SCHEDULE OF MASSES
Daily Masses:
Monday-Friday, 8:00 am

Note: Special Thanksgiving Day
Mass at 9:15 am (no 8 am Mass)

Saturday Masses:
8:00 am & 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses:
7 am, 8 am, 9:15 am,
10:45 am 12:15 pm

CONFESSIONS:
Saturday: 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

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www.ctkph.org

Religious Ed: 686-1017
www.religiouseducation.org

Youth Ministry: 676-0979
www.ctkym.org

CTK School: 685-1109
www.ctkschool.org

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 11/23
• No CLOW
• No RE Sessions
• Youth Group 7 pm Parish Hall
• Wreath sales/ GS Nuts sales
• Boutique Parish Hall

Monday, 11/24
• Bible Study A & B, 8:30-10:30 am

Tuesday, 11/25
• Legion of Mary, Min. Ctr; 8:30 am
• No RE Classes
• Rosary & Perpetual Help, Church 7 pm
• Spanish Prayer, Church, 7:30 pm

Wednesday 11/26
• No RE

Thursday, 11/27
• Happy Thanksgiving 9:15 Mass
• Centering Prayer; Min Ctr 10:00 am
• No RE

Friday, 11/28
• No Garden Café

Saturday, 11/29
• Men’s Fellowship Chapel 7:30 am
• Secular Franciscans Min. Ctr 9 am

Sunday, 11/30
• First Sunday of Advent
• No RE classes
• No Youth Group
• Scout wreath sales

November 23, 2014

To Hear the Gospel and Make a Difference
Dear Parishioners,

First of all, a big thank you to Fr. Paulson for inviting me to write to you with an update on my “retirement”. I put that in quotations because as far as my mind and body can tell, I have not yet even begun my retirement. Here is an update on where I’ve been and what’s going on, including why I have not been able to be in touch with all of you, including returning your gracious notes and calls.

Immediately after my September 14th final day at the parish, I went for a week to Ashland, Oregon, with my sister and friends, avoiding any Shakespeare plays as well as possible, except for one outdoor version of Richard III, which fortunately got rained out about halfway through!

After that, I spent the first two weeks of October in Maui. I had a delightful time, which I found out I was badly in need of.

Right after my return from Maui, I boarded a fourteen hour flight to Hong Kong to spend two weeks in China with Fr. Tony Maguire and Fr. Dominic Savio Lee. During that time, I visited Macau, as well as Shang Hai, Hangzhou, Nanking, Wuxi and Suzhou. I got back from Hong Kong after another fourteen hour flight on Monday, November 3rd and on the following Thursday, left for a weekend with Call to Action in Memphis, Tennessee. It included keynote addresses by Kerry Kennedy, the niece of JFK, feminist theologian Elizabeth Johnson, and silenced Irish priest, Fr. Tony Flannery, all of whom were excellent. I especially recommend Fr. Tony Flannery’s talk on the role of women and sexuality in the church. In case you missed his recent talk in Sacramento, I will try to have CD’s available in the parish house for $5.00, with proceeds going to a parish fund for adult education. I have two more trips coming up. This weekend, I’m going to Atlanta, Georgia to take part in the annual protest at Fort Benning (school of Americas) and then in December, I have a real fun trip in mind, which will be to Kansas City for a great Raiders victory! Incidentally, don’t worry about my appearance at Fort Benning. My sister has strongly told me “don’t get arrested, you are too old to be spending any time in jail.”

Again, thank you for your kindness over the past years. I do miss you all very much and I thank Fr. Paulson for inviting me to share with you and also to stay at the parish whenever necessary. He has also invited me to con-celebrate at the Thanksgiving Mass this Thursday morning at 9:15. I hope to see you there.

God Bless,

Fr. Brian Joyce
Are you seeking to live more deeply with a greater sense of purpose? Do you long to lead an extraordinary life of compassion? Speak to Kate (katedoherty.ctk@gmail.com) about JustFaith. A 24 week program that will meet on Monday evenings from January to June, with a kick off retreat December 13th. Here is one testament from a past participant: “What is different since I completed JustFaith? The way I pray; the way I eat; the way I shop; the way I parent; the way I serve; the way I view community; the way I view neighbor; the way I understand enemy; the way I participate in church and community; the way I participate in policy issues; the way I begin and end my day”.

Advent Weekend Retreat: Mary, Vessel of Hope, Love, and Grace 510-276-5021/keast@maryknoll.org The Maryknoll Mission House in San Lorenzo will hold its annual Advent Retreat from December 5th-7th. This year’s theme will explore the role of Mary as the vessel by which God’s love was born into the world. This retreat offers the opportunity for prayer, rest, silent meditation, and reflection. All meals and materials are included; accommodations are available for those spending the night. Retreat will end in time for the 11:30 Mass at St. John the Baptist church in San Lorenzo. Suggested donation is $100.00

Wreaths are arriving just in time for the holidays! Christ the King’s Cub Scout Pack will be selling fresh Christmas wreaths after all masses this weekend, as well as the following 3 weekends. A portion of these proceeds goes to supporting their fundraising and community service activities. Thank you for your support!

