

# Christ the King Church

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SECOND SUNDAY OF

*Lent*

From the cloud  
came a voice:  
"This is my beloved Son.  
Listen to him."

Mark 9:7



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Week At A Glance	Upcoming Mass Intentions	Schedule of Masses
<p><b>Sunday, 2/25</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CLOW, 9:15 am Mass</li> <li>• RE 3yr., Pre-K, K sessions 9:15am</li> </ul> <p><b>Monday, 2/26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RCIA, Room C 7 pm</li> <li>• RE Grades 1-5</li> </ul> <p><b>Tuesday, 2/27</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RE Grades 1-5 &amp; 7-8</li> <li>• Perpetual Help/Rosary, Church 7 pm</li> </ul> <p><b>Wednesday, 2/28</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RE Grades 1-5 &amp; Grade 6</li> <li>• Young Adults, Room D 7 pm</li> </ul> <p><b>Thursday, 3/1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Faith Grp, Parish Hall 6 pm</li> </ul> <p><b>Friday, 3/2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Friday Mass 6:30 pm</li> <li>• Confirmation Retreat</li> <li>• ctkAlive, Parish Hall 9 am</li> </ul> <p><b>Saturday, 3/3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmation Retreat</li> </ul> <p><b>Sunday, 3/4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmation Retreat</li> <li>• CLOW, RE 3yr., Pre-K, K sessions</li> </ul>	<p><b>2/26 8 am</b> - Teresita Nacu+ <b>6:30 pm</b> - Edgar Angelo+</p> <p><b>2/27 8 am</b> - Miguel Divino Jr. + <b>6:30 pm</b> - Joselido Asuncion+</p> <p><b>2/28 8 am</b> - Harry Burdine+ <b>6:30 pm</b> - John P. Brogan</p> <p><b>3/1 8 am</b> - Terry Rivera+ <b>6:30 pm</b> - Teresita Nacu+</p> <p><b>3/2 8 am</b> - John &amp; David Macaluso+ <b>6:30 pm</b> - Jeremias &amp; Salome Romana+</p> <p><b>Saturday, 3/3</b></p> <p><b>8 am</b> - Mary Ann Nevares+ <b>5 pm</b> - Chase Van Sickle+</p> <p><b>Sunday, 3/4</b></p> <p><b>7 am</b> - Rena Irby+ <b>8 am</b> - Eugenio &amp; Juanita Viacrucis+ <b>9:15 am</b> - Jenna Betti+ <b>10:45 am</b> - Paul Sbragia &amp; JP Sbragia-Zoricic+ <b>12:15 pm</b> - Marietta Vasquez+ <b>6:00 pm</b> - CTK Parishioners</p>	<p><b>Monday - Friday, 8:00 am</b> <i>During Lent: 8:00 am, 6:30 pm</i></p> <p><b>Saturday - 8:00 am, 5:00 pm</b></p> <p><b>Sunday Masses:</b> 7 am, 8 am, 9:15 am, 10:45 am, 12:15 pm, 6:00 pm</p> <p><b>Confessions:</b> <b>Saturday, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm</b></p> <p><b>Parish Office:</b> 682-2486/www.ctkph.org</p> <p><b>Religious Ed:</b> 686-1017 www.ctkreligiouseducation.org</p> <p><b>Youth Ministry:</b> 676-0979 www.ctkym.org</p> <p><b>Facebook:</b> Christ the King Catholic Community of Pleasant Hill</p>

Dear Friends,

Christ the King Youth Ministry is proud to have 39 peer leaders (and 10 adult leaders) this year for our confirmation program. The peer leaders are young people who were confirmed last year, and have volunteered this year to continue to work with their juniors on their journey to be confirmed. These leaders attended a leadership training retreat this past August where they learned how to be effective speakers, small group leaders, and faith role models to over eighty-four students who are preparing to receive their sacrament this year. Beginning this January, our leadership has been meeting on a weekly basis (in addition to their required attendance to our bi-weekly confirmation class which has been meeting since September) to prepare for our annual confirmation retreat, which will happen on March 2-4 of this year. They've been tirelessly working on witness talks, creating decorations, preparing skits, practicing music so that our current confirmation students can experience a retreat of a lifetime. Some parishioners may have even seen the leadership team painting banners outside of the parish hall. We're very blessed to have so many students return to us after being confirmed last year - but, with that, comes a few problems. In the past, youth ministry has absorbed the \$200/person cost of the retreat for our leadership team. We did this because of the countless hours that they CHOSE to spend with us as leaders. However, that was when we had 10-12 leaders a year. With so many leaders this year, it's difficult for us to pay for them - so we turn to our parish to assist. I would like to personally request parishioners who are blessed - to help us defray the cost of 39 peer leaders (approx. \$8,000.00) who will attend and assist the retreat for the confirmation candidates. Fr. Paulson has allowed us to take a collection this weekend, Feb. 24/25.

