

# Christ the King Church

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF *Easter*

APRIL 29, 2018

By this is my  
Father glorified,  
that you bear much  
fruit and become  
my disciples.

John 15:8

Week At A Glance	Upcoming Mass Intentions	Schedule of Masses
<p><b>Sunday, 4/29</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Clow</li> <li>• RE 3yr., Pre-K, K sessions</li> </ul> <p><b>Monday, 4/30</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RE Grades 1-5, Older Sacraments</li> </ul> <p><b>Tuesday, 5/1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RE Grades 1-5 &amp; Grades 7-8</li> <li>• Perpetual Help/Rosary, Church 7 pm</li> </ul> <p><b>Wednesday, 5/2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sewing Ministry, Hall 9 am</li> <li>• RE Grades 1-5 &amp; Grade 6</li> <li>• Young Adults, Knights House 7 pm</li> </ul> <p><b>Thursday, 5/3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Centering Prayer, Knights Hse 10am</li> <li>• Youth Group, Parish Hall 7:30 pm</li> </ul> <p><b>Friday, 5/4</b></p> <p><b>Saturday, 5/5</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, 5/6</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CLOW, RE 3yr., Pre-K, K sessions</li> <li>• RE Reg. Parish Hall 10:30 am - 1 pm</li> <li>• ICF Parish Hall 1 pm</li> <li>• Confirmation, Parish Hall 7 pm</li> </ul>	<p><b>4/30 8 am</b> - Thelma Devereux+</p> <p><b>5/1 8 am</b> - Michael Hazlewood+</p> <p><b>5/2 8 am</b> - Marie Anne Estacio+</p> <p><b>5/3 8 am</b> - Van Tran+</p> <p><b>5/4 8 am</b> - Jeremias &amp; Salome Romana+</p> <p><b>6 pm</b> - Paul Sbragia+ &amp; J.P. Sbragia-Zoricic+</p> <p><b>Saturday, 5/5</b></p> <p><b>8 am</b> - Lawrence Raymundo+</p> <p><b>5 pm</b> - Carondelet Community HS</p> <p><b>Sunday, 5/6</b></p> <p><b>7 am</b> - Conrado Munoz+</p> <p><b>8 am</b> - Francis &amp; Jenny Iorfida</p> <p><b>9:15 am</b> - CTK Parishioners</p> <p><b>10:45 am</b> - Joe Cottone+</p> <p><b>12:15 pm</b> - Maureen Johnson</p> <p><b>6:00 pm</b> - Felisa Lejano Ilagan+</p>	<p><b>Monday - Friday, 8:00 am</b></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 pm</p> <p><b>Confessions:</b> Saturday, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm</p> <p><b>Parish Office:</b> 682-2486/www.ctkph.org</p> <p><b>Religious Ed:</b> 686-1017 www.ctkreliouseducation.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,

I would like to present to you a new Exhortation by Pope Francis, “Gaudete et Exsultate” (“Rejoice and Be Glad”). The following is an excerpt taken from America, the Jesuit Magazine.

“Holiness is the most attractive face of the Church,” Pope Francis declares in a new apostolic exhortation. In it, he reminds Christians, “The Lord asks everything of us, and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created. He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence.” Introducing the 104-page document, “Gaudete et Exsultate” (“Rejoice and Be Glad”), Francis says his “modest goal” is “to re-propose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time, with all its risks, challenges and opportunities.”

In the new exhortation, Francis emphasized that the following of Christ—the path to holiness—is “a way of life,” not an intellectual exercise. This has been the consistent theme and spiritual underpinning of his entire Petrine ministry. From the first day of his pontificate he has emphasized action over theological discussion; he has insisted that Jesus calls us “to live” the Gospel, by putting into practice in daily life the beatitudes and the words of Jesus in the chapter 25 of Matthew that refer to feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger.

His message is clear: Christ has explained in simple terms what it means to follow him, but “the doctors of the law” have complicated it with their legalism and casuistry and have placed “heavy burdens” on people’s shoulders with their closed theology and moral teaching. He wants to free Christ’s teaching from these shackles, and this has upset not a few cardinals, bishops, priests, lay intellectuals and faithful, who have claimed, especially following “Amoris Laetitia” and the Jubilee of Mercy, that Francis’ approach creates confusion about church teaching, especially in the field of morality.

In today’s exhortation, Francis appears to respond to such critiques and concerns. He does so in chapter 2 by exposing “two subtle enemies of holiness,” or ancient heresies, that many of them appear to have fallen into: Gnosticism, which reduces Christ’s teaching to a cold and harsh logic that seeks to dominate everything; and Pelagianism, which tends to give the idea that all things are possible to human will and downplays the grace of God. Francis responds to his critics again in chapter 3 by pointing to “the ideologies” that strike at the heart of the Gospel and lead Christians into “two harmful errors”: the first error is found in those Christians who “separate these Gospel demands from their personal relationship with God,” the second is found in those believers who “find suspect the social engagement of other Christians, seeing it as superficial, worldly, secular, materialist, communist or populist,” or who “relativize it as if there are more important matters” or assert that “the only thing that counts is one particular issue or cause that they themselves defend.”

