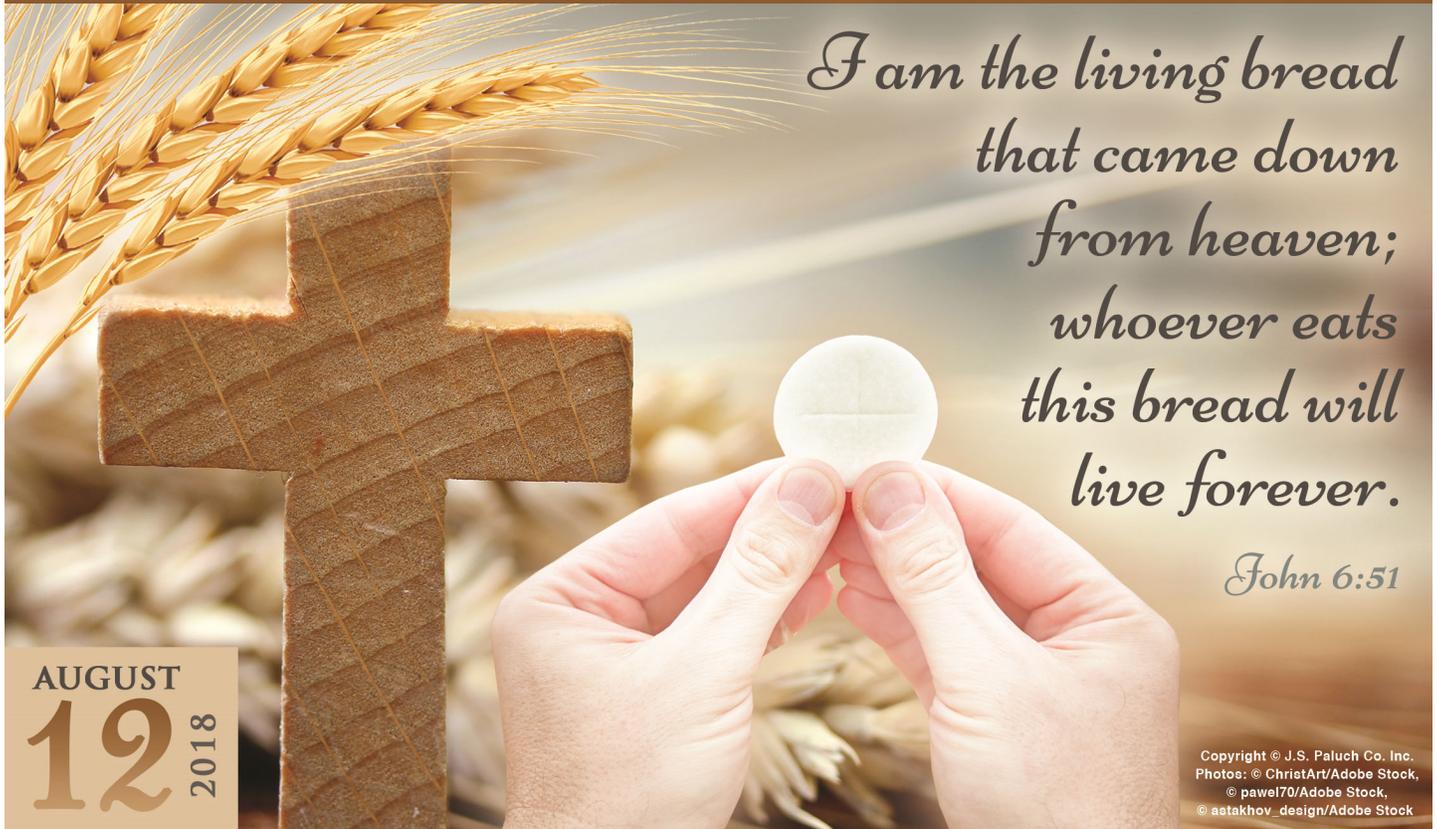


Christ the King Church

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*I am the living bread
that came down
from heaven;
whoever eats
this bread will
live forever.*

