

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

199 Brandon Road, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 925-682-2486

October 12, 2014

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



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 10/12

- Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) During 9:15 Mass
- RE Pgm for 3 yr olds, Room D, 9:15 Mass
- RE : PreK, Parish Hall, Rms A, B, D; K Pgm, CTK School; During 9:15 Mass
- RE Older Sacs(GR 6-8) RE office 10:30
- Youth Group 7pm Parish Hall

Monday, 10/13

- No Bible Study/No RE classes

Tuesday, 10/14

- RE Grades 1-5: Grds 1-3 School, Grds 4 & 5, Parish Hall, Rms A,B,C,D, 3:40-5 pm
- RE Grades 7/8 7pm Parish Hall
- Rosary & Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion, Church, 7pm
- Spanish Prayer Group, Church, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, 10/15

- RE Grades 1-5: Grds 1-3 School, Grds 4 & 5, Parish Hall, Rms A,B,C,D, 3:40-5 pm
- RE Grade 6 7 pm in Parish Hall
- Sewing Ministry- Ministry Ctr 10am

Thursday, 10/16

- RE Grades 1-5: Grds 1-3 School, Grds 4 & 5, Parish Hall, Rms A,B,C,D, 3:40-5 pm
- RE Baptism Parent Mtg, Room A 7pm
- Centering Prayer, Min Ctr (Din rm) 10:00am
- RCIA Inquiry Sessions, Min Ctr (Chapel), 7pm,
- Job Network Parish Hall -6:30pm

Friday, 10/17

- Garden Café, Ministry Ctr 7:30 am
- Parish Council

Saturday, 10/18

- Mens Fellowship Grp, Chapel, 7:30am
- Hx of CTK storytelling 10am-parish hall
- Secular Franciscans – Min. Ctr 9am

Sunday, 10/19

- RE Program for 3 yr olds, Rm D, 9:15 mass
- Children's Liturgy of the Word 9:15 Mass
- RE : PreK, Parish Hall, Rms A, B, D; K Prgrm, CTK School; During 9:15 Mass
- RE Older Sac(GR 6-8) RE office 10:30
- Confirmation 11am – 1:30 Parish Hall
- Youth Group 7pm Parish Hall

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Paulson Mundanmani

Assoc. Pastor: Fr. Vince Cotter

Pastoral Associates:

Sr. Joanne Gallagher, C.S.J.,

Sr. Dominic Bonnici, OP

Kate Doherty

Deacon: John Ashmore

Principal: Chris Caban

Religious Education Director:

Sr. Maureen Viani,SNJM

Assoc. Director: Joan Smits

Youth Ministry: Rick Lejano

Assistant: Helen Christian

RCIA: Al Garrotto

Weekend Associates: Fr. Tom Burns,

Fr. Michael Dibble

In Residence Associate: Fr. Brian Timoney

Parish Office: 925-682-486

To Hear the Gospel and Make a Difference



Dear Friends,

The entire world is paying attention to what is happening in the Vatican at this time. The Time Magazine reported, “It can be easy to fixate on the idea that the Extraordinary Synod on the Family beginning in Rome this week is purely about Catholic Church politics. The world clamors for the latest Catholic hubbub about divorce and remarriage policies, annulment reform, and which Cardinal holds which position on what agenda or controversial marital issue. But something more is happening as bishops gather for the first major doctrinal and pastoral summit of the Francis papacy; something quieter, deeper, and less immediately obvious: a spiritual renewal that Pope Francis hopes to foster between church leaders and their people.”

The pope said that he wanted to get a serious conversation started on the topic, and that's precisely what he's gotten. In February, the pope asked Walter Kasper, a German cardinal who has openly supported giving communion to divorced and remarried Catholics, to deliver a major address to the College of Cardinals. An increasing number of cardinals — the most senior ecclesiastical leaders after the pope - have risen against the threat to change what is considered an un-touchable status quo. On Wednesday, days before the start of the synod, a powerful group of cardinals published a book called "Remaining in the Truth of Christ." It is an open rebuttal of the pope's suspected flexibility towards remarried divorcees. I am happy to see such a very serious exchange of views on a very serious subject. This should not be misconstrued as division or politics. In his words clearly chosen during the opening prayer service and mass, Pope Francis made that very clear.



