As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.
~ Joshua 24:15

To Hear the Gospel and Make a Difference

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, 6:00 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

Facebook: Christ the King Catholic Community of Pleasant Hill

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 8/23
- CYO Basketball Camp

Monday, 8/24
- Homebound Min. Rm A/B 7 pm

Tuesday, 8/25
- Rosary & Perpetual Help, Church 7pm

Tuesday, 8/25 cont.
- Spanish Prayer, Church, 7:30pm
- Just Faith, Parish Hall 7 pm

Wednesday 8/26

Thursday, 8/27
- Centering Prayer, Min Ctr 10:00 am
- RE New Catechist Mtg 7pm RE office

Friday, 8/28

Saturday, 08/29
- Men's Fellowship, Chapel 7:30 am
- Homebound Min. Rm A/B 9 am
- Healing Mass 10:30 am

Sunday, 08/30
- CYO Basketball Camp
Reflections on Sunday Readings:

First Reading:  Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

After Moses died, God selected Joshua to lead the Israelites across the Jordan River into the Promised Land. Years later, as his death approached, Joshua wished to ensure that the people would not forget all that God had done for their ancestors. In today’s reading, we will hear Joshua, then the people, renew the covenant made at Mt. Sinai.

Second Reading:  Ephesians 5:21-32

The last part of the letter to the Ephesians, which deals with family relationships, is conditioned by the household structure of the time - wives, children, slaves - with the husband as “patriarch” over all. Today’s excerpt talks about husbands and wives. Later, this letter will talk about the relationship between children and parents, and between slaves and masters. What we learn is not that we should re-create ancient social structures. Rather, we learn the timeless truth that Christ’s love for us should affect the way we love one another.

Dear Friends,

This past week, our new school year started with everyone in place. We welcome all our new students, especially those starting kindergarten. We welcome all our new families and our new teachers and we pray for a wonderful school year filled with God’s graces and blessings.

In a few short weeks, we will begin our Religious Education program and our Confirmation programs as well. Youth ministry will also be fired up for another great year!

We may ask ourselves: where did the summer go? And why does time move so quickly? Some folks are even thinking ahead to Christmas, making plans and strategizing all that might happen. Life is short!

In any event, perhaps we can ask God’s blessings on all our students, young parishioners, and all our teens! May all of you experience many miracles this year. May you persevere during all the challenges ahead and may our Lord be your strength for the journey.

In God’s love and mine,

Vince

Healing Mass ~
Anointing of the Sick
Saturday August 29  10:30 am

Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the Church and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord (James 5:14).

All are welcome to join us for a parish Mass and celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Since Vatican II our understanding of this sacrament has developed and deepened. Formerly known as Extreme Unction, this sacrament is no longer just for the dying but for the elderly and those who are ill (whether it be physical, emotional, psychological, etc.). The Anointing of the Sick offers God’s grace to strengthen the individual. Bring relatives and friends from local convalescent homes – those who are able to come. The Anointing of the Sick is meant to be celebrated within the community – with family and friends.

Searching for a spiritual home?  We welcome you to join us, beginning Thursday, Sept. 3rd.  For information, go to ctkph.org/adult-sacraments-rcia or contact Al Garrotto at algarrotto@comcast.net.

Grief Support: Our fall grief workshop will be led by Sr. Joanne Gallagher and a team of peer ministers who will facilitate a seven week workshop to help you to begin the healing process of losing a loved one, whether the loss was recent or years ago.  Dates:  Mondays, September 14th to October 26th, at Christ the King ministry center.  Please call the parish office at 925-682-2486 to register or visit the table outside after mass this weekend.  Registration required by September 2nd.

An Invitation: Come Share your Gifts and Faith.  Our Religious Education (Faith Formation, grades pre-K to Grade 8) will resume in September.  We invite you to join us as a catechist and share the unique gift that you are with our children, grades 1-5 on Thursday afternoons, 3:15 - 5:15 pm.  Learn more about our program and planning sessions by contacting Sr. Maureen at mvianicketre@gmail.com.  Come!  Listen, Decide!  Don’t wait and miss our meetings.  Thanks, Sr. Maureen.

