Fifth Sunday of Easter

I give you a new commandment: love one another.
John 13:34

We celebrate with Sr. Joanne at our 12:15 mass. Join us to say CONGRATULATIONS and HAPPY RETIREMENT!

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www.ctkph.org
Religious Ed: 686-1017
www.ctkreligiouseducation.org
Youth Ministry: 676-0979
www.ctkym.org
CTK School: 685-1109
www.ctkschool.org

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

April 24, 2016

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 4/24
- RE 3 yr old prgm, Rm D 9:15 am
- RE Classes, Hall/School 9:15 am
- CLOW
- Sr. Joanne Celebration, 12:15 Mass
- Youth Group, Parish Hall, 7 pm

Monday, 4/25
Tuesday, 4/26
- 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 7 pm

Wednesday, 4/27
- 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

Thursday, 4/28
- 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
- 2nd Grade Eucharist Prac. 3:45 and 5:00

Friday, 4/29
Saturday, 4/30
- Men’s Fellowship, Chapel 7:30 am
- 2nd Grd 1st Eucharist, 10 am/ 12 pm
- Ministry Sign-ups after mass
- RE Sign-ups, Chapel 6pm-7pm

Sunday, 5/1
- RE 3 yr old prgm, Rm D 9:15 am
- RE Classes, Hall/School 9:15 am
- CLOW
- Ministry Sign-ups after mass
- RE Sign-ups, Chapel 8am-1:30pm
- Confirmation, Parish Hall, 6 pm
Dear Parishioners,

If you have not yet seen the movie, “Eye in the Sky”, I would invite you to do so. It very powerfully outlines the difficulties of conscience involved in the decision to authorize and carry out a lethal drone strike on a known terrorist, preparing a suicide bombing, when it is obvious that collateral damage will ensue. (Incidentally, I think that whoever came up with that term, collateral damage, to describe the killing of innocents, should receive the “Cynic of the Century” award). Morality does apply to war and we cannot allow ourselves to descend to the level of barbarity that may be exhibited by an enemy. Since seeing this movie I have a greater empathy for those who have to make the hard decisions that are sometimes called for in wartime. There may be lasting scars on their psyche, post traumatic stress.

Moral theologians have always invoked the principle of double effect, where one is called upon to balance the good effect intended against the unintended bad effect of our actions. This applies to many situations in life and not only to war. You may have had to make such decisions at some time in your life, you have had to invoke this principle of double effect and been perfectly justified in doing so. One profession that is faced with such decisions, almost on a daily basis, is that of surgeons.

In Ireland over the last few months, there has been a debate regarding the morality of what is known as “The Easter Rising”. This has been occasioned by the fact that one hundred years ago, on this very date, April 24th, 1916, (it happened to be Easter Monday that year,) a few hundred men, backed by many courageous women, took to the streets of Dublin in armed rebellion against the British forces in Ireland. The rebellion was crushed in a week, but not before there were many innocent civilians killed. There was no mandate from the people and hence the debate. When is it moral to rebel against a government? In hindsight, we can see that the ultimate independence of Ireland would justify the unintended deaths of innocent civilians. The leader of the “Rising” were executed and this turned public opinion in favor of armed rebellion and the War of Independence that followed 1919-1921, thus justifying not only it but the “Rising” that inspired it, at least so many would argue. You judge for yourself, I am biased since my father fought in the War of Independence. Moral decisions are never easy, we should be prepared to consult and pray.

The men and women who took part in the Easter Rising were of high moral standing and some of them deeply religious. One of my favorite poems was written by Joseph Mary Plunkett, one of the leaders of the “Rising”, who was executed by firing squad.

I see his blood upon the rose, And in the stars the glory of his eyes, His body gleams amid eternal snows, His tears fall from the skies, I see his face in every flower; the thunder and the singing of the bird Are but his voice and carven by his power, Rocks are his written words. All pathways by his feet are worn, His strong heart stirs the ever beating sea, His crown of thorns is twined with every thorn, His cross is every tree.

Fr. Brian Timoney

Looking for a small group prayer community? Join us as we follow Fr. K.C. Thomas’ meditation guides to deepen our meditation skills. We meet from 7:00 am to 8:15 am every Wednesday morning in room D of the parish hall. Questions? Call Carolyn Peters at 925-926-1035.

PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH: Bryon Morris, Jr., Lisa Kurtz. Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community. May they find consolation in your healing presence. We ask this through the Lord Jesus. Amen.
CTK Festival News: We are looking for volunteers to help with festival set up on Sat., May 7 beginning at 8 am. Meet in the small lot. Donuts and coffee provided!
Items to donate: Drop off any “like new” stuffed animals and glassware to the school office lobby in a box labeled “festival”.
Starbooks is Back! We accept clean and gently used books for adults and children. We also accept CDs and DVDs. Please no textbooks, magazines, VHS or encyclopedias! We also need sturdy boxes with lids. Drop off donations outside the gym doors through May 12. Any questions, call Suellen at snoland@hotmail.com.