John 6:51

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Week At A Glance	Upcoming Mass Intentions	Schedule of Masses
<p>Sunday, 8/12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Pilgrim Cross Thanksgiving Mass 12:15 pm, followed by luncheon <p>Monday, 8/13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilgrim Cross Prayer Service, 6:30 pm <p>Tuesday, 8/14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilgrim Cross Prayer Service, 6:30 pm <p>Wednesday, 8/15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masses at 8am, 12 pm, 7 pm • Pilgrim Cross Prayer Service, 6:30 pm <p>Thursday, 8/16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centering Prayer, Knights House, 10 am • Pilgrim Cross Prayer Service, 6:30 pm <p>Friday, 8/17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilgrim Cross Prayer Service, 6:30 pm <p>Saturday, 8/18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Fellowship, Knights House 7:30 am <p>Sunday, 8/19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 	<p>8/13 8 am - Anne O'Malley 8/14 8 am - Irma Lee+ 8/15 8 am - Harry McElroy+ 12 pm - Eileen Radding+ 7 pm - Maria Mai Ly+ 8/16 8 am - Rose Rangel 8/17 8 am - John Aitken+, Joyce Locke+</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, 8/18</p> <p>8 am - Frank Naccarato+ 5 pm - Pacifico Ambat, Jr.+</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 8/19</p> <p>7 am - Lucia Rose Flaherty+ 8 am - Joselito Asuncion+ 9:15 am - Grant Randall+ 10:45 am - Jerome Keohane 12:15 pm - CTK Parishioners 6 pm - Susan Fyles</p> <p style="text-align: right;">+notes deceased</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday - Friday, 8:00 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday - 8:00 am, 5:00 pm Sunday Masses: 7 am, 8 am, 9:15 am, 10:45 am, 12:15 pm, 6 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Confessions: Saturday, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm</p> <hr/> <p>Parish Office: 682-2486 www.ctkph.org</p> <p>Religious Ed: 686-1017 www.ctkreliouseducation.org</p> <p>Youth Ministry: 676-0979 www.ctkym.org</p> <p>Facebook: Christ the King Catholic Community of Pleasant Hill</p>

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As you may have noticed, the Gospel passages from the last few weeks have taken a major detour. We have temporarily departed from the Gospel of Mark, and are now in our third week of listening to the “Bread of Life Discourse” in the Gospel of John, which we will continue to listen to until the end of August. I would suggest that during these next weeks you find some time to read the entire discourse, which can be found in chapter six of the Gospel of John (verses 22-71).

This discourse is unique because, unlike the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke), John’s Gospel does not have the words of institution at the Last Supper: “this is my body...this is my blood.” Rather, the “Bread of Life Discourse” is the scene in which we receive John’s theology of the Eucharist. And what does Jesus have to say to us about the Eucharist here? “Whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” We know by the reaction of the crowd who heard these words that this was a very provocative, even scandalous, thing for Jesus to say. To them, He was proposing cannibalism, which is why many of His followers leave him, as we will see in the readings to come.

As members of Christ’s Church today – having 2,000 years of exposition on the Gospels behind us – we have the benefit of a clearer understanding of the Eucharist. We have terms like “transubstantiation” in order to clarify the process of change that occurs at Mass when the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We know that we are not cannibals consuming lifeless pieces of flesh, but that, in consuming the Eucharist, we invite the living and resurrected Lord into our lives. And yet, despite the strides we have made in our theology, there are people who still “murmur” against Jesus and his teaching on the Eucharist.

And why is that? For one, despite many well-documented Eucharistic miracles that confirm the appearance of human heart tissue in the host, Christ’s presence cannot be verified scientifically. Our faith tells us one thing, but our bodily senses tell us another. More importantly, though, it is easy to doubt God’s presence and his promise of giving life to the world when our world is shrouded in death and darkness. I came across a news clip from last weekend that said that 30 people were shot in Chicago during a 24-hour period. And as a Church we are still confounded and disgusted by the recent news of the abuse of Cardinal McCarrick. There is no wonder why we “murmur.”

