

Christ the King Church

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament,
and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.

~ Daniel 12:3



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Week At A Glance	Upcoming Mass Intentions	Schedule of Masses
<p>Sunday, 11/18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLOW/3 yr. old, Pre-K, K 9:15 am • Confirmation, Parish Hall 7 pm <p>Monday, 11/19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No RE Classes <p>Tuesday, 11/20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No RE Classes • Perpetual Help/Rosary, Church 7 pm <p>Wednesday, 11/21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Sewing Ministry • No RE Classes <p>Thursday, 11/22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happy Thanksgiving! • Mass at 9:15 am <p>Friday, 11/23</p> <p>Saturday, 11/24</p> <p>Sunday, 11/25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feast of Christ the King • No RE Classes, No CLOW 	<p>11/19 8 am - Joselito Asuncion †</p> <p>11/20 8 am - Marie Anne Estacio †</p> <p>11/21 8 am - Teresita Rival †</p> <p>11/22 Happy Thanksgiving - no 8 am mass</p> <p>9:15 am - Joseph Vinh Lam †</p> <p>11/23 8 am - Frederico Arellano Rossmann †</p> <p>Saturday, 11/24</p> <p>8 am - Ann Mac & Family</p> <p>5 pm - J. R. Santiago †</p> <p>Sunday, 11/25</p> <p>7 am - Karin Lisboa †</p> <p>8 am - James F. Keane †</p> <p>9:15 am - Jenna Betti †</p> <p>10:45 am - CTK Parishioners</p> <p>12:15 pm - Collins Burgess</p> <p>6 pm - Maria Paz Payawal †</p>	<p>Monday - Friday, 8:00 am</p> <p>Saturday - 8:00 am, 5:00 pm</p> <p>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 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>St. Stephen Catholic Church 1108 Keaveny Ct, Walnut Creek 925-274-1341</p>



Dear friends,

One of the most fulfilling aspects of my priestly ministry is accompanying people on their journey back to God. I once got a call to visit a young person in a hospice who had terminal cancer. She hadn't seen a priest in many years. We had a beautiful conversation. She unburdened herself, made a good confession and I gave her the anointing of the sick. I have mostly been called to the bedside of someone who no longer is conscious or able to express himself or herself.



In their attempt to revitalize all seven sacraments, the bishops of Vatican II not only looked at the way each sacrament was celebrated, but the theology behind each celebration. In the case of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, they renewed the theology, gave it a new name, and revised the ritual. For many years the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick was named Extreme Unction and referred to as the last rites. This happened for many reasons such as a high mortality rate and an emphasis being placed on cleansing the soul.

Sickness, while intimately connected with the human condition, is not punishment for personal, individual sins. Our illness is an opportunity for us to embrace the Paschal Mystery (life, death and resurrection of Jesus) and join our suffering to the cross of Christ thereby becoming active participants in his ongoing redemption of the world. There is no greater meaning in life. In the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, through the ministry of the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin – and sometimes even from physical ailment. His cures were signs of the arrival of the Kingdom of God.

One of the principles of theology is that grace builds on nature. This means, in the case of the sacraments, that ordinary gestures and symbols are taken up into the liturgy and given supernatural meanings. In the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the priest lays his hands over the person and then anoints the person. In the case of the laying on of hands, the ordinary gesture of reaching out to greet, embrace or console someone becomes a gesture in which Christ greets, embraces and consoles the one who is sick. In human cultures, oils and lotions are used to heal, soothe and protect. So in the sacrament, the anointing with holy oil signifies the healing, soothing, protecting power of the Spirit.

Pastoral care, which includes visiting the sick person and offering Holy Communion, is one of the important ministries at CTK. When an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is called forth, delegated and commissioned by her/his parish to share communion with those who are sick and homebound, that minister becomes an extension of the community gathered at Sunday or daily Mass. Pastoral care is offered to someone who is in hospice or who due to illness or recovery is unable to participate in the liturgies of the Church. I am grateful to our ministers who religiously visit the sick and offer them prayers and communion. If you feel someone should visit your ailing loved one, please contact CTK staff.

So, when should a priest be called? My advice is to make that call when a loved one is “beginning to be in danger,” but don’t wait until the person can no longer speak, think clearly or swallow. It’s best to receive the graces of the sacrament including confession, anointing and Holy Communion, before death. If that’s not possible, such as when death seems to be coming very quickly, don’t hesitate to call a priest immediately and he will do what he can.

Fr. Paulson

***Thirty-third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
November 18, 2018***

***First Reading:
Daniel 12:1-3***

The book of Daniel was written 150 years before Christ, when the Jews were experiencing fierce persecution. The author wanted to encourage the people by telling heroic stories about a person named Daniel who lived many centuries earlier. For most of their history, Old Testament people believed only in, at best, a shadowy existence after death. Today's passage contains one of the earliest references to a growing belief in a more developed form of life after death.

