

# CHRIST THE KING COMMUNITY

199 Brandon Road, Pleasant Hill

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## 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

**Parish Office: 682-2486**

[www.ctkph.org](http://www.ctkph.org)

**Religious Ed: 686-1017**

[www.ctkrelioueducation.org](http://www.ctkrelioueducation.org)

**Youth Ministry: 676-0979**

[www.ctkym.org](http://www.ctkym.org)

**CTK School: 685-1109**

[www.ctkschool.org](http://www.ctkschool.org)

**Facebook: Christ the King**

**Catholic Community of Pleasant Hill**

*February 8, 2015*

**For this  
purpose  
have  
I come**

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## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, 02/08

- 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
- ICF Mtg. 2:30 parish hall
- Youth Group 7 pm parish hall

### Monday, 02/09

- Bible Study A & B, 8:30-10:30 am
- Older Sacraments A/B 4:00 pm
- RE Festival Mtg 7pm RE office
- Grief Support 7pm Min. Ctr

### Tuesday, 02/10

- 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 02/11

- RE Grades 1-3 ;school
- Grades 4-5; parish hall
- RE Grade 6; 7 pm parish hall
- Rosary Makers 7pm Min. Ctr

### Thursday, 02/12

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

### Friday, 02/13

- Garden Café

### Saturday, 02/14

- Men's Fellowship Chapel; 7:30am

### Sunday, 02/15

- No CLOW/No RE classes
- No Youth Group

To Hear the Gospel and Make a Difference

Dear Friends,

Pope Francis announced that 2015 will be a year dedicated to the promotion of consecrated life, and is asking the church's religious sisters, brothers and priests to "wake up the world" with their testimony of faith, holiness and hope. Pope Francis issued a letter for the Year of Consecrated Life, which started throughout the universal Church on the first Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2014. The observance will end on the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, February 2, 2016.

In his message, the Pope underlined the aims of the Year of Consecrated Life, namely to look to the past with gratitude, to live the present with passion and to embrace the future with hope. "I am counting on you 'to wake up the world', since the distinctive sign of consecrated life is prophecy," he wrote. "This is the priority that is needed right now." He urged religious communities to guard against gossip, jealousy and pettiness in community life, to live "in synergy" with other vocations in the Church, and to "step more courageously from the confines of our respective institutes and to work together." The Pope said he also expected consecrated men and women to examine their presence in Church life and to respond to the "new demands constantly being made on us, to the cry of the poor."

In 1997, Pope John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2. This feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated

Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.

It is no secret that religious life is at a crossroads. As the church celebrates the Year of Consecrated Life, the number of men and women in religious orders in the United States has experienced a steady decline from peak numbers in the 1960s. Many of the schools, hospitals, and other ministries started by religious orders are today staffed primarily by laymen and laywomen. But religious life today also provides a wide array of opportunities for sisters, brothers, and priests to choose a unique path by serving their orders in new and different ways. During this year, we shall do certain things that would highlight religious life. We here at CTK are very fortunate to have so many religious sisters and brothers, who are part of our community. I hope to organize "a day with religious," with a desire to honor them and to learn from them firsthand what it means to set apart one's life at the service of the Lord.

I would like to thank Fr. Vince Cotter for taking good care of the parish while I was away. I am deeply grateful for the nice words he wrote about my leadership in the bulletin. I treasure with gratitude our ministry together. We are blessed with wonderful priests here at our parish and May God bless each of them.

Fr. Paulson



## Reflections on Sunday Readings:

### **First Reading: Job 7: 1-4, 6-7**

The Book of Job is a long parable which grapples with why bad things happen to good people. This question was especially crucial to people of that time because they didn't believe in life after death, and therefore one received reward or punishment in this life. Job has lost his children, his property, and his health, and he lives at the city dump. In this passage, he gives an understandably pessimistic evaluation of life.

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23**

Paul's enemies frequently criticized him for the least little thing. At a time when most teachers received compensation from those they instructed, Paul was criticized because he refused financial support from the community. Because of this, they discredited him as not being a legitimate apostle. Today we hear his response.



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## Women's Weekend Retreat.

Registration for this year's

Women's Retreat will be outside the church this Sunday after all the Masses. The retreat will be given by Sr. Joann Heinritz at Villa Maria Del Mar in Santa Cruz. Dates for the retreat are March 6th - 8th, 2015.

## Education and Action Series

### "They Killed Sister Dorothy"

**Thursday Feb 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Parish Hall**

On February 12th, 2005, Sister Dorothy Stang, a Catholic nun from Dayton, Ohio, was shot six times and left to die on a muddy road in the Brazilian Amazon. Who was this woman? Why was she killed? And what will be done about it? The answers may hold the fate of the rainforest itself. On the 10th anniversary of her death, join us in viewing *They Killed Sister Dorothy*, a ground breaking documentary feature and a true courtroom drama that follows the trial of Dorothy's killers and examines her life's work in the rainforest of Brazil.

