“Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me.”
Luke 10:40

July 17, 2016, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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To Hear the Gospel and Make a Difference
Dear Friends,

If you think the New Translation of the Mass has been a difficult transition for the Church in terms of the Church’s language, don’t be shocked at what is being proposed in terms of the orientation of the Mass. Though the proposed reform is not official, I wanted to bring your attention to an issue that would probably plague the Church for some time to come. Personally, this is difficult for me. I would patiently wait and study and pray before making personal comments.

Cardinal Robert Sarah, the Vatican’s liturgy chief, has asked priests to begin celebrating Mass ad orientem, that is, facing east rather than towards the congregation. The proposed reform is arguably the biggest liturgical announcement since Benedict XVI’s 2007 motu proprio Summorum Pontificum gave greater freedom for priests to celebrate the Traditional Latin Mass. Speaking at the Sacra Liturgia conference in London on Tuesday, the Guinean cardinal, who is Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship, addressed priests who were present, saying: “It is very important that we return as soon as possible to a common orientation, of priests and the faithful turned together in the same direction – eastwards or at least towards the apse – to the Lord who comes”.

The cardinal revealed that his initiative came from Pope Francis himself. “Pope Francis has asked me to continue the liturgical work Pope Benedict began. Just because we have a new pope does not mean that his predecessor’s vision is now invalid. On the contrary, as we know, our Holy Father Pope Francis has the greatest respect for the liturgical vision and measures Pope Benedict implemented in utter fidelity to the intentions and aims of the Council Fathers.”

This proposed reform has not settled well with many Church leaders and priests in particular. You can ask our priests about how they feel about facing the East or celebrating Mass with their back to the congregation. Cardinal Vincent Nichols has written to priests in Westminster diocese discouraging them from celebrating Mass facing east. Following Cardinal Robert Sarah’s appeal at the Sacra Liturgia conference in London, Cardinal Nichols wrote to priests reminding them that, “the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, approved by the highest authority in the Church, states in paragraph 299 that ‘The altar should be built apart from the wall, in such a way that it is possible to walk around it easily and that Mass can be celebrated at it facing the people, which is desirable wherever possible. The altar should, moreover, be so placed as to be truly the center toward which the attention of the whole congregation of the faithful naturally turns. The altar is usually fixed and is dedicated.’”

Fr. Antonio Spadaro, a papal adviser and editor of the influential journal La Civiltà Cattolica, has shown his support for Mass facing the people on Twitter. Following Cardinal Sarah’s widely reported comments, Fr. Spadaro tweeted quotes from the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, such as: “The altar should be built apart from the wall in such a way that Mass can be celebrated at it facing the people” and “the priest, facing the people and extending and then joining his hands, invites the people to pray.”

Several liturgical experts said Cardinal Sarah does not have the authority to impose a change but is simply encouraging a practice that liturgical law already permits. "I think he's just encouraging as anyone can encourage, but because of his position, his encouragement carries more weight. He's not changing the legislation at all; he's just giving his opinion that he thinks this would help people to pray better," Father Andrew Menke, associate director of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' divine worship office, told Catholic News Service July 6. Father Menke also said Cardinal Sarah’s suggestion would not overturn the Second Vatican Council’s decisions but would ease some of the liturgical changes that followed the council.

Other experts agreed, saying neither bishops nor Cardinal Sarah have the right to force priests to celebrate Mass "facing East" until there is an official change to the missal, the official liturgical law. Jesuit Father Bruce Morrill, professor of Catholic studies at Vanderbilt University, said Cardinal Sarah's office could issue a directive mandating "ad orientem" Masses without changing the whole missal.

A directive, he said, would require approval from the Vatican and would be released in an official statement from the Congregation for Divine Worship. "This is not official; he was speaking to an annual meeting of an erratic conservative group. ... Those directives don't happen in speeches and interviews" like those Cardinal Sarah has given, Father Morrill said. Mercy Sister Sharon Euart, former executive coordinator of the Canon Law Society of America, said that the issue is complicated because liturgical rules can vary by diocese, with the bishop being able to make some provisions for different priests.

