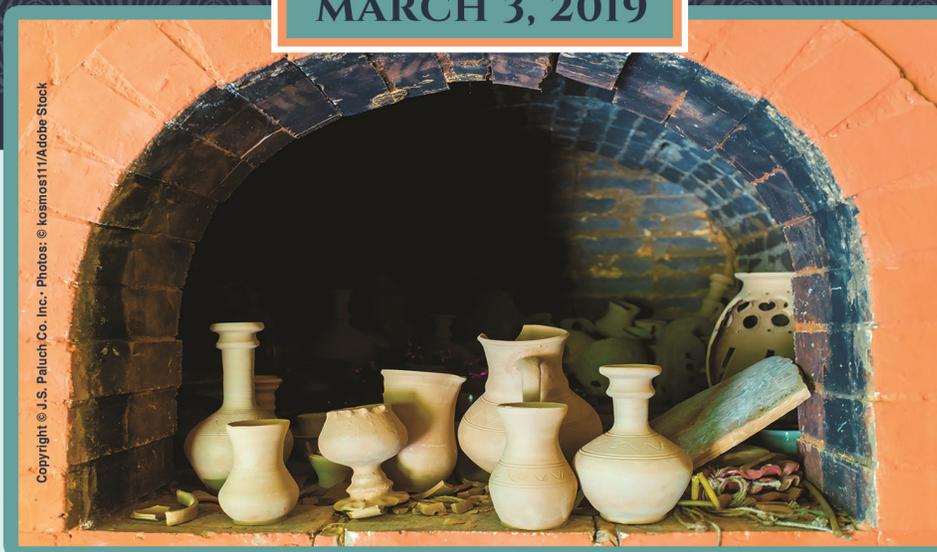


Christ the King Church

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As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace,
so in tribulation is the test of the just.

Sirach 27:5

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Week At A Glance	Upcoming Mass Intentions	Schedule of Masses
<p>Sunday, 3/3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RE 3 yr., Pre-K, K, Clow, 9:15 am <p>Monday, 3/4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RE Grades 1 - 5, Older Sacraments <p>Tuesday, 3/5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RE Grades 1 - 5 RE Grades 7/8 Perpetual Help/Rosary Church 7 pm <p>Wednesday, 3/6 - Ash Wednesday (see schedule flap)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RE Grades 1 - 5 RE Grade 6 <p>Thursday, 3/7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Group, Parish Hall 7 pm <p>Friday, 3/8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stations of the Cross, 6:30 pm <p>Saturday, 3/9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Fellowship, House 7:30 am 2nd Grade Retreats <p>Sunday, 3/10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RE 3 yr., Pre-K, K, 9:15 am No Clow ICF Mtg, Hall 1:00 pm 	<p>3/4 8 am - Paul Sbragia † J.P. Sbragia-Zoricic †</p> <p>3/5 8 am - Delfa Hegedis †</p> <p>3/6 6:30 am - 8 am - Fr. Brian Joyce † 12:00 pm - Eddie Connell † 5:30 pm - Fr. Brian Joyce † 7:00 pm - Mary Joyce</p> <p>3/7 8 am - Aleksandar Hegedis †</p> <p>3/8 8 am - Josip Hegedis †</p> <p>Saturday, 3/9</p> <p>8 am - Bob Billingsley † 5 pm - Jean Remorini †</p> <p>Sunday, 3/10</p> <p>7 am - Paul Bonjean † 8 am - Mary Ann Nevares † 9:15 am - CTK Parishioners 10:45 am - Bernice Peterson † 12:15 pm - Josefina Oribello † 6 pm - Maxine Vergara Lies</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> <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> <p>St. Stephen Catholic Church 1101 Keaveny Ct, Walnut Creek 925-274-1341</p>

Dear Parishioners,

Pope Frances tells us that “Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each community and every believer. It is a favorable time to become more like Christ. This happens whenever we hear the word of God and receive the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. There we become what we receive: the Body of Christ. In this body there is no room for the indifference which so often seems to possess our hearts. For whoever is of Christ, belongs to one body, and in him we cannot be indifferent to one another.”



This week we celebrate Ash Wednesday which ushers in the Season of Lent. Come to Mass and receive ashes on your forehead. Why the ashes? Pope John Paul II reminds us that this is “*a very ancient tradition. This act is ... an important sign of conversion and inner renewal... very profound because of its penitential meaning...*”

The 40 days of Lent are a time to open our hearts for change, for conversion ... for a deepening of our love for the Lord. The season of Lent – especially Holy week – focuses us on the “passion” of Christ. I share with you a powerful insight by Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI:

“Passion comes from the latin, PASSIO, meaning passiveness, non-activity, absorbing something more than actively doing anything. The “Passion” of Jesus refers to that time in his life where his meaning for us is not defined by what he was doing but rather by what was being done to him. What is being said here?