*Rick Lejano, CTK Youth Minister*

**Update on Hurricane assistance:** I received the following update on the assistance we have provided for Puerto Rico. "Thanks to the generosity of Christ the King parish community, the Diocese of Arecibo has been able to provide help in different ways.

- ◇ Around \$1,500 has been used to provide meals for families
- ◇ Vouchers for home repairs for about 33 families have been provided
- ◇ Vouchers for furniture for 63 families
- ◇ Monetary assistance for 75 families
- ◇ Parishes continue to distribute donations as they become available
- ◇ Parishes have organized health fairs so that residents can receive medical assistance
- ◇ Clothes, water, meals, personal hygiene products, and generators have been distributed

Around 40% of the communities in the Diocese of Arecibo remain without electricity and there are sectors without access to drinking water."

**Bishop's Appeal Update:** Before Bishop Barber left CTK last week after celebrating two masses, he mentioned to us priests that he was deeply touched with our hospitality. "The people are so friendly," he said. During his sermon, he underscored the fact that we are one of the most generous parishes in the diocese. Our Bishop's appeal goal is approximately \$87,000.00 for this year. I would like to thank you for your participation in the diocesan ministry. We have a basket in the vestibule to collect the appeal envelopes. You can also drop your donations at the office anytime during the week or mail it in. Thank you.

*Fr. Paulson*

## ***Second Sunday of Lent February 25, 2018***

### ***First Reading:***

***Genesis 22: 1-2, 9,10-13,15-18***

Events in today's reading took place approximately 1800 years before Christ. In that pagan culture, child sacrifice was common. That's why Abraham believed God wanted him to sacrifice his only son Isaac. Later generations constantly looked back to this event as an example of Abraham's great faith.

### ***Second Reading:***

***Romans 8:31-34***

Today's reading is part of a hymn that celebrates God's love and which concludes the eighth chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans. In our first reading, we heard how God spared Abraham's only son; in this passage we will hear how, out of love for us, God did *not* spare *his* only son.

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**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 [petebrien7@gmail.com](mailto:petebrien7@gmail.com) or 899-6662 or Eddy Williams at [eddywilliams1969@comcast.net](mailto:eddywilliams1969@comcast.net) or 787-7631.

**"Let the little children come to Me."** First Friday Mass, March 2, at **6:30 pm. Children's Holy Hour** will be from **4 pm to 5 pm** in the main church, right before the regular First Friday adoration from 5 pm to 6:30 pm. Prayer, song and silence in front of the Blessed Sacrament will be led in a **Holy Hour designed for kids**. All are welcome!

**Seekers and Saints, Women of Transformation** - March 11, at 1:00 pm in the parish hall. CTK Branch of the Italian Catholic Federation presents Tiffany Hoover's one woman show with monologues depicting the lives and epiphanies of three stunning, strong, and spiritual women of faith and action. After the 80 minute performance, light refreshments and discussion will follow. Free will offering. For more information, contact Paul at [paulmnuti@gmail.com](mailto:paulmnuti@gmail.com).

Interested in helping run a **summer day camp** for one week? We are currently putting together summer programming for kids and we need your help. Volunteers (teens and adults) organize small groups to host different "camps" for 1-4 days during the week. Examples include art camp; science camp; music camp; theater/improv. camp. All camps are supervised by Contra Costa Interfaith Housing staff. For more information: [Gloria@ccinterfaithhousing.org](mailto:Gloria@ccinterfaithhousing.org).

#### **Tour to Ireland and Scotland! -**

Back by popular demand, Sr. Joanne Gallagher will be leading another enjoyable tour in August 2018. More details soon. Call Sr. Joanne at 925-989-3862 for more information.

