

Christ the King Church

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 24, 2019



**Give, and gifts will be given to you;
a good measure, packed together,
shaken down, and overflowing,
will be poured into your lap.**

Luke 6:38

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Week At A Glance	Upcoming Mass Intentions	Schedule of Masses
<p>Sunday, 2/24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No RE, No Clow • Confirmation, 6 pm <p>Monday, 2/25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE Grades 1 - 5, Older Sacraments <p>Tuesday, 2/26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE Grades 1 - 5 • RE Grades 7/8 • Perpetual Help/Rosary Church 7 pm <p>Wednesday, 2/27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE Grades 1 - 5 • RE Grade 6 <p>Thursday, 2/28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Group, Parish Hall 7 pm <p>Friday, 3/1</p> <p>Saturday, 3/2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Fellowship, House 7:30 am <p>Sunday, 3/3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE 3 yr., Pre-K, K, Clow, 9:15 am 	<p>2/25 8 am - Ronald Miller †</p> <p>2/26 8 am - M/M Constancio Ortiz †</p> <p>2/27 8 am - Harry Burdine</p> <p>2/28 8 am - Ann DeSantos †</p> <p>3/1 8 am - Dalibor Hegedis †</p> <p>6 pm - Lydia Feliciano †</p> <p>Saturday, 3/2</p> <p>8 am - Juvenal Figueira †</p> <p>5 pm - Carondelet High School</p> <p>Sunday, 3/3</p> <p>7 am - Thomas Duszq †</p> <p>8 am - CTK Parishioners</p> <p>9:15 am - Jenna Betti †</p> <p>10:45 am - Jack Brogan †</p> <p>12:15 pm - Oscar C. Orpiano †</p> <p>6 pm - Lawrence (Bill) Raymundo †</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 Parishioners,

The three books that have greatly impacted and enriched my life are the Bible, and in particular the Gospel(s) of John and Matthew chapter five's sermon on the mount, The Confessions of Saint Augustine, and Thomas A. Kempis's *The Imitation of Christ*. The latter is perhaps the most widely read Christian devotional next to the Bible. Although incredibly busy as we all are, I yearn for a prayer group to really disseminate and dig deeper into scripture and spiritual writing at this stage of my life, and yet I continue to fall short. As a student at Saint Mary's College, I simply loved the collegiate seminar program of Socratic thought, where I learned that our great Saint Augustine was truly human like us, but when he turned his eyes toward God for the long-haul, he was on fire with prose, prayer, peace, philosophy, and an incredible depth and complexity of spirituality. His simple yet profound treatise, *God is Love*, is simply beautiful and profound all at once. Lastly, I no longer have Thomas A. Kempis's devotional as I presented it to a dear neighbor and friend a few years back when he and his family experienced an incredible loss. Yet, I am inspired that this book has the power to heal, console, and direct our lives beyond measure. Each morning, I attempt the route from our home in Clayton to Christ the King School. There are mornings when I roll in just a few minutes late to faculty and staff prayer that promptly begins at 7:30 a.m. It is those mornings amidst listening to KLove's Christian Music Station, and or Martha Quinn's 80's Show, and battling the traffic, I proclaim to our son Landen, "That's it, we're moving to Pleasant Hill." □ I am inspired by the simple and beautiful prayers and intentions from the heart that our faculty and staff present at this coveted time.

I then transition to my office where I read from Sarah Young's Daily Devotional, "Jesus Calling." These brief and oftentimes quiet moments are pivotal to my days at school as I reflect and discern, and offer prayer and private intentions to family, friends, and members of our community. This is also a time to thank God for His many blessings and countless gifts and graces to our community.

The next phase of the upstart to the morning is much like preparing for the ten o'clock news. I like the time constraints/creative juices that present themselves, prior to morning prayer and assembly, with our students as I quickly vet the Saint of the Day, surf the web for inspirational quotes or phrases, reach for a prayer book or resource behind my desk, create a spontaneous prayer, or think of a small reflection.

I stand behind our student council each day as we begin morning prayer and assembly to empower each member in their role as leaders, and then approach our community at the end. I look forward to excusing each class and our dedicated faculty and staff for another day of learning and discovery.

In John 16:33 we find, "I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take courage. I have overcome the world!" Father Vince Cotter stated so beautifully in his homily at Father Brian Joyce's celebration of life and mass, this past Friday, wonderful words from Saint John Bosco, "Look up to the heavens where God and a vast and diverse sky exist, and our problems and issues seem far less complicated." *Joe Silveira, Principal*



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 24, 2019

First Reading:

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

In this reading we hear of Saul and David. Saul became the first king of Israel, about 1,000 years before Christ. David, best known for slaying Goliath, was also a talented musician and became one of the favorites at Saul's court. Eventually the king grew jealous of the popular David who had to flee for his life.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Paul's converts at Corinth had a lot of questions about life after death, and on the last two Sundays we've heard Paul addressing this. Today he uses a parallel. Just as we receive our human life from our ancestors - ultimately Adam -so we receive risen life from Jesus, who could be called the "new Adam".