On Saturday evening, before the synod officially began Pope Francis called the people to gather in the piazza to pray for the upcoming two-weeks of Synod conversations. A choir chanted a hymn as tens of thousands of people arrived, each silently, most with their families. When dusk fell and the moon had risen, each person lit a candle, and thousands of drops of light filled the square. *Vieni Santo Spirito, vieni, or Come Holy Spirit, come*, the people sang with the choir, over and over. “May the Wind of Pentecost blow upon the Synod’s work, on the Church, and on all of humanity,” Francis told to the crowd. “Undo the knots which prevent people from encountering one another, heal the wounds that bleed, rekindle hope.”

In his Sunday sermon, the Pope addressed the bishops stating that the job of leaders was to nurture the vineyard—a Biblical image for the people of God. “Synod Assemblies are not meant to discuss beautiful and clever ideas, or to see who is more intelligent,” the Pope preached. “We are all sinners and can also be tempted to ‘take over’ the vineyard, because of that greed which is always present in us human beings. God’s dream always clashes with the hypocrisy of some of his servants. We can ‘thwart’ God’s dream if we fail to let ourselves be guided by the Holy Spirit.” Francis was saying to his bishops that this was a time to focus on the people and what the people need. It is, as he put it, about developing “plans [that] will correspond to God’s dream: to form a holy people who are his own and produce the fruits of the kingdom of God.”

The synod lays the groundwork for a bigger gathering of bishops next year, and no decisions are expected before then. But given the apparent difference of opinion between conservative and progressive Cardinals, it will be seen as the first, real test of leadership by a pontiff who seems to have won over millions of Catholics worldwide, but not all of the cardinals who elected him. Let us keep Pope Francis in our prayers.

Fr. Paulson

Job Networking Ministry- Thursday, October 16th 6:30 pm Networking, 7 pm Presentation.

Presentation Topic: "Becoming an Entrepreneur – A Guide to Job Reinvention". We only excel when we find the interaction between what we are great at and what we love. Learn how to identify what you love and excel at, then take action thru DARE (Dream, Act, Relate, Enjoy) to transform the job you have into one you love. This presentation is ideal for mid-career workers seeking to find a better fit for their passions and abilities at the job they already have or those struggling to find the right position and land a job. **Presented by Denise Kalm**, Chief Innovator at Kalm Kreative, Inc.

Knights of Columbus Pancake breakfast, Sunday, Oct. 27 after the 7, 8 and 9:15 masses. Adults \$5.00 and children \$3.00. Pancakes, sausage, ham, juice and coffee will be served. Also at this breakfast, we will have available for an extra charge, eggs cooked to order for \$1.00 each as well as 2 egg omelets, ham or bacon, with or without cheese for \$3.00. All net proceeds will be donated to this year's ID (Intellectual Disabilities) drive. Please plan on attending!

The Filipino Society of Christ the King will sponsor a piano concert, "A Rendezvous with Great Composers", on Sunday, October 26, at 6:00 p.m. at Christ the King church, featuring the gifted and multi-award winning Filipino pianist Virginia Laico Villanueva. All proceeds will benefit the various projects of our parish. Members of FSCTK will be selling tickets after all masses. For more information please call Rudy Bautista (925) 372-6227 or Imelda Santos (925) 825-2317.

Day of Recollection – On Saturday, October 25, we will have our Day of Recollection directed by Sr. Mary Greenan, here at CTK in the parish hall. It will begin after the 8:00 mass, from 8:30 until 12:30pm. The theme will be "Hope in the Mist of Struggle". Reservations will be taken on October 11th and 12th. Hope to see you there.

