

# BACK TO THE EIGHTIES

CHRIST THE KING PARISH FESTIVAL • 2016

Grab your Bon Jovi cassette tapes, throw on your parachute pants, and jelly bracelets and hurry down to the *totally awesome* **Christ the King Parish Festival!**



Friday, May 13, 6:00pm – 10:00pm  
Saturday, May 14, 12:00pm – 10:00pm  
Sunday, May 15, 10:00am – 2:00pm



## **Schedule of Events and Performances:**

**Friday:** Live 80's Cover Band Par Four 6-10pm, Casino 6-10pm

**Saturday:** Interactive Musical Adventures with Anna Gaspari 1pm, In Motion Dancers 1:30pm, Talent Show 2-4pm, Studio A Dancers 4-4:45pm, Tat Wong Kung Fu Academy 4:45-5:30pm, Par Four DJ and Band 6-10pm, Movie Night: "ET" with popcorn and candy 8pm, Casino 6-10pm.

**Sunday:** Pancake and Mimosa Breakfast 8:45-10:45am, live acoustic performance by Mike Morley 10am-1pm.

**80's Arcade Games, Nerf Dart Tag  
Great Local food vendors, Beer and Wine, Bingo  
Live 80's Cover Band, Talent Show, Raffle  
Fine Craft Art, Book Sale  
Casino, Karaoke**

Dear Friends,



Bishop Barber has allowed me to take a sabbatical for five months. I had contemplated a sabbatical in between transitions of leadership from one parish to another, which in my case did not materialize, as I had to move from my previous assignment to CTK without a break. I am planning to split my sabbatical into three parts, so that I don't have to take my time-off all at once.

I will do the education component of my sabbatical in August - September 2016. After the New Year, I will take 3 months off and return by the end of March - a time that I will spend on personal reflection, reading and writing. And the final component will be a 30-day Ignatian retreat in the summer of 2017. I am personally excited about the prospect of a break from ministry that allows time to reflect on what is really important, giving God time and space to develop a stronger relationship with me. A primary objective of a sabbatical for ministers is to heal the body, soul and spirit. The sabbatical includes experience of a new culture, some traveling and learning a new skill as well as spending time with family and friends.

There are three primary considerations when planning and implementing a sabbatical, and they focus on the items that most affect the Church and congregation, namely finances, leadership roles and evaluation. In any sabbatical, there are real costs involved. The diocesan policy states that all involved, the diocese, the parish and the priest together finance the sabbatical. On the leadership issue, I have asked Kate Doherty to administer the parish in consultation with Fr. Vince who will assume pastoral responsibility. Kate will supervise the staff and coordinate ministries. I have absolute confidence in her leadership abilities and I know that Fr. Vince will act as a good mentor if needed. On returning from the sabbatical, I would need to give an assessment of the time off, with the goal of explaining the benefits, discoveries, new vision and resulting state of mind, heart and body to the bishop or his representative, and then share with you some of the fun things I have done. Being a short sabbatical, I would consider this period as mostly a time-off that renders needed R&R.

Churches and leaders of various faiths in our community have been meeting together multiple times recently to address challenges confronting the poor and the needy in our neighborhoods especially homelessness, rental increase and low income housing etc. Our parish has been partnering with multiple local organizations for a number of years, Multi-Faith action coalition and Interfaith council of Contra Costa County, to name a few. As a catholic deanery, we are launching a Social Justice Empowerment Initiative this week with the participation of all the catholic parishes in central Contra Costa County. Our aim is to focus, strengthen, and grow our social justice programs in individual parishes. It will help us to balance our program with a mix of service, education, organizing, advocacy, and public witness activities. Most of all, this initiative led by our pastors and parish ministers will help us bring social justice into the heart of the spiritual life of the congregation. It was wonderful to witness the pastors and their membership work together on the Concord development project making our own catholic presence felt in Concord City Hall.

In a 2013 reflection entitled Pray for Politicians that They Govern Us Well, Pope Francis, wrote: "We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader[s] can govern." Along those same lines, in 2007 the U. S. Catholic Bishops wrote in Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship saying: "Some question whether it is appropriate for the Church to play a role in political life. However, the obligation to teach about moral values that should shape our lives, including our public lives, is central to the mission given to the Church by Jesus Christ... The Catholic community brings important assets to the political dialogue about our nation's future."

*Fr. Paulson*

### ***Pentecost Sunday***

#### ***First Reading: Acts 2:1-11***

Pentecost was a Jewish feast that celebrated the beginning of the harvest. It took place 50 days after the feast of Passover. Jewish pilgrims came to Jerusalem from all over the ancient world for the celebration of the feast. Today we hear how Pentecost became a Christian feast.

#### ***Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13***

Paul's first letter to the Corinthians responds to a letter they wrote to him asking how to deal with the diversity of gifts in the community, and the rivalries and jealousies that inevitably arose. In today's passage, he uses a comparison that we will recognize immediately.

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**Our Lord of Pardon Family Prayer Group** is celebrating its 33rd anniversary on Saturday, May 21. Everyone is cordially invited to join the festivities. The celebration, also sponsored by the **Filipino Society** of CTK, starts with the 5:00 pm mass, followed by a short procession from church to the gym. Light dinner will be served, then the fun begins with exciting entertainment, raffle, and dancing. We thank the CTK community for its continued support.

