**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

Daily Masses:
- Monday-Friday, 8:00 am
- Saturday, 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

Parish Office: 682-2486  
www.ctkph.org

Religious Ed: 686-1017  
www.ctkreligiousseducation.org

Youth Ministry: 676-0979  
www.ctkym.org

CTK School: 685-1109  
www.ctkschool.org

Facebook: Christ the King Catholic Community of Pleasant Hill

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**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**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 am  
- Confirmation 6 pm - 9 pm

**Monday, 10/19**
- RE Older Sac, Parish Hall 4 pm  
- Adult Ed, Church 7 pm

**Tuesday, 10/20**
- 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

**Tuesday, 10/20 cont.**
- Rosary & Perpetual Help, Church 7pm  
- Spanish Prayer, Church 7:30 pm  
- Knights of Columbus, Min. Ctr 7pm

**Wednesday 10/21**
- Sewing Ministry, Rms A/B 9 am  
- 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  
- St. Vincent DePaul, Min. Ctr. 7pm

**Thursday, 10/22**
- Centering Prayer, Min Ctr 10:00 am  
- RE Grds 1-3, School 3:40 - 5 pm

**Thursday, 10/22 cont.**
- RE Grds 4-5, Parish Hall 3:40 - 5 pm  
- RCIA, Chapel 7 pm

**Friday, 10/23**
- Youth Group lock-in

**Saturday, 10/24**
- Men's Fellowship, Chapel 7:30 am

**Sunday, 10/25**
- No CLOW  
- RE 3 yr old prgm, Rm D 9:15 am  
- RE Classes, Hall/School 9:15 am  
- Halloween Mass 9:15  
- Silver Jubilee of Fr. Paulson 12:15

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To Hear the Gospel and Make a Difference
Dear Friends,

As promised last week, I am going to share something about my own upbringing and vocation to the priesthood. I was born and raised in the southern most part of India, Kerala, seventh child out of nine born to Elizabeth and Anthony. I consider myself blessed in every way as I was raised by parents who valued their catholic faith deeply and attended mass every day. I attended mass every day and assisted the priest as an altar server.

My primary schooling began at my own parish school, which helped me to stay connected with the priests and the ministries of the parish. The seeds of my vocation were planted during those young and formative years, when I gathered around the altar with other young boys like me. The Director of altar servers called me aside one day and whispered those beautiful words in my years, “Paulson, you should go to the seminary.” I left home for the first time to attend a Salesian Boarding School and then, traveled 2000 miles to attend pre-university and university education under the guidance and direction of the Salesians of Don Bosco. It is amazing that my brother priest and I left literally on the same day from home in different directions. He followed the Carmelite order in the footsteps of my Uncle who is a Carmelite priest. I was ordained on the first of January 1991 in my own home parish. My first appointment was to be the Head of the Department of Electricity, where we educated the young people to be technicians in the society. After three years of teaching and leading the Department, I was given the responsibility of administering the School and religious community. We were nearly 25 priests and religious brothers engaged in the work of education. After completing 9 years in that institute, I moved to the United States in January of 1999.

As I celebrate my 25 years as a priest, I am deeply indebted to God and to the many people who during the past 25 years have helped me in ways that they may never know. For me personally, this is a moment of renewal. As St. Teresa of Avila prayed and is oft-quoted, “From the sour-faced saints, O Lord, deliver us!” St. Teresa knew well that sanctity does not have a sour face. There are altogether too many in our Church whose miserable demeanor and underlying anger masquerade as righteousness. It is true that priesthood is a difficult life. As most priests tell you, it is an intensely rewarding life. “There is no better sign of sanctity or the presence of the Holy Spirit, than a face transfigured with Joy.” (Fr. Stephen Rossetti) As I embark on the next phase of my calling, harkening to the words of Pope Francis I would like to be that face transfigured with joy every day, in every circumstance.

