

Christ the King Church

199 Brandon Road, Pleasant Hill, CA 925-682-2486

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

Whoever receives
one child such as
this in my name,
receives me;
and whoever
receives me,
receives not me
but the One
who sent me.

Mark 9:37



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Week At A Glance	Upcoming Mass Intentions	Schedule of Masses
<p>Sunday, 9/23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLOW/3 yr. old, Pre-K, K 9:15 am <p>Monday, 9/24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE Grades 1-5 & Older Sac. 3:30 pm • RE Parent Sac. Mtg, Church 7 pm <p>Tuesday, 9/25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE Grades 1-5 at 3:30 pm • RE Grades 7/8, Parish Hall 7 pm <p>Wednesday, 9/26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE Grades 1-5 at 3:30 pm • RE Grade 6, Parish Hall 7 pm • Perpetual Help/Rosary, Church 7 pm <p>Thursday, 9/27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centering Prayer, Knights Hse, 10 am • RCIA, School Media Ctr 7 pm • Youth Group, St. Stephen's 7 pm <p>Friday, 9/28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ctkAlive, Parish Hall 7 pm <p>Saturday, 9/29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's Fellowship, Knights Hse, 7:30 am • ctkAlive, Parish Hall 9 am <p>Sunday, 9/30 *No CLOW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 yr. old, Pre-K, K 9:15 am • Confirmation Kick-off, Hall 1 pm 	<p>9/24 8 am - Marguerite Rangel Miller 9/25 8 am - Fred & Dorothy Von Lehr+ 9/26 8 am - Renato & Nora Sumangil 9/27 8 am - Robert Simmons+ 9/28 8 am - Mary Heinrich+</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, 9/29</p> <p>8 am - Alwin & Steffi 5 pm - CTK Hospitality</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 9/30</p> <p>7 am - Renee Nava Barboza 8 am - Betsi Burgess+ 9:15 am - Roger Peters+ 10:45 am - Mia Panlilio 12:15 pm - Katie Engler Winter+ 6 pm - Kathy Hansen+</p> <p style="text-align: right;">+notes deceased</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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 Confessions: Saturday, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm</p> <hr/> <p>Parish Office: 682-2486 www.ctkph.org Religious Education: 686-1017 www.ctkreliouseducation.org Youth Ministry: 676-0979 www.ctkym.org Ctk School: 685-1109 www.ctkschool.org Facebook: Christ the King Catholic Community of Pleasant Hill</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">St. Stephen Catholic Church 1108 Keaveny Ct, Walnut Creek 925-939-3826</p>

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you for your generosity towards the victims of the devastating floods in the State of Kerala, India that completely submerged my own home town including the high school managed by my brother priest, Fr. Santhosh Mundanmani, who is a Carmelite. After the floods, Kerala welcomed the first chartered flight of international tourists from Australia on September 17th. The heavy rains and unprecedented floods that shattered the state, leaving hundreds dead and thousands homeless and causing widespread destruction, led to numerous cancellations by tourists. I will be leading a group of people to India, which includes 5 days in Kerala, and you are most welcome to join me on this tour.



Bishop Barber has called for a Mini Convocation of a 100 active priests to be held October 22-24, 2018 at San Damiano Retreat House and St. Isidore parish Hall. Fr. James Mallon from Nova Scotia, who authored the book Divine Renovation, will be the main presenter at this conference. On one of the days, each Pastor is asked to invite some of his key staff members to join him to study and work as a team in building parish life and ministry. I have a personal request to make to our parish. To help defray the cost of the meal, I have promised to collect as much wine as I can for the participants. If you are able and willing to donate good red and white wines (cases of wine better), to this event, I will be grateful. You can bring them to the parish office in the coming weeks.

St. Stephen Parish Community in transition

On Sunday, September 16, I met with the members of St. Stephen Parish in a Town Hall meeting in their lovely parish Hall. We had an open and transparent discussion on many of the changes that will be effected from October 1, 2018. With increasing financial deficit each year, and a number of capital projects that need immediate attention, there was no other option left to us except embrace these changes. At the heart of the changes, is my desire to make St. Stephen financially viable as a separate parish and the need to increase membership and participation in Church activities. I am grateful to a number of volunteers who have stepped forward to take on responsibilities during this transition.

The parish office will be moved from its current location (Rectory) to the Church campus in Room No 2. The Rectory is structurally in bad shape, and has been handed over to the diocese for further research and study, and when that report is ready, I will make that known to the community for their blessing and input. Weekday Masses will be celebrated in a small chapel behind the Church from October 1, 2018. The staff has been downsized, and volunteers have stepped up in their place. I have asked Annette Roux to coordinate the ministry of volunteers at the Office, and we will be having training of volunteers in the coming weeks. If you have 4 hours (once a week, once in a fortnight, or once a month) to give to the parish, please do contact her. The Finance Committee has revisited every contract that is currently in place, and is making changes to them as I write this bulletin. The Rental policies for the Parish Hall are being revised and we will be advertising the rental beyond the borders of the parish. In addition, we are planning to address some of the urgent capital projects immediately (parking lot, Church sound system, water leaks etc.). More information to follow.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you parishioners of St. Stephen and CTK for your support and prayers. I am always available to listen and answer your questions and welcome new ideas. There is so much joy in collaboration. I am grateful to the staff of St. Stephen (especially those who are not returning after October 1) for your dedication and hard work. May God bless our efforts and may we as a Parish Community flourish in God's eyes.

