To Hear the Gospel and Make a Difference

Jesus said to the woman,

“DAUGHTER, YOUR FAITH HAS SAVED YOU. GO IN PEACE AND BE CURED OF YOUR AFFLICTION.”

~ Mark 5:34

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Daily Masses:
Monday-Friday, 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,
6:30 pm

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

Parish Office: 682-2486
www.ctkph.org

Religious Ed: 686-1017
www.ctkreligiouseducation.org

Youth Ministry: 676-0979
www.ctkym.org

CTK School: 685-1109
www.ctkschool.org

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 6/28
• Youth Grp Service Trip Returns

Monday, 06/29
• Rosary & Perpetual Help, Church 7pm
• Spanish Prayer, Church, 7:30 pm

Tuesday, 06/30
• Rosary Makers
• St. V DePaul, Chapel, 7:00 pm

Wednesday 07/01
• Rosary Makers
• St. V DePaul, Chapel, 7:00 pm

Thursday, 07/02
• Centering Prayer, Min Ctr 10:00 am
• Thirsty Thursday, Amphitheater, 7 pm

Friday, 07/03
• First Friday Mass/Exposition

Saturday, 07/04
• Fourth of July Parade
• Men’s Fellowship, Chapel 7:30 am

Sunday, 07/05

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Dear Friends,

In a letter sent to the priests of the diocese by Bishop Barber, he stated, “As Bishop of Oakland, I welcome Pope Francis’ highly anticipated Encyclical Letter, Laudato Si’. In it the Holy Father is speaking as a pastor offering moral guidance rooted in central Catholic teachings about care for others and care for God’s creation. The poor suffer most when we don’t responsibly care for God’s creation. It’s up to us to help them. The Pope is giving us the opportunity to reflect about a crucial question: “What kind of world do we want to leave to our kids and grandkids?””

I am summarizing some of the thoughts below from NCR. Happiness, hope and gratitude greeted Pope Francis’ long-awaited encyclical, "Laudato Si’, on Care for Our Common Home," in the U.S. church after its official release Thursday afternoon in Rome. Bishop Emeritus William Skylstad of Spokane, Washington, described the encyclical in a single word: "Marvelous!"

"Pope Francis shares with us in this encyclical how church teaching on the environment applies to us in the modern world. We live in an increasingly connected world, and Laudato Si’ shares in a remarkable way really how profound this connection should and must be.” "Very excited, very pleased," said Patrick Carroll, executive director of the Franciscan Action Network (FAN). Social Service Sr. Simone Campbell, executive director of NETWORK, a national Catholic social justice lobby, said her "heart is singing" because the encyclical shows how interconnected everything is.

Franciscan Sr. Dawn Nothwehr, a professor at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and author of Ecological Footprints: An Essential Franciscan Guide for Faith and Sustainable Living, said the encyclical returns church thinking to its roots. "In reality, this is nothing new in all of Christianity," Nothwehr said. "If you go back to our Jewish roots, that's a very holistic approach. Look at Leviticus ... in all those early mandates, the legal was not separate from the moral. We're deeply turning back to some of those themes."

Two of the most powerful quotes that Bishop Barber found in the Letter are:

"We are not God. The earth was here before us and it has been given to us.” – (§67)

“A spirituality which forgets God as all-powerful and Creator is not acceptable. That is how we end up worshipping earthly powers, or ourselves usurping the place of God, even to the point of claiming an unlimited right to trample his creation underfoot. The best way to restore men and women to their rightful place, putting an end to their claim to absolute dominion over the earth, is to speak once more of the figure of a Father who creates and who alone owns the world. Otherwise, human beings will always try to impose their own laws and interests on reality.” – (§75)

I am looking forward to a study of the document here at CTK some time in early fall, when we get back from summer programs.

Fr. Paulson

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Reflections on Sunday Readings:

The book of Wisdom was addressed to a group of Jews living in pagan territories. It begins with a sharp contrast between good and evil. In the pagan world of that time, more people believed that there were good gods and bad gods. The author emphasizes the Jewish belief that there is just one God who is the source only of goodness and life.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7, 13-15

Today’s excerpt from Second Corinthians paints a picture of Paul the pastor at work. The Jewish people in Jerusalem who had become Christian were a small minority and were being persecuted. This brought on financial hardships. Paul wants his Gentile converts in Greece to help them out and show that the bonds of Christianity cut across ethnic lines.
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 (evenings). 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 mvianictre@gmail.com. Come, share, decide - no strings attached.

Show your CTK pride and march with us in the PH Fourth of July Parade! Lifeworks, ICF and many parishioners and ministries will be marching along with Fr. Paulson in this year’s parade. If you would like to be part of the fun, decorate your bikes, trikes, wagons and strollers and join us. Email Kate for information at katedoherty.ctk@gmail.com.

RE Faith Formation Information: Pre-K to Grade 8:
• The RE office will be closed on July 1st and will reopen on Mon., August 10th.
• Anyone new or returning to the RE program who missed registration, we will reopen registration for one week beginning Aug. 10th.
• Registration hours 10:00 am - 5:30 pm Monday-Thurs., 8/10-13, in the RE office. There will also be one evening registration Wednesday, 8/12 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm in the RE office.
• For questions regarding the RE program, please call 686-1017 after August 9th. Have a wonderful, safe summer! Sr. Maureen

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!

The Pleasant Hill 4th of July Commission needs your help! We are in need for volunteers to make this year’s event a success. Adult or teen volunteers welcome. Jobs include helping in the park from 10-3: setting up the event and running the zipline, or helping with fireworks from 3-9 pm. Volunteers get backstage views, free rides on the zipline, water and snacks. Please contact Peter at peter@peterhutcheson.com if you can help. Celebrate the 4th by serving your community!

Save the dates! Monday, July 13th
The Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, an annual collaboration of St. Perpetua and Christ the King Parishes. All are welcome on Monday, July 13th at 7PM at St. Perpetua Church. Evening Presentation, Prayer & Song. “St. Mary Magdalene and the Divine Feminine” Dr. Ron Olowin, explores the archetypal role of the Divine Feminine in Eastern and Western spirituality and helps to clarify the cosmic position of St. Mary Magdalene today. July 22, at 8am at Christ the King Church: Morning Eucharist, “Light of Truth”. Please join us.

Do you want to do something to help immigrant families in your community? Not sure where to start? Faith in Action has invited Catholic Charities of the East Bay legal staff to be here at Christ the King to talk about immigration legal services and listen to your ideas. This workshop is designed for clergy, staff and parishioners interested in learning how to help their neighbors. Thursday, July 16th in the parish hall at 7:30 pm.

Church Support 6/21/15 $19,996; Bldg. fund $285.00 Online Giving $2,281.00
First Friday, July 3. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 12:00 pm with First Friday mass at 7:00 pm.

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Jim Pitlick, Trevor Smits, Laura Najar Brown, Edgar Yap Sr. God of love, ever caring, ever strong, stand by your children in their time of need. Look after them and grant them Your healing and Your peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Volunteers Needed!
Sr. Joanne is looking for volunteers to help in the parish office Monday-Saturday. Do you have a few hours to spare between 9 am and 5:00 pm, once a week or even once every two weeks? We could use your help answering phones and helping the office staff. We also need volunteers to help with coffee and donuts beginning in September. Volunteers needed to help set up and serve the refreshments after masses. Call Sr. Joanne at 925-682-2486 to help!