

Christ the King Church

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

You shall love the
 Lord your God with
 all your heart,
 with all your soul,
 with all your mind,
 and with all your
 strength.

- Mark 12:30



Week At A Glance	Upcoming Mass Intentions	Schedule of Masses
<p>Sunday, 11/4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLOW/3 yr. old, Pre-K, K 9:15 am <p>Monday, 11/5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE Grades 1-5 & Older Sac. 3:30 pm <p>Tuesday, 11/6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE Grades 1-5 • RE Grades 7/8 • Perpetual Help/Rosary, Church 7 pm <p>Wednesday, 11/7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sewing Ministry, Hall 9 am • RE Grades 1-5 • RE Grade 6 <p>Thursday, 11/8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centering Prayer, Knights Hse, 10 am • RCIA, School Media Ctr 7 pm • No Youth Group <p>Friday, 11/9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ChristLight <p>Saturday, 11/10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ChristLight <p>Sunday, 11/11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No RE Classes, No CLOW • ChristLight 	<p>11/5 8 am - Msgr. James Wade †</p> <p>11/6 8 am - Kohler Family</p> <p>11/7 8 am - David Macaluso †</p> <p>11/8 8 am - John Rangel</p> <p>11/9 8 am - Bob Keating †</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, 11/10</p> <p>8 am - Juvenal Figueira †</p> <p>5 pm - Miguel Divino Jr †</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 11/11</p> <p>7 am - Peter Spencer †</p> <p>8 am - Anastasia Arias †</p> <p>9:15 am - CTK Parishioners</p> <p>10:45 am - Gloria Maliwanag †</p> <p>12:15 pm - Manuela Cauilan †</p> <p>6 pm - Patrick Conway †</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Bridget Conway †</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Miguel Delgadillo †</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday - Friday, 8:00 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday - 8:00 am, 5:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 Education: 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> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">St. Stephen Catholic Church 1108 Keaveny Ct, Walnut Creek 925-274-1341</p>

Dear Friends,

Last week our diocese held a convocation for clergy and parish staff members, led by Fr. James Mallon, a priest from Nova Scotia and author of the book, *Divine Renovation*, which speaks about revitalizing parishes for the goal of making missionary disciples, that is, followers of Christ who are not only capable of sharing the Gospel message with others (evangelization), but who genuinely want to. Since the Second Vatican Council of the 1960s, and especially since the time of Pope Saint John Paul II, there has been a renewal in the impetus for this mission of evangelization. JPII is fondly remembered as the one who coined the term that identifies the Church's modern missionary efforts: "the new evangelization." For JPII this would not be so much a going out to those who had never heard the Gospel message, but an opportunity for the already baptized to have an **encounter** with Christ beyond the catechesis they had received as children. Indeed, since JPII, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have also spoken about this encounter with Christ as being the essential mark of a missionary disciple. For them, it isn't so much what we know, but how we allow it to affect our lives. To quote Fr. Mallon, we don't just want to know a lot about Jesus, we want to really know him, because ultimately it is Him we are called to share with others.

But some of us may be thinking, "what's this have to do with me? I'm not called to be a missionary." On the contrary, we all are, for Jesus himself gave us this mission. After His resurrection and before His Ascension, Jesus gathered His disciples and said to them: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20). This is not simply a mission for the clergy or for those in religious life, but the laity. It is your mission!

This is what the Second Vatican Council affirmed: "Since, like all the faithful, lay Christians are entrusted by God with the apostolate by virtue of their Baptism and Confirmation, they have the right and duty, individually or grouped in associations, to work so that the divine message of salvation may be known and accepted by all men throughout the earth... Their activity in ecclesial communities is so necessary that, for the most part, the apostolate of the pastors cannot be fully effective without it" (from the Council's document on the Church, *Lumen Gentium*, 33; cf. Catechism #900).

"Ok then" you say, "what are we to do?" The first thing I would encourage you to do is to examine your spiritual life. You might ask yourself, "Do I prepare well for Sunday Mass?" "Do I make time to pray outside of Mass, by myself and with my family?" "Can I attend a Mass during the weekday, or go to church to pray in the presence of the Lord in the tabernacle?" "Can I take a closer look into scripture or the writings of the saints?" "Can I get involved in a ministry like ctkAlive, or go on a retreat like ChristLight?" We ask these questions because the spiritual life is the foundation for mission. That is why I quote St. Bernard of Clairvaux who said, "before you can be a conduit, you must become a reservoir." Mass, prayer and spiritual reading are the most basic tools to do this.

Next, we ask ourselves, "how well educated am I in the faith?" Some of us may have had that initial encounter with Christ, but do not feel confident enough to share this experience with others. Here I offer a very practical suggestion to you. Beginning in January, the diocese will begin its basic educational program for adults called the "Serra Catechetical Institute." This is a program designed for catechists, parents, and all adults to "grow in faith, develop skills to share it, and meet others who seek to do the same." You can find more information at: <http://www.oakdiocese.org/sci>. I encourage you to go to the link and consider signing up, as I myself will be a part of the team of teachers. I decided to join because, having encountered Christ in a personal way, I want be more active in the "New Evangelization." I want to grow in the knowledge of my faith, and to share that faith with others. I hope you do as well.

