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|           | - RE 3 yr old prgm, Rm D 9:15 am  
|           | - RE Classes, Hall/School 9:15 am  
|           | - Youth Group, Parish Hall 7 pm  |
| Monday, 10/12 |  
|           | - RE Older Sacraments, Parish Hall 4 pm  
|           | - Adult Ed. Parish Hall 7 pm  
|           | - RE/School Parent Mtg, Church 7:30 pm  |
| Tuesday, 10/13 |  
|           | - RE Grds 1-3, School 3:40 - 5 pm  
|           | - RE Grds 4-5, Parish Hall 3:40 - 5 pm  
|           | - RE Grds 7-8, Parish Hall 7 - 8:15 pm  |
| Wednesday, 10/14 |  
|           | - Rosary & Perpetual Help, Church 7pm  
|           | - Spanish Prayer, Church 7:30 pm  
|           | - Knights of Columbus, Min. Ctr 7pm  
|           | - Festival Mtg, 6th gr. Class Rm 7 pm  |
| Thursday, 10/15 |  
|           | - Centering Prayer, Min Ctr 10:00 am  
|           | - RE Grds 1-3, School 3:40 - 5 pm  |
| Friday, 10/16 |  
|           | - Sr. Simone Campbell, Church 7 pm  |
| Saturday, 10/17 |  
|           | - Men's Fellowship, Chapel 7:30 am  |
| Sunday, 10/18 |  
|           | - CLOW during 9:15 mass  
|           | - RE 3 yr old prgm, Rm D 9:15 am  
|           | - RE Classes, Hall/School 9:15 am  
|           | - RE Older Sac, RE Office 11:00 am  
|           | - Confirmation 6 pm - 9 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
*note Oct. 25th mass will be at 5:00 pm*

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

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www.ctkph.org

Religious Ed: 686-1017
www.ctkreligiouseducation.org

Youth Ministry: 676-0979
www.ctkym.org

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www.ctkschool.org

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To Hear the Gospel and Make a Difference
Dear Friends,

I am looking forward to the celebration of my 25 years of priesthood at Christ the King on October 25th at the 12:15 pm and 5:00 pm Masses. It gives me an opportunity to look back at the 25 years of grace and ministry with gratitude, humbly accepting my own weaknesses and strengths. One thing I know for sure is that I have not been a perfect priest. God has been good to me and you have been good to me. I am deeply grateful.

I left home when I was 12 years old to attend a Salesian apostolic school and then, at 15, I left for the North Eastern region of India, nearly 2000 miles away. I studied and worked there for 20 years with the Salesians to whom I owe everything. My journey from the magnificent foothills of the Himalayas to the beautiful wilderness of the Bay area has been indeed a joyful experience for me. “John Muir called the Sierras the Range of Light and -- as Light in the sky -- they evoked in him immense religious longings. Before the magnificence of nature, he found himself dumb with admiration, prostrate and humble before the power of the God who created it all.” (Larry Gates) My experience and priestly ministry here cannot be described in words. As a priest, I have found God’s cathedral right here among the hills and valleys that adorn this beautiful place.” 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.” Being an outdoor person, I have truly discovered myself here. I am grateful. I will share my vocation story in the days to come.

I would like to thank Kate Doherty for preaching at all the masses this weekend on the 4th chapter of Laudato si. Kate has been one of the key persons planning and implementing the various presentations. I would like to thank her for her ministry and leadership at Christ the King. Chapter four deals with Integral Ecology. “Recognizing the reasons why a given area is polluted requires a study of the workings of society, its economy, its behavior, and the ways it grasps reality. We are not faced with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis that is both social and environmental. Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature.” (National Catholic reporter)

I would like to welcome two special people to present chapter 5 next weekend. Fr. Ray Bucher, who worked at San Damiano for many years will preach at all the masses and then, Mary Evelyn Tucker, will do the Monday evening presentation. Mary Tucker is a Senior Lecturer and Research Scholar at Yale University where she teaches in a joint master’s degree program between the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and the Divinity School. She directs the Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale with her husband, John Grim. Her concern for the growing environmental crisis, especially in Asia, led her to organize with John Grim a series of ten conferences on World Religions and Ecology at the Center for the Study of World Religions at Harvard (1995-1998).

