

Christ the King Church

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Humbly welcome the word
that has been planted in you
and is able to save your souls.*

— James 1:21b



Week At A Glance	Upcoming Mass Intentions	Schedule of Masses
<p>Sunday, 9/2 • 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Monday, 9/3 • Labor Day, Parish Offices closed</p> <p>Tuesday, 9/4 • Knights of Columbus, 7 pm</p> <p>Wednesday, 9/5 • Sewing Ministry, Parish Hall 9 am • Young Adults, Knights House 7 pm</p> <p>Thursday, 9/6 • Centering Prayer, Knights House, 10 am</p> <p>Friday, 9/7 • First Friday Mass, 6 pm</p> <p>Saturday, 9/8 • Men's Fellowship, Knights House, 7:30 am</p> <p>Sunday, 9/9 • 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • CLOW begins 9:15 mass • Youth Grp Parent Meeting, Church 7 pm</p>	<p>9/3 8 am - Mary Hennessy+ 9/4 8 am - Paul Sbragia+ & J.P. Sbragia-Zoricic+ 9/5 8 am - Trudy Brown+ 9/6 8 am - Artemio Lampano+ 9/7 8 am - David & John Macaluso+ 6 pm -</p> <p>Saturday, 9/8 8 am - Orlando Villanueva+ 5 pm - Meta Evanson+</p> <p>Sunday, 9/9 7 am - CTK Parishioners 8 am - Barbara Sousa+ 9:15 am - Frank Gillet+ 10:45 am - Forrest Mayo+ 12:15 pm - Benigno Prado+ 6 pm - Andy Gaglione+</p> <p style="text-align: right;">+notes deceased</p>	<p>Monday - Friday, 8:00 am 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>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.ctkreligiouseducation.org</p> <p>Youth Ministry: 676-0979 www.ctkym.org</p> <p>Ctk School: 685-1109 www.ctkschool.org</p> <p>Facebook: Christ the King Catholic Community of Pleasant Hill</p>

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you for your continued prayers for the victims of floods in India. My brother Fr. Santhosh has been cleaning the school campus with students and teachers for the last week and he expects to get the school ready in a couple more weeks. Many of his teachers and more especially janitorial staff have had their homes flooded. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has said they are working with the government and other local agencies to quickly provide emergency aid to people most in need.



“People here have lost everything, including their cars, their keepsakes and their clothes. Many have even had their homes washed away by landslides. Others are coming back to find their homes in complete ruin,” said Jomey Joseph, CRS’ head of office in Chennai (a city in neighboring Tamil Nadu formerly known as Madras), who is leading the agency’s Kerala response. “People say they’ve never witnessed so much rain in their lifetimes. Even those families who are better off have been devastated by this disaster,” he added. According to numbers reported by the BBC, the flooding has left nearly 400 people dead, and more than 1 million displaced, many of whom have found shelter in makeshift camps set up for flood victims throughout the state. Many of you have asked me how to support the people of Kerala and also the Carmelite School. Please see Fr. Brian's note on the flap for more information.

I am so happy that CTK School has commenced the 2018-2019 academic year. I am happy to report that CTK has the best enrollment this year in the Diocese of Oakland with 316 students. We are blessed with great teachers, faculty and leadership. Now, we turn our attention to our faith formation ministry. Fr. Mario Rizzo will lead the RCIA with support from Al Garrotto. We will be accommodating students from St. Stephen here at CTK. Our Youth Ministry will be held in the beautiful space at St. Stephen on Thursdays. Rick Lejano and Helen Christian and their team have been busy with Peer Leaders, and registrations. I am grateful to Sr. Maureen and her wonderful team for working hard to register the students and empower the catechists. To increase participation in our programs, we have sent letters to every family detailing the program. On behalf of our community, I thank you catechists for stepping up to teach our children, our teens and our adults about God.

I cannot underscore enough the importance of family faith for life long faith formation. One of the most significant, and to many startling, findings in the National Study on Youth and Religion (NSYR) is the impact of parental faith and religion on the beliefs and practices of teenagers. NSYR found: “of parents who report that their faith is *extremely* important in their daily lives, 67% of their teens report that faith is extremely or very important in their daily lives; only 8% of those parents’ teens report that faith is not very or not important in their lives.” The opposite is also true: parents for whom faith is somewhat or not at all important have teens who believe the same thing. The importance of parental faith and practice on the lives of children and teens is clear. Grandparents and other relatives, mentors, and youth workers can be very influential as well, but normally, parents are most important in forming their children’s religious and spiritual lives. (Christian Smith and Melinda Denton, *Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of Teenagers*).

Let us work hard as a community to celebrate religious education in the weeks and days to come. May God bless us!

Paulson

**Twenty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 2, 2018**

**First Reading:
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8**

The book of Deuteronomy contains a lengthy farewell speech of Moses as the people prepared to enter the Promised Land. Moses makes it clear that they are expected to remain faithful to the Lord after they have settled in their new land.

**Second Reading:
James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27**

Today and for the next four Sundays, we will read passages from the letter of James. Two points will be helpful background to today’s passage. First: In the Jewish law, the first fruits of the harvest belong to God. Second: In the Old Testament, widows and orphans were classic examples of poor and defenseless people.