And yet we must pause, for Jesus did not say that we ourselves are life for the world. He did not say that religious leaders are. He said that He is. That’s precisely why He came to us, and gave himself to us in the Eucharist, because He knew that left to ourselves we die, and cause others to die as well. With devoted reception and adoration of the Eucharist, however, we begin to see that, even amidst the suffering of life, we can still live, and live well. This is what John means when he uses the Greek word ζωή (zoe) for life in chapter six. This refers not to any normal life, but the fullness of life, the very life of God. This is the same word he uses in those very special words in 3:16: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life (ζωή - zoe).

Whether our faith in Christ’s presence in the Eucharist is strong or weak, let us continue to grow in our devotion to it. The Church teaches us that the Eucharist is the source and summit – the beginning and end - of our faith. This is because it contains the fullness of life. We all want that life, for ourselves and for the world; with increased prayer, devotion, and reception of the Eucharist, we can help to make that a reality.

God bless you,
Fr. Mario

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 12, 2018

First Reading:

1 Kings 19:4-8

The book of Exodus tells of the Israelites’ escape from Egypt and their journey to Mt. Sinai some 1,200 years before Christ. The bread described in today’s reading is called *manna*, a word derived from the ancient Hebrew words for “what is this?”

Second Reading:

Ephesians 4:30-5:2

This part of the letter to the Ephesians contains practical advice for Christian living. The author says that actions which cause division in a community are simply unacceptable. In today’s reading, mutual forgiveness is seen as essential for any group that calls itself Christian. There is an echo here of part of the Lord’s prayer.

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Healing Mass: Saturday, August 25 at 10:30 am. All are invited to join us for a parish Mass during which we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. A good time to bring those who are homebound or in care centers ~ those who are able to come.

Save the date for an "official" welcome for Fr. Mario Rizzo and our CTK School Principal, Joe Silveira - Sunday, August 26 at the 12:15 mass. Join us to welcome them and enjoy light refreshments after mass.

Confirmation Registration - If you are a Sophomore or Junior in high school and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year; please download a registration form at ctkym.org or you can find registration forms and calendars in the back of the church. Please call the Youth Ministry Office at 676-0979 with any questions.

Catholic Men's Fellowship Fall Retreat will be held Aug. 17-19 at Old Oak Ranch in Sonora. The theme, "The Seven Virtues Perfect our Seven Principles", will be developed by Stephen Valgos. 209-264-2263 for more information. To register, go to www.catholicmen.org and select CMF Fall Retreat.

Christ the King's 22nd Annual Monsignor Wade Golf Tournament - Monday, September 10 at Oakhurst Golf Club, Clayton. Your participation is more important than ever! Funds raised through this event go to the Tuition Assistance Fund and additional enrichment programs, such as the Community Science Workshops. The fun and fellowship is second to none. Whether you know half the field or are new to the CTK community, there are few things as fun as a nice afternoon of golf at beautiful Oakhurst Country Club, surrounded by others that share the same passion and enthusiasm for the children of CTK. Email golf@ctkschool.org.

Searching for a spiritual home? If you are not a Catholic, but would like to learn more about our faith community, contact Fr. Mario at frmarrio@ctkph.org.

ChristLight XV - Save the dates: Nov. 9, 10 and 11, 2018. ChristLight is an engaging and fun spiritual experience that builds community and brings us to a closer connection with Christ in our lives. Over 500 CTK participants have experienced ChristLight and for many it has changed their lives! Look ahead and mark your calendars so you can participate in this acclaimed retreat.

Christ the King School Openings: CTK School has openings for students in **Grades 1, 2, 5 and 7** for the school year beginning in August 2018. If you are interested in joining our school family, please call us at 925-685-1109 or email jthornbury@ctkschool.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

Multi-Faith Dinner at CTK. Wed., August 29, 6-9 pm, in the Parish Hall. Presentation by Rev. Ranwa Hammamy: "*Strengthening Community To Sustain Our Commitment To Action.*" All Are Welcome. No Cost. Sponsored by the SF Foundation. Please RSVP to contactmfac@gmail.com.