Christ the King has a **weekly rosary and devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help**. Join us Tuesdays at 7 pm in the vestibule of the church. For details, please contact Shirley Rodrigues at 957-0488.

**LifeWorks family snack and play:** Meet on the CTK school playground after the 9:15 mass on May 22, to learn more about the LifeWorks ministry (for families with young children) at CTK and spend time with other families. Bring a healthy snack to share, or just show up! Questions? Email: lifeworksctk@gmail.com.

**Contra Costa Interfaith Housing** opportunities for involvement: We need your help! **Become a volunteer tutor:** Our afterschool homework club runs from August through June. Volunteers are needed to help provide academic support to children from low income homes in grades K-12. High school juniors and seniors are encouraged to apply. **Volunteer/outreach Steering committee:** Be a part of this dynamic and growing group of congregation representatives and community volunteers. We meet 6 times per year to provide ongoing guidance, support and ideas for outreach programs. For more information, or to get involved, go to our website: [cinterfaithhousing.org/volunteer](http://cinterfaithhousing.org/volunteer) or call Gloria at 925-944-2244, ext. 214.

**Day at the Races Fundraiser For Three Bay Area Catholic Schools:** The 9th annual Day at the Races, sponsored by the Dominican Sisters Vision of Hope will be held Saturday, May 21 at Golden Gate Fields, 1100 Eastshore Hwy, Berkeley. The event benefits 3 Catholic elementary schools: St. Anthony-Immaculate and St. James both in SF, and St. Elizabeth in Oakland. Tickets include admission to the Turf Club, breakfast and prime rib buffets as well as valet parking and a racing program. Tickets may be purchased at 51-533-5768 or at [visionofhope.org](http://visionofhope.org).

**Hope Walk**, sponsored by Kaiser Permanente. Saturday, May 21 at Heather Farm Park, WC. Register to walk and start fundraising to benefit the **Cancer Support Community**, providing cancer services and support for cancer patients and their families. Hope Walk is a 5k around Heather Farm Park to celebrate and honor those living or passed, who have been touched by cancer. Registration opens at 8:30 am, walk begins at 10:00 am. Registration + Hope Walk Shirt is \$25.00. Visit [hopewalk-bayarea.net](http://hopewalk-bayarea.net) for more information.

**Searching for a spiritual home?** Our "no strings" inquiry series begins Thursday, May 26 at 7 pm. Ideal for learning about Catholicism and for Catholics who have not yet received Eucharist and/or confirmation. Contact Al Garrotto at 925-849-6319 or [algarrotto@comcast.net](mailto:algarrotto@comcast.net).

This weekend we have a **second collection to support Catholic Charities** of the East Bay. Catholic Charities is one of the largest providers of social services in the East Bay. **Thank you for your support.**

**Taize Prayer Around the Cross** is this Sunday, May 15 here at **Christ the King**. Join us at 7:30 pm for an ecumenical service, open to all faiths.

**Spirituality of the Arts: A Day of Reflection on the Gifts and Ministry of Creative People.** Presented by Al Garrotto, Sunday June 5, 2016. Attendees of all faiths welcome. San Damiano Retreat, Danville. Call 925-837-9141 for more information.

**Calling All Women!** Magnificat, A Ministry to Catholic Women would like to invite all Catholic Women to our upcoming Prayer Breakfast. June 18th 9:30-12:30 at **St. Mary's Church Gymnasium 2039 Mt. Diablo Blvd. WC**. We are excited to welcome Cheryl Ward-Kaiser as she shares her inspirational journey from tragedy to forgiveness. In this Year of Mercy, Cheryl has so much to teach us. Reservations are \$21/ \$25 after June 11th. Please go to [www.magnificatsoti.org](http://www.magnificatsoti.org) for info or call Maribel at (925) 788-7762.

**Daycare Assistant Needed:** Club CTK is looking for two high school students to assist with our after school program. The main responsibilities are: -oversee playground activities; - assist with homework; - snack preparation; - help with clean up. These are paid positions at CTK. The hours are from 2:50 - 5:10 M-F. All interested candidates should contact Mike Doyle at [clubctkschool.org](http://clubctkschool.org) or call the office at 685-1109.



Do you know what this is



**PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:**

**Lisa Kurtz, Elizabeth Alden**  
Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.

*Come  
Holy Spirit,  
fill the  
hearts  
of your  
faithful*

***PENTECOST SUNDAY***

***May 15, 2016***

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## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### **Sunday, 5/15**

- CTK Festival 10:00 -2:00 pm
- Festival pancake brkfast 8:45-10:45 am
- Confirmation/YG Farewell Mass 6 pm
- Filipino Novena, Min. Ctr 6 pm
- Taize Prayer 7:30 pm

### **Monday, 5/16**

- Filipino Novena, Min. Ctr 6 pm

### **Tuesday, 5/17**

- Filipino Novena, Min. Ctr 6 pm
- Perpetual Help Devotion, Church 7 pm

### **Wednesday, 5/18**

- StVdPaul, Min. Ctr 7 pm
- Filipino Novena, Church Vestibule 7 pm

### **Thursday, 5/19**

- Centering Prayer, Min. Ctr 10 am
- Filipino Novena, Church Vestibule 7 pm

### **Friday, 5/20**

### **Saturday, 5/21**

- Men's Fellowship, Chapel 7:30 am
- Secular Franciscans, Min. Ctr 7:30 am
- Filipino Fiesta, Gym

### **Sunday, 5/22**