To Hear the Gospel and Make a Difference

**September 27, 2015**

**Behold, the wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud; and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.**

*James 5:4*

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday**

in Ordinary Time

**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, 9/27**
- CLOW during 9:15 mass
- RE 3 yr old prgm, Rm D 9:15 am
- RE Classes, Hall/School 9:15 am
- Book Fair, CTK School 9 am
- Flu Shots, Min. Ctr 9 am
- Youth Grp Kick Off! Parish hall 7 pm

**Monday, 9/28**
- Adult Ed, Church 7 pm
- RE Sac Mtg, Parent/Child, Hall 7 pm

**Tuesday, 9/29**
- RE Grds 1-3, School 3:40 - 5 pm
- RE Grds 4-5, Parish hall 3:40 - 5 pm

**Tuesday, 9/29 cont.**
- RE Grds 7-8, Parish hall 7 - 8:15 pm
- Rosary & Perpetual Help, Church 7pm
- Spanish Prayer, Church 7:30 pm

**Wednesday 9/30**
- RE Grds 1-3, School 3:40 - 5 pm
- RE Grds 4-5, Parish hall 3:40 - 5 pm
- RE Grd 6, Parish hall 7 - 8:15 pm

**Thursday, 10/1**
- Centering Prayer, Min Ctr 10:00 am
- RE Grds 1-3, School 3:40 - 5 pm
- RE Grds 4-5, Parish Hall 3:40 - 5 pm
- RCIA, Chapel 7 pm
- Thirsty Thursday, Youth House 7 pm

**Friday, 10/2**
- First Friday Mass, 7 pm

**Saturday, 10/3**
- Men's Fellowship, Chapel 7:30 am
- RE Leaders Retreat, Rossmoor 10am

**Sunday, 10/4**
- CLOW during 9:15 mass
- RE 3 yr old prgm, Rm D 9:15 am
- RE Classes, Hall/School 9:15 am
- Book Fair, CTK School 9 am
- Flu Shots, Min. Ctr 9 am
- Confirmation Kick Off, Hall 1 pm

**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

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Dear Friends,

I am in Philadelphia for the World Summit and it is wonderful to see so many people, from around the world. The headline today reads, “America may be in for some tough love from the Pope.” "Pope Francis is the ultimate Washington outsider. His priorities are not Washington's priorities," said John Carr, director of the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life at Georgetown University. "We think we are the center of the world. We are not the center of Pope Francis' world. He is frankly more comfortable in the slums of Argentina than in the corridors of power." I consider this visit as a time of grace for our country and our Church.

I would like to thank John and Julie Ashmore for unraveling the second chapter of the Encyclical Laudato Si this weekend. John and Julie represent what is good about our Church, married but totally dedicated ministers, who bring breadth and depth to what we believe in. Deacons are called to embody the image of Christ the servant; they represent the church in the community, and at Sunday Mass they bring the needs of the community to the attention of the church.

Next weekend, we will be listening to Fr. Brian Timoney on the third chapter of the encyclical, while we will have a visiting speaker to do the workshop. Pope Francis tries to ascertain the deepest causes of the ecological crisis, which include the technology, globalization, and modern anthropocentrism. He believes that technology gives those who possess knowledge on such technologies and have the economic resources to use them an impres-sive dominance over the whole of humanity and the entire world. As Hans Joachim Schellnhuber of Postdam Institute for Climate Impact Research points out, the connected technological advances have led to unprecedented disparities and to wasteful over-usage of resources. Pope Francis calls for a deeper look at labor and new biological technologies along with a broad, responsible, scientific, and social debate. (Taken from Eco Jesuit, connecting Jesuits, people and ecology)

“Modernity has been marked by an excessive anthropocentrism”: human beings no longer recognize their right place with respect to the world and take on a self-centered position, focused exclusively on themselves and on their own power. This results in a “use and throw away” logic that justifies every type of waste, environmental or human, that treats both the other and nature as simple objects and leads to a myriad of forms of domination. It is this mentality that leads to exploiting children, abandoning the elderly, forcing others into slavery and over-evaluating the capacity of the market to regulate itself, practicing human trafficking, selling pelts of animals in danger of extinction and of “blood diamonds". It is the same mentality as many mafias, of those involved in trafficking organs and drug trafficking and of throwing away unborn babies because they do not correspond to what the parents want.

I would like to leave this question for your reflection. Francis argues, "To seek only a technical remedy to each environmental problem which comes up is to separate what is in reality interconnected and to mask the true and deepest problems of the global system" (111). What are the true and deepest problems of the global system in Francis' mind? Blessings!

Fr. Paulson
Attention: RE Older Sacrament Parents (Grades 3-8). Just a reminder of our meeting with both parents and children on Monday, September 28th at 7:00 pm in the Parish hall. Looking forward to sharing with you. Questions: 686-1017.