Pope Francis highlights especially “feminine styles of holiness” as “an essential means of reflecting God’s holiness in this world.” He notes, “In times when women tended to be most ignored or overlooked, the Holy Spirit raised up saints whose attractiveness produced new spiritual vigor and reforms in the church.” Francis, who has frequently emphasized the need to give women a greater role in the church, has appointed women to some key positions in the Vatican and has also set up a commission to study the diaconate for women. He mentions Saints Hildegard of Bingen, Bridget, Catherine of Siena, Teresa of Avila and Thérèse of Lisieux, but adds that he was also thinking of “all those unknown or forgotten women who, each in her own way, sustained and transformed families and communities by the power of their witness.”

In what is likely to be one of the more controversial segments of the document, Francis emphasized the importance of caring for migrants, an issue he has frequently talked about, and said in comparison that some Christians focus too much on only the issue of abortion. “Our defense of the innocent unborn, for example, needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life. ... Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection,” Francis writes.

*Paulson*

***Fifth Sunday of Easter  
April 29, 2018***

***First Reading: Acts: 9:26-31***

Earlier in the book of Acts, we hear of Saul (later known as Paul) persecuting Christians in Jerusalem. When he went to Damascus to do more of the same, he experienced a dramatic conversion. It was several years before he returned to Jerusalem, the site of his earlier persecutions. His first visit to Jerusalem as a Christian is described in today’s reading.

***Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24***

During this Easter season, we are reading from the first letter of John. In today’s passage, the author is dealing with some members of the community who have defected. They seem to have believed that, as long as you have faith in Jesus, it doesn’t matter what you do in daily life. The author directly refutes that position.

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**St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday** clothing collection will be here at CTK on May 5/6. A truck will be on campus to collect clean and gently used clothing. Volunteers from SVDP will be present to assist with loading of the truck. Bags are available in the vestibule. Donation receipt available upon request.

**“Let the little children come to Me.”** First Friday Mass, May 4, 2018 at 6 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 pm. Prayer, song and silence in front of the Blessed Sacrament will be led in a **Holy Hour designed for kids**. All are welcome!

**Celebrate With Sisters of the Holy Names:** My Religious Community, SNJM’s will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of our arrival in CA with an opening event on May 10, 2018 at St. Theresa Event Center, 30 Mandalay Rd., Oakland. There will be a reception and short program from 4:30 - 6:30 pm. You are all invited to celebrate with us. Please RSVP to [www.snjmca150.org](http://www.snjmca150.org). Thanks, **Sr. Maureen Viani**.

**Searching for a spiritual home?** Our “no strings” inquiry series begins on Monday, May 21. Ideal for those wishing to learn about the Catholic faith. For more info, contact Al at [algarrotto@comcast.net](mailto:algarrotto@comcast.net).

**Conscious Aging: Finding Meaning and Purpose in our Retirement Years.** As you think about your retirement years and move into this next chapter of your life, this retreat will explore the benefits and joys as well as the challenges and concerns ahead. Discover how we can share our Spirit-given gifts, talents and experiences in new ways. San Damiano Retreat, May 11-12, 2018. Register at [sandamiano.org/event-registration](http://sandamiano.org/event-registration). Presenter: Jim Briggs, retired Exec. Dir of School of Applied Theology.

**Healing Mass ~ Anointing of the Sick** - Saturday, May 12th at 10:30 am. *“Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the Church and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord” (James 5:14).* All are welcome to join us for a parish mass and celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Bring relatives and friends from local care facilities - those who are able to come. Questions? Sr. Dominic Marie at 925-246-1122.

**Singles and unmarried men and women** over the age of 40 in the CTK parish, let’s share our time and talents to support and serve the CTK community. Our first meeting will be a planning meeting open to anyone seeking to be leaders in the group. Help plan and create a supportive singles group at CTK. Our first meeting is on Thursday, May 10 at 7 pm in the Knights-Youth House. Email [marcianatalie1@gmail.com](mailto:marcianatalie1@gmail.com) or call Marcia at 925-529-2728.

The **Our Lord of Pardon Prayer Group** is celebrating its 35 year anniversary on Sat. May 12 with a mass at 5 pm, followed by a procession into the CTK gym where dinner will be served. Festivities will include entertainment, dancing and raffle prizes. This annual **Filipino fiesta** celebration honors the Holy Infant Jesus and Our Blessed Mother. Everyone is cordially invited to join in this celebration. Contact Irene at 415-810-1424 or Annalisa at 510-333-5105 for more information.

