## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*September 4, 2016*

**Psalm 90:14**

*Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.*

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### WEEK AT A GLANCE

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<td>Sewing Ministry, Parish hall 9 am</td>
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<td>Tuesday, 9/6</td>
<td>St. Vincent de Paul, Chapel 7 pm</td>
<td>Altar Society, A/B 8:30 am</td>
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<td>Perpetual Help Devotion, Church 7 pm</td>
<td>Centering Prayer, Min. Ctr 10 am</td>
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<td>RCIA, Youth House 7 pm</td>
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**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

**Parish Office:** 682-2486  
  [www.ctkph.org](http://www.ctkph.org)

**Religious Ed:** 686-1017  
  [www.ctkreligouseducation.org](http://www.ctkreligouseducation.org)

**Youth Ministry:** 676-0979  
  [www.ctky.org](http://www.ctky.org)

**Facebook:** Christ the King Catholic Community of Pleasant Hill
Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Happy Labor Day! On Monday, we celebrate our national holiday honoring labor. As I read up on this holiday, I was surprised to learn that its official origins are disputed. It’s a contest between two Irish Americans who share the surname McGuire. Peter J. McGuire, a co-founder of the AFL, is credited by some as the first to suggest a holiday to celebrate labor in America. Others dispute this, claiming that Matthew McGuire, a machinist, actually founded the holiday.

The first Labor Day was celebrated in New York City on September 5, 1885 and several states passed laws establishing Labor Day starting in 1887. After nearly half the states had adopted such legislation, the US Congress passed a bill in 1894 establishing the first Monday of September as Labor Day in D.C. and the US Territories. The American Federation of Labor also passed a resolution in 1909 declaring that the Sunday before Labor Day was “Labor Sunday”, a day dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement.

Does Labor Day have any relevance to us as American Catholics? I believe it does. In the same era that Labor Day was being established, on May 15, 1891 Pope Leo XIII issued the encyclical *Rerum Novarum*, spelling out the rights and duties of capital and labor. Challenging many socialist leaders of the day who supported common ownership of all property, Pope Leo defined both the duties and the dignity of workers, and the right of workers to own personal property to the extent that they could afford it. Personal property, he reasoned, was the product of the labor that produced it, and so it could and should, within reason, belong to the worker. He stated that property ownership was part of natural law.

At the same time Pope Leo XII cautioned the rich to be generous with the material goods they possessed that were in excess of their needs. That excess, he advised, should be generously shared with those who are in need. So there is the balance: the worker must work diligently, but must be paid a fair wage and those who have much are required to share it generously to satisfy the needs of the less fortunate. It sounds pretty simple, doesn’t it?

So how should we celebrate Labor Day? I suggest that we set aside some time for prayers of gratitude for our jobs, and for those who have served us with their labor in their jobs. Whether they are doctors, cab drivers, landscapers or clerks, our lives are truly blessed by the services they provide. Perhaps on Labor Day we should make an extra effort to reach out and say, “Thank you!”

Blessings to you and yours on our final summer holiday!

_Deacon John_
Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) will begin again during the 9:15 am mass on Sept. 11th. All parish children in grades 1-5 may participate. No registration required. Children and adult leader and team should be in church by 9:10 am. After celebrating their own Liturgy of the Word together, they return to the assembly for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Questions, call the Religious Education office at 686-1017.

Dress A Child Around the World sewing sessions begin Wednesday, Sept. 7 from 9:00 am to noon and will continue every 1st and 3rd Wednesday in our parish hall. Everyone is welcome to participate in sewing, sorting, ironing and miscellaneous help. All materials are provided. Call Carol Vogl for more information at 925-288-0488.

The Italian Catholic Federation is having their yearly Fall dinner on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Cocktails at 6 pm with dinner at 7 pm. We will be serving a wonderful 4 course Italian dinner again this year! We will have raffle prizes and entertainment. Tickets will be on sale after masses beginning Sept. 16. 686-1017 for more info.

Save the Date! Saturday, September 24th. Free outdoor movie on CTK’s lawn! CTK’s Adult Ed committee invites you to enjoy an evening under the stars to view an exclusive screening of the documentary: “Rwanda and Juliet”. We’ll bring popcorn, you bring a lawn chair and blankets to sit on! 7:30 - 9:30 pm. Stay tuned for more information!

Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick/Homebound
We are in need of more people to visit the sick/homebound and bring Holy Communion to them. Are you willing to join this team? Contact Bev at 925-825-4269.