The public life and ministry of Jesus can be divided into two distinct parts: Scholars estimate that Jesus spent about three years preaching and teaching before being put to death. For most of that time ... he was very much the do-er, in command, the active one, teaching, healing, performing miracles, giving counsel, eating with sinners, debating with church authorities, and generally, by activity of every sort, inviting his contemporaries into the life of God. And he was busy...

However, from the time he walked out of the last supper room and began to pray in Gethsemane, that activity stops. He is no longer the one who is doing things for others, but the one who is having things done to him. In the garden, they arrest him, bind his hands, lead him to the high priest, then to Pilate. He is beaten, humiliated, stripped of his clothes, and eventually nailed to a cross where he dies. This constitutes his “passion”, that time in his life and ministry where he ceases to be the do-er and becomes the one who has things done to him.

What is so remarkable about this is that our faith teaches us that we are saved more through his passion (his death and suffering) than through all of his activity of preaching and doing miracles.”

Sr. Dominic Marie, OP

ASH WEDNESDAY: For those 18 to 59 years of age:

- * Fasting on Ash Wednesday means a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time; but no solid food eaten between meals.
- * Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent we abstain from eating meat.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time March 3, 2019

First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

The book of Sirach was written by a wise teacher who lived 200 years before Christ. It is a loose collection of thoughts on various concerns in the life of a believer. In today’s section, we hear Sirach’s thoughts about how speech is the measure of a person.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

This is the last of our seven weeks of readings from first Corinthians. In recent weeks, we have heard Paul addressing the Corinthian converts’ questions about life after death. Paul ends his teaching on the resurrection with this hymn of triumph over death.

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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.**

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.

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.

CTK'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. Deadline to apply is March 29. Contact Teri Hurlbut at 256-9649 for more information.

Helping Hands Ministry Outreach: We would appreciate volunteers to donate food for our service to the homeless on Monday, March 18. We would like to add the following to our menu :

- prepped and cleaned grapes,
- sections of peeled oranges and
- 4 bunches of whole bananas
- 10-2 liter bottles of soda

(feeding 60-70 people). Folks may contact Teresa Bolla - 925-519-2547 bollawoman@gmail.com. Items may be dropped off IN THE SMALL LOT at 4:30 pm or brought into the parish office by 4:30 pm on March 18.

Pots of daffodils will be available for \$12 each after all masses this weekend to benefit **A Friendly Manor** in Oakland. The Manor offers a safe daytime drop-in for homeless women and provides transitional housing. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Diablo Choral Artists will be performing, **"Sing Joyfully"**, a concert featuring five centuries of British sacred music, on Friday, March 15 at 8:00 pm at St. Stephen Church. Tickets are available through Brown Paper Tickets at 800-838-3006 or online at brownpapertickets.com. Tickets are also available at the door, \$25 adults, \$15 seniors, \$5 children (5-12 free).

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 next weekend, **March 9-10**. The Sisters have a wide variety of Bibles, books, movies, 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 monthly **Italian Catholic Federation** meeting will be held next Sunday, March 10 at 1:00 pm in the parish hall at CTK. All are welcome to join us. We will be celebrating St. Joseph's Day with our St. Joseph's Table. Bring food to share and stay for our business meeting afterwards. You don't have to be Italian to join ICF. Through families and fellowship, ICF promotes and supports the Catholic faith, encourages apostolic and charitable works and celebrates our Italian heritage as well as ALL the heritages of our community.

Parish Prayer Line - We have a team of parishioners available to pray for you. Send confidential prayer requests to prayerline@ctkph.org. Then, please let us know when to begin thank you's to our God for answered prayers.

Dear Friends - It has been a wonderful month living here and being with all of you - God bless you! The first 2 weeks were very grace-filled as we prepared for Fr. Brian Joyce's funeral and then how we celebrated it in CTK style. I was amazed how we all came together with all the logistics and extra details - and except for the stormy weather, how wonderful his funeral was. It was a special moment for the parish. On a personal note, many thanks for all the prayers and words of condolences so many of you have offered for the happy repose of the soul of my brother, Rich. His funeral St. Paul's Parish in SF was also a grace-filled moment in time and the Cotter and Morris (his in-laws) families thank you so much! I have heard from so many of you how you enjoyed the St. Benedict's Gospel Choir when they came here in January. I was scheduled to be the celebrant at the Mass but had a bad case of allergies that morning; however, I heard how Fr. Paulson and Fr. Timoney were tapping their feet and AMENing it along with everybody else. Some of you have asked if they could come again but they are in high demand and their main ministry is at St. Benedict's; however, I could see if they could visit here at least once a year. What thinkest thou? In the meantime, let's stay in touch and many thanks - *Fr. Vince*.

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. **Bread Blessed and Broken** is available for \$20.00.

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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 (school mass)

12 pm

4 pm (prayer service with RE children),

5:30 pm and 7:00 pm.



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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
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