The Church should be a community in which people discover God’s delight in them. This is the ministry of priests. The holiness of the priesthood does not mean that we priests are necessarily morally superior to anyone else. It is the opposite of elitist. It expresses the scandalous outreach of God to those who are on the edge. This implies a certain social dislocation for the ordained priest. We do not have a clear place in the social hierarchy. We are slippery figures who should be equally at home with dukes or dustmen. We are to embody an inclusiveness that cannot be fully comprehensible to our present society and to summon it beyond all its inclusions and exclusions. (Fr. Timothy Radcliff O.P)

I would like to welcome Fr. Ray Bucher OFM to Christ the King. He will preach at all the masses and speak to us on the fifth chapter of Laudato Si’- Lines of approach and action.

“So far I have attempted to take stock of our present situation, pointing to the cracks in the planet that we inhabit as well as to the profoundly human causes of environmental degradation. Although the contemplation of this reality in itself has already shown the need for a change of direction and other courses of action, now we shall try to outline the major paths of dialogue which can help us escape the spiral of self-destruction which currently engulfs us” (#163).

Fr. Paulson
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 scroll at mass.

Invitation to Prayer: One of the rich spiritual practices of the Christian faith is a silent form of prayer called Centering Prayer. Although an ancient tradition, its practice has been revitalized by Trappist monk, Thomas Keating and others. Are you being called to a deeper relationship with God through a silent form of prayer? You are invited to visit one of the local groups to “Come and See”.

WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 pm at Church of the Resurrection at 399 Gregory Ln or THURSDAYS, 10:00 am at Christ the King Ministry Center Library. For more information, email pstevens6604@sbcglobal.net.

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!

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.

Halloween Mass 10/25 at 9:15!! Next weekend we celebrate Halloween with a costumed parade at the Sunday, 9:15 mass, plus a special Halloween liturgy in the gym. Wear your costumes and join us!

Calling all CYO participants and their families! Join us for special CYO masses on Sunday, Nov. 1st! Grades 3, 4, 5, come celebrate mass at 9:15. Grades 6, 7, 8, join us at 6:00 pm. Don’t miss it!

CTK Music Update: Choir Signups Happening Now! Please sign up in the vestibule if you are interested in being in one of the many choirs here at Christ the King. The Choir Director will contact you. You will also find a listing of the rehearsal schedule and the Choir Director contacts. If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Garnett, Music Director, at pgurnett6@aol.com.

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!

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. Receipts available upon request. 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.

Hospitality for Funerals: If you are available occasionally on weekday mornings (9:30 - 11:30 am), we are looking for ushers to assist at funerals. You would serve by welcoming people, handing out programs, assisting with seating and clearing up afterwards. If you can join our team, please contact Sr. Dominic Marie.

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PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH: Helen Libert, Linda Theuriel, Anita Sare, Marilyn Chrislu, Thomas Hill, Tim Grant, Aaron Reeves, Sue Wong. Father, 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: Isaiah 53:10-11
Today’s passage contains the message of a prophet who spoke to the Jewish people during their exile in Babylon. In four different places, this prophet speaks about a Servant of God who will one day deliver God’s people and make them great again. Because the Servant is frequently portrayed as suffering, Christians have applied this to Jesus. Today’s passage is a small portion from the last and longest of these four sections. (On Good Friday, we read the entire fourth section.)

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16
The Jewish high priest was responsible for entering the holiest place in the Jerusalem temple to make sin offerings on behalf of the people. Several times the Letter to the Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus is superior to any high priest because he has entered the heavenly temple, and thus has given us access to God’s “Throne of Grace”.

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Two sessions left!
Don’t miss them!

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.**

Join us in celebration as we honor Fr. Paulson and his brother, Fr. Santhosh on 25 years of Priesthood

Next Sunday, October 25th, celebrate with them at the 12:15 mass, followed by refreshments. Also, please note that the 6:00 pm mass on October 25th will begin at 5:00 pm so Fr. Paulson can continue the celebration with a dinner for the staff and fellow priests.