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Women's Retreat tickets available after mass this weekend. Join us Friday evening and all day Saturday, March 8/9. Visit our table outside to purchase your tickets or get more information. **All women are welcome.**

"Let the little children come to Me." First Friday Mass, March 1, 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!

Bingo Fundraiser - The Filipino Society of Christ the King (FSCTK) will sponsor a **Bingo Fundraiser on Saturday, March 23** in the CTK Parish Hall from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Game tickets are \$25 for 12 plays. We are also selling raffle tickets at \$10 each for a chance to win great prizes. Proceeds will go to the CTK Building Fund. Tickets will be sold after masses. Call Abe at 925-381-5898 or Efrain at 698-6530 for more info.

Magnificat SOTI, a **Ministry for Catholic Women** invite all to join them at their **prayer breakfast**, Saturday, March 9, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Crowne Plaza, 45 John Glenn Dr. Concord. Our speaker is Barbara Nicolosi Harrington. She is a Hollywood writer, producer, story consultant and production executive. Her projects include, The Passion of the Christ, Joan of Arcadia and others. Call Kim at 925-683-8220 for reservations.

Pots of daffodils will be available for \$12 each after all masses next week (March 2/3) to benefit **A Friendly Manor** in Oakland. The Manor offers a safe daytime drop-in for homeless women and provides 26 single rooms as transitional housing. Your support is greatly appreciated.

St. Vincent de Paul is assembling **layettes** for our clients who are expecting babies. We are in need of new or gently used baby clothing sizes 0-24 months. We are also in need of pajamas, sizes 6 mos to 24 mos. If any of you regularly frequent the many thrift shops in the area, we would love it if you could help us with our shopping chores. Call Lois at 935-6640 to coordinate.

Pauline Book Fair: The Daughters of St. Paul, women religious who communicate Christ using all forms of media, will be present at our Parish after all the Masses on the weekend of **March 9-10**. The Sisters have a wide variety of Bibles, books, movies, music, rosaries and other gifts for both children and adults. Let this be the opportunity to grow in your faith and nourish yourself with good media.

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.

Save the Date - CTK Men's Retreat April 12-14: **"Welcome Back Cotter"**. Fr. Vince will be our retreat master. San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville. Contact peteobrien7@gmail.com for more information.

Christ the King's Italian Catholic Federation is offering a **scholarship** to 8th grade students wishing to attend a Catholic high school in the fall of 2019. Applications are in the vestibule of the church in the ICF section. RE students, please see Sr. Maureen for an application. Deadline to apply is March 29. Contact Teri Hurlbut at 256-9649 for more information.

Fr. Paulson's new book, **Bread Blessed and Broken for the World, A Pastor's Reflections on the Celebration of Mass**, is available for purchase in the parish office. The book accompanies the reader on a step-by-step journey into the deepest riches of the Roman Catholic Mass. Blessed and Broken is available for \$20.00.

Join Fr. Bonacci, C.P., for the St. Bonaventure parish mission on **"Hospitality and Discipleship: The Greatest Among You Serves."** Fr. Tom is the Director of the Interfaith Peace Project. March 18-20, at both 10 am and 7 pm. St. Bonaventure Catholic Community, 5562 Clayton Rd, Concord. Contact Gina at gcatalini@stbonaventure.net or 925-672-5800 for more information.

This weekend our second collection supports **The Catholic Relief Services**. Your support helps our brothers and sisters in the United States and around the world. Thank you for your support.

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Ash Wednesday marks
the beginning of Lent,
a season of fasting and
prayer.

Wednesday, March 6

**Come together at one of our Ash
Wednesday Masses for worship and
distribution of ashes.**

**6:30 am, 8:00 am
12 pm (school mass),
4 pm (prayer service with RE children),
5:30 pm and 7:00 pm.**



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Alive and active in our faith as a parish community

ctkAlive! Lenten sign-ups are here!

This 6-week series invites us each to

- **Engage** more fully with our Catholic **FAITH**
- **Explore** new approaches to **PRAYER**
- **Consider** how we can translate our **FAITH** and **PRAYER** into **ACTION** to make a difference in our communities

Morning and evening sessions,

Beginning in March. Fridays 9 am - 11 am or
Tuesdays, 7 pm - 9 pm.

Sign up after Masses this weekend.

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**Be alive and active in
your parish community.**

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