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“Let the little children come to Me.” First Friday Mass, September 7, 2018 at 6 pm. **Children’s Holy Hour** will be from **4 pm to 5 pm** in the main church before the regular First Friday adoration from 5 pm to 6 pm. **This Holy Hour designed for kids** consists of prayer, song and silence in front of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome!

Religious Education News!

Children’s Liturgy of the Word: (CLOW) Grades 1-3 - CLOW will resume during the 9:15 am mass on September 9th. All parish children in grades 1-3 may participate. No registration required. After celebrating their own Liturgy of the Word together, they return to the assembly for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Sacraments: If you are interested in learning more about how your child can be baptized (3 yr. old or older) or receive Eucharist, contact the RE office at 686-1017. Registration in classes required.

Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick/Homebound: We are in need of more people to visit the sick/homebound and bring Holy Communion to them. Are you willing to join this team of ministers? We are getting more and more requests from families whose loved one needs this spiritual care. It is a beautiful way to share our faith and the many blessings God has given us. Contact Bev Prosek at 925-825-4269 or bevprosek@gmail.com.

The **St. Vincent de Paul store**, previously closed due to fire damage, is open for business and accepting donations of clean and usable clothing and items including furniture. Donation accepted daily from 10 am to 4 pm. Volunteers welcome. 2815 Contra Costa Blvd, Pleasant Hill.

Fr. Donie O’Connor: Want to email a “thanks” or another message to Fr. Donie? His email is doniemhm@yahoo.co.uk.

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 frmar-io@ctkph.org.

Calling All Liturgical Ministers: Gathering for Projectionists, Ushers, Musicians, Environment, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Society. **Saturday, September 22.** Begins at 1:30 pm and concludes with 5 pm Mass.

The Light for Others Catholic Group sponsors the movie, **“Paul, Apostle of Christ”** Saturday, Sept. 8 from 10 am to 12:00 pm. Peacock Hall Theater, 1001 Golden Rain Rd, WC. Admission is free. For more information, call Nel at 925-984-5552.

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.ctl@gmail.com.

Sign up now for **CTK’s 22nd annual Msgr. Wade Golf Tournament!** Monday, Sept. 10 at Oakhurst Golf Club, Clayton. To register and for more information, email golf@ctkschool.org.

Dress A Child Around the World - Sewing sessions **resume September 5th** and continue on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 9 am to 12:30 pm. Newcomers welcome as we’ve got lots to do. Our dresses and shorts are sent to impoverished children around the world, as well as to those in need here in the United States. Thanks to all who work so hard each session here at CTK and for supporting this very exhilarating and meaningful ministry. For more information and/or fabric donations, please call Carol Vogl at 925-288-0488.

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.

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.

High School Youth Group Registration - If you are looking for a group of friends that share your faith and desire to have fun, look no further! **Youth Group is for all high school teens, 9 - 12 grade.** We meet Thursday evenings. Registration forms and calendars can be found in the back of the church or you can download a form at ctkym.org. Any questions, please call the Youth Ministry office at 676-0979 or email Rick at rlejano@ctkph.org. An information meeting for both parent and teen will be Sunday, September 9 at 7 pm in the church.

Next weekend we will have a second collection for the **Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust**. Although officially retired, some of the 58 priests in that category are still helping in parishes around the Diocese. The Diocese anticipates there will be almost 70 retired priests within the next 5 - 10 years. Thank you for your generosity.

Forgot your cash, check-book or donation envelope? Scan this QR code to connect with our donation site.





A Note from Fr. Timoney Regarding the Floods:

Fr. Paulson has shared with us the harrowing ordeal that he went through because of the great floods that inundated the area of Kerala where his family lives. He mentioned

the damage done to the school run by his brother Fr. Santhosh. We can only imagine the extent of it. The lower floor of the school was under 8 ft. of water. There must have been extensive damage to electronic boards, computers, furniture. Fr. Paulson cited the rice that students had brought to be distributed to the poor, all destroyed. Likewise the books, that again the students had brought to be distributed to poorer schools, all gone. Fr. Santhosh estimates total damage at \$300,000. Last Sunday some parishioners asked me if a special collection would be taken to help in this catastrophe. I brought the question to Fr. Paulson. Since it is his brother's school that is involved he is reluctant to make the plea himself. He has, however, agreed to a special collection and I am placing the need before you and urging you to be generous, as you always are in times of great need. The date for this special collection is September 15/16. May the good Lord reward your generosity in a truly worthy cause.



Christ the King

School is back in session for the 2018-2019 school year!

Each new school year brings the excitement of a new beginning

and opportunity for growth. This school year is especially exciting as we welcome new families, staff members and a new principal to our community.

Christ the King is overjoyed to welcome our new principal, Joe Silveira, to our school family. It seems fitting that the theme for this school year is the gospel virtue of **HOPE**. Hope is the spirit of optimism and joy sustained by faith. We wish you all a Hope-filled year!

Openings are still available for the 2018-2019 school year in first, second, third, fifth and seventh grade. At Christ the King School we teach, model, and inspire a lifelong love of learning, collaboration, and compassion for others. We encourage you to visit and see first hand what makes our school so special. To schedule a tour please contact the office at (925) 685-1109.

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