

Christ the King Church

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AS FOR ME AND
MY HOUSEHOLD,

*we will serve
the Lord.*

JOSHUA 24:15

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Week At A Glance	Upcoming Mass Intentions	Schedule of Masses
<p>Sunday, 8/26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time • Welcome Mass for Fr. Mario & Principal, Joe Silveira, 12:15 <p>Monday, 8/27</p> <p>Tuesday, 8/28</p> <p>Wednesday, 8/29</p> <p>Thursday, 8/30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centering Prayer, Knights House, 10 am <p>Friday, 8/31</p> <p>Saturday, 9/1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Fellowship, Knights House, 7:30 am <p>Sunday, 9/2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 	<p>8/27 8 am - Franz Villena 8/28 8 am - James Garcelon+ 8/29 8 am - Ralph L. Black+ 8/30 8 am - George Viani+ 8/31 8 am - Sonny Morales+</p> <p>Saturday, 9/1</p> <p>8 am - Frank Gillet 5 pm - Henry Gaugler+</p> <p>Sunday, 9/2</p> <p>7 am - Christopher Basman+ 8 am - Margie Richardson 9:15 am - John Aitken+ & Joyce Locke+ 10:45 am - Hannah Michael & Maureen O'Neill 12:15 pm - Anna Fe Alcantara+ 6 pm - Virgila Lawrence+</p> <p style="text-align: right;">+notes deceased</p>	<p>Monday - Friday, 8:00 am 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> <hr/> <p>Parish Office: 682-2486 www.ctkph.org</p> <p>Religious Ed: 686-1017 www.ctkreliougeducation.org</p> <p>Youth Ministry: 676-0979 www.ctkym.org</p> <p>Ctk School: 685-1109 www.ctkschool.org</p> <p>Facebook: Christ the King Catholic Community of Pleasant Hill</p>



Dear Friends, I would like to express my deep feelings of gratitude to each and every one of you for your prayers and good wishes. Robin Morley, our Office Manager kept in touch with me through text messages and helped me through many hassles. Chris Bertrand kept the Facebook updated everyday. You kept praying. At every turn, I could see the hand of God very tangibly. Thank you.

I had returned from a family event on Wednesday night August 15th to CMI Public School. The school is managed by the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate Congregation (CMI) and is considered one of the top schools in the country. We drove through a number of areas on the road swamped by the Chalakudy River, which was continuing to rise. The school grounds were dry and we retired to bed thinking it would never affect us. Around 3:00 am, Fr. Santhosh (my brother) knocked on my doors saying the water is at our doorstep. "Get up, hurry!" he said. "We need to move important stuff to the top floors." I got up right away and together we moved important files containing information about students and faculty, and other critical documents to higher floors. We worked hard for 3-4 hours until we could do it no more. Meanwhile, around 100 persons from the neighborhood flooded into the school for safety. The school opened its doors wide to these hapless victims ranging from 14 days to 80 years some of whom were sick, a couple of women in their late pregnancy and others just afraid. They could bring nothing with them, as they had to wade through 4-5ft of water which in some areas was terrifying with its strong currents.

The school kitchen was set up to serve their 2 resident priests only. The school children had brought in 25 pounds of rice each to help the flood victims in other areas. So we survived on rice and salt for two days. The military dropped warm meals twice. We had no electricity, very little telephone coverage, and most cell phones were dead. The fear of uncertainty – not knowing what was happening around us was probably the most devastating aspect of being marooned in a great building, with 8 ft to 12 ft of water all around us. After two days, we were instructed to move out quickly as the water had receded and with the fear that more water could be released from multiple reservoirs. We walked a mile together out of the school with bags on our heads wading through 3-4 ft of water on the roads to safety. The elderly and sick were allowed into rescue boats. The Municipal Chairman who was just driving through the area recognized my brother and offered us priests a ride to the heart of the town, and from there we managed to get a ride to a family 8 miles away to the relatives of one of the priests residing at CMI public school, the only place we could safely travel to. Later that evening, we moved to the parish house in that area and we were treated with love and care. Finally, I took a shower and felt like myself again.