## Winter Nights Activities Talent Search.

The Winter nights families will be with us once again for two weeks beginning April 6th. We are looking for parishioners and groups who are willing to share their special talents. Do you know how to face paint, tell stories, do magic? Are you willing to ride along on a bowling outing or run a Bingo game? Do you bake cookies and are willing to make cookies with the families? Can you run a small basket ball or soccer clinic or just willing to come and spend time? Do you cut hair or able to do manicures? Do you have companion pets that would enjoy spending time with children? If you have these gifts or any others you would like to share, please call Sandy at 925-370-6389.



The Knights of Columbus invite you to join us for our annual **St. Patrick's Day celebration** at CTK.

Saturday, March 14 at 5:30 in the gym. Three course meal: homemade soup, corned beef and cabbage and apple and berry crumble. Live Irish music and CTK Irish Dancers! Tickets: Adults \$25 and Children \$15 (kids meal served). Tickets will be on sale after masses beginning Feb. 21st. Contact Jay Becker at [scooners@comcast.net](mailto:scooners@comcast.net) or [www.kofcph.org](http://www.kofcph.org).

## Thirsty Thursday Re-boot!

### ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS!

Faith in Action (which is the social justice ministry of CTK) has been hosting a monthly meeting on the second Thursday of every month for many years now. This year we re-named it Thirsty Thursday (for those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.) Now, we will be re-vamping that meeting and **re-launching Thirsty Thursday as a Young Adult event that will happen on the first Thursday of every month starting in March.** Second Thursdays will continue as an ongoing "Action and Education" series focused on Social Justice Issues. Second Thursdays will always be open to all. **SAVE THE DATE for the first Young Adult (open to those in their 20's and 30's) Thirsty Thursday, Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>.** More info to come soon. Read about this month's action and education event, "They Killed Sister Dorothy".

## Taize Prayer Around the Cross

will be at Church of the Resurrection on Sunday, Feb. 15th 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!**

Save the date for **Christ The King's Men's Retreat!** The Men's Retreat will be held at San Damiano Retreat Facility on the weekend of March 13 -15, 2015. Don't miss our retreat master, Fr. Jim Conlon. For details, please call Pete O'Brien at 925-899-6662 or Eddy Williams at 925-787-7631.

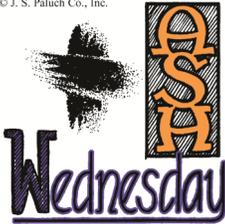
**Italian Catholic Federation** meeting and Valentine's potluck is being held on Sunday, Feb. 8th from 2:30 - 5 pm in the parish hall. For I.C.F. information, email [ICFpleasant-hill@aol.com](mailto:ICFpleasant-hill@aol.com).



**Thank You for your Generosity!** During our annual January justice

Collection, we heard from Jubilee USA, The Juvenile Detention Ministry and Oakland Catholic Worker and thanks to you we were able to offer them each a donation of **\$8,875.50**. Each presenter expressed **deep gratitude** and hoped Christ the King knows what a big difference these donations would make to further their missions and support the people they serve. They also expressed what a joy it was to meet with all of you after Masses and were **grateful for the warm reception and interest in their work**. They all hope to continue to build the relationships they formed that weekend.

The Bishop has asked us to help him respond to questions sent to him by Pope Francis and the **Synod Fathers** in preparation for the Synod on Marriage and the Family that will take place this October. He especially asks that all levels of the Church's life respond to these questions. Therefore, he has put a questionnaire on line in both English and Spanish that he asks all of you to fill out on line in the next two weeks. This is an important contribution we can make to the prayerful reflection of the whole Church on this important part of our life. The questionnaire can be found at: [www.oakdiocese.org/survey](http://www.oakdiocese.org/survey).



## Ash Wednesday is February 18, 2015.

The schedule for masses and  
prayer services at CTK are:

6:30 am Mass

**8:15 am** (please help us by coming to mass at 8:15,  
not 8am in order keep our parking lot clear)

11 am - school mass

4 pm- Prayer service and ash distribution

5:30 pm Mass

7:00 pm Mass



### Carondelet High School Crab Feed March 7th.

Please join us [on Saturday,  
March 7, 2015](#), for our annual  
Crab Feed dinner! Start off the evening  
with a free speciality drink,  
appetizers and great

fun. In addition to the "all you can eat" crab, we'll be  
serving delicious BBQ Tri-Tip, along with salad, pasta  
and garlic bread. Close out the evening by enjoying  
dessert, raffle prizes and live music. This **21 and  
over** event is one you and your friends won't want to  
miss!

Doors open at 5:30, Dinner served at 6:45.

Tickets available at [carondelet.net](http://carondelet.net).

Tickets are \$55 per person, group sales (10 or more)  
receive a discount before 2/14/15.



*The Christ the King Student Leadership team  
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