SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Daily Masses:
Monday-Friday, 6:30 am, 8:00 am

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

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www.ctkreligiouseducation.org

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www.ctkym.org

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Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white.
Mark 9:2-3

SECOND SUNDAY OF

Lent

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 3/01
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word 9:15
- 3 yr.olds Rm D 9:15 mass
- PreK; parish hall 9:15 mass
- K; school 9:15 mass
- RE Older Sacs RE office 10:30
- ICF 2 pm Parish Hall
- Youth Group 7 pm Parish Hall

Monday, 3/02
- Bible Study A & B, 8:30-10:30 am
- Older Sacraments - hall, A/B 4:00 pm
- Grief Support 7pm Ministry Ctr

Tuesday, 3/03
- Legion of Mary, Min.Ctr; 8:30am
- RE Grades 1-3 school
- Grades 4-5; parish hall
- Knights of Columbus 7 pm Min Ctr

Tuesday, 3/03 continued
- RE Grades 7/8; 7 pm Parish Hall
- Rosary & Perpetual Help,Church 7pm
- Spanish Prayer, Church, 7:30pm

Wednesday 3/04
- Sewing Ministry Min. Ctr 9:30am
- RE Grades 1-3 school
- Grades 4-5; parish hall
- RE Grade 6; 7 pm parish hall

Thursday, 3/05
- RE Grades 1-3; School
- Grades 4-5 ; Parish Hall
- Centering Prayer, Min Ctr 10:00 am
- RCIA Min Ctr -Chapel, 7pm
- Thirsty Thursday 7pm parish hall

Friday, 3/06
- Garden Café, Ministry Ctr 7:30am
- Stations of the Cross 5:30pm Church
- Rice bowl meal 6:15 pm Parish hall
- Joy of the Gospel 7:15pm Church

Saturday, 3/07
- Men's Fellowship Chapel 7:30am
- 2nd gr. Retreats 12:30&3pm hall

Sunday, 3/08
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word 9:15
- 3 yr.olds Rm D 9:15 mass
- PreK; parish hall 9:15 mass
- K; school 9:15 mass
- RE Older Sacs RE office 10:30
- Youth Mass 6:30 pm
- Youth Group 7:30 pm Parish hall

To Hear the Gospel and Make a Difference
Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I have obtained permission from Fr. Paulson to address you today, but he has not seen this letter before it went to print. I did not seek his approval for what I am about to write, I am not his spokesperson, but today I am going to assume the mantle of his defender. In recent weeks, he has received several letters of criticism. I am sure his is open to criticism if it is honestly and openly given face to face. Believe me, we priests are accustomed to criticism. I have urged him to ignore these letters since they are anonymous. In my view, anyone who writes anonymously is a coward and should be treated with contempt. The same goes for those who gossip behind a person’s back and do not have the guts to face the person they gossip about.

We are going through a period of change. We all know that any change is difficult. Our change is particularly difficult since Fr. Joyce was here for so many years and his style of leadership became comfortable for us. Add to that, the fact that Fr. Joyce was one of the best pastors this diocese has ever seen and no one can fill his shoes and no one should try. He had his unique charism and Fr. Paulson has his. Let us get on with building a community.

Some of the complains are extremely petty and even childish. That he took apart the landscaping in front of the Rectory and replaced it with flowers. Get a life. I am not going to tell anyone what they can plant in front of their home, and this is our home. That he changed the locks to a closet in the sacristy!!!! Good grief!!!

That he remodeled the sacristy. I am a good friend of Fr. Joyce and therefore I will say to his face that is was past time for that to be done. The sacristy was a mess. No storage, boxes lying everywhere, baskets of top of closets, old tired paint. I fully support the renovation.

That he brought over his “team” from St. Mary’s, without consulting the parishioners. Every leader has the right to surround herself/himself with people she/he feels comfortable with. Fr. Joyce hired me and I don’t believe he consulted parishioners.

As I said, a lot of the criticism is extremely childish, reminds me of a child who will say: “if you won’t play by my rules, I am taking my ball and going home”.

There is one truly major change that I urged on Fr. Joyce and am urging on Fr. Paulson and it is that all the Parish Offices be moved from our home to the Ministry Center or a new block be built. There's a bombshell for you. I have many reasons for urging that, but I will not get into them at the present time. I only mention it now so that if it should ever come to pass, you can blame me and not Fr. Paulson. There, I have done it, you have seen the nasty, testy side of me and no doubt I will be criticized for this letter. You know, I no longer care. At my age, what a few people think about me really doesn’t bother me, because I know that I am surrounded with love.

Sincerely,

Fr. Brian Timoney

Reflections on Sunday Readings:

First Reading: Genesis 22 1-2, 9, 10 -13, 15-18

Events in today’s reading took place approximately 1800 years before Christ. In that pagan culture, child sacrifice was common. That’s why Abraham believed God wanted him to sacrifice his only son Isaac. Later generations constantly looked back to this event as an example of Abraham’s great faith.

