

CHRIST THE KING COMMUNITY

199 Brandon Road, Pleasant Hill 925-682-2486 www.ctkph.org

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Daily Masses:

Monday-Friday, 8:00 am

Saturday Masses:

8:00 am & 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses:

7 am, 8 am, 9:15 am,
10:45 am 12:15 pm

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

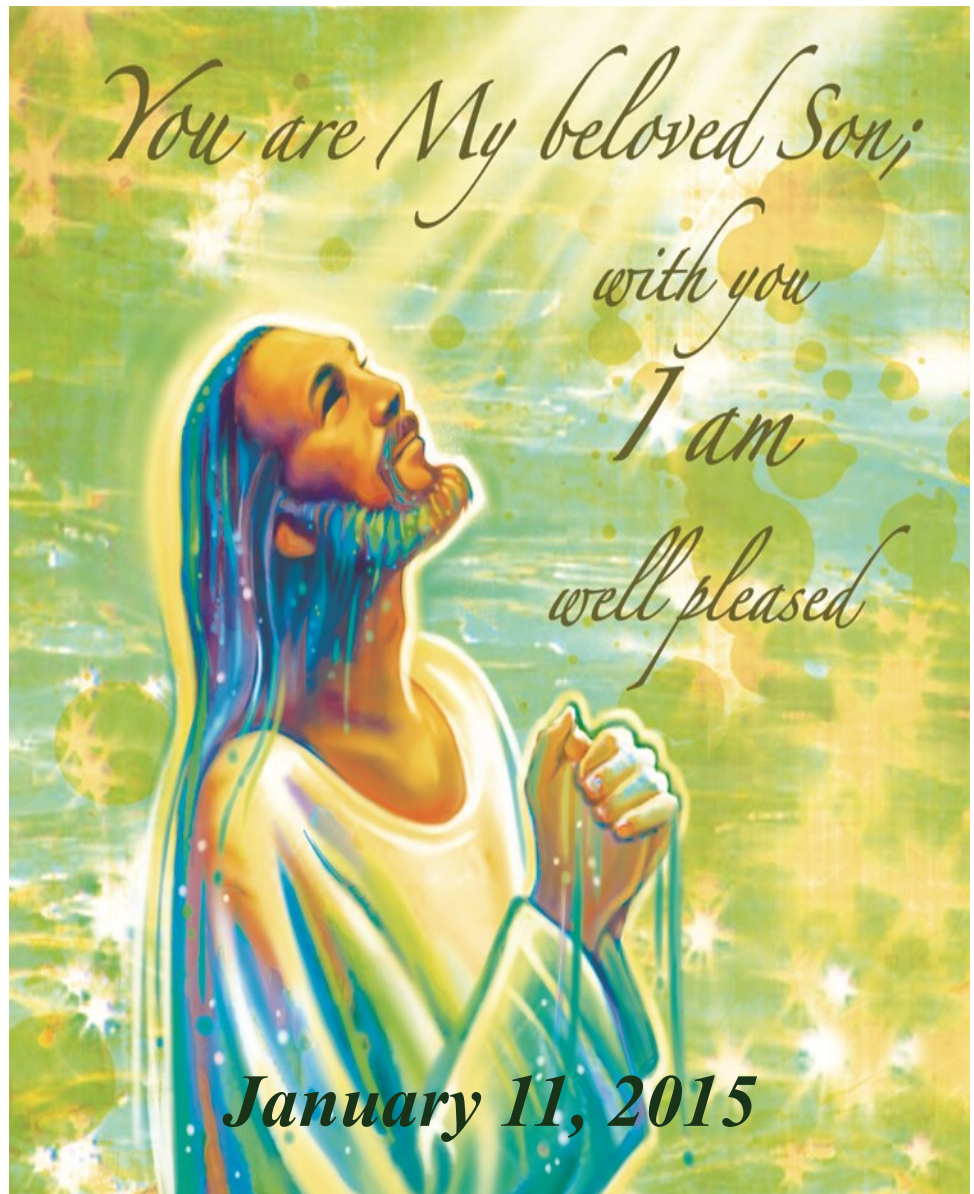
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Youth Ministry: 676-0979
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CTK School: 685-1109
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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 01/11

- Second Sunday of Advent
- Children's Liturgy of the Word 9:15
- 3 yr olds Rm D 9:15 mass
- PreK; parish hall 9:15 mass
- K; school 9:15 mass
- RE Older Sacs RE office 10:30
- Confirmation 11-1:30 parish hall
- Youth Group 7 pm parish hall
- **Monday, 01/12**
- Bible Study A & B, 8:30-10:30 am
- Older Sacraments A/B 4:00 pm