***Second Reading:
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18***

Scholars feel that the community for which the Letter to the Hebrews was written included Christians of Jewish origin. Since the letter was written after the Jewish temple was destroyed, they were pining for the old days when the high priest offered daily sacrifices in the temple. The author says they shouldn't feel sad. They no longer need a temple, sacrifices or priests because Jesus is all of these and more.

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Thanksgiving Multi-faith Celebration & Service: A community gathering with faith leaders (including Fr. Paulson!) from across the County and a volunteer multi-faith choir. Join us this afternoon, Sunday, Nov. 18 at 3:30 pm. Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church, 1578 Kirker Pass Rd, Clayton. Find Inspiration, Share Gratitude for Abundance and Commit to Confronting Poverty.

It's that time of year! **Wreaths** are arriving just in time for the holidays! Boy Scouts will be selling **fresh Christmas wreaths** outside of church after all masses, beginning this weekend. Cash and checks accepted. Be sure to support the local Scouts while adorning your home for the holidays.

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.

Looking for a way to celebrate Advent? Magnificat SOTI, a Ministry for Catholic women invite all to join them at their **Prayer Breakfast**. December 8, 9:30 - 1:30 - **The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 9:30, followed by breakfast and speaker, Fr. Spencer. Crowne Plaza, 45 John Glenn Drive, Concord. Call Kim at 683-8220 for questions. **Join us for a morning of Praise, Prayer and Inspiration.**

Join us Nov. 18 at 7:30 pm for **Taize Prayer Around the Cross**. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 1601 Mary Drive in Pleasant Hill. Quiet, refreshing, peaceful.

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.

The Book is Here! Fr. Brian Joyce's latest book, **"The Baltimore Catechism Revisited"**, will soon be available on the CTK church patio area for \$10. **Fr. Brian** shares teachings from the book which educated many of us as children in the Catholic faith. Then he helps us look at today's adult faith. Don't miss it!

Retreat: Spirituality and conscious Aging. This retreat will explore the benefits and joys as well as the challenges and concerns around retirement and aging. How do we live this stage of our life well and see aging as a blessing? San Damiano Retreat Center, Friday evening, December 7 to Saturday, December 8. Presented by Jim Briggs. Call 887-9141 for more information or to register.

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 925-837-9141.

Do you have extra Lego's? CTK School is working on some fun projects using the Lego wall in the Media Center. If you have standard sized Lego's you're no longer using and would like to donate them, please send in to the school office in care of Mr. Witte.

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**.

Upcoming Food Drives!

Our annual food collection for St. Vincent de Paul is starting! To support St. Vincent, please bring bags of groceries from the list below. Please leave only items on the list:

canned vegetables, canned beans, pasta, rice, dried beans, canned fruit, tuna, soups, tomato sauce, peanut butter and cereal. (All normal sizes only - no giant sizes, no glass).

Grocery bags needed!

Drop off bags in front of the Church through Dec. 16th. Thank you for your generous support.

Monument Crisis Center Holiday Food boxes: Monument Crisis Center is hoping to give out 1800 holiday food boxes this year. The program offers families the opportunity to enjoy the holidays without the worry of food insecurity. CTK will give out 200 boxes along with a list of food and directions for delivery. The boxes will be given out after masses the first weekend in December. More information next week!

Next weekend we celebrate **The Feast of Christ the King!** We will have a festive liturgy for this great feast on the weekend of November 24/25. Everyone is encouraged to join us for liturgy with an added touch to our music, prayers and environment - to honor Christ our King!

This weekend we have a **second collection that supports three important ministries, Monument Crisis Ctr, What If? Foundation and Shelter, Inc.** that Christ the King has supported over the last years and they look to us for continued financing and volunteering. Read about the three groups on the bulletin flap. Thank you for your generous assistance.

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



Concerned about Hunger and Homelessness? This weekend we have the opportunity to support 3 wonderful organizations that are responding to humanity's most basic needs - the need for food and shelter.

The Monument Crisis Center's (MCC) mission is to provide food, education, tools & assistance, and resources for families, seniors and individuals in crisis situations, and to promote community awareness of hunger and poverty challenges in Contra Costa County, thereby providing a strong path to independence, health, safety, sustainability and stability. We operate a comprehensive *family resource center* for extreme low income residents living in every city in Central and East Contra Costa County.



Shelter, Inc. is a non-profit organization with a goal of alleviating Contra Costa's homeless crisis. Our

mission is to prevent and end homelessness for low-income, homeless, and disadvantaged families and individuals by providing housing, services and support that lead to self-sufficiency.



The What If? Foundation has been providing nutritious meals to impoverished children in the Ti Plas Kazo neighborhood of port-au Prince, Haiti since 2000. What started as a modest program serving 500 children once a week, has expanded and serves more than 5,000 meals every week. The backbone of the program is the community meal distribution that served about 2500 meals each week to hungry boys and girls from the neighborhood. The What If? Foundation is deeply grateful to Christ the King for its generous support, both past and present. Haiti's needs are as great as ever and it is a privilege to respond to those needs in partnership with your parish community.

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