Girl Scouts are selling nuts and candies! Your friendly parish Girl Scouts will be outside after all Masses this weekend!

Surviving the holidays when your marriage has died. An evening for divorced/separated persons experiencing the anxiety of preparing for the holidays. You will survive the holidays if you manage your grief. Come and join other grieving persons and gain some practical strategies on maneuvering through the holidays with a grieving heart. Facilitator: Fr. Padraig Greene. St. John Vianney, Mullen Commons, Tuesday, December 9 at 7:30pm.

Don’t forget to help our annual food collection for both St. Vincent DePaul and Monument Crisis Center. List of items to bring for St. Vincent de Paul: (normal sizes only---no giant sizes) All kinds of canned vegetables All kinds of canned beans Pasta, rice, dried beans Canned fruit, tuna, soups, tomato sauce, peanut butter and cereal

Monument Crisis Boxes Thank you for taking a box to support Monument crisis Center. Don’t forget to drop the box off at Monument Crisis Center by December 1st. Drop off locations and times are listed on the instruction list that came with each box. Thank you for your generous help.

Taize Prayer Around the Cross Each month five Christian Churches of Pleasant Hill sponsor an hour of devotional prayer in the spirit of Taize (the ecumenical community in Southern France). The prayer time (one hour) rotates on the first Sunday of each month through each of the five Christian churches. Next month the Taize Prayers will be here at Christ the King on December 7th. Make plans to join us at 7:00 pm, for a quiet, prayerful, gentle, and refreshing service.

Helping Hands Ministry seeking volunteers The CTK Helping Hands Ministry is a network of parishioners who have been providing and serving meals at the Concord Homeless Shelter since 1993. The meal consists of salads, pizza and soda and is served on the 3rd Monday of each month. We are seeking volunteers to either join our network of salad makers or the group that delivers and serves the meals. The group serves the food at the shelter and then we join the residents for the meal. It is a great opportunity to “hear the gospel and make a difference”. If you are interested please contact Fran Wojnar at 933-9248 or email “wojnarfrances26@gmail.com

Please join in the festivities as Carondelet High School celebrates the 25th Annual Visions of Christmas extravaganza from December 2 – 7, 2014. Seven events in six days include five holiday teas, a community open house, and a family breakfast with Santa. Beautiful boutique, silent auctions, and spectacular drawing trees complete with decorations and fabulous prizes. All events held on the Carondelet campus at 1133 Winton Dr. in Concord. For information, or to make reservations, call 925-686-5353 ext. 151; www.carondelet.net

Christ the King’s CYO CRAB FEED - January 31, 2015 Great food, great friends and great music- all to support a great cause Full tables are currently on sale. ($500. for a table of 10, and you can pick your table location) Tables available until Dec. 15, then individual tickets for $50.00 can be purchased. Contact Lori or Thom Martin - lori@7martins.com or (925) 849-5105. This year, we are limiting attendance to 400 people. The 2015 CTK CYO Crab Feed will sell out quickly, so get your table together and get ready for a great time!

Church support 11-16-14: 29,368; Bldg. Fund: $1470.00
Catholic Charities of the East Bay
Holiday Projects

CCEB has the spirit of compassion this holiday season and invites everyone to participate in one or more of their Season of Gratitude projects.

PROJECT JOYBELLS is celebrating more than 25 years of providing toys for needy children age 12 and younger. By making a contribution to Project Joybells, you will bring a touch of Christmas to a child who might otherwise go without, and provide parents a dignified way to give their children gifts during difficult economic times. Consider making a contribution of $20 or more per child. CCEB volunteers will purchase the gifts on your behalf. **Donation deadline: December 6.**

ADOPT-A-FAMILY program is seeking individuals, groups and companies to adopt CCEB’s low income families living in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. You may choose to make a financial contribution or hop for a family. Consider adopting a family of any size in the $25-$50 per person range. CCEB case managers work with qualified families to identify and purchase the items they may want and need. **Donation deadline: December 6th.**

TURKEY GIVE AWAY program has been providing turkeys to disadvantaged families since 1997. Donations to this program will help feed many hungry individuals and families in crisis during the holiday season. You may make a contribution of any amount to support this program. We anticipate giving away 1,000 turkeys by partnering with churches and organizations that identify individuals in need on our behalf. **Donation deadline: November 25th.**

For more information and to donate, call Debra Gunn at 510-768-3100 or www.cceb.org

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