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.ctkreligouseducation.org

Youth Ministry: 676-0979
www.ctkym.org

CTK School: 685-1109
www.ctkschool.org

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HUMBLY WELCOME THE WORD
THAT HAS BEEN PLANTED
IN YOU AND IS ABLE
TO SAVE YOUR SOULS.

James 1:21b

AUGUST 30, 2015
CHRIST THE KING COMMUNITY

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 8/30
- Basketball Camp
Monday, 8/31
- RE 3 yr - Catechist Mtg 6pm RE office
- RE Pre K Catechist Mtg 7pm A/B
- ChristLight Mtg
Tuesday, 9/1
- Rosary & Perpetual Help, Church 7pm
- Spanish Prayer, Church, 7:30pm

Wednesday 9/2
- Sewing Ministry 9 am A/B/C
- St. V DePaul Min. Ctr Chapel 7 pm
Thursday, 9/3
- Centering Prayer, Min Ctr 10:00 am
- RCIA Min. Ctr Chapel 7 pm
- Thirsty Thursday, Amphitheater 7pm

Friday, 9/4
- Garden Café Min. Ctr 7:30 am
- First Friday Mass 7 pm
Saturday, 9/5
- Men's Fellowship, Chapel 7:30 am
- Peer Leader Retreat
Sunday, 9/6
- Basketball Camp
So what do you do? It’s probably a question that you have answered and asked many times in your life. For me this is a hard question to answer because my answer is, I am a lay Pastoral Associate at a Catholic Church, which sounds like Latin to most people. When someone’s answer is, I am a teacher, doctor, or even a Nun people have a reference and understanding of what exactly it is that person does. When I tell people what do I get questions like “so you’re a minister?” “Do you get paid for that?” and “Does that mean you’re religious?” The quick answer to those questions is No, yes, full time with benefits and of course! The longer answer is this:

We all, by the gift of our baptisms, are anointed as priest, prophet and king but what does it mean to pursue that as a profession, especially if you aren’t getting ordained or taking vows? Well, first of all, like professionals in other fields I did train for my position; as an undergraduate I studied social work with a minor in Catholic theology at a Benedictine school in New Hampshire called St. Anselms. After college I got a job as a Youth Minister at a parish and fell in love with parish life, which prompted me to attend Boston College and received a Master’s degree in pastoral ministry. So kids - don’t let your parents tell you that you wont get a job after majoring in theology! In 2006, as I was finishing my Master’s program I moved to California and completed my course work and wrote my thesis at the Jesuit school in Berkeley, while working here at CTK as a youth minister. I served this parish for 7 years as your Youth Minister and eventually transitioned into being a Pastoral Associate. This is where things get confusing. Most people do understand what a youth minister does-minister to youth, but what about a Pastoral Associate?

The reason the title is confusing is that the job description varies depending on what parish you work at and what the needs of the Pastor are. As an associate you are literally assisting the Pastor in the care of the parish. A Pastor’s job is enormous, they are both the CEO and Spiritual guide for the community and in a parish the size of Christ the King that is an impossibly big job. Even with a good Priest Associate like Father Vince, the work load from sacramental responsibilities alone is huge. Think funerals, baptisms, weddings, anointings, confessions and various blessings for the lives of 4,000+ families. Pastoral Associates are hired to oversee a part of parish life that fits their specialized skills. Here at Christ the King we have 3 associates. Sister Joanne is our parish connector, she keeps people connected, creates an atmosphere of hospitality and oversees the women’s retreat and grief ministry. Sister Dominic is our liturgy and sacramental pro, she works with our liturgical ministers to assure an amazing Sunday experience and meets with families preparing for baptisms and funerals, to guide them and support them. That leaves me and you are still thinking and what do you do, Kate? Our retired Pastor, Father Joyce, built a legacy here at CTK of high quality adult education and social justice, and when he took me on as Associate he assigned me the responsibility of supporting our new Pastor in continuing that strong legacy. In addition to working with the adult ed and social justice committees, I direct our Confirmation program, walk with the ChristLight team as their spiritual director and whatever other odd jobs Father Paulson finds for me. So now you know what I do!

Your Associate, Kate Doherty

Reflections on Sunday
Readings:
First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

The book of Deuteronomy contains a lengthy farewell speech of Moses as the people prepared to enter the Promised Land. Moses makes it clear that they are expected to remain faithful to the Lord after they have settled in their new land.

Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Today and for the next four Sundays, we will read passages from the letter of James. Two points will be helpful background to today’s passage. First: In the Jewish law, the first fruits of the harvest belong to God. Second: In the Old Testament, widows and orphans were classic examples of poor and defenseless people.
RSVP to katedoherty.ctk@gmail.com.

**Faith in Action: Immigration**

*Series Part Two: Sharing a Meal.*

Thursday, September 10th 6:30-8:30, join us for an authentic Mexican meal and a presentation from Rev. Deborah Lee, Director of the Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights. There will also be witness talks from friends in our community living the immigration experience, and students who participate in the DACA program.

Come, eat, listen and pray. Who participate in the DACA program. Come, eat, listen and pray.

Contact Sr. Dominic if you would like to try one out.

This Thursday, September 3rd, is Thirsty Thursday. If you are in your 20’s or 30’s, join us in the outdoor amphitheater at 7 pm for a prayer service followed by a potluck barbecue. We will provide burgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs and beverages. You bring a side or dessert to share.

**Take a big step to stop hunger!**

Sunday, October 4th at 1 pm is the annual Crop Walk in Walnut Creek. This charity walk raises money to end hunger at home and abroad. 25% of the funds raised at this walk will support Winter Nights shelter. If you want to walk with Fr. Paulson and our CTK team, please contact Kate at katedoherty.ctk@gmail.com. CTK walkers will have a table outside mass the week before the walk, so meeting your goal will be easy! If you can’t walk, but want to support Winter Nights, there is also a Dine Out on September 9th. Email Kate for a flyer with all the details!

**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 ctkm.org. You can also find registration forms and calendars in the back of the church. Registration ends September 18th.

**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!

**Total Church Support 8/23/15 $24,448 (Plate Collection $19,115 + Online Giving $5,333.00)**
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 mvianictkre@gmail.com. Come! Listen, Decide!
Don’t wait and miss our meetings. Thanks, Sr. Maureen

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.

Join us for First Friday, September 4th.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at noon
First Friday Mass at 7:00 pm