Second Reading: Romans 8:31-34

Today’s reading is part of a hymn that celebrates God’s love and which concludes the eighth chapter of Paul’s letter to the Romans. In our first reading, we heard how God spared Abraham’s only son; in this passage we will hear how out of love for us, God did not spare his only son.

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This weekend there is a 2nd collection for Catholic Education. Next weekend is a 2nd collection for Catholic Relief Services. Thank you for your generous support.
The Knights of Columbus invite you to join us for our annual St. Patrick’s Day celebration at CTK, Saturday, March 14 at 5:30 in the gym. Three course meal: homemade soup, corned beef and cabbage and apple and berry crumble. Live Irish music and CTK Irish Dancers! Tickets: Adults $25 and Children $15 (kids meal served). Tickets will be on sale after masses this weekend and 3/7-3/8. Contact Jay Becker at sooners@comcast.net or www.kofcph.org.

CTK School Advisory Board membership - The school advisory board is seeking qualified applicants to fill vacancies for their 2015-2016 year. The School Board provides advice and counsel with regard to the formation of policies that will enable the school to reach its goals. These goals will be related to, but not limited to, the overall parish goals established by the parish council. Qualified candidates can be from the school parent community, parish members and in some cases community members. Candidates should have a commitment to Catholic education in general, be available to attend meetings and periodic in-service programs. If you are interested in joining the School Board, please complete the application found in the church vestibule or the school's website. Please return to the school office by March 3rd.

The Launch of our Youth Mass! Sunday, March 8th at 6:30 pm in Church, featuring Christ the King’s dynamic youth band and teen choir. Experience a liturgy planned, lead, and inspired by the young people of our community. All are welcome to attend.

First Friday, March 6th.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12:00 pm to 5 pm, followed by Stations of the Cross. No 7 pm mass, instead join us for our Friday night Lenten series on the ‘Joy of the Gospel’.

CTK Festival News! CTK Marketplace was a new component of the festival last year which is returning and expanding this year! Marketplace provides guests with the opportunity to purchase products from local craftspeople and businesses. We are seeking vendors who wish to exhibit and sell their handmade and locally made products at the festival, May 15th-17th. Space is limited. We would love to showcase some of our talented parishioners! Please contact Pam Johansen at 925-349-4145 or johansenfamily2000@msn.com for more information.

Attention Youth and Young Adults Don’t miss two first time events happening this week! The launch of Thirsty Thursday: March 5th at 7 pm in the parish hall. Parishioners in your 20’s and 30’s, this event will be a monthly gathering on the first Thursday of every month. We will gather to make friends and have engaging and inspiring discussions and experiences that deepen our faith! 7:00 pm: Communion service 7:30 pm: Fellowship (we provide beer, wine, soda and a specialty cocktail) You provide a snack or treat to share. 8:00 pm: Something to inspire you! Speakers, service projects, ted talks and more...different themes each month. Coming soon: Child care and early session for parents! In the coming months we hope to launch an additional 5:30 - 7:30 version, that will offer programs for the kids and will end with the communion service.

Daffodil Sale to benefit a Friendly Manor - Pots of lovely daffodils will be available for $12 each after all masses next weekend, March 7th and 8th. The Manor was founded in Oakland by the Sisters of St. Joseph to offer a safe haven for homeless women. It serves as a daytime drop-in hospitality center and provides 26 single rooms as transitional housing. Many women have found a new lease on life through the efforts of the Sisters and their staff. Your support of this worthy cause is greatly appreciated.

Manage your giving online - Christ the King Parish is excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is safe, easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions. You can also view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

2. Click on the Online Giving button.
3. Click on the Create Profile button, then
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

Ireland in July - Sr. Joanne Gallagher has a few more spaces for her trip to Ireland, July 19-30th. You may call her at 989-3862 if you would like more information. It is guaranteed to be the best ever, after doing the trips for 20 years. You will not be disappointed!
Joy of the Gospel

Our Lenten Series continues this Friday at 7:15 pm in the church. For those who can come early, it will be preceded by Stations of the Cross at 5:30 in the church and by a rice bowl supper in the hall served by Youth Ministry, beginning at 6:15. Each session of the series begins with a presenter providing an introduction, review, and personal commentary and reflection on the main ideas in the reading for the week. This will be followed by a period of individual reflection on questions provided by the presenter. The reflection time will be followed by sharing, comments, and questions.

March 6: Chapter Two - Amid the Crisis of Communal Commitment: (pp. 47-88):

Francis’ look at the challenges of today’s world including economic inequality and exclusion, the process of secularization, selfishness, and pessimism. An economy of exclusion is as much an infringement on the care for and dignity of human life as any other threat. We must make better choices to include all. Building stronger families and supportive communities will help address cultural ills; faith must remain at the center of community life and resist the cultural pressure to become “private.” The Church and her people are doing great work in the world, which we need to celebrate.

Presenter: Jim Briggs

Our Religious Education, 3rd grade Wednesday class gets ready for Lent by celebrating Mardi Gras!