

Christ the King Church

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 27, 2019

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.

Luke 4:18

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Week At A Glance	Upcoming Mass Intentions	Schedule of Masses
<p>Sunday, 1/27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No CLOW, No RE Classes • Free throw competition, gym • Confirmation, 6 pm <p>Monday, 1/28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE Grades 1 - 5 & Older Sacraments • RE Sacraments Parent Mtg, Hall 7 pm <p>Tuesday, 1/29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE Grades 1 - 5 & Grades 7/8 • Perpetual Help/Rosary Church 7 pm <p>Wednesday, 1/30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE Grades 1 - 5 & Grade 6 <p>Thursday, 1/31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Group, Parish Hall 7 pm <p>Friday, 2/1</p> <p>Saturday, 2/2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Fellowship, House 7:30 am <p>Sunday, 2/3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE 3yr., Pre-K, K sessions 9:15 am • CLOW, 9:15 mass 	<p>1/28 8 am - Natalia Louro † 1/29 8 am - Lois Gandolfo † 1/30 8 am - Corazon Raymundo † 1/31 8am - Henry Scott 2/1 8 am - Bob Dunham † 6 pm - Gladys Velasco †</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, 2/2</p> <p>8 am - Juvenal Figueira † 5 pm - Harry McElroy †</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 2/3</p> <p>7 am - Brian James Machete † 8 am - Giovanni Iorfida † 9:15 am - Maria Saragosa † 10:45 am - CTK Parishioners 12:15 pm - Manuel Almeida † 6 pm - Lorenzo Verceles †</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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 Confessions: Saturday, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm</p> <hr/> <p>Parish Office: 682-2486 www.ctkph.org Religious Education: 686-1017 www.ctkreligiouseducation.org Youth Ministry: 676-0979 www.ctkym.org CTK School: 685-1109 www.ctkschool.org Facebook: Christ the King Catholic Community of Pleasant Hill</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">St. Stephen Catholic Church 1108 Keaveny Ct, Walnut Creek 925-274-1341</p>

Catholic Community Lights Charism, Culture, and Climate

From their initiation Catholic schools in the United States have assimilated students into the Catholic faith, provided solid academic ideals, and prepared students for positive adult citizenship. Youniss and Convey (2000) reported the importance of Catholic education in society: “By teaching students to bring their ethical values and religious beliefs to their involvement to secular society, Catholic education makes a significant contribution to the preparation of students for citizenship in a democracy” (p. 216).



A closer look showed that the Ursuline Sisters established the first Catholic school in 1727. Bouscaren and Ellis (1958) wrote about the three national meetings called the Plenary Councils of Baltimore, and attended by bishops of Dioceses throughout the United States, which began in 1852 and ended with the third council in 1884. The documents from the third Plenary Council of Baltimore specified that pastors were responsible for establishing Catholic schools in consultation with the bishop of the Diocese, and that they were responsible, if possible, for providing free schooling to the student. Bouscaren and Ellis further related that at the same time, a commission was assigned to set up a catechism, also known as the Baltimore Catechisms, or a teaching of the Catholic Christian doctrine that was taught until Vatican II.

McLaughlin’s (2005) research showed that Catholic schools in big metropolitan cities in America were initially populated with first generation Catholics. Eventually, this group outgrew the larger cities and dispersed to suburban areas, where newer Catholic schools were established to fulfill educational and spiritual needs. The social teachings of the Catholic Church have kept in mind those less advantaged. Even though the total number of Catholic schools has decreased over time, almost half of the Catholic schools have remained in the urban and inner-city areas. In the *United States Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools Annual Statistical Report on Schools, Enrollment and Staffing*, McDonald and Shultz (2010) reported that although in the past 35 years Catholic schools have declined in number the church has not misplaced its focus on educating students and in particular those less advantaged and in need. Schools in inner city areas have still accounted for 43.0% of all Catholic schools in spite of economic crisis and population attrition and rural schools declined while suburban schools continued to increase.

Savage (2004) pointed out that “Catholic educational leaders will always be challenged by the dilemma of setting tuition at an affordable level and paying appropriate wages to teachers and administrators” (p. 184). In their *United States Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools Annual Statistical Report on Schools, Enrollment, and Staffing*, McDonald and Schultz (2012) disclosed that the total full-time teaching staff in Catholic elementary and secondary schools has declined with religious and clergy now accounting for only a small percent of the population.

McDonald and Schultz (2010) noted the following:

In 2009-2010, the total, full-time equivalent (FTE) teaching staff in Catholic elementary/middle and secondary schools was 154,316. Over the past decade, the lay faculty percentages increased from 85% to the current 96.3%. At present, 3.7% of the professional staff is religious and clergy. (Staffing of Catholic Schools section, paragraph 1)

Although most Catholic school students are Catholic the trend over the past several years is that non-Catholic student enrollment has risen. The *United States Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools Annual Statistical Report on Schools, Enrollment and staffing*, McDonald and Shultz (2010) reported that the majority of Catholic school students are Catholic however; non-Catholic student enrollment has risen from 2.7% in 1970 and today stands at 14.5%. Catholic schools and other religious and non-religious private schools account for a small percent of the educational systems in the United States. As Youniss and Convey (2000) disclosed, “Only about 6% of American students attend Catholic Schools with a smaller proportion attending other religious or non-religious private schools” (p. 202).

