

Christ the King Church

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant;
whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.*

~ Mark 10:43-44



Week At A Glance	Upcoming Mass Intentions	Schedule of Masses
<p>Sunday, 10/21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLOW/3 yr. old, Pre-K, K 9:15 am <p>Monday, 10/22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE Grades 1-5 & Older Sac. 3:30 pm <p>Tuesday, 10/23</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, 10/24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE Grades 1-5 3:30 pm; Grade 6, 7 pm <p>Thursday, 10/25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centering Prayer, Knights Hse, 10 am • RCIA, School Media Ctr 7 pm • Youth Group, St. Stephen's 7 pm <p>Friday, 10/26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Halloween Social, Hall 7 pm <p>Saturday, 10/27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Fellowship, Knights Hse, 7:30 am <p>Sunday, 10/28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No CLOW • 3 yr. old, Pre-K, K 9:15 am • Halloween 9:15 Mass, Gym • Confirmation Sponsor/Candidate Mtg., Church, 4 pm 	<p>10/22 8 am - Salome Romana+</p> <p>10/23 8 am - Frederico Arellano Rossman+</p> <p>10/24 8 am - Maxima Sy</p> <p>10/25 8 am - Bob Keating+</p> <p>10/26 8 am - Karen Semenza Fazio+</p> <p>Saturday, 10/27</p> <p>8 am - Frank Gillet+</p> <p>5 pm - Sam Faraj+</p> <p>Sunday, 10/28</p> <p>7 am - CTK Parishioners</p> <p>8 am - Pat Vannelli+</p> <p>9:15 am - Dinh Tran+</p> <p>10:45 am - Mary Greenberg+</p> <p>12:15 pm - Mass of Remembrance</p> <p>6 pm - Olga M. Prado+</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>

Dear Friends,

Óscar Romero, the Salvadoran priest who championed social justice for the poor and dispossessed, was canonized along with six others at the ceremony in St Peter's Square. They include Pope Paul VI, who oversaw the sweeping Vatican II reforms of the Catholic church in the 1960s. "Canonization holds up heroes of faith who confront us with what theologian Johann Baptist Metz called the "dangerous memory" of the crucified and risen Christ, who interrupts history in every generation to summon disciples to hear God's Word and keep it." (NCR).

The process of canonization was delayed while church theologians debated whether his death qualified as martyrdom—traditionally defined as a killing out of "hatred for the faith." Pope Francis finally decided that it did, and approved archbishop's beatification in 2015. For years, certain segments within the church sought to block Romero's canonization because of his association with liberation theology, a movement whose followers argued that it was not enough for the church to empathize with and care for the poor. Instead, they said, the church needed to push for political and structural changes to eradicate poverty, even – some believed – if this meant supporting armed struggle against oppressors. In his diaries, Romero wrote: "Between the powerful and the wealthy, and the poor and vulnerable, who should a pastor side with? I have no doubts. A pastor should stay with his people."

St. Stephen Parish Hall: One of the great assets of St. Stephen Parish is a beautiful multi-use parish hall that can accommodate over 200 people. A commercial kitchen and ample parking make this a fantastic choice for family celebrations, parties, and community events. There is a fee associated with this space. If you would like to rent this hall, please call the CTK Parish Office and they will be able to assist you.

Pastoral Council Discernment process: This weekend our Pastoral Council members will be addressing you from the pulpit and they will be available after mass to answer your questions about joining the council this year. We are looking for 5 new members. The 7 descriptions below may be helpful in discerning a call to serve. **Read and reflect on them, choose your response, and then pray about your decision.**