Those who have already completed a Christlight Experience, a Cursillo or a BonFire are cordially invited to help put on this exciting weekend on Nov. 7, 8, & 9th of 2015!  The Christlight XII Formation kick off meeting is Mon. Aug 31, at 7:00 pm in rooms A/B.  Know you are welcome and your creativity is invited as well!  Call or email now to confirm you will be a part of the creation of Christlight XII.  Melody Lacy at 925-957-9441 or mlacey853@hotmail.com.

Stewardship envelopes are available in the parish office.  If you haven't picked yours up, please stop by the office and do so.

Bringing Communion to the Home-bound.  Many parishioners bring Communion to the sick or elderly at home, in care facilities or hospitals.  This is a wonderful ministry and so appreciated!  Fr. Paulson would like to meet with all those who are involved in this good work ~ whether occasionally or on a regular basis.  There are two meetings being offered and you may choose either one:  Monday, Aug. 24th at 7 - 8 pm.  Saturday, Aug. 29th at 9 - 10 am.  The meeting will be in rooms A & B of the parish hall.

R.E. 3 year old registration:  Registration for Sunday’s 3 year old programs will be on September 13th only, after the 9:15 am mass in the RE office (facing Gregory Lane).  Children must be 3 years old by September 1st and potty trained.  Parents will be assigned as assistants.  Space is limited.  Maximum enrollment is 16 children.  Classes are weekly.  Questions?  Call 925-686-1017.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) will resume again during the 9:15 mass on September 13th.  All parish children in grades 1-5 may participate.  No registration required.  Children and adult leaders should be in the church by 9:10 am.  After celebrating their own Liturgy of the Word together, they return to the assembly for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.  Questions, please call 686-1017.

Are you longing to reconnect with your faith and a small community?  JustFaith is a program that uses books, prayer, and dialogue about some of the most difficult topics, offers face-to-face encounters with the poor, and explores what the Catholic tradition says about addressing injustice in our world.  For more information, visit the tables outside of mass today or consider attending our NO STRINGS ATTACHED information session, Tuesday, Aug. 25th at 7 pm in the parish hall.

Dress a Child Around the World sewing ministry starts again on Wednesday, September 2nd from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm in our new location:  Monsignor Wade Hall Rooms A/B/C.  We will continue each 1st and 3rd Wed. monthly through next year.  Thus far we have sent our dresses and shorts to over 24 countries around the world.  The dresses are made for girls aged 4 - 14 and shorts for boys aged 5-12.  We are most appreciative of donations of good clean cotton fabric, notions and useable sewing machines.  If you sew or want to come help and have fun, please join us.  For more information, call Carol Vogl at 925-288-0488.

Children’s Choir (grades 1st - 6th) will begin singing the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of each month.  Our start date is September 20th at the 9:15 mass.  We will have rehearsal at 8am in Room D to rehearse the songs for the mass.  Parents interested, please email Phyllis at pgurnett6@aol.com to get your child registered for the Children’s Choir.  You don’t want to miss this opportunity!

Confirmation Registration - If you are a Sophomore or Junior in high school and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, please download a registration form at ctkym.org.  You can also find registration forms and calendars in the back of the church.  Registration ends September 18th.

PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH:
Stephany Solario, Craig Bigelow, Cecilia McGrath, Jim Pitlick.  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.

Total Church Support 8/16/15 $25,372
(Plate Collection $19,312 + Online Giving $6,060.00)
CTK's High School Youth Group

If you are looking for a group of friends that share your faith and desire to have fun, look no further! CTK Youth Group is for all high school students who are interested in building positive relationships, growing closer to God and having fun while doing it! We offer a bi-weekly program, service projects, adventure trips and many other exciting events.

Youth Group also meets our Confirmation Pre-requisite hours.

An informational meeting for both parent and teen will take place Sunday, Aug. 30th after our youth mass in Church (about 7 pm). Registration forms and calendars can be found in the back of the church or you can download them at ctkym.org.