**Asking for your Generosity and Support:** Our Religious Education Program is again sponsoring the wine toss booth for the Parish Festival. Please help us by donating bottles of wine. You may drop the wine off at the RE office (facing Gregory Ln) Mon-Thurs. 9:30 am - 5:30 pm or you can leave the wine at the Parish Office. We will also collect wine before and after all masses on April 28/29 and May 5/6. Thanks!

### 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.

**Rich Cotter, Connie Guevara,  
Nora Mendoza**

**Religious Education Registration Information:** Join us to register your child for all RE programs:

**Sun., May 6 - 10:30 am - 1 pm**

**Tues., May 8 - 2:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

**Wed., May 9 - 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

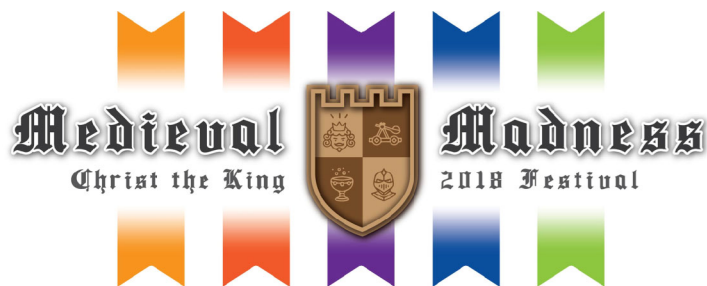
All registration in the parish hall. You will need to provide a copy of your child’s baptismal cert. if you are new to the RE program. Please bring your completed registration forms and payment with you. Registration forms can be found on our website: [ctkreligiouseducation.org](http://ctkreligiouseducation.org) or in the vestibule of the church. If you are interested in finding out **how your child can be baptized** (ages 3 yr to grade 8), contact the RE office at 686-1017. If your child is already baptized, don’t forget to register for RE classes.

Please join **Cancer Support Community** for its 4th Annual Hope Walk scheduled for **Saturday, May 19 at Heather Farm from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm**. The registration fee is \$25 and includes an event t-shirt. Register at [hopewalkbayarea.net](http://hopewalkbayarea.net). Questions about the walk or the FREE services CSC provides to people who face cancer? Please call Carol at CSC [925-953-1209](tel:925-953-1209).

**Ballot Measure Pros & Cons** will be presented by the League of Women Voters on Monday, April 30 at 7 pm in the parish hall. You can become an informed voter by attending this non-partisan presentation. Sponsored by Faith in Action. No charge, guests welcome.

**Forgot your cash,** checkbook or donation envelope? Scan this QR code to connect with our donation site.





## TIME TO GET EXCITED! FESTIVAL IS MAY 18/19

**Festival volunteer signups** are now available online at [signup.com/RfSugy](http://signup.com/RfSugy). If you need help, call the scheduling team directly at 925-997-5981.

T-shirts are on sale after mass on April 29 and May 6! Festival tickets and wristbands are available for presale from May 1 to May 9. Forms are available in the vestibule, or email [christthekingfestival@gmail.com](mailto:christthekingfestival@gmail.com).

We are in need of **'like new' stuffed animals and glassware** (glasses, cups, small dishes). Please bring your donations to the school office lobby in a box labeled 'Festival'.

**Calling all bakers!** We are in need of baked goods for both the cakewalk and for bingo desserts. If you love to bake and can help us out we would be most appreciative. We would love to accept your delicious cookies, cakes, cupcakes, bars, banana bread, etc. Please contact Nancy Molina at [mrsmk@icloud.com](mailto:mrsmk@icloud.com) if you are able to help.

**Starbooks is Back!!** We are accepting books for the Starbooks room. We accept **clean and gently used books for adults and children** - fiction, non-fiction, religion, travel, cooking, etc. Please no textbooks, magazines, VHS/cassettes or encyclopedias! If you have questions or would like to help, contact Suellen at [snnoland@hotmail.com](mailto:snnoland@hotmail.com). We especially need sturdy copy paper boxes with lids. Drop off your donations outside the gym doors by May 17. (doors off small lot - please don't block the doors).

**Spring Cleaning anyone?** Perfect timing as the **Country Store is BACK!** We will accept donations of all new, or gently used items, but please no furniture, clothing or computers. Please No Junk and remember that these items will be resold. Items will only be accepted at the following drop off times. **DO NOT BRING ON ANY OTHER DAYS/TIMES! Saturdays, April 22 & April 29 - 8:30 am - noon; Saturdays, May 5 & May 12 1:30 pm - 5 pm.** Donations accepted at our storage pod behind the Knights (youth) house. Questions? Contact Stephanie at [jullienkids@gmail.com](mailto:jullienkids@gmail.com) or 925-708-2422.

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