I will be making a personal retreat this week before embarking on the first leg of my sabbatical. Let us keep one another in our prayers. I welcome Fr. Brian Timoney back from vacation and I would like to wish Fr. Brendan “happy times” at Christ the King.

Fr. Paulson
This weekend we welcome Fr. Robert Chinnapan, our Mission Co-op speaker. Fr. Chinnapan belongs to Missionaries of Faith.

St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday is coming! We have scheduled a bundle Sunday collection for clothing at Christ the King the weekend of July 23 and 24. A truck will be present to accept only clothing that is clean and gently used. Donation bags for clothing are available this weekend (July 16/17) so parishioners can take them home and fill them for next weekend. St. Vincent de Paul members will be near the truck before and after masses to assist all.

Monument Crisis Center’s Back to School Backpack Drive is on. See the flyers in the vestibule or last weekends bulletin for specific items requested. We are committed to helping them supply 1200 backpacks filled with school supplies for at risk school age children. We will have barrels in our vestibule to collect the filled backpacks. Contact Kate at katedoherty.ctk@gmail.com for more information. Each donation of $60 will provide a new backpack filled with school supplies.

Taize Prayer Around the Cross will be held tonight, July 17 at 7:30 pm at Walnut Creek Methodist, 1543 Sunnyvale Ave. , WC. Join us if you can.

Pray for our youth as they embark on their summer service trip to San Francisco. They will spend the week, July 17-23 working with Young Neighbors In Action.

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 forms in the vestibule. Questions? 676-0979.

Music Ministry Happenings!

◊ Calling all children who love to sing! If you have children in grades 1st-8th, our Children’s Music Ministry would love them to come and participate in our one week summer music camp, August 1st-5th. Camp cost is $60 and is from 12:30 - 3:30 each day. Space is limited! Please email Phyllis at pgurnett9@aol.com.

◊ Adults, ages 18+ who have a strong desire to praise God through song and lead the congregation in singing at our CTK masses, please join us for a cantor workshop, Saturday, Aug. 6 and Saturday, Aug. 13th. Meet in the church from 6 - 8 pm both Saturdays. RSVP to our music director at pgurnett9@aol.com.

◊ Adults 18+, do you love singing with a group of singers? Did you know studies have shown there are health benefits from participating on a regular basis in such a group? There are 5 different choirs at CTK! This coming fall we will be adding a contemporary style of worship at one of our existing services. Please contact Phyllis at pgurnett9@aol.com for more information.

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

Join us this summer for Ministry Meet and Greetings! 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:

July 16: Faith in Action (5 pm)
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)

R.E. CATECHISTS NEEDED

3 Yr. Old and 4 Year Old – During Sunday 9:15 AM Mass Grades 1-5 ~ Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday ~ 3:30-5:00 PM Grades 7-8 ~ Tuesday Evenings ~ 7:00-8:15 PM

Come, meet others who love praying, working and playing together! Contact Sr. Maureen at (925) 686-1174. No strings attached!

Come ~ Hear ~ Decide . . .

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need:

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Living in the Spirit of Mary Magdalene 2016
Annual Collaborative Celebration of the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene
Christ the King & St. Perpetua Catholic Communities

Friday, July 22, 2016
Eucharistic Celebration of the Feast  8:00 AM
Christ the King Church
“Taking a Chance on Love:
The Wisdom of Mary Magdalene”
Breakfast to follow.

Thursday, July 28, 2016
Evening Presentation, Prayer & Song  7:00-8:30 PM
St. Perpetua Catholic Church
3454 Hamlin Road, Lafayette
“Ever Ancient, Ever New:
Exploring the Possibility of Women Deacons in the Catholic Church”

At this evening event, Natalie Terry, Director of the Ignatian Spirituality Center in San Francisco, and Luke Hansen, S.J., an award-winning reporter and until recently an associate editor of America Magazine, will speak to the complex historical, theological, and contemporary pastoral questions the commission is likely to explore and will discuss the permanent diaconate as vocation.