Fr. Paulson

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 23, 2018

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

The book of Wisdom was written about 50 years before Christ, and was addressed to a group of Jews living in Alexandria, Egypt. In today's passage, an unidentified person, referred to as the "just one", challenges them to remain faithful to their traditional values. Early Christians thought this person sounded a lot like Jesus.

Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3

Today we continue a series of successive readings from the letter of James. This part of the letter deals with sins that threaten harmony in a Christian community.

NOTE: In the coming week or so, the entry/exit road between the ministry center and the church will be closed to install an underground fire sprinkler system. We will keep you updated on timing.

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All men are invited to join us for a **Men's Evening of Recollection** on Thurs., Oct. 11, 6:30 - 9 pm. Fr. Paulson is presenting on "Living an Undivided Life".

Women's Day of Reflection on Saturday, October 13; begins with 8 am Mass and concludes at 12 pm. Topics include, "How Can We Take Heart Once More?" and "The Daily Examen ~ a technique of prayerful reflection in order to detect God's presence and discern his direction for us". Both events in the parish hall.

Religious Education News!

Children's Liturgy of the Word: (CLOW) Grades 1-3 - CLOW has resumed during the 9:15 am mass. All parish children in grades 1-3 may participate. No registration required.

Opening Sessions:

Pre-K,K and 1-5 in session this week!

Sept. 25: Grades 7/8, 7 pm in Hall

Sept. 26: Grade 6, 7 pm Hall.

We look forward to welcoming all to a faith filled, prayerful exciting year.

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 requests from families whose loved one needs this spiritual care. It is a beautiful way to share our faith. *Contact Bev Prosek at 925-825-4269 or bevprosek@gmail.com.*

LifeShift: Work and the Christian Journey Retreat: Life is about managing change: career, personal, family, spiritual. This retreat is an opportunity to reflect on life and faith while considering new career, job and/or retirement possibilities. Oct. 26-28, the Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos. Retreat Leaders, Tom Bachhuber and Jim Briggs. *Contact tom@centerforlifetransitions.net for more information.*

Join Fr. Paulson on an Incredible Tour of India and Singapore, the best of North and South India! 15 days: February 3 - 18, 2019. Land Tour (includes hotel, tour, most meals, domestic flights) \$3,500 + international flight, Singapore Airlines, \$990 RT from SFO. Come by the parish office and pick up a flyer or *contact Fr. Paulson at Paulson.ctk@gmail.com.*

ChristLight XV - 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! Mark your calendars so you can participate in this acclaimed retreat.

Please join Sr. Maureen along with many other **Sisters of the Holy Names**, alumnae, relatives and friends, as our Religious community celebrates 150 years of our presence and ministry in CA. Bishop Barber will preside at a Eucharistic Liturgy at the Cathedral of Christ the Light on Saturday, Oct. 6 at 3:30 pm. A Reception will follow. All are invited and welcomed. Parking in the Kaiser Center garage. RSVP at www.snjmca150.org.

If you volunteer in any way at CTK - diocesan policy requires **Safe Environment training.** Please go online at www.virtus.org and follow the instructions for Safe Environment training. Please print your certificate and forward it to the parish office. For questions or help, call Helen at 682-2486. Please complete your training by October 1, 2018.

Pray the Rosary with our CTK Weekly Rosary and Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Tuesdays at 7 pm in the church. *For details, contact Shirley at 957-0488.*

During October, the St. Bonaventure Catholic Community is offering a **four week series** on the practice of dialogue as a step towards building both community and the Kingdom of God. The series is entitled **From Babel to Pentecost: Dialogue, Community and Kingdom.** Wednesdays, Oct. 3-24. *Contact Gina at gcatalini@stbonaventure.net or 925-672-5800 for more information.*

You and your family are warmly invited to join us for the **Mass of Thanksgiving** honoring those who serve in our community: law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel. Sunday, October 7 at 10 am at **The Cathedral of Christ the Light.**

Join Queen of All Saints for a baby shower! The Gabriel Project is a ministry that supports pregnant mothers and their unborn children. Saturday, Oct. 20 from 11:30 - 3:30 pm, they are hosting a baby shower. Please bring any baby item, apparel, toy, blankets, clothing (new or gently used). Refreshments, games and prizes. 2390 Grant St. Concord. *Call Sara at 925-458-1006 for more info.*

Volunteer to tutor at the Diablo Valley Literacy Council. No teaching experience is required and English need not be your first language. We will teach you to be a tutor! Next workshop is Oct. 6 at 9 am. Pre-register at dvlc4esl.org. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 4000 Clayton Rd, Concord.

Next weekend we have a **second collection to support our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry** here at Christ the King. Christ the King has offered SVdP services since 1963. That's quite a legacy and the ministry's success has been due to your continuing generosity.

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



Italian Catholic Federation

Branch 442

Christ the King Parish-199 Brandon Rd., Pleasant Hill

Annual Fall Charity Dinner Saturday, October 6, 2018

We will be serving a
wonderful 4 course
Italian dinner

Raffle prizes and
entertainment!



**No Host Beer/Wine at 6 pm
Dinner at 7 pm**

**Tickets: \$35 adults;
\$15 children under 12**

To purchase a ticket or
for further information,
contact Judi Dallara at
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Dinner Menu:

Antipasto Plate
Salad
Pasta with
Meatballs,
Sausage and
Peppers

Dessert

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