Tuesday, 01/13

- Legion of Mary, Min.Ctr; 8:30am
- RE Grades 1-3; school
- Grades 4-5; parish hall
- RE Grades 7/8; 7 pm Parish Hall
- Rosary&Perpetual Help;Church 7pm
- Spanish Prayer, Church, 7:30pm
- **Wednesday 01/14**
- RE Grades 1-3 ;school
- Grades 4-5; parish hall
- RE Grade 6; 7 pm parish hall
- Rosary Makers 7pm Min. Ctr

Thursday, 01/15

- RE Grades 1-3; School
- Grades 4-5; Parish Hall
- Centering Prayer; Min. Ctr 10:00 am
- RCIA Min Ctr -Chapel, 7pm

Friday, 01/16

- No Garden Café
- Calvary Movie; 7:30 parish hall

Saturday, 01/17

- Men's Fellowship Chapel; 7:30am
- Secular Franciscans 9am Min. Ctr

Sunday, 01/18

- No CLOW/No RE classes
- No Youth Group

To Hear the Gospel and Make a Difference

Dear Friends,

While Fr. Paulson is away, he wanted me to let you know about the work being done in our sacristy starting on the 17th. The area behind the altar is being renovated so as to make it more of a prayerful place for the celebrants especially before starting Mass.

Presently, it has become a socializing area with lots of noise instead of an extension of our sanctuary area. There has been at times some chaos back there and even Mass confusion (pardon the pun). Once the work is completed, our sacristy will be neater, tidier, more organized and more prayerful.

Also while he is away, there will be a slight re-arrangement of furniture in our altar area. The baptismal font will be moved over to the area of the oils for two reasons: 1) to free up the sanctuary area so as to make the altar more of the central focus it needs to be and 2: to make that connection with the oils used when baptisms take place. However, for large communal baptisms, we hope to make our present font more moveable so as to have it in front of the altar when need be.

During Lent, we hope to do some changes in our Sunday liturgies, extremely minor ones, but important ones, theologically and liturgically speaking. These have to do with the Roman Missal which came out a few years ago and which most of the parishes in our diocese have been doing for some time.

I know most of us don't like change, but when we understand the thinking behind them, that makes these changes easier to swallow. Naturally, there is that old standard joke. What is the difference between a liturgist and a terrorist? Not much, but at least you can dialogue with a terrorist ... (insert laughter here).

Thank God, Fr. Paulson, Fr. Timoney, and I are not liturgists!

In God's love and mine,

Vince

Reflections on Sunday Readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11

Today's reading is from a part of Isaiah written when the Jewish people were exiled in Babylon, which is in modern day Iraq. This section is often referred to as the "book of comfort" because of the encouragement it gives. Today's passage is a finale to this "book of comfort" and uses the image of poor people being invited by God to a joyful banquet.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-9

In this passage, the author of the first letter of John emphasizes belief in Jesus Christ as *Son of God*. He uses phrases and symbols which describe Christ's baptism, death and resurrection. The Spirit, present at these events, testifies to Christ as Son of God. Such testimony is far superior to any human witness.

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Christ the King School Application Process for

2015-2016 School Year
to begin. Join us for

Christ the King School's Open House on Sunday, January 25th after the 9:15 Mass. School applications will be available at open house and also on-line at www.ctkschool.org beginning the week of January 20th.

Are you ready for Good News People? Sign-up Sunday, January 18th after all masses. Good news people is a life changing crash course in discipleship. It will reconnect you in your daily life, with what it means to live out the Gospel message of service to the poor, care of creation, and solidarity with those who suffer. It will introduce and connect you to local and international justice organizations and help you move forward with your personal and spiritual goals. The cost of the program is just \$20 and it kicks off on Sunday, February 1st with an opening assembly. There will be several day/time options for weekly meetings to suit your schedule. For more information, contact our Associate, Kate at 682-2486 or katedoherty.ctk@gmail.com.



Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest! All boys and girls ages 8 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2014-15 Knights Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held on **Sunday, January 25th from 8am to 12pm at CTK Gym.**

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Council champion from each division advances to district competition. Last year more than 120,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,600 local competitions.

Festival 2015 Planning Meeting!

Join us for the January CTK festival planning meeting on Tuesday, January 13th at 7pm in the sixth grade classroom. All hands on deck to help plan our nautical themed festival! We are always looking for volunteers to help plan this parish wide, community building event. The festival will take place on May 15th-17th, 2015. Contact us at christthekingfestival@gmail.com for more information.

