WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Sunday, 3/06**
- RE 3 yr old prgm, Rm D 9:15 am
- RE Classes, Hall/School 9:15 am
- CLOW
- RE Older Sac, Rm D 11 am
- ICF Meeting, Parish Hall 2:00 pm
- Confirmation, Parish Hall 7 pm

**Monday, 3/07**
- RE Older Sac, Parish Hall 4 pm

**Tuesday, 3/08**
- 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
- Perpetual Help Devotion, Church 7pm

**Wednesday, 3/09**
- Lenten Scripture, Par Hall 8:45 am
- RE Grds 1-3, School 3:40 - 5 pm
- RE Grds 4-5, Parish Hall 3:40 - 5 pm
- RE Stations of the Cross, 4:30 pm
- RE Grd 6, Parish Hall 7 - 8:15 pm
- Rosary Makers, Min. Ctr 7 pm

**Thursday, 3/10**
- Centering Prayer, Min. Ctr 10 am
- RE Grds 1-3, School 3:40 - 5 pm
- RE Grds 4-5, Parish Hall 3:40 - 5 pm
- RE Reconciliation, Church 7 pm
- RCIA, Min. Ctr 7 pm

**Friday, 3/11**
- Stations of The Cross, Church 5:30 pm
- Mass 6:00 pm/ Supper, Hall 6:30 pm

**Saturday, 3/12**
- Men’s Fellowship, Min. Ctr 7:30 am
- St. Patrick’s Day Party, Gym 5:30 pm

**Sunday, 3/13**
- RE 3 yr old prgm, Rm D 9:15 am
- RE Classes, Hall/School 9:15 am
- CLOW
- RE Older Sac, Rm D 11 am
- Youth Group, Parish Hall 7 pm
Dear Friends,

A couple of years ago, Blaire, who heads the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, made a strong case for protecting the rights and dignity of workers, calling on the teachings of several Popes including Leo XIII, John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and of course Pope Francis. In his testimony, Blaire argued that a just wage—one that realistically allows a worker to support their family based on the current cost of living—is critical for workers and would be a positive first step in fixing the economy. “Work should be a ladder out of poverty for families, it should not trap them in poverty,” said Blaire. “Yet this is where we find ourselves—a growing number of families are working but do not make enough to live in dignity. It is a scandal that the richest country in the world has allowed over 23 million children from poor, working families to become the norm.”

On the 50th anniversary of the war on poverty, Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski, chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development on behalf of the USCCB and Father Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities USA, sent a letter to the U.S. Senate asking the federal government to raise the minimum wage. The stated goal of raising the minimum wage of Archbishop Wenski and Fr. Snyder is to 'fix' the problem that "a full-year, full-time worker making the minimum wage does not make enough money to raise a child free from poverty." (NCR)

On the Condition of Workers (Rerum Novarum) Pope Leo XIII, 1891 wrote, “Equity therefore commands that public authority show proper concern for the worker so that from what he contributes to the common good he may receive what will enable him, housed, clothed, and secure, to live his life without hardship. Whence, it follows that all those measures ought to be favored which seem in any way capable of benefiting the condition of workers” (No. 51).

Opponents have always argued that wage levels should be left to the market. In 1961, in the encyclical Mater et Magistra, Pope John XXIII responded to that claim and proclaimed that a living wage was clearly a justice issue: “We therefore consider it our duty to reaffirm that the remuneration of work is not something that can be left to the laws of the marketplace; nor should it be a decision left to the will of the most powerful. It must be determined in accordance with justice and equity; which means that workers must be paid a wage which allows them to live a truly human life and to fulfill their family obligations in a worthy manner.” Pope John Paul II went further. In On Human Work (1981) he wrote that payment of living wages was a critical criterion for determining the legitimacy of the entire economic system. In their 1986 letter, Economic Justice for All, the U.S. Catholic bishops reaffirmed that payment of just wages is the initial step in combating poverty and put the issue squarely on the social justice agenda for the American economy. The focus should remain on the plight of low-income workers struggling to support their families and live in dignity. As popes and bishops have said “the worker does not exist for the economy. The economy exists for the worker.” (Mulloy, the economics and labor adviser for the USCCB)

Next Sunday, some of our parishioners will be outside the Church collecting signatures to a ballot measure raising minimum wage legislation to $ 15.00 per hour by 2020 and bringing the number of sick days to six. I am personally supportive of this measure.

