

Christ the King Church

October 14, 2018

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It is easier for a camel
to pass through
the eye of a needle
than for one who is rich
to enter the kingdom of God.

Mark 10:23

OCTOBER 14, 2018

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Week At A Glance	Upcoming Mass Intentions	Schedule of Masses
<p>Sunday, 10/14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLOW/3 yr. old, Pre-K, K 9:15 am • Confirmation, Parish Hall 7 pm <p>Monday, 10/15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE Grades 1-5 & Older Sac. 3:30 pm • Sacrament Parent Mtg, 7 pm church • FIA Ballot Info, Parish Hall 7 pm <p>Tuesday, 10/16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE Grades 1-5 3:30 pm; Grade 7/8, 7 pm • Perpetual Help/Rosary, Church 7 pm <p>Wednesday, 10/17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sewing Ministry, Parish Hall 9 am • RE Grades 1-5 3:30 pm; Grade 6, 7 pm <p>Thursday, 10/18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centering Prayer, Knights Hse, 10 am • RCIA, School Media Ctr 7 pm • No Youth Group • RE Faith Family, Parish Hall 6 pm <p>Friday, 10/19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Group Lock-In, 9 pm <p>Saturday, 10/20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Fellowship, Knights Hse, 7:30 am <p>Sunday, 10/21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLOW, 3 yr. old, Pre-K, K 9:15 am 	<p>10/15 8 am - Eileen Radding+</p> <p>10/16 8 am - Bob Keating+ Salomon Rival+</p> <p>10/17 8 am - Joseph Grech+</p> <p>10/18 8 am - Mandio O. Vasconcezos+</p> <p>10/19 8 am - Crespi Family+</p> <p>Saturday, 10/20</p> <p>8 am - Hinko Freivogel</p> <p>5 pm - Stan Atkinson+ Comstock 30th Anniversary</p> <p>Sunday, 10/21</p> <p>7 am - Donald Davlin+</p> <p>8 am - Albert Simonetti+</p> <p>9:15 am - Katie Engler Winter+</p> <p>10:45 am - Primo Maliwanag+</p> <p>12:15 pm - Persons in Purgatory Frial Family Members+</p> <p>6 pm - Anthony Vincent+</p>	<p>Monday - Friday, 8:00 am</p> <p>Saturday - 8:00 am, 5:00 pm</p> <p>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 Education: 686-1017 www.ctkreligiouseducation.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> <hr/> <p>St. Stephen Catholic Church 1108 Keaveny Ct, Walnut Creek 925-274-1341</p>

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Dear Friends,



Over the last month, the Ministry Center project has made significant progress. The building framing, mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems all are complete and approved by the City. The Accessible Path of Travel is also greatly in place just awaiting handrails and some finishing touches. The fire sprinkler contractor was delayed and should be completed this next week. Once completed, insulation, drywall and stucco will be installed followed by the buildings finishes. We expect to have the building completed by the end of the year. Meanwhile, we are making progress on the design of other capital projects such as the gym, restrooms and the kitchen. We have been approved for a token financial gift towards the gym (\$145K). We are grateful to the Valley Foundation for the gift. The solar project is slated to begin in the month January 2019.

I would like to give you an update on St. Stephen. I am so grateful to the people of our sister-parish for their trust and support in all of the changes we have effected beginning October. Christ the King Office is partnering with St. Stephen in bringing out their bulletin every week. The offices have been downsized and moved to the back of the Church staffed by volunteers only. Last week I met with Mr. Paul Bongiovanni, the Diocesan CFO to impress upon him about the various capital needs that need urgent attention such as parking lot, sound system upgrade, water leaks and a few other items. I have initiated a conversation with our school Principal about the possibility of starting a preschool managed by our CTK school on the St. Stephen campus. Once the feasibility study is done, we will take it to Bishop Barber.

The month of October is Pro-Life month. A question has been asked as to what did Pope Francis mean when he said the unborn and the poor are equally sacred. According to Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, president of the Pontifical Academy for Life, when Pope Francis insisted that the lives of the unborn and of the poor are "equally sacred," he was not trying to shift the focus of Catholics from fighting abortion to fighting poverty, he was trying to show they are part of the same battle. The life of the unborn must be "promoted and defended with great determination and given an effective priority. At the same time we must keep in mind that the dignity of every human being is equal and inviolable at every stage throughout his or her life."

In "Rejoice and Be Glad," his apostolic exhortation on holiness, Pope Francis wrote that living a Christian life involves the defense of both the unborn and the poor, and he criticized what he termed the "harmful ideological error" of thinking one's own cause is the only important one. "Every life is sacred," he said in calling for the abolition of the death penalty. "Every human person is endowed with an inalienable dignity, and society can only benefit from the rehabilitation of those convicted of crimes."

The Pope spoke to hundreds of US Catholic bishops and specifically linked "the innocent victim of abortion" to other grave threats to life - including "children who die of hunger or from bombings," "immigrants who drown in the search for a better tomorrow," and "the environment devastated by man's predatory relationship with nature." In ways that give pundits and politicians on the right heartburn, the pope also frames economic inequality as a life issue. Pope Francis is reviving Catholic teaching on the need for a consistent ethic of life. Pope Francis clearly wants to recalibrate the Church's voice in the public square. "We cannot insist only on issues related to abortion, gay marriage, and the use of contraceptive methods," the Pope said in a blockbuster 2013 interview. "We have to find a new balance."

Fr. Paulson

**Twenty-eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 14, 2018**

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

When Solomon, one of Israel's greatest kings, began his reign, God invited him to pray for anything he wanted. He prayed only for *wisdom*, and it was granted to him. In today's passage from the book of Wisdom, the author portrays Solomon speaking of this gift.