1. **Ability to Collaborate:** Council members need to work with others and to trust the process of consensus decision-making.
2. **Deep Love for the Mission of Jesus and the Church:** The mission of Jesus and His Church is at the core of council ministry.
3. **Willingness to Grow in Holiness:** Council members should be people of prayer and reflection as well as open to the work of the Spirit in their own lives.
4. **Desire to Serve the Church:** Council members should be people who see their service as a responsibility of baptism and a call to be a servant leader like Jesus.
5. **Look to the Future:** Council members need to be people who are hopeful and able to identify strategies and approaches that will help the parish carry out the mission even more effectively.
6. **Interest in Ongoing Formation:** The liturgical year of the Church is designed to renew and deepen the faith of all who believe. Council members should be people who seek knowledge and truth, have openness to new ideas and viewpoints, and are committed to deepening their own faith.
7. **Sense of Stewardship:** Stewardship is the disciple's response to faith. Council members need to understand that all we have comes from God and our response is to use wisely the resources which God has given us.

Fr. Paulson



**Twenty-ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
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First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

Today's passage contains the message of a prophet who spoke to the Jewish people during their exile in Babylon. In four different places, this prophet speaks about a Servant of God who will one day deliver God's people and make them great again. Because the Servant is frequently portrayed as suffering, Christians have applied this to Jesus. Today's passage is a small portion from the last and longest of these four sections. (On Good Friday we read the entire fourth section.)

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

The Jewish high priest was responsible for entering the holiest place in the Jerusalem temple to make sin offerings on behalf of the people. Several times, the Letter to the Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus is superior to any high priest because he has entered the heavenly temple, and thus has given us access to God's "Throne of Grace".

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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.*

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. *Questions? Sr. Dominic Marie at 246-1122.*

Respect Life Gathering: The Diocese's Annual Respect Life Gathering will be held Nov. 3, 8:30 am to 1 pm at the parish hall of The Cathedral of Christ the Light. This gathering is for prayer, fellowship, and to share best practices with others working to protect and promote life from conception to natural death. Continental breakfast and lunch. *Register at www.oakdiocese.org/respectlife.*

If you volunteer in any way at Christ the King, Diocesan policy requires Safe Environment training. If you have not trained on Virtus, you must train now! **Our time has been extended and the new deadline is October 31,** so please don't delay. Go to www.virtus.org and follow the instructions. *For more information, call Helen at 682-2486.*

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.*

Bread for the World - Have Faith; End Hunger.



Bread for the World is a non-partisan, Christian Citizens' Movement in the USA to end hunger. It is recognized as a Collective Christian Voice urging nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. By changing policies, programs and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist, it provides help and opportunity far beyond the communities in which they live. CTK parishioners will be **invited to write letters** to our 2 Senators and Congressman after masses this weekend. *Sponsored by Faith in Action.*

Save the date for our next **Healing Mass ~ Anointing of the Sick:** Saturday, November 17 at 10:00 am. Mark your calendars now.

San Damiano Retreat Center offers the following retreats:

Nov. 3: A Spirituality of Heart
Nov. 9-11: Radical Hope in the Cosmic Womb of Mercy
Nov. 16-18: Remember, This Pain Will Not Last Forever
710 Highland Dr. 925-837-9141.

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.*

Carondelet High School's Open House for interested 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls and their parents/guardians will be held on Sunday, November 4 from 2 pm to 4 pm at 1133 Winton Drive in Concord. 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. There is so much to learn about the issues affecting life from its beginnings to natural death. Some resources are CA Right to Life, LifeNews and 40 Days for Life. Questions? *Contact 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! Stop by the parish office and pick up a flyer or *contact Fr. Paulson at Paulson.ctl@gmail.com.*

This weekend our **second collection supports Catholic Home Missions.** There are over 80 home mission dioceses in the US. These dioceses are unable to fund essential pastoral work, such as religious education, seminarian formation and lay ministry training. Through your support, the Catholic Home Mission Appeal helps to ease this struggle. Thank you for your generosity.

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**Looking for a deeper
spiritual connection?**

**Join us for
ChristLight XV
Nov. 9, 10, 11!**

**ChristLight is a parish based week-
end experience that invites us to re-
new 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 awe-
some!**

**ChristLight XV will be held on the
Christ the King campus. Volun-
teers are available after mass to an-
swer questions and accept registra-
tion forms.**

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