As a Catholic educational leader, I am full of gratitude and humility as we approach Catholic School’s Week. I have never gone to work, only to school these past decades. Being a Catholic educator is a vocation, and the opportunity to minister to the families and with the faculty and staff of Christ the King Catholic School, each and every day, is a blessing.

What gives me tremendous *hope* are the awesome families who continue to sacrifice for this quality education, our faculty and staff who lead by example and give tremendously of their time, treasure, and talent, and our students who inspire us all for the better...for without them we are not. Our students are the reason our charism, mission, and philosophy thrive today. I have often stated that the lungs of the institution sit idle when our students are on break. When they are at school great promise, aptitude, and purpose exist.

Lastly, what separates us from the educational pack is a sense of *community* that Catholic schooling provides. I believe, this cannot be replicated to our level -- elsewhere.

Abundant blessings,
Joe Silveira, Principal
Christ the King Catholic School

“Let the little children come to Me.” First Friday Mass, February 1st at 6 pm. **Children’s Holy Hour** will be from **4 pm to 5 pm** in the main church, right before the regular First Friday adoration from 5 pm to 6 pm. Prayer, song and silence in front of the Blessed Sacrament will be led in a **Holy Hour designed for kids**. All are welcome!

Our CTK St. Vincent DePaul furniture ministry provides basic furniture items to those in need, especially those moving from homelessness. We currently are in need of two things: volunteers who have pickup trucks and also volunteers who can lift mattresses, all sizes up through queen, and other pieces of furniture. We are also again in need of mattresses, twin through queen and dressers of all sizes. If you can help, contact Mary Jo at 925-285-4337 or Kathy at 925-935-5259.

Christ the King CYO will host its annual **Crab Feed fundraiser** to support the parish program. The date is Saturday, February 2, 2019. The doors will open at 6:00 pm with dinner starting at 7:30 pm. Two ticket options are available: \$55 and \$75. For more information about the evening and to purchase tickets online, please visit our website: ctkey-ohoops.org and click on the Crab Feed link. Hurry, sells out fast!

Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose present: **Boundless Compassion - Creating a Way of Life**, a seven week personal transformation process for developing and deepening compassion. Tuesdays beginning Jan. 29 from 10 am - noon. \$10 per session. Register at 510-933-6360.

**“Hear the Gospel
and Make a
Difference”**

Enrollment for our 2019-2020 CTK School Year is now open! We are honored to open admissions for new students and their families applying to Christ the King Catholic School for the 2019-2020 academic school year. Christ the King Catholic School inspires students to grow in faith, knowledge, and service. We are very grateful for Christ the King Catholic School’s historical legacy, vibrant faith-filled community, and long-standing academic excellence. Applications are available on the school website at ctkschool.org or in the school office. Please pass a positive word on to all family and friends interested in receiving a quality Catholic education rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ. We have lots of wonderful things to share!

Volunteer with the American Red Cross! Volunteers are needed at the Red Cross Pleasant Hill Blood Donation Ctr. Volunteers greet and register donors, serve snacks, etc. To register, contact www.redcross.org/volunteer or 510-421-4527.

Catholics@Work opens its **2019 Inspiring Speaker Series** with an accomplished Hollywood and Broadway Producer, Lannette Turicchi, who will share her amazing story. All are welcome on Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 7 am. A generous breakfast will be served at Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville. Register in advance at catholicsatwork.org.

Do you want to make a difference in a child’s life? Support students in CCIH’s Youth Enrichment program on Fridays in Concord, 3:30 - 5:00pm. Homework help is available Mon - Thurs, **but Fridays are reserved for fun!** There are fun games and activities to bolster learning, and increase self-esteem and community. This is a low-commitment opportunity to help kids have a great time while learning in a safe environment. Contact Gloria@ccinterfaithhousing if interested.

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 discounted rental fee for St. Stephen and CTK parishioners. For more details, call the parish office at 682-2486.

**Healing Mass ~
Anointing of the Sick**

Saturday, February 9 at 10:30 am
Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the Church and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord (James 5:14). All are welcome to join us at CTK for a parish Mass and celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Bring relatives and friends from local care facilities – those who are able to come. A simple reception will follow. Questions? Sr. Dominic 925-246-1122.

Women’s Retreat will be held on Friday, March 8 from 6 pm - 9 pm; continuing on Saturday, March 9 from 9 am - 5 pm. Theme will be: **Healing of Memories, Family Tree Healing.** Presenter is Fr. Nathan Castle, OP. Retreat will be held at St. Stephen Church in Walnut Creek. Make plans to join us!

Married Couples: How would you like to spend a weekend away with your spouse - just the two of you? Away from the kids, job, phone, bills and house? Plan to get away to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Sign up now for our June 28-30 retreat in Danville. For more information, 925-849-5466.

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Join us after the 9:15 mass
today for open house!

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