

Jesus came to Galilee
proclaiming the gospel of God:
"This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and

*believe
in the
gospel."*

MARK 1:14-15



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Christ the King Church

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,
6:00 pm**

CONFESSIONS:

**Saturday: 3:30 pm
to 4:30 pm**

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www.ctkph.org

Religious Ed: 686-1017

**www.ctkreligious
education.org**

Youth Ministry: 676-0979

www.ctkym.org

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Catholic Community of
Pleasant Hill**

Upcoming Mass Intentions

- 1/22 8 am - Elizabeth & Rocky Peters+
- 1/23 8 am - Joshua Lloren Paderna+
- 1/24 8 am - Alwin & Steffi
- 1/25 8 am - Remedios Hernandez & Mary Ang+
- 1/26 8 am - Eddie Connell+
- Saturday, 1/27**
- 8 am - Hilrey Watson+
- 5 pm - Adoracion Ofrecio
- Sunday, 1/28**
- 7 am - Reynaldo Ferbandos+
- 8 am - Donald & Helene Wilson+
- 9:15 am - John Aitken+
- 10:45 am - Joe Cottone+
- 12:15 pm - CTK Parishioners
- 6:00 pm - Lita Escobar+

Week At A Glance

Sunday, 1/21

- CLOW, 9:15 AM
- RE 3 yr., Pre-K, K sessions 9:15 am
- Confirmation, Parish Hall 6 pm
- Taize Prayer, 7:30 pm

Monday, 1/22

- RE Grades 1-5 & Older Sacraments
- RCIA, Parish Hall 7 pm

Tuesday, 1/23

- RE Grades 1-5 & 7-8

Wednesday, 1/24

- Sewing Ministry, Hall 9 am
- RE Grades 1-5 & Grade 6
- Young Adults, Room D 7 pm

Thursday, 1/25

- Youth Group, Parish Hall 7:30 pm

Friday, 1/26

Saturday, 1/27

- Men's Fellowship, Rm D 7:30 am

Sunday, 1/28

- No RE/ No CLOW

Dear Friends,

California health officials said last Tuesday that the state's flu season could turn out to be one of the nastiest the state has seen in a long time. Bishop Barber has made a statement which reads thus: "First, it may be important to remind the faithful that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill, especially those who suffer from contagious disease. It is a sign of consideration for others that those with flu-like symptoms remain at home." During the coming weeks, we will not be administering the cup, the Blood of Christ. I would like to ask Liturgical Ministers who feel any symptoms of flu or cold to excuse themselves from ministry until they are fully recovered. If you are not comfortable to hold hands during the Our Father or do not wish to shake hands during the exchange of peace, that would be perfectly fine. Let us keep everyone in our prayer especially those who are fighting flu at this time.

During my time away after Christmas and the New Year, I have been thinking about the many changes and transitions that will take place in the course of this year - the Ministry Center update, Gym-Kitchen renovation, CTKalive and probably the most challenging one, the retirement of Fr. Vince. In the summer of 2018, Fr. Vince Cotter will retire from active ministry and will join the ranks of some of our favorite priests - The Brians, Fr. Tom and Fr. Mike Dibble. Retirement is great — but then, sometimes it's not. While many retirees gladly turn off the lights in their offices and never look back, others find the transition from regular work difficult, even to the point of inciting anxiety and depression. Research has found that many retirees experience an initial boost in health and happiness after retirement that is followed a few years later by dissatisfaction and declining health. Let us keep our dear Fr. Vince in our prayers and help make his transition smooth and rewarding. CTK will celebrate Fr. Vince's many years of ministry as a priest and his retirement from active ministry on June 3rd at the 12:15 pm Mass followed by reception. He will continue to stay with us until the end of June. Let us also pray that the Lord may send us a priest who will love our community and whom we as a family will surround with love and tenderness.

Fr. Paulson

Some of you asked me for a copy of the Letter of Bishop Barber with regard to recent immigration policies.

"Dear brothers and sisters, I write to you today regarding the recent decision by the Trump administration to rescind Temporary Protective Status (TPS) for approximately 200,000 El Salvadorans living in the United States. This action by our president is heartbreaking. I am particularly troubled we are disrupting the lives of people who immigrated here legally under an order signed by President Bush in 2001. They are upstanding citizens who, every 18 months, pay to undergo a required vetting process to keep their permit active. They are homeowners, hard workers, and taxpayers whose children are U.S. citizens. They are contributing to the communities in which they live here in the U.S., and supporting their family members who stayed behind in El Salvador, a country still unstable and rocked by violence. More than 190,000 US-born children have at least one parent who will lose legal status due to the administration's decision. Going back to a dangerous environment could have fatal consequences; if they choose to stay and lose immigration status they will be at immediate risk of deportation....

Pope Francis reminded us in his message for the World Day of Migrants, which is ironically January 14, "Our shared response may be articulated by four verbs: to welcome, to protect, to promote and to integrate." I encourage all of us to join efforts in seeking a better solution to this situation. Please also contact your Senator and Representative. We believe all people have the right to migrate to protect their lives and their families. While the Church recognizes the right of nations to regulate their borders, this right must be exercised with mercy and justice and balanced with immigrants' rights to human dignity and life."

Sincerely yours in Christ, *Michael Barber SJ*

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 21, 2018

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The Book of Jonah is only two pages long and tells a parable about a man called by God to preach repentance to the pagan city of Nineveh. Jonah's first response was to sail as fast as he could in the other direction. After his adventures with a large fish God called him a second time. Today's passage picks it up from there.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

In this section of the first letter to the Corinthians, Paul responds to written questions they had sent to him. Some questions had to do with how we, who believe in the next life, should relate to the things of this life. Paul expected that Jesus would return in glory soon, and his advice is basically this: We should not hold on too tightly to the things of this world.