Asking for Your Generosity: Religious Education is sponsoring the wine toss booth for festival. Please help us by donating bottles of wine. You may drop the wine off at the RE office (facing Gregory Ln) Mon-Thurs. 9:30 am - 5:30 pm or you may leave the wine at the parish house. We will collect wine before and after all the masses April 30/May 1 and May 7/8. Thanks for your help and support. Question: call 686-1017. I am grateful for all. Sr. Maureen.

CTK Festival Talent Show is coming May 14!! Calling ALL CTK School and RE students! Grab your dance shoes, your keyboard, your friends and come join the CTK Festival Talent Show to be held Saturday, May 14th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Practice/sign ups for the talent show will be held on Wednesday, April 20th from 3:00 - 5:00 in the Amphitheater. For questions: Marisa at marisacoxmama@gmail.com.

Christ the King Altar Society is holding an auction for a quilt made by Winnie Spurs’ daughter for Mother’s Day. Starting bid is $200.00. The quilt will be on display until May 8, 2016 - Mother’s Day. All proceeds will go to Christ the King.

CHRIST THE KING EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES INFORMATION SIGN UP SUNDAY APRIL 30/MAY 1
Next weekend at all the masses there will be registration and volunteer sign ups for Religious Education, Youth Ministry, RCIA and Adult Education. During the homily, there will be volunteer forms passed out for those who wish to help with these ministries. Additionally, if you wish to enroll in one of these programs, you may visit the tables set up outside after mass. You will find Religious Education tables in the chapel in the ministry center. Below please find some information on the volunteer needs of each ministry:

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Let’s work together! There’s a lot you can do to help keep our RE program vibrant and successful. Our needs include teachers, children’s liturgy planning and aides, babysitting and yard duty. Can you spare an hour to help? We’ll show you the ropes, mentor you and you’ll be part of a great team. You’ll love it!! Join us!

YOUTH MINISTRY
Youth Group - If you are looking for a group of friends that share your faith and desire to have fun, look no further! CTK Youth Group is for all high school students who are interested in building positive relationships, growing closer to God and having fun while doing it! We come together weekly on Thursday nights from 7:30 - 9:00pm. We also offer service projects, adventure trips and much more. Registration forms are available to print at ctkym.org under the “youth group” tab. Turn in your forms next weekend. We will also accept applications through the summer.

Confirmation - CTK offers a comprehensive, one year, confirmation program for high school sophomores, juniors or seniors. Confirmation is a bi-monthly program. Pre-requisite hours are required. Please read the full letter online at ctkym.org under the “confirmation” tab. Turn in your forms after masses next weekend. We will accept applications through the summer.

Youth Group Adult Leader - Are you interested in working with teenagers? Becoming an adult volunteer for youth group would be the perfect way to do it! The basic commitment is every other Sunday night after the youth mass, from 7 pm to 9 pm and Thursday nights from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm. Your responsibilities would be to help with set up, facilitating games, discussion and other activities. For more information, visit the youth ministry table after masses next weekend or send an email to ctkyouthminister@gmail.com.

Confirmation Teacher - Confirmation Adult Leadership is a rewarding experience. We are looking for adults who are willing to dedicate time to journey with our confirmation teens as they prepare for the sacrament of confirmation. This commitment is from August to May. You must have the willingness and ability to be present and lead a small group on alternating Sunday evenings as well as a retreat in February. For more information, visit the youth ministry table after masses next weekend or send an email to ctkyouthminister@gmail.com.

ADULT EDUCATION AND RCIA
RCIA Team - We are looking for new team members with deep faith, good people skills, and some experience teaching religious education. We accompany and serve adults who wish to learn about our faith community. Weekly sessions meet on Thursday evenings May-June and Sept.-April.

Adult Education planning committee - Plan and coordinate educational activities for adults in our parish such as speaker series, bible studies and film screenings. This team will be having a half day retreat for planning and brainstorming Saturday, June 4 from 8 am - 12 pm for new members.
Congratulations and Happy Retirement to Sr. Joanne Gallagher, CSJ.

Sister Joanne served in many capacities in her 12 years here at Christ the King. She directed multiple ministries, including grief ministry, volunteer coordinator, hospitality and ministry faire.

As a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph for 63 years, Sr. Joanne served in Catholic education throughout CA. She has shared her educational, administration and pastoral skills, plus her religious community experience with many CA Catholic organizations and communities. We have been blessed to have had her with us for the last 12 years. Fortunately, she will continue with us as a parishioner and hopefully a volunteer - post-retirement!

Join us to celebrate with her during and after the 12:15 mass today!

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
Registration Information 2016-2017 Ministry Ctr

Saturday, April 30  6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Sunday, May 1  8:00 am - 1:30 pm
Monday, May 2  1:00 pm - 7:30 pm

At the time of registration, you will need to:
1. Provide a copy of your child’s baptismal certificate, if we don’t have one on file.
2. Complete the RE registration form and visit the grade level table you are interested in.
3. Give your paperwork along with a check to the person at your table.
4. Each family is asked to volunteer in one aspect of the program.

Registration forms can be found on the RE website at www.religiouseducation.org.