The disciples were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?”

MARK 4:41

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 6/21
• Happy Fathers Day!
• Youth Grp Service Trip Leaves
Monday, 06/22
Tuesday, 06/23
• Rosary & Perpetual Help, Church 7pm
• Spanish Prayer, Church, 7:30pm

Wednesday 06/24
• Rosary Makers
Thursday, 06/25
• Centering Prayer, Min Ctr 10:00 am
• RCIA, Chapel 7:00 pm

Friday, 06/26
• No Garden Café
Saturday, 06/27
• Men’s Fellowship, Chapel 7:30am
Sunday, 06/28
• Youth Grp Service Trip Returns

To Hear the Gospel and Make a Difference
Dear Friends,

Summer is here. Schools are closed, the sun is shining brightly, flowers are blooming and the hills are ready for us. I am sure most of us will do something special this summer. Whatever you do, experience God in everything that you see, touch, taste, feel and hear. One of the most beautiful places I love to hike with a priest buddy of mine is Tilden Park in the Berkeley hills. As you hike up the trails, you can stand there and smell and feel God out there. You look at the landscape; breathe in the fresh air especially after some showers and you can feel God’s presence in the magnificence of the wilderness with such astonishing views. I want to stand there and breathe more and more of God. Summer and summer activities can be such an awesome way to connect with God and his creation in a meaningful way.

There are seven mountain top experiences recorded in the Bible- the mountain of temptation, sermon on the mount, mountain of prayer, mountain of healing, mount of transfiguration, mount of Olives and mountain of Commission. I have often wondered why Jesus retreated into the mountains or wilderness, as the official site for his decisive teachings and key activities. Michael Comins wrote, “Ask people where they feel God’s presence, in a sanctuary or on a mountain, most will select the natural setting over the most beautiful of buildings. Ask whether they are moved more by a synagogue service or by a day of walking in Yosemite, most will choose the latter.” In the words of Comins, there is a disconnection between a person’s deepest, spiritual moments and institutionalized celebrations of our faith. And it is quite amazing to note that we continue to build massive structures for prayer and spiritual experience in places bustling with activity – that constantly reminds us about what we have and we don’t. On the mountain slopes or in the wilderness, one enters a world without people, Internet, cell phones, and the need to project our “civilized selves based on human conventions and inventions.” (Comins)

Amid the jagged trees and meandering trails of the wilderness, there floats a healing Spirit, which relaxes your body and soul. For those beckoned by the beauty and the rigor of the hills and valleys, something intangible happens in the secluded places – what John Muir described as the “mysterious enjoyment felt there, the strange calm, the divine frenzy.” In the words of Bob Madgic, in Shattered Air, “Human frailties – prejudice, envy, selfishness, egotism – tend to dissipate in the thinnest air, and all human emotions boil down to the joy of the moment.” Up there on the mountaintop, over the waterfalls and rocks, camaraderie is magnified and spreads widely. Here, in God’s open sanctuary, we reconnect with life in all its deep and holy mystery. God’s presence is everywhere. As Gerard Manly Hopkins reminded us, “The beauty of Nature leads us to imagine the beauty that must characterize Nature’s Creator.”

Dear friends, we are so blessed here in California and in fact, right here in the bay area. There are so many beautiful places – hills and valleys, ocean-fronts and beaches, and so much more. One of the ways to appreciate God’s goodness to us is to go out there and do something creative and be part of his beautiful creation. I am looking forward to our trip to Yosemite and a few others with priests and friends. I hope to hike up to Mount Whitney a third time. Happy Summer to all of you!

Fr. Paulson
Invitation to be a Catechist (teacher): Are you willing to share your time and gift of faith with our parish children? Want to meet dedicated, generous and enthusiastic catechists? We have an opening in grades 1-3 (afternoons) and grade 7/8 (evening). We provide in-service, curriculum and support for all in our ministry. Learn more about our Religious Education program. Call Sr. Maureen and arrange for an appointment, 686-1174 or mvianietkc@gmail.com. Come, share, decide - no strings attached.

There’s room for everyone! Grades 7/8, teens and adults. Liturgy of the Word for children in grades 1-5 is held during the 9:15 am mass each Sunday. We need more help with set-up and assistants. Everything is prepared for you. Your commitment: once a month (Sept - April). If interested, call 925-686-1174 for more information. Hoping to have our teams completed by the end of June. Thanks for your support.

Save the dates: CTK Film Festival Fridays in July, at 7 pm in our Parish Hall.
July 17th: “Undefeated”, the Academy Award winning documentary.
July 24th: “Cars”, a Disney animated film.
Save the dates and make plans to join us!

New! Christ the King Children’s Music Camp! Music camp will be held here at CTK July 6th-10th from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Music camp is for students completing grades K-5. Cost is $25.00 and deadline to register is June 25th. For more information, contact Phyllis Gurnett at pgurnett6@aol.com.

Religious Education Information:
Grades Pre-K to grade 8: Have you registered for our 2015-2016 RE year? If not, please do so soon. Forms may be downloaded from our website, www.ctkreligiouseducation.org. Registration forms are also available in the RE office and vestibule of the church. Complete your forms and bring them to the RE office Monday-Thursday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. NO REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY MAIL. You will receive your confirmation form at the time of registration. DEADLINE IS JUNE 26. Don’t wait! Families desiring First Communion for their child are reminded it is a two year program. Those new to the RE program must provide a baptismal certificate. Questions: 686-1017.

Young Adults (21-30’s), join us for Thirsty Thursday's Summer Edition. We will begin with a prayer service in the amphitheater at 7:00 pm, followed by a BBQ and bonfire. We will provide burgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs and beverages. You bring a side or dessert to share - s'more fixings are encouraged! Upcoming summer dates are July 2nd and August 6th.

The Light for Others Catholic Group Welcomes Catholics Back Home! Do you know someone away from the Catholic Church? Only one third of Catholics attend mass on a regular basis. Help bring friends and loved ones back to the Catholic Church. Sunday, June 28 at the Vista Room, Rossmoor Hillsides Clubhouse, 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm (2 sessions). Enjoy fellowship, light refreshments, discussion and sharing. A wide array of Catholic publications and resources are available to take home and share with others. For more information, call Nel Aguas at 925-984-5552.

Dress A Child Around the World
My sincere and heartfelt thanks to the over 75 participants of this year’s SEW FEST. By any measure, it was a true success not only in the number of dresses produced, but in the blessing of a community dedicated to helping those in need. 146 dresses and 27 pairs of shorts were produced, providing us with an overall total (for the 3 years since our start) of 5,102 dresses. We continue to send our dresses and shorts to impoverished children around the world - our latest including Ecuador, Guatemala, Philippines, and the small village of "Meow" on the India and Pakistan border that Bishop George talked about two weeks ago. Blessings and thanks to all. Carol Vogl.

We want to remind you that CTK offers online giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Online giving offers convenience for you and provides much needed donation consistency for our parish.

Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to CTK’s bank account.

Credit & Debit Card Giving allows you to make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

Online Giving allows you at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Go to www.ctkph.org/giving, to set up online giving directly. If you want CTK to set this up for you, authorization forms and additional information are available from the church office. Contact Robin Morley at ctk.robin@gmail.com or call 925-682-2486.

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Happy Father’s Day!

Celebrating our Dads!