**Christ the King St. Patrick's Day of Celebration**, hosted by the Knights of Columbus! Saturday, March 17, 5:30 pm in the gym, dinner at 7 pm. Tickets online at [www.kofcph.org](http://www.kofcph.org) or after masses March 3/4 and 10/11. Three course meal, full Irish bar, Irish dancers and live Irish music. Adults \$30, kids \$15.00. Contact Jay Becker at 925-818-1915 with questions.

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, for those good people who haven't heard the news: this year's **CTK Festival theme** is "**Medieval Madness**"! The Festival Committee is planning two amazing days chock full of drawbridges, catapults, Kings & Queens, and of course all your festival favorites. Mark your calendars for May 18 & 19. If you are interested in being part of this fun and creative committee, please email [christthekingfestival@gmail.com](mailto:christthekingfestival@gmail.com). The next meeting is March 12 at 7 pm in the media room. All are welcome.

All are invited to our Christ the King Italian Catholic Federation's **Fourth Annual Ladies' Tea** to be held on Saturday, March 24 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church from noon to 3 pm. Join us for a delicious tea luncheon prepared by our fabulous tea chef, Carol Padlo. Reservations limited! Price for this fundraiser which supports our ICF charities is \$35 for adults and \$15 for children. Contact Diana at 925-335-9712 or [dijoed@comcast.net](mailto:dijoed@comcast.net).

**Pots of daffodils** will be available for \$12 each after all the masses next weekend to benefit **A Friendly Manor in Oakland**. The Manor offers a safe daytime drop-in for homeless women and provides 26 single rooms as transitional housing. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Christ the King School** has potential openings in **Grade 2** for the 2018-2019 school year. If you are interested, please call the school office at 925-685-1109 for more details.



#### **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.

**Ryan Joseph,  
Maura Atherton**

**Book of Intentions:** Many people request that their sick or deceased loved ones be mentioned in the prayers at our Masses. In order that everyone may feel encouraged to have their loved ones prayed for we will have a special book in the vestibule of our church. Anyone may write the name of someone who is sick or deceased (or an anniversary of death). This **Book of Intentions** will then be brought forward with the gifts of bread and wine. The book will be placed on the altar. The only names mentioned at Mass will be the recently deceased and upcoming funerals.

Prayerful people, join the **40 days for life world wide prayer vigil!** Stem the tide of abortion in our community with one hour of your time at the Walnut Creek Planned Parenthood from February 14 to March 24. For vigil hours and more: [40daysfor-life.com/walnutcreek](http://40daysfor-life.com/walnutcreek).

It's not too late to participate in **Rice Bowl** this Lent. You can pick up your rice bowl in the vestibule. Remember, your contributions change lives: 25% of the proceeds remain in the Oakland Diocese, with a portion being given out as grants to St. Vincent de Paul conferences. Thank you for your continued support.

Next week's **second collection** supports **Catholic Education** at Christ the King. Thank you for your continued support.

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## 2018 Lenten Schedule

♦ **Daily Masses at 8 am and 6:30 pm**  
(Monday through Friday)

♦ **Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7 pm**  
March 9, 16, 23  
(Not on First Friday, March 2)

♦ **Parish Reconciliation Services:**  
Saturday, March 17 at 3:30 pm  
Monday, March 19 at 7 pm

### HOLY WEEK

♦ **Palm Sunday, Sunday, March 25**

♦ Mon., March 26 thru Wed., March 28 -  
8 am mass only (no 6:30 pm mass)

♦ **Holy Thursday Liturgy March 29**  
(no morning mass)  
7 pm ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper  
8:30 pm ~ Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament in the gym

♦ **Good Friday, March 30**  
(no morning mass)  
12 pm ~ Taize Prayer around the Cross  
1 pm ~ Stations of the Cross  
1:40 pm ~ Preaching on the Passion of Jesus  
2 pm ~ Liturgy of the Lord's Passion  
6 pm ~ Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

♦ **Easter VIGIL , Saturday, March 31**  
7:30 pm (no morning mass)

♦ **Easter Sunday, April 1**  
7 am, 8 am, 9:15 am, 10:45 am, 12:15 pm  
Two outdoor masses at 9:15 am  
and 10:45 am.

**NO 6 pm Mass**

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