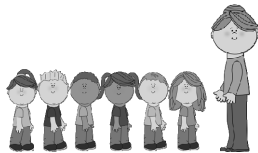
The full enormity of the tragedy in Kerala is yet to surface but the floodwaters appear to have calmed, for the time being, the raging fires that had polarized the politically conscious citizens, bringing out the best in the populace. With so much bad coverage about Catholic Church here in the US and even in my own home state of Kerala with multiple scandals raging across the population, many of which are solidly based in facts, the good news of our Catholic Churches opening its doors to victims of flood was something that warmed my heart. The parish where I was housed for a day had over 200 victims. One of the CMI institutions housed over 3000 people providing food, medicine and shelter. My own brother's school had already collected 25 pounds of good quality rice from each student to help with the rescue programs. Heart-warming tales of hospitality and compassion could be seen and heard everywhere. A college girl who sells fish on the streets to support her family and fund her education and was recently the victim of cyber bullying is among those who have dug into their savings to help fellow flood victims. A journalist who had to cancel the engagement of his daughter because of the floods, has donated the entire amount he had earmarked for the event to the chief minister's relief fund. We start to forget the prejudice of caste and religion when we find our fellow beings in trauma. A parish priest, who cast religious prejudices to the wind and helped a Hindu family bury their elderly father, who died at a relief camp with all religious courtesies at the church cemetery, showed such a generosity.

I am happy to be back to my family here at CTK. The pain and tragedy will take a heavy toll on the people I left behind. My own brother Fr. Santhosh estimates around \$300,000.00 loss and is worried about how he will get the classrooms ready for school in the coming days. That is a sentiment shared by most of his colleagues in other educational institutions. Many families will have to start from scratch to rebuild their lives. I hope and pray that the good will and compassion that people showed across caste and religion, across various political ideologies and cultural divides will continue to prevail in the days to come.

Paulson

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.

High School Youth Group Registration - If you are looking for a group of friends that share your faith and desire to have fun, look no further! **Youth Group is for all high school teens, 9 - 12 grade.** We meet Thursday evenings. Registration forms and calendars can be found in the back of the church or you can download a form at ctkym.org. Any questions, please call the Youth Ministry office at 676-0979 or email Rick at rlejano@ctkph.org. An information meeting for both parent and teen will be Sunday, September 9 at 7 pm in the church.



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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.ctkreligioeducation.org. If you missed registration, you may still sign up through August 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, sharing your faith and want to help foster the faith of our children, call Sr. Maureen to learn more about our ministry. No strings attached! In-services provided. RE office 925-686-1017.

Calling All Liturgical Ministers: Gathering for Projectionists, Ushers, Musicians, Environment, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Society. **Saturday, September 22.** Begins at 1:30 pm and concludes with 5 pm Mass.

Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick/Homebound: We are in need of more people to visit the sick/homebound and bring Holy Communion to them. Are you willing to join this team of ministers? We are getting more and more requests from families whose loved one needs this spiritual care. It is a beautiful way to share our faith and the many blessings God has given us. Contact Bev Prosek at 925-825-4269 or bevprosek@gmail.com.

Multi-Faith Dinner at Christ the King. Wednesday, August 29 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Presentation by Rev. Ranwa Hammamy: **“Strengthening Community To Sustain Our Commitment To Action.”** All Are Welcome. No Cost. Sponsored by the SF Foundation. Please RSVP to contactmfac@gmail.com.

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.

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 fmario@ctkph.org.

Envelopes, envelopes - have you picked up your envelopes? If not, we will be calling you and you can pick them up at the parish house.

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**First Reading:
Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18**

After Moses died, God selected Joshua to lead the Israelites across the Jordan River into the Promised Land. Years later, as his death approached, Joshua wished to ensure that the people would not forget all that God had done for their ancestors. In today’s reading, we will hear Joshua, then the people, renew the covenant made at Mt. Sinai.

**Second Reading:
Ephesians 5:21-32**

The last part of the letter to the Ephesians, which deals with family relationships, is conditioned by the household structure of the time - wives, children, slaves - with the husband as “patriarch” over all. Today’s excerpt talks about husbands and wives. Later, this letter will talk about the relationship between children and parents, and between slaves and masters. What we learn is not that we should re-create ancient social structures. Rather, we learn the timeless truth that Christ’s love for us should affect the way we love one another.

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CYO Basketball registration for the 2018-2019 season is open to boys and girls from 3rd - 8th grade.

Please go to ctkcyohoops.org for more information and follow the link to our registration site. Coaches are needed as well, so your help is appreciated! There will be a coaches meeting on Monday, August 27th at 7 pm in the gym.

Please reach out to Allen Brezac, Athletic Director at allen.brezac@comcast.net with any questions.



Christ the King's 22nd Annual Monsignor Wade Golf Tournament



Monday, September 10 at Oakhurst Golf Club, Clayton. Your participation 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.



Email golf@ctkschool.org for more information.

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