**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

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| **Sunday, 9/11** | - CLOW, 9:15 mass
- 3 yr.old reg. after 9:15 mass, RE Office                          |
| **Monday, 9/12** | - Perpetual Help Devotion, Church 7 pm                                |
| **Tuesday, 9/13** | - 7/8 gr. Catechist mtg, Rm D 7 pm                                    |
| **Wednesday, 9/14** | - Rosary Makers, Chapel 7 pm                                           |
| **Thursday, 9/15** | - Centering Prayer, Min. Ctr 10 am                                     |
| **Friday, 9/16** | - RCIA, Youth House 7 pm                                               |
| **Saturday, 9/17** | - Men’s Fellowship, Chapel 7:30 am                                    |
| **Sunday, 9/18**  | - Secular Franciscans, Min. Ctr 8 am                                  |
|                  | - YG at Discovery Kingdom                                              |

To Hear the Gospel and Make a Difference
Dear Parishioners,

"Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep. Because I have found the coin that I lost . . . Because your brother was lost and has been found."

The Gospel we hear today centers around three parables. Most likely because of its' length, the third one is not being read. However, I am going to focus on the third one ~ The Prodigal Son. These three parables are familiar ones to all of us; but, how often have we listened to them without really hearing?

Today, September 11th, recalls a day fifteen years ago that still lingers in the hearts and minds of all of us; but, particularly, in families who lost their loved ones in that horrific catastrophe. I reflect on this tragic event against the backdrop of today's Gospel ~ The Prodigal Son ~

We all know there is no one way to grieve. Each individual's loss is unique and none of us can escape life's disappointments and sorrows with their accompanying frustrations, regrets and anger. Today's news from the father of the prodigal son is that within the process of grieving, there comes a time for forgiveness and peace. A Christian who continues to live too long in grief is missing the Paschal message ~ from death came life and love will overcome hatred.

For us to understand mercy as the capacity to forgive the unforgiveable, confronts us with the mystery and challenge of both Jesus and the father of the prodigal son. Pope Francis, commenting on the parable, expresses: "The logic of God and men is not the same. The young son thinks he will be punished for his sins, while the older brother believes he will receive a reward for good behavior. The logic of God's mercy knows no rewards or punishments but welcomes everyone who needs mercy and forgiveness, so all will be brothers and sisters again."

The story ends leaving us to wonder if the older brother accepted his father's invitation to join the party. Did he? Was his heart softened? We do not know. But, the father reaches out to both sons teaching us that the inability to forgive and go forward together is a spiritual cancer that soon will devour the soul.

This parable isn't really about the two sons but about the father's love ~ God's unconditional love ~ that we can't earn or be worthy of ~ I still wonder if the angry brother made peace and entered the celebration. I hope so; but, I do know the same invitation is given to each of us to imitate the father's generosity, leave fear, anger and pride behind, to be reconciled and enter the celebration.

Heaven's door is always open! God's blessings; and, may you feel God's loving arms wrapped around you!
Confirmation Registration is in full swing! We offer a comprehensive, one year confirmation program for all high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. Pre-requisite hours are required. Registration forms and calendars are in the vestibule or download at ctkm.org. There is an important parent and teen meeting Sunday, Sept. 18 at 7 pm (following 6 pm mass). Sign up today.

Fr. Joyce is leading an excursion to St. Columbia’s in Oakland, to experience a spirited liturgy based on African American traditions. Sunday, Sept. 25 we will meet in the small lot by 9:15 am to attend the 10:30 mass. Those attending should be aware that the liturgy typically lasts for 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Questions? Call Carolyn at 949-8269.

CTK’s Young Adult Group, open to parishioners and friends in their 20’s and 30’s will be participating in Oakland Ceasefire Walk. Join us Sept. 23 for this interfaith event that addresses concerns of violence within the community by using a public display of unity as a form of communication. Ceasefire initiatives have been held in Oakland, Richmond and Antioch and have been widely attended. We will meet at CTK at 6:00 to earpool. The walk is from 6:30-8:30pm with dinner to follow at Mua in downtown Oakland. Email Rick at ctkyouthminister@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Today is a second collection to support Pope Francis’s work through the Peter’s Pence Collection. Through this gift, you join in solidarity with him as a witness of charity. Thank you for your support.

Opening Classes for Religious Education:
Sunday, Sept. 18: 3 yr old, Pre-K.K. Thurs., Sept. 22: All Mon, Tue, Wed 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.

Best-selling author and religious and social leader, Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB, will speak at Christ the King on Saturday, Oct. 1 at 1 pm. Sr. Joan’s topic will be “Radical Christian Life - Living a Contemplative Life in the Modern World.” Tickets are $45 before September 14, and $55 after. All are welcome. Order tickets at hesedcommunity.org.

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 to sign up. Registration ends Monday, Sept. 12.

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 at 849-6319 or algarrotto@comcast.net.

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. Please pick up your set today.

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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 maximum enrollment of 16. Classes are weekly beginning Sept. 18. 686-1017 for more info.

Save the Date! Saturday, September 24th, 7:30 - 9:30. 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! Director Ben Proudfoot explores the thin line between love and hate in a new, surprisingly charming and uplifting feature documentary set in Kigali, the epicenter of the genocide that left a million dead two decades earlier.

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 are on sale after masses or email Judi at jucidallara@yahoo.com.

40 Days for Life is a Pro-Life event from Sept. 28-Nov. 6. Log in at 40daysforlife.org for information on participating or contact Charlotte at csgraham228@yahoo.com.

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.

Cathal Timoney, Philip Telucci, Marco Canela, Rachael Pringle, Paul Kerr, Ron Olewin, Al Kutchins, Laura Najar Brown, Mary Shepherd
The Catholic daughters are tabling outside Mass today, but Who Are The Catholic Daughters?

Formed in 1903, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) is one of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the Americas. Currently, CDA numbers 70,000 members in 45 states across the country, and in Puerto Rico, Mexico, Guam and the Virgin Islands.

CDA donates to charities, administers scholarship programs and strives “to be helping hands where there is pain, poverty, sorrow or sickness.”

The CDA motto is “Unity and Charity.”

Catholic Daughter women enjoy each other’s company at meetings and work hard for their parishes and communities. Under the patronage of the Blessed Mother, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas are united by their faith in Jesus Christ, in their devotion to the church and the Holy See.

Deeply spiritual, together they share faith, love of God and a distinctly feminine spirituality alluded to by Pope John Paul II when he spoke of the necessity of “feminine genius” in today’s world.

For more information, visit us outside today!

CTK Random Act of Mercy Of the Week:

My daughter’s day was brightened when she received a beautiful card from her childhood friend from New York. She hasn’t seen her friend in years. The card said that even though they are miles apart and don’t see each other, she thinks of her often and values their friendship. She was so happy, it made me happy!”

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.