The fifth chapter, “Lines of Approach and Action”, sets out various international collective actions needed. It highlights the imperative to switch from fossil fuels to renewables, with the use of government subsidies where appropriate. It identifies the need for international agreements and legislation not only in relation to climate change but also biodiversity and the oceans. Carbon credits are criticized as “an expedient which permits maintaining the excessive consumption of some countries and sectors.”

May God bless us all!

Fr. Paulson
The Parish Festival Committee would like to welcome all interested parishioners to our first general meeting Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00 pm in the sixth grade classroom. We encourage all parishioners who are interested in the festival to attend and bring ideas for improvement. If you cannot attend, you can submit your ideas at surveymonkey.com/r/WL5B279. We look forward to seeing everyone.

A Special Bereavement Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, November 1st at CTK for all those who have lost a relative or loved one during the past year. Mass will be at 12:15 pm with refreshments to follow. If you have a family member who died during the past year, please call the parish house at 925-682-2486 by October 27th to give their name so they can be included on a special scroll at the mass.

Women's Day of Recollection directed by Sr. Molly Neville, SNJM will be held November 14 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm in the parish hall. The theme will be "Holistic Spirituality and Balance in Life". Tickets will be on sale November 1st. Plan to join us!

Don't miss the Nuns on the Bus very own, Sr. Simone Campbell speaking here at Christ the King on Friday, October 16th, at 7:00 pm. Sr. Simone is an American Roman Catholic Religious Sister, lawyer, lobbyist and Executive Director of NETWORK.

Grief Retreat, Am I Going Crazy? Presenter will be Fr. Padraig Greene. Surrender your grieving heart to the healing process and you will find your way through it. San Damiano Retreat Center, October 30 - November 1st. Register on-line at www.sandaniano.org

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 concelebrate 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

We Need Your Help! The Altar Society needs donations of Christmas items and any saleable used items, including jewelry. 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 925-451-3943 or emails: violet.deborja@yahoo.com or juniorbebs@yahoo.com. Boutique will be held Nov. 21st and 22nd.

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!

Ushers needed at the 9:15 am mass! We are in need of new ushers at the 9:15 am mass. If you think you'd like to become an usher, please contact Jack Murphy at 933-8072 or email at jmurph818@aol.com.

Join us for an hour of Taize Prayer at Christ the King Church, on Sunday, October 18th at 7:30 pm. We welcome all who wish to gather in prayer and in a spirit of Ecumenism.

PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH: Thomas Hill, Tim Grant, Aaron Reeves, Sue Wong, Rodney Keith, Michael Toomey.

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance. We ask this through the Lord Jesus. Amen

Reflections on Sunday Readings:
First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

When Solomon, one of Israel's greatest kings, began his reign, God invited him to pray for anything he wanted. He prayed only for wisdom, and it was granted to him. In today's passage, the author portrays Solomon speaking of this gift.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

A unique feature of the Letter to the Hebrews is an extended reflection on selected Old Testament texts. This is because both Jews and Christians believe that the Scriptures are not a dead letter, but are always spoken "live" to us by God. Using the image of the sword, the author describes how God's word strikes right to the heart of our daily lives.

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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.

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:
**Ecological Education and Spirituality** - Sunday Homilist and Monday Workshop: **Al Garrotto**. Monday, 7 pm in Church.

**Calling all Liturgical Ministers!!**

Saturday, October 17th
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

8 am Mass followed by light breakfast, input, break-out sessions for each ministry.

Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans, Lectors, Ushers, Projectionists, Environment, Musicians