To Hear the Gospel and Make a Difference

Happy Father’s Day

June 19, 2016

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 6/19
- HAPPY FATHER’S DAY!
Monday, 6/20
- Perpetual Help Devotion, Church 7 pm
Tuesday, 6/21
- Knights of Columbus, Chapel 7 pm

Wednesday, 6/22

Thursday, 6/23
- Centering Prayer, Min. Ctr 10 am

Friday, 6/24

Saturday, 6/25
- Men’s Fellowship, Chapel 7:30 am

Sunday, 6/26

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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www.ctkph.org

Religious Ed: 686-1017
www.ctkreligouseducation.org

Youth Ministry: 676-0979
www.ctkym.org

Facebook: Christ the King
Catholic Community of
Pleasant Hill

Our father, who art in heaven,
Hallow be thy name,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Christ the King Community
June 19, 2016
Dear Friends,

First and foremost, I would like to wish all fathers, a Happy Father’s Day. Let us remember with love all the good things that our dads have done for us. “Any man can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a dad.” - Anne Geddes

One of my favorite summer hikes used to be Yosemite falls. I would wake up at 4:00 am in the morning and wake up other crazy, fellow hikers who would love to hike the falls when the whole world was asleep, and nature quiet. To hike up to the top of the falls with our headlights brightly lit and to arrive at the summit as dawn is just breaking is something I loved to do for so many years. What amazed me as we went up and down over the years is that sometimes the falls would dwindle down until there was barely a trickle of water coming down to the village.

There is something about summer that is more spiritual than any other time of the year. Church attendance drops in summer by as much as 20 percent. It is unlikely that so many of us are all on vacation during summer. I know that schools are out and so kids’ schedules are different during summer, but parents continue to work with an exception of a week or two in some cases. According to Pew Research, Church attendance drops when weather is “just right.” Some of our parishes around the diocese drop a mass or two during summer to accommodate the summer schedule.

I am writing this letter with an open mind embracing the summer slump, and I am not bemoaning low attendance. I would, however, like to invite you to enjoy the summer and to discover God in our wonderful creation and feel closer to God. Summer reminds us of the immense generosity of God in our bay area, when the trees, sagging down with fruits and plants add so much color and beauty to our landscape. John Muir wrote, “Everybody needs beauty… places to play and pray in, where Nature may heal and cheer and give strength to body and soul alike.” As Dr. Gemma Simmonds CJ wrote so well, “A sense of the sacrament of the present moment can liberate us from the tyranny of time, dominated by market forces and the idolization of work, of cost effectiveness, of productiveness as value. Wasting time with the God whose times and seasons are full of generous wastefulness can remind us of what truly matters.” In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus says: “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while” (6:31). Jesus in postmodern paraphrase might say: “Come away to a deserted place where there are no flat screens, where iPads will have no wireless connection, and a text message will cost more than a U.S postal stamp.” It is about loving God even more intimately whose imprint can be seen all around creation in summer. Remember that Nature is God’s Cathedral, the sanctuary where God can be found and loved as Adam often heard the sound of His footsteps in the Garden of Eden.

While you are enjoying your summer activities, don’t forget to attend Mass while you are away from home. You may easily find Mass schedules at the website www.masstimes.org. The site is very easy to use. Just enter the zip code of the place you are visiting and you will receive a list of Churches in the area and the Mass times for weekend liturgy.

Fr. Paulson

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Join us this summer for Ministry Meet and Greets! The masses listed will have hospitality hosted by various CTK ministries. Enjoy some wine and appetizers after church while you get to know some of the vibrant ministries we have here at Christ the King:

- June 25/26: Italian Catholic Federation (5pm and 9:15 am)
- July 9/10: Christ Light (5pm, 12:15)
- July 16: Faith in Action (5pm)
- July 23/24: Music Ministry (5pm, 12:15)
- July 30/31: The Filipino Society (5 pm, 12:15)
- August 6: Hospitality (5 pm)
- August 13/14: Dress A Child (5 pm, 12:15)
- August 20/21: Eucharistic Ministers (5 pm, 12:15)
- August 27/28: CTK School (5 pm, 12:15)

Please come out to meet our first group, the Italian Catholic Federation community and enjoy wine and cheese after the 5:00 mass on Saturday, June 25th and coffee and biscotti on Sunday, June 26th after the 9:15 mass. We will have applications if you are interested in joining this ministry.

Confirmation Registration - If you are a Sophomore or Junior in High School and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this upcoming school year, please download a registration form at ctkym.org. You can also find registration forms and calendars in the back of the church. For questions, call Youth Ministry at 676-0979.

In case you missed them the first time, Fr. Brian Joyce’s book, “The Catholic Parish Today—Substantial, Controversial and Uncensored” is available again. We have a few copies for sale in the parish office for $20.00 each. This is below cost if you had ordered yourself.

Taize Prayer Around the Cross will be held this Sunday, June 19 at 7:30 pm at Hillcrest Church. We welcome all who wish to gather in prayer and in a spirit of Ecumenism.

One of the rich spiritual practices of the Christian faith is a silent form of prayer called Centering Prayer. In the Bay Area, there are several Centering Prayer groups which meet weekly for prayer and scripture reflection. Two of these groups are local:

- Wednesdays, 7:30 pm: Church of the Resurrection (399 Gregory Ln)
- Thursdays, 10:00 am: Christ the King Ministry Ctr Library.

You are invited to visit one of these groups to “Come and See”. For more information, email Pat Stevens at pstevens6604@sbcglobal.net.

High School Youth Group Registration: Youth Group is for all high school teens 9th-12th grade. We meet on our new night - Thursdays-in the parish hall. Registration forms and calendars can be found in the back of the church or you can download a form at ctkym.org. Youth Group fulfills the Confirmation prerequisite hours. Any questions? Please call the Youth Ministry office at 676-0979.

Join the Diocese of Oakland Young Adults for the next Theology on Tap, an event for Catholics 21-39, on Wednesday, July 13 at La Pinata Mexican Restaurant in Pittsburg. The topic of the night will be “Who am I to judge?: Catholics and Homosexuality” with featured speakers Fr. Stephan Kappler, Pastor of St. Jarlath’s and member of Kairos Psychology Group, and Rilene Simpson, from the film, Desire for the Everlasting Hills. The first drink is free with purchase of dinner. For more information, contact Steven Lewis at 510-267-8394.

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer just a few hours a month to help bring quality health care to the poor and uninsured in your local community? You don’t need to go overseas! Please join our VOLUNTEER team at the RotaCare Pittsburg Free Medical Clinic. We are in need of Adult Medicine/ER Physicians, Pharmacists, Bi-lingual Social Workers, RNs and RDs to volunteer once per month or every other month. All malpractice insurance provided. Join our team of caring professionals and contact Drea Riquelme at 439-2009 or pittsburg@rotacarebayarea.org.

Contra Costa Interfaith Housing - Provide a meal for a monthly resident meeting: These community meetings are essential in building community, reinforcing resident roles as community stakeholders and allowing residents to learn important skills needed to improve their lives. Volunteer groups prepare, serve, and share a meal for 35-40 people. Families, congregations, service clubs, and other groups are encouraged to apply. July 14 is in need of a sign-up. Visit www.tinyurl.com/ovepnva to sign-up.

You can donate from your smart phone! Simply scan the image using your phone’s QR code reader.

PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:
David Grandin, Laura Najar Brown
Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.
HAPPY

FATHER'S DAY!