God bless you,

Fr. Mario

**Thirty-first Sunday in
Ordinary Time
November 4, 2018**

**First Reading:
Deuteronomy 6:2-6**

The events in today's reading take place as the Israelites are camped on the shore of the Jordan River ready to enter the Promised Land. In a lengthy farewell speech, Moses stresses that they are to remain faithful to the Lord after they have settled in their new land. The final words of this passage are especially dear to Jewish people who recite them several times a day, attach them to their doorposts, and wear them on their person.

**Second Reading:
Hebrews 7:23-28**

There were daily sacrifices of animals in the Jerusalem temple. These were offered by many priests who, when they died, were replaced by others. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews contrasts this with Jesus whose one sacrifice on the cross was for all times and for all people.

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Save the date for our next **Healing Mass ~ Anointing of the Sick:** Saturday, November 17 at 10:00 am. Mark your calendars now.

Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:15 am: All are invited to join us and celebrate the great feast of Thanksgiving! There will be a special blessing over bread and wine...so bring the bread and wine that you will share at your table on that day.

Impact Forum on Homelessness: An Evening Conversation with Local Community Leaders. Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 7 pm. **Come to listen, come to learn, come to share your concerns and your faith values.** Panelists include Fr. Paulson, along with representatives from the Pleasant Hill PD, and the County's Health, Housing, and Homeless Services and C.O.R.E. Homeless Outreach Program. Moderated by Ken Carlson, Vice Mayor of PH. Sponsored by City of PH and the Pleasant Hill Clergy Grp. Hillcrest Congregational Church, 404 Gregory Ln.

Concerned about Hunger and Homelessness? The weekend of Nov. 17/18, we will have the opportunity to support 3 wonderful organizations that are responding to humanity's most basic needs - the need for food and shelter. Read more about the work of **Monument Crisis Ctr, the What IF? Foundation, and Shelter, Inc.** in next week's bulletin.

Our St. Vincent de Paul furniture ministry provides basic furniture items to those in need, especially those moving from homelessness. We currently are in need of a few things: volunteers who have pickup trucks and also volunteers who can lift mattresses and other pieces of small furniture. We are again in need of mattresses, twin through queen and dressers of all sizes. If you can help, please call Kathy at 935-5259 or Mary Jo at 822-3559. Thanks and God bless you.

Book of Remembrance is in the front of the church near the baptism font. All are welcome to write in the names of your deceased loved ones. These people are especially remembered during the month of November - the month of **All Souls**.

Spirit of Giving 2018: Contra Costa Interfaith Housing is prepping for another successful season of Spirit of Giving! We need your help. We match residents and donors to ensure that each resident receives something special for the holidays. For more information, contact Gloria at gloria@ccinterfaithhousing.org.

Are young Catholics losing their faith in college? Maybe not - college ministry is a huge success. Come Tuesday evening, Nov. 13 at 7 pm to hear the remarkable success of **FOCUS**, a Catholic apostolate which brings the hope and joy of the Gospel to college students and energizes them for the lifelong Catholic mission. Sponsored by Catholics at Work. St. Joan of Arc Church, San Ramon, doors open at 6:30 pm.

Christian Meditation Day Retreat: Silence & God's Unconditional Love is Available for Each of Us: November 24, join us as we practice and learn about Christian meditation, Psalm 62 and Lectio Divina. San Damiano Retreat. Register at sandamiano.org or call 925-837-9141.

"**Praise Night II**" will be hosted on **Friday, November 16th at 8pm in the church**. Please join us for a night of Eucharistic Adoration, praise and worship music, and fellowship following adoration. We had a great turnout for the first Praise Night, but would love to see more people! Spread the word! The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered as well. All are welcome!

RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, has begun, and this is the **last week to join**. If you are, or know someone who is, non-baptized, a Baptized non-catholic, or a Catholic who has not completed the Sacraments of Initiation, and are seeking full initiation into the Church, please email Fr. Mario. RCIA meets on Thursdays at 7pm in the School's Media Center. **Frmario@ctkph.org**.

Do you have young children? Are you hoping to grow in your faith as a family? Are you looking to connect with other families and serve your community? If so, join us for **Young Families Ministry** - small groups that meet once a month to promote social connection, faith development, family support and service within CTK. Email us at YoungFamiliesCTK@gmail.com.

The Light for Others Catholic Group sponsors the movie, **St. Maria Soledad**, Saturday, Nov. 10 at 10 am. **St. Maria Soledad** tells the inspiring true story of the beginnings of the Sister Servants of Mary, a religious order dedicated to serving the sick, especially in their own homes which was never done before. Rossmoor Peacock Hall Theater, 1001 Golden Rain Rd., WC. Admission is free. Call Nel at 984-5552 for more info.

This weekend we have a **second collection that supports Catholic Education** here at Christ the King. This collection helps support religious education, youth ministry and CTK School. Thank you for your support.

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