Are you being called? Diaconate Formation Information Meetings. A new deacon formation class is starting in the Diocese of Oakland. The next information meeting is on Thursday, January 15 from 7-8pm at the Cathedral of Christ the Light. For other January dates, call the Department of Clergy Services at 510-267-8348. Interested men and their wives are invited to attend these meetings. The discernment sessions will allow interested men to explore the call to diaconal ministry and gain understanding of the requirements, the process and the commitment involved in becoming a deacon.

Our Spring **Grief Workshop** will be lead by Sr. Joanne Gallagher and a team of peer ministers who will facilitate a seven week workshop to help you begin the healing process of losing a loved one, whether the loss was recent or years ago. Dates are Monday, February 2 to March 16th from 7 - 9 pm in the ministry center at Christ the King. Please call 682-2486 to register. **Registration required by January 22, 2015.**

Join us for bible study at CTK! A new session of bible study for both men and women is starting this month and will continue for 20 weeks. We are studying the Book of Acts. Mondays, 8:30am gathering; 8:45-9:40 DVD presentation; 9:45-10:30 optional discussion period. All sessions in rooms A and B in the parish hall. For more information, contact Mary Kerfs at 946-9751 or marykerfs@yahoo.com.

Taize Prayer Around the Cross will be at Christ the King on Sunday, Jan. 18th at **7:30 pm**. Join us for an hour of devotional prayer in the spirit of Taize (the ecumenical community in southern France). Plan on joining us for a prayerful, refreshing service. Note the new time for 2015 is **7:30 pm!**

New CTK Job Transition Online Ministry

In January of 2010, the **CTK Job Networking Ministry** was established in response to the large number of unemployed in our parish community. For five years, a team of dedicated volunteers has provided support and encouragement to job seekers in their effort to find work. Of the well over 500 job seekers who attended the bi-monthly meetings over that time, the vast majority have found jobs. The 250 who joined Success Teams acquired additional networking, interviewing, resume-writing and other job search skills that increased their confidence and compassion for each other. Approximately 90% of those who remained active team members found rewarding employment. Many newly-employed "graduates" returned to share their inspirational success stories with those still in transition.

Thankfully, the job market has improved considerably since the time we launched this ministry and there has been a significant drop in meeting attendance. Therefore, we are discontinuing bi-monthly general (Large Group) meetings and the weekly Success Team meetings, effective January 2015. But because job loss can be a devastating event to those who experience it, CTK will continue to offer a "virtual" job transition service via our parish website and our continued alliance with the **Career Actions Network (CAN)**. The parish will continue to sponsor, for now, the monthly \$5.00 CAN subscription fee for job seekers (for both current subscribers and new job seekers). We will update you when the new **CTK Job Transition Online Ministry** is available.

This weekend there is a second collection for Social Justice. Next weekend there is a second collection for the seminary. Thank you for your generous support.

Christmas Support: \$96,605.00

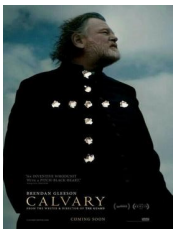
Church Support 01/04/15 \$25,477 Bldg Fund \$1,296.00 CA Education: \$6,100.00

SOCIAL JUSTICE SECOND COLLECTION AND SPEAKERS

One of the special charisms of Christ the King is that we pride ourselves on our commitment to Social Justice. Every year many organizations request to have the honor of speaking with our community and asking for your generous financial support. In order to facilitate these requests without overwhelming you or your pocket book, Father Brian Joyce and CTK's Faith in Action (FIA) group came up with the idea of offering a January Justice Second Collection. In order to be represented, groups apply to be considered, are carefully vetted and researched by our Pastoral Associate Kate Doherty. At FIA's December meeting, a listening session is held and all applicants present to the group why they would like to be represented. After this, FIA's Steering Committee carefully reviews the applicants and listening session attendees feedback and chooses 3 groups to participate. These groups will share the amount contributed, split 3 ways. This year 8 wonderful organizations applied and we are so pleased to connect you this year's recipients - Oakland Catholic Worker, Jubilee USA and the Contra Costa Juvenile Detention Center Ministry. Please give generously and feel free to visit their tables outside for more information and to get more involved in their work. To learn more at home, visit their websites:

JubileeUSA.org
oaklandcatholicworker.org
interfaithccc.org

FRIDAY FILM SERIES CONTINUES WITH CALVARY!



January 16th at 7:30 in the parish hall: **Calvary**. Calvary's Fr. James (Brendan Gleeson) is a good priest who is faced with sinister and troubling circumstances brought about by a mysterious member of his parish. Although he continues to comfort his own fragile daughter (Kelly Reilly) and reach out to help members of his church with their various scurrilous moral -and often comical - problems, he feels sinister and troubling forces closing in, and begins to wonder if he will have the courage to face his own personal Calvary.