**Second Reading:
Hebrews 4:12-13**

Today and for the next six Sundays, our second reading will come from the Letter to the Hebrews. The section from which today's passage is taken is perhaps the New Testament's most profound commentary on the implications of Jesus becoming a human being.

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A special **Mass of Remembrance** will be held on **Sunday, October 28 at 12:15 pm**. At that Mass we will pray especially for all who have died during this past year and whose funeral was held at CTK. (Do you have a loved one who died during the past 12 months? Were they *not* buried from Christ the King Parish? Would you like their name included on a scroll? Please call the parish office at 682-2486 and leave their name. Deadline is 20th of October.) *Questions? Sr. Dominic Marie at 246-1122.*

Looking for a deeper spiritual connection, a chance to meet other parishioners or some time away from the hectic pace of your life? Join us for **ChristLight XV. ChristLight is a parish based weekend experience** that invites us to renew our faith, in the presence of God, as individuals and as a parish community. ChristLight gathers women and men to share prayer, fellowship, stories, song and fun!...**plus the meals are awesome!** ChristLight XV will be held the weekend of November 9, 10 and 11 on the Christ the King campus. Volunteers are available after mass to answer questions and accept registration forms.

Catholic Charities is hosting a free **citizenship workshop** to help those in need assess their ability to naturalize. Immigration attorneys and qualified legal representatives will be available to provide step by step review of the process. The workshop is Saturday, October 20 from 10am to 3 pm at Catholic Charities, 433 Jefferson St. Oakland. *Register at 510-768-3100.*

St. Mary's College performance of **Seekers and Saints: Women of Transformation** will be performed Oct. 23 at 7:30 pm in the Moraga Room at St. Mary's College. Tiffany Hoover will be performing her one woman show. No tickets necessary. *Call Tiffany at 415-297-8184 for information.*

Be an Informed Voter: The Pros & cons of the eleven propositions on the state ballot November 6, will be presented this Monday Night, Oct. 15, at 7:00 pm in the parish hall at Christ the King. All are invited and encouraged to bring a guest. No cost. Presenters are members of the League of Women Voters. *Sponsored by Faith in Action.*

Bread for the World at CTK - The 2018 Offering of Letters Campaign asks Congress to protect key programs that help improve the lives of men, women and children facing hunger or poverty in the U.S. and around the world. Parishioners will write letters after Masses on October 20 & 21. *Sponsored by Faith in Action.*

LifeShift: Work and the Christian Journey Retreat: Life is about managing change: career, personal, family, spiritual. This retreat is an opportunity to reflect on life and faith while considering new career, job and/or retirement possibilities. Oct. 26-28, the Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos. Retreat Leaders, Tom Bachhuber and Jim Briggs. *Contact tom@centerforlifetransitions.net for more information.*

A training for **new Eucharistic Ministers and anyone interested in becoming an EM** is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 22 at 7 pm in the church. Training should last 60-90 minutes. We are always in need of more Ministers for all Masses. We are also contemplating adding the cup to 9:15 and 12:15 Masses, but only if we can get more volunteers to assist. **If you have been considering joining this ministry, please come to this training.** Questions, call Gayle at 352-3597 or email softballscraper@gmail.com.

Carondelet High School Open House will be held on Sunday, November 4 from 2 pm to 4 pm. Register at carondeleths.org/admissions.

RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, has begun, but there is still time to join. If you are, or know someone who is, non-baptized, a Baptized non-catholic, or a Catholic who has not completed the Sacraments of Initiation, and are seeking full initiation into the Church, please email Fr. Mario. RCIA meets on Thursdays at 7pm in the School's Media Center. **Frmario@ctkph.org.**

October is Respect Life Month. Will you stand up for the Right to Life? Join us at our table this weekend to learn more about life and death issues from conception to natural death. Join forces with us in the Right to Life movement. *Questions? Call Charlotte Graham at 228-9517.*

Taize Prayer Around The Cross is an hour service consisting of quiet chanting, a psalm, reading and silence. We welcome all who wish to gather in prayer and in a spirit of Ecumenism. The next Taize Prayer is Sunday, October 21, 7:30 pm at Hillcrest Church, 404 Gregory Ln, Pleasant Hill. Please join us!

Join Fr. Paulson on an Incredible Tour of India and Singapore, the best of North and South India! 15 days: February 3 - 18, 2019. Land Tour (includes hotel, tour, most meals, domestic flights) \$3,500 + international flight, Singapore Airlines, \$990 RT from SFO. Come by the parish office and pick up a flyer or *contact Fr. Paulson at Paulson.ctk@gmail.com.*

This weekend our **second collection defrays the cost of The Catholic Voice**. Call the parish office at 682-2486 if you are not receiving the Voice and you would like to. Thank you for your support.

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Greetings from CMI Public School, Kerala, India!

We would like to thank each one of you at Christ the King Church for your prayers, concern and assistance. We are grateful to Fr. Paulson for being with our Principal, Fr. Santhosh, supporting him in all his endeavors. Fr. Paulson was here to experience the flood that hit our hometown and we thank him specially for his timely help during the floods.



An excerpt from Fr. Santhosh, Fr. Paulson's brother. Complete text can be found in the vesti-

bule: "Fr. Paulson being a benefactor and well-wisher of the school, used to be here with us for almost all our celebrations and important events. It seemed to be God's wish that he should be here with us to experience this great calamity also. His energy and stamina made a lot of difference in the quantity of the things saved from the ground floor. His presence was indeed a great moral support and strength for me during the situation." *Fr. Santhosh (Read the whole letter found in the vestibule near the bulletin board).*

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