King School Openings: CTK School has openings for students in **Grades 1, 2, 5 and 7** for the school year beginning in August 2018. If you are interested in joining our school family, please call us at 925-685-1109 or email jthornbury@ctkschool.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

Christ the King's 22nd Annual Monsignor Wade Golf Tournament - Monday, September 10 at Oakhurst Golf Club, Clayton. Your participation in the annual golf tournament is more important than ever! Funds raised through this event go to the Tuition Assistance Fund and additional enrichment programs, such as the Community Science Workshops. The fun and fellowship is second to none. Whether you know half the field or are new to the CTK community, there are few things as fun as a nice afternoon of golf at beautiful Oakhurst Country Club, surrounded by others that share the same passion and enthusiasm for the children of CTK.

Offertory Envelopes are here! If you requested envelopes from the parish office, your yearly boxed set is in and can be picked up in the church. Please pick your box up as soon as possible. Any questions, please call 682-2486.

Pray for Our Sick

May those who are in need of our prayers, place their trust and faith in the comforting presence of the Lord.

*Jeanette Rutherford,
Timothy Fuller*

Join Fr. Paulson on an **Incredible Tour of India and Singapore** starting February 03, 2019 and returning February 19th. (Singapore, Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Varanasi, and Kerala - home state of Fr. Paulson). For more details, call the parish office at 682-2486 or contact Fr. Paulson at Paulson.ctk@gmail.com.



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Registration packets for all Religious Education and Sacramental preparation programs (3 yr old - grade 8) are available at the entrance to the church and on our website www.ctkreligiouseducation.org. If you missed registration, you may still signup beginning Aug. 13th, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm. Deadline is Aug. 28.

We are looking for catechists to help with our programs, especially in our afternoon sessions (M.T.W. 3:15 - 5:15). If you enjoy working with children, share your faith and help foster the faith of our children. In-services provided. Call Sr. Maureen to learn more about our ministry. No strings attached!

Next weekend is our **Mission Co-op/Society for the Propagation of the Faith** weekend. We will welcome Bishop William Avenya from the Diocese of Gboko in Africa.

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On March 16, 2018, the Cathedral of Christ the Light kicked off a four year commemoration of the 500th anniversary of Filipino Catholic Evangelization.

As part of the celebration, **The Pilgrim Cross**, together with a statue of **San Lorenzo Luis de Manila**, this year's patron saint, will visit **Christ the King Church** Friday, August 3 and will remain here until Friday, August 17.

There will be a series of prayer services and masses held while the Pilgrim Cross is here. The schedule is below. While this is a Filipino celebration, this is not exclusively for Filipinos. The faith that was introduced in the Philippines almost 500 years ago is the same faith that all of us Catholics embrace.

Schedule:

Friday, August 3: Welcome, First Friday Mass, 6 pm
Saturday, August 4: Welcome with refreshments, 5 pm
Sunday, August 5: Prayer Service at 7 pm
Monday, August 6 to Saturday, August 11:
Prayer Service at 6:30 pm
Sunday, August 12: Thanksgiving Mass at 12:15
followed by a luncheon in the gym.
Monday, August 13 to Friday, August 17:
Prayer Service at 6:30 pm.

Please Join Us!

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