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ctkAlive! Lenten sign-ups are here! This 6-week series invites us to engage more fully with our Catholic **FAITH**, explore new approaches to **PRAYER**, and consider ways to **ACTION**. Morning and evening sessions: Fridays 10am - noon, 2/16-3/23; Wednesdays, 7-9pm, 2/21-3/28. sign up after Masses on Jan. 27/28 or email algarrotto@comcast.net. **ctkAlive!** Be alive and active in your parish community.

Join us at our annual **Women's Retreat** at beautiful **Vallombrosa Retreat Center** in Menlo Park! The theme will be: *The Generations: Finding Grace in the Gaps!* Join us for a retreat that explores the concepts of generational differences today ~ while delving into the lives of some biblical folks who experienced similar challenges. Dates are February 23-25, 2018. To reserve a room, contact Sr. Dominic Marie at 925-246-1122 or sisterdominic.marie@gmail.com. Single rooms are \$320.00/sharing is \$290.00. **Reservations are limited! First come, first serve!**

Have you lost someone you love? Are you looking for support? **Christ the King's Grief Support Workshop** is a 7 week program that creates a safe and welcoming space for those experiencing the pain that comes with the death of a loved one. Sessions are Tuesday nights from 7-9 pm, at Queen of Heaven's beautiful new chapel. Carpools from CTK available. Workshop is Tuesday, Feb. 13 through March 27th. Register by Tuesday, February 6. To register or for more information, please contact Kate Neal at 510-267-8339/katen@cfcsoakland.org.

Tour to Ireland and Scotland! - Sr. Joanne Gallagher will be leading another enjoyable tour to Ireland and Scotland in August 2018. More details soon. Call Sr. Joanne at 925-989-3862.

CTK School Open House! Sunday, January 28. Family Mass at 9:15 am, Open House 10:15 - 11:30 am. **2018 Tours & Principal Q & A:** Thursday, February 1 at 8:00 am. Questions? CTK school 925-685-1109.

Interested in the issue of **world migration**? St. John Vianney Parish will offer an eight week, Just Faith module on Exploring Migration. This offers the opportunity for prayer, reading, and reflection related to this critical issue of our day. The eight-week course will be offered on Tuesday evenings, January 23 through March 13 from 7-9 pm. For registration or more information, contact Carol at 925-935-4388 or Dick at 925-932-5087.

Christ the King Men's Retreat! March 23-25, 2018 at San Damiano Retreat House. The retreat master will be our very own Pastor, Fr. Paulson. For information contact Pete O'Brien at peteobrien7@gmail.com or 899-6662 or Eddy Williams at eddywilliams1969@comcast.net. or 787-7631.

Christ the King CYO track season begins February 1st. We are a CYO track program for 2nd through 8th grade boys and girls in the Pleasant Hill/Martinez/Walnut Creek area. Practices will be on Mondays and Thursdays at the College Park track. Visit ctktrack.org for information.

World Day of the Sick at the Cathedral of Christ the Light. The Mass will take place on Saturday, February 10 at 11:00 am. During the Mass, those who are ill will be invited to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Capital Campaign - Gym, Kitchen Update: We currently have **92** families pledging \$152,680.00. Thanks to those **92** families! Won't you consider joining them? Please pick up a pledge sheet and consider helping renovate these much used facilities.



Pray for Our Sick

May you be wrapped up in God's love, Found deep in His everlasting wings, Carried and kept, safe and cherished. May the healing power of Christ breathe across your being now.

**Diana Daly,
Charlie Scudiere,
Ryan Joseph**

Orientation Meetings for Hospital Ministry: Fr. Padraig Greene has planned two Orientation Meetings for all those parishioners who have signed up to be Eucharistic Ministers at John Muir, Concord and Regional Medical Center, Martinez. Meetings will be held at CTK on Thurs. Feb. 1 at 1 pm in Rooms A/B and at 6:30 pm in the church. At this meeting procedures and hospital policies will be discussed. Contact Fr. Padraig at pgreene389@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Carondelet High School's annual **Mother-Daughter Retreat** is a special time for women to explore, affirm and celebrate their unique bonds in a renewing, relaxing and spiritually-enriching atmosphere. It is open to all mothers, grandmothers, aunts, alumnae and their daughters who are in 8th grade, high school, college or beyond. Sunday, February 25 at Carondelet's Garaventa Center. Tickets on sale now at CarondeletHS.org/MotherDaughter.

The **14th Annual Walk for Life** will take place on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at Civic Center Plaza in San Francisco at 12:30 pm. Bishop Barber will be concelebrating the special Walk for Life Mass at 9:30 am at St. Mary's Cathedral in SF. You are invited to join him, Archbishop Cordileone and other priests and lay faithful for this very special mass and walk.

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ctkAlive!

Alive and active in our faith as a parish community

ctkAlive! Officially Launches

2018 marks the official launch of ctkAlive!

This 6-week series, 2 hours per week
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

Fr. Paulson and the ctkAlive! Core Team launched the successful pilot program in fall 2017. There are now 3 series scheduled for 2018, beginning with the Lenten series, followed by a summer and fall series.

Find more information in the bulletin and at <https://ctkph.org/ctkalive>.

Fr. Paulson has asked each adult member of CTK to participate in one of the ctkAlive! Series offered this year or in the next few years.

How about now?

Taize Prayer Around the Cross
Sunday, January 21, 7:30 pm at CTK



Join us for quiet chants, psalms, readings and silence.

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