St. Vincent de Paul furniture ministry here at CTK is in need of **volunteers** who have pickup trucks and also volunteers who can help pick up and deliver mattresses and furniture. Many of our clients are moving from unstable to permanent housing and we try to provide the basics. This volunteer outreach is very rewarding and does "Make a Difference" for those in need. If you can help once a month for an hour or two, please call Mary Jo at 925-822-3559. Thanks and God bless you!

Offertory Envelopes are here! Please pick your box up in the vestibule. Call 682-2486 with questions.

Pray for Our Sick

May those who are in need of our prayers, place their trust and faith in the comforting presence of the Lord.

*Jeanette Rutherford,
Timothy Fuller*

Join Fr. Paulson on an Incredible Tour of India and Singapore starting February 03, 2019 and returning February 19th. (Singapore, Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Varanasi, and Kerala - home state of Fr. Paulson). For more details, call the parish office at 682-2486 or contact Fr. Paulson at Paulson.ctk@gmail.com.



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Registration packets for all Religious Education and Sacramental preparation programs (3 yr old - grade 8) are available at the entrance to the church and on our website www.ctkreligiouseducation.org. If you missed registration, you may still signup beginning Aug. 13th at 9:30 am. **Deadline is Aug. 28.**

We are looking for catechists to help with our programs, especially in our afternoon sessions (M.T.W. 3:15 - 5:15). If you enjoy working with children, sharing your faith and want to help foster the faith of our children, call Sr. Maureen to learn more about our ministry. No strings attached! In-services provided.

This weekend is our **Mission Co-op/Society for the Propagation of the Faith** weekend. We welcome Bishop William Avenya from the Diocese of Gboko in Africa.

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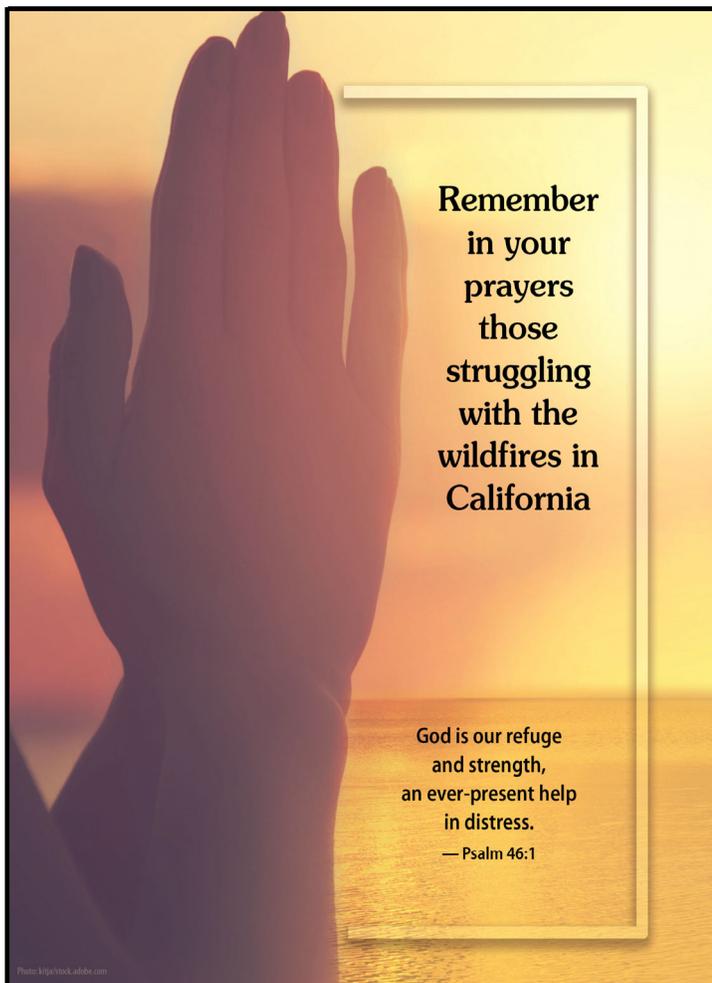


The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, August 15, 2018



Masses at 8 am, 12:00 pm and 7 pm.



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