Opening Classes for Religious Education:
Sunday, Sept. 18: 3 yr old, Pre-K.K. Grades 1-5 children. 7 pm in Church - parents and children attend.
Tues., Sept. 27: Grades 7/8 - 7 pm in Parish Hall. Parents come at 8 pm.
Wed., Sept. 28: Grade 6 - 7 pm in Parish Hall. Parents come at 7:45 pm.

RE 3 year old registration will be Sunday, Sept. 11, only after the 9:15 mass in the RE office (facing Gregory Ln). Children must be 3 years old by Sept. 1 and potty trained. Space is limited with minimum enrollment of 16. Classes are weekly beginning Sept. 18. 686-1017 for more info.

Searching for a spiritual home? Our “no strings” inquiry sessions will resume on Thursday, Sept. 8. Ideal for learning about Catholicism; also for Catholics who have not completed their sacraments. New inquirers always welcome. Contact Al Garrotto at 849-6319 or algarrotto@comcast.net.

Catholics at Work invite you to join them on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 7:00 am at Crow Canyon Country Club in San Ramon as they kick off an exciting 2016-2017 Speaker Series with Bishop Barber. He will address the plight of Oakland’s Catholic Schools and his plan to open a new Cristo Rey High School in the Oakland diocese to serve low-income children. www.catholicsatwork.com.

Have you lost someone you love? Could you use some support? Christ the King will be offering a 6 week grief workshop this fall to provide a safe place to remember, to share and to learn tools to help you move through this difficult period with grace and support. The workshop will run 6 Mondays, Sept. 19-Oct. 24, from 7 - 9 pm in the parish hall. Email: katedoherty.ctk@gmail.com or call Kate at 246-1128 before Sept. 12 to sign up.

Offertory Envelopes have arrived and are in the church. Find your boxed set of envelopes in the vestibule by your last name. If you have any questions about receiving offertory envelopes, or moving to online giving, please call the parish office at 682-2486. The new set of envelopes begins with the Sept. 4 collection.

20th Annual Monsignor Wade Golf Tournament - Monday, September 12 at Oakhurst Country Club. Single golfer $195/Foursome $780.00. To register or to sponsor the event please visit sadiegolf.com/2016ctk or email golf@ctkschool.org for information.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) invite you to join one of the largest international organizations of Catholic women in the world. Dedicated to strengthening our spiritual life through service to Christ and His Church, Catholic women, 18 years or older, who support the Church and wish to participate in social and charitable are invited to join. Visit our tables outside mass next weekend or call Eiko at 925-825-3982.

Forgot Your Cash, Checkbook Or Donation Envelope?
Scan this QR graphic with your cell phone to connect with our donation site or go online to etkph.org. Thank you for your continued support.

Pray for Our Sick
May you be wrapped up in God’s love, Found deep in His everlasting wings, Carried and kept, safe and cherished. May the healing power of Christ breathe across your being now. Marco Canela, Rachael Pringle, Paul Kerr, Ron Olewin, Al Kutchins, Laura Najar Brown, Mary Shepherd

Church Support 8/28/16 $24,012.30 (plate collections $19,676.30 + online giving$4336.0)
Blue Star Moms will be here next week - Sept. 10/11 before and after all masses to collect items for Christmas care packages being mailed to US Armed Forces. They will be collecting:

- gum and mints;
- beef jerky; beef sticks;
- canned chili, stew, pasta, ravioli;
- tuna/chicken salad kits;
- tuna packets; protein bars;
- individual packs of crackers,
- cookies, nuts, fruit snacks;
- drink singles for bottled water;
- individual coffee packets; baby wipes;
- hand and foot warmers; word game books;
- packing tape; AA batteries;
- cotton socks (white or black at least 80% cotton).

The Blue Star Moms also have an urgent need for cash donations to pay for care package postage. Each care package requires $16.75 postage. All donations are tax deductible.

If you have a deployed friend or loved one, please bring his/her complete APO/FPO address along with an approx. end-of-deployment date, and the Blue Star Moms will send a care package. Contact Loretta Masnada at 925-686-3944 with any questions.

**CTK Random Act of Mercy Of the Week:**

As part of Christ the King’s Faith in Action group, I took an immigrant family to Oakland to keep their medical appointment when their automobile of advanced age broke down.

Remember to anonymously email an act of mercy that you saw, received, or did yourself. Each week we will highlight one of the submissions in the bulletin!

ctkrandomactsofmercy@gmail.com.