Special Bereavement Mass on Sunday, November 2nd at Christ the King Church will be celebrated for all those who have lost a relative or loved one during the past year. Mass at 12:15 pm, refreshments to follow. If you have a family member who died during the past year please call the parish house (682-2486) by October 28th to give their name so they can be included on a special scroll at that mass.

The CTK school festival committee is already starting on plans for next year and we could use help from all parishioners. Please consider joining our committee. Our next **meeting is Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00 pm** in the 6th grade classroom. We have lots of volunteer opportunities and need people with all backgrounds to work with the games committee, food, facilities, parish hall activities, marketing and publicity, and much more. If you have any questions, feel free to reach us at christthekingfestival@gmail.com.

Holiday Boutique: The Altar Society will have the Holiday Boutique on Saturday, November 21 and on Sunday, November 22. We need your donations of saleable items like gift cards, quilts, knitted items, electronic items housewares, jewelries and other usable items would be greatly appreciated. Please call Shary Luthy at 798-8320

Christ Light XI, Nov. 7th, 8th, 9th. If you have been wondering about this weekend experience, now is the time to give it a try. It's a unique and safe way to renew your faith, make new friends, and have some fun. Theme is Strength for the Journey. Application and information available www.christlightonline.com

Save the Dates for our Fall Adult Ed Series: Instruments of Peace During October we celebrated the Feast Day of St. Francis Assisi and so our fall series will expand on his life and mission and take to heart his prayer, to seek not so much to be understood as to understand. In doing so we have invited leading scholars on the topics of Anti-Islamism and Anti-Semitism to deepen our understanding.

All presentations will be on Mondays at 7:30 in Church

10/27: A one man play about St Francis
11/3 : A Muslim perspective on Anti-Islamism with Dr. Hatem Bazian
11/10: A Jewish perspective on Anti-Semitism with Rabbi Pam Frydman

Homework Club: Would you like to make a tangible difference in the life of a child? CCIH Homework Club volunteers make a profound impact on local low income and at-risk students. CCIH has homework club sites in Concord, Pleasant Hill, and Pittsburg. If you are interested in becoming a weekly volunteer please contact Gloria at Gloria@ccinterfaithhousing.org.

Don't forget! This Saturday, 10:00 to noon in the Parish Hall is our **HISTORY TELLING DAY!** Whether you were here from the beginning of our parish, or just joined us recently come and share your memories with Fr. Paulson and Fr. Vince. Refreshments provided.

CHRIST THE KING IS A JUBILEE PARISH!

Jubilee USA Network is an alliance of more than 75 U.S. organizations, 400 faith communities and 50 Jubilee global partners. Jubilee is building an economy that serves, protects and promotes participation of the most vulnerable. Jubilee has won critical global financial reforms and more than \$130 billion in debt relief for the world's poorest people. Learn more at www.jubileeusa.org. After receiving a letter from the U.S. Catholic Bishops asking CTK to be leaders on this issue and support Jubilees work, we decided to become a Jubilee Congregation. **This Sunday October 12th is Jubilee Sunday** and we join our worldwide Jubilee partners in prayer, worship and action using one global voice to further the participation of the most vulnerable in the international financial system. We participate today by having a **special prayer at the intercessions for all those in debt**, and there will be a table outside each mass where you can see the letter from the Bishops to CTK, and learn more about Jubilee.

Some Recent News from Jubilee:

In May Jubilee USA met with Pope Francis and Vatican officials

October 3 - Jubilee USA's work on debt and predatory hedge funds is featured on National Public Radio's Interfaith Voices.

September 29 - A US District Judge finds Argentina in contempt of court over its attempts to avoid paying hold-out hedge funds.

September 9 - The United Nations votes to create a global bankruptcy process that could deter predatory funds. The resolution passed by a vote of 124-11. Jubilee USA's views are covered in Foreign Policy Magazine. Jubilee USA's executive board members sent United States UN Ambassador Samantha Power a letter urging her to vote yes.