Fr. Paulson

Reflections on Sunday Readings:
Fourth Sunday of Lent
First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

After Moses died, God selected Joshua to lead the Israelites. In this reading, Joshua and the Israelites have just crossed the Jordan River and now at long last are in the Promised Land.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Some members of the Christian community found it hard to accept Paul’s teachings. They challenged his credentials and sincerity as an apostle because he was not an eyewitness to the earthly life of Jesus. In this passage, Paul defends his ministry as an apostle.
Pots of lovely daffodils are available for $12 each after all masses this weekend to benefit A Friendly Manor. The Manor was founded in Oakland by the Sisters of St. Joseph to offer a safe haven for homeless women. It serves as a daytime drop-in hospitality center and provides 26 single rooms as transitional housing. Your support of this worthy cause is greatly appreciated.

Winter Nights Signups Go Live For Lent! CTK will be hosting Winter Nights again this year from Monday, March 28th to Monday, April 11th. The sign up sheet to volunteer or donate food is on our website, and we still have many openings! Please take a look and sign up where you can help. On Palm Sunday all items we are still in need of will be available to sign up for outside of mass. If your ministry is interested in hosting a dinner or activity, contact Kate at katedoherty.ctk@gmail.com. We are especially looking for a few strong backs to help load and unload the trucks on Monday, April 11, 2016.

Christ the King School is accepting applications for incoming fifth grade students for the school year 2016-2017. If you are interested, please contact our school at 925-685-1109.

Save the Dates for our Communal Penance Services. Plan now on joining us for the Sacrament of Confession as we celebrate Communal Penance services on Saturday, March 19 at 3:30 pm and again on Monday, March 21 at 7:00 pm.

Save the Date: Good Friday at Livermore Nuclear Weapons Laboratory, “Sowing the Seeds of Hope”. Join the Ecumenical Peace Institute as they gather at Vasco and Patterson Pass Roads in Livermore at 6:45 am, followed by worship and procession to the Nuclear Weapons gate, Stations of the Cross & nonviolent acts of witness. Afterwards, about 10 am to noon, community gathering to share our work and actions at Asbury United Methodist Church. Light refreshments provided. For further information call 510-990-0374.

Bishop Michael Barber, S.J. and the Family Aid Catholic Education (FACE) Advisory Board invite you to join them at the annual FACE Gala on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at Scott’s Seafood in Oakland. FACE provides tuition assistance based on financial need to students attending Catholic schools in the Diocese of Oakland. All proceeds from the Gala benefit FACE students. Call Lauren Seeno at 510-628-2169 or visit faceofoakland.org for information.

Save the Date for Sr. Joanne’s Retirement Celebration! Make plans to join us to celebrate Sr. Joanne and her many, many contributions to all of us here at CTK. We will celebrate at the 12:15 Mass on Sunday, April 24, followed by an outdoor reception. More details to follow!

Need Easter gifts? The CTK Boy Scout Troop 221 will be selling See’s Easter candy after mass next weekend. The pricing is the same as at the candy store and purchasing from the troop helps them to raise money for their upcoming Scout camps this summer. Thank you for supporting our troop!

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join us for our annual St. Patrick’s Day celebration at CTK. Saturday, March 12 at 5:30 pm in the CTK gym. Three course meal: homemade soup, corned beef & cabbage and homemade bread pudding with whiskey sauce. Live Irish music and CTK Irish dancers. Tickets: Adults $30 and children $15 (kids meal served). Tickets on sale after mass today and next weekend! Buy online now at www.kofcph.org. Contact Jay Becker at scoone rs@comcast.net for more information.

The book referenced last weekend by Fr. Michael Dibble is titled, “Jesus A Pilgrimage” by James Martin, S.J.

Girl Scout Cookie Sales - Our CTK troops still have everyone’s favorite cookies available after mass this weekend. You can also donate boxes to our military or food bank. Thank you for your continued support!
Adult Education Nights:  
Monday, March 7th at 7 pm in the Church

Rev. Thomas Bonacci, C.P. will speak on Year of Mercy  
*Some Biblical Reflections on Gospel Mercy*

Founder and Director of the Interfaith Peace Project. Fr. Bonacci is a scripture scholar who has developed adult education and deacon formation programs across the U.S. Along with his interfaith ministry, Tom is dedicated to serving victims of poverty, people dealing with HIV/AIDS, and those recovering from drugs and alcohol.

Wednesday, March 16th at 7 pm in the Church

Jack Jezreel, Founder of JustFaith Ministries presents:  
“HOPE IN TIMES OF NEED”  
*Bringing the Gospel Message to Everyone*

Come and meet nationally known speaker, Jack Jezreel! He will speak about dynamic parish-wide programs to build communities of faith, hope and love in action.