Reminder - All Parents Gr. 2-8 in our sacraments program: Our first meeting for all parents of children in grades 2-8 preparing to receive Eucharist (communion), Reconciliation (confession) is October 5th at 7:30 pm in the church. We look forward to sharing with you.

The morning date for the Women’s Day of Recollection has been changed to November 14th. Retreat will be from 8:30am to 12:30 pm. More information will be coming.

Thirsty Thursday: Thursday, October 1st at 7 pm. Join our fun group of 20 and 30 year old Catholics who meet the first Thursday of every month for prayer and fellowship. As the fall will bring cooler evenings, we will move our event from the amphitheater to the youth house (located across the parking lot from the parish hall). We will begin at 7 pm with a short prayer service and from 7:30 - 9:00 will be a time to get to know each other. We will provide wine, beer and soda, you bring a snack to share! Hope you can join us!

CTK Music Update: Choir Sign-ups Happening Now! Please sign up in the vestibule if you are interested in being in one of our many choirs here at Christ the King. The Choir Director will contact you. Also, please let us know if childcare would be helpful. We hope to encourage young families to participate in this ministry. Our children’s choir began Sept. 20 at the 9:15 mass. You can find information about the children’s choir in the vestibule. The children's choir will be singing on weeks 1 and 3 at the 9:15 mass.

Save the Date! On Sunday, October 25th, we are celebrating Fr. Paulson’s 25th anniversary as a priest. We will do so at the 12:15 mass, followed by a parish wide reception. We are also moving the 6pm Sunday mass on October 25th to 5 pm so his friends and fellow priests can con-celebrate with him, followed by a dinner. This is a special time for Fr. Paulson as he reflects on his priesthood and the many graces he has received. May God continue to bless him and reward him for his goodness and for his saying YES. God is good! Fr. Vince

Save the Date! Altar Society Holiday Boutique on Nov. 21st-22nd. The Altar Society needs donations of Christmas items and any saleable used items. We will take gift cards and any knitted or crocheted works and quilts. Proceeds from the boutique go to CTK church needs. For questions or donations please call Violet at 925-934-7832 or Aurea at 925-228-8694 or emails: Violet.deborja@yahoo.com or juniorbebs@yahoo.com.

Faith In Action Immigration Series: Part 3, The Vigil. This month our Faith in Action group will be attending the prayer vigil at the detention center in Richmond, Saturday, October 3rd. A carpool will leave from CTK at 10:15 am. Even if you missed the first 2 events, you are welcome to join us on the 3rd. RSVP at Anneld@aol.com

Join us for our annual Scholastic Book Fair! The CTK book fair begins September 27th with Community Day from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm! The school welcomes all parish members to discover a wonderful selection of reading materials and gifts available for purchase. Also, be sure to stop by the refreshments table where there will be an array of baked goods and beverages for sale.

Sutter Health Flu Shot Clinic at CTK September 27th and October 4th. Sutter Health will hold a flu shot clinic at Christ the King on September 27 from 9am to noon and October 4th from 9 am to noon. Flu shots will be given in the Ministry Center and will cost $30.

The 2015 Blue Mass to honor the law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel and their respective families who serve Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. The 2015 Blue Mass will be celebrated on Friday, October 9th at 10:00 am at the Cathedral of Christ the Light.

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, 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!

Christlight: Enjoy this spiritual event unique to CTK! It lasts all weekend of Nov. 6-8th and costs only $95, which includes gourmet meals, many surprises and faith sharing. Call Pete O’Brien at 899-6662 or Melody Lacy at 957-9441 and make a commitment to your own spirituality today!

PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH: Michael Toomey, Sister Helen Marie Gilsdorf, Gilda Beel, Laura Najar Brown, Jim Pitlick. Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen

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OUR COMMON HOME

On Sundays hear how the themes from the Pope’s letter inform our faith. On the following Monday, go deeper into each chapter to understand the depth of the Pope’s message.

September 27-28:  
The Gospel of Creation: Sunday Homilist: Deacon John Ashmore, Monday Workshop: Deacon John and Julie Ashmore. Monday, 7 pm in Church

October 4-5:  
Human Roots of Ecological Crisis: Sunday Homilist: Fr. Brian Timoney; Monday Workshop: Leslie Leasure. Leslie is the Program Director at the Ignite Institute at Pacific School of Religion.

Monday, 7 pm Parish Hall

October 11-12:  
Integral Ecology - Sunday Homilist and Monday Workshop: Kate Doherty.

Monday, 7 pm in Church.

October 18-19:  
Lines of Approach and Action - Sunday Homilist: Fr. Ray Bucher - former Director of San Damiano and the Franciscan Renewal Center. Monday Workshop: Mary Evelyn Tucker - Mary is a lecturer and research scholar at Yale where she teaches in a joint program between the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and the Divinity School.

Monday, 7 pm in Church.

October 25-26:  

Monday, 7 pm in Church.

First Friday Oct. 2  
Exposition noon to 6:45  
First Friday Mass at 7:00 pm