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| Sunday, 9/18 | • CLOW, 9:15 mass  
• 3 yr. old, Pre-K, K, Parish Hall 9:15  
• Confirmation Parent Mtg, Church 7 pm  
• Monday, 9/19  
• Grief Support, Min. Ctr Chapel 7 pm  
• Tuesday, 9/20  
• Perpetual Help Devotion, Church 7 pm |
| Wednesday, 9/21 | • Sewing Ministry, A/B 9 am  
• St. V DePaul, Chapel 7 pm |
| Thursday, 9/22 | • Centering Prayer, Min. Ctr 10 am  
• RE Opening Class, Church 7 pm  
• RCIA, Min. Ctr Chapel 7 pm  
• Youth Grp, Parish Hall 7:30 pm |
| Friday, 9/23  |  
| Saturday, 9/24 | • Men’s Fellowship, Chapel 7:30 am  
• Sunday, 9/25  
• CLOW, 9:15 mass  
• Confirmation Extended class 1 pm |

To Hear the Gospel and Make a Difference
Dear Fellow Parishioners:

On behalf of your RCIA ministry team, I am pleased to have this opportunity to give you this report on the “state of our ministry.” First, the big picture. Since 2004, about 230 men and women have completed our parish process and received or completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist). In addition, close to 20 others, some out of state, have received private instruction in our Catholic faith and way life and entered the Church in their local parishes.

Year after year, our new Catholics are overwhelmed by the love and support shown to them by you, the community of Christ the King. Especially, those of you attending 10:45 Mass have had a ringside seat, praying over them at the Rite of Welcome in Advent and sending them forth after the homily to reflect on the Scriptures of the day. You have no idea of the importance of your role in the RCIA process.

Becoming Catholic or returning after a long absence from the Church is not an intellectual exercise. Knowing what Catholics believe is important, but it is not the primary goal or qualification for reception of sacraments. In RCIA, our goal is to bring the whole person—body, mind, and spirit—into harmony. The deeper process is that of falling in love with Jesus Christ, their brother, friend, and saving Lord.

Every session consists of listening to the word of Scripture and hearing members of our team witness to their own faith and the difference it makes in their lives. We pray and sing together. We learn how CTK parishioners are living out their faith through parish ministries. And, yes, we offer instruction in the grand mystery of God’s unconditional, compassionate love. Our constant theme and message is that of St. Theresa of Avila: “Christ has no body now but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ looks out on the world. Yours are the feet with which He goes about doing good. Yours are the hands with which He blesses His people.”

We have just begun our Fall Inquiry Series with a group of 10 new seekers. We count on your prayerful support for them and for our team, your surrogates. We feel so privileged to represent you as we walk the journey of faith with them.

Sincerely,
Al Garrotto, RCIA Coordinator

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CTK Random Act of Mercy Of the Week:

I was at the exit ramp off the highway and had a red light. There was a homeless man standing with a sign for food. I offered him a protein bar that I had in the car and he came to the window and took it and thanked me. I told him that I understand times are difficult and that I have been unemployed for over a year. The man went back to his cart and pulled out a baggie with an ear of corn and brought it to my window and insisted I take it. I truly felt God’s grace and mercy in that moment.

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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 ctkym.org. There is an important parent and teen meeting tonight Sunday, Sept. 18 at 7 pm (following 6 pm mass). Sign up today.

CTK’s Young Adult Group, open to parishioners and friends in their 20’s and 30's will be participating in Oakland’s 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 carpool. 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.

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.

Save the date: Women’s Day of Recollection - Saturday, Oct. 22, following morning mass until noon. “Seeking Wisdom of the Heart”. Facilitated by Susan Caldera, MA, this retreat morning will be a time to spend with Sophia, Divine Wisdom. She who beacons us to listen to the promptings of our heart; She who encourages us to reclaim our inner knowing; She who desires us to celebrate our inner strength.

Religious Education News: Opening class is this Thursday night, Sept. 22 at 7 pm in church - all Mon, Tues, Wed grades 1-5, parents, children and catechists begin their RE year together. We look forward to welcoming our RE families and beginning in prayer, song and excitement. Parents, remember you join your children for this session.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word has resumed - All 1st-5th grade children are welcome to join in this wonderful program which takes place during the 9:15 am Mass on Sundays. No registration required - children and adult leaders leave church and celebrate their own Liturgy of the Word together. They return to the assembly for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Faithful Citizenship - Friday Sept. 30 can be the date you become an informed voter. 17 State ballot measures are on our Nov. 8 ballot! The pros and cons of these propositions will be presented by trained presenters of the League of Women voters of Diablo Valley. The League is known for being nonpartisan, fair and neutral. Arrive at the Parish Hall at 7 pm, depart 1 1/2 hours later a Faithful Citizen and informed voter!

Taize Prayer Around the Cross will be held Sunday, Sept. 18, at 7:30 pm at Walnut Creek Methodist Church at 1543 Sunnyvale Ave., Walnut Creek.

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.

Offertory Envelopes have arrived. 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.

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. 
Franz Von Kermann, Cathal Timoney, Philip Telucci, Marco Canela, Rachael Pringle, Paul Kerr, Ron Olewin, Mary Shepherd, Al Kutchins, Laura Najar Brown

Fr. Joyce is leading an excursion to St. Columba’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.

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

Today’s second collection is for Diocesan Priests Retirement. This fund was established in 2013. Bishop Barber says, “Though most priests retire at 75, many of them continue their pastoral and spiritual work for many years after their official retirement. A priest’s salary, including mine, is a little over $32,000 a year and our diocesan pension is based upon this amount. It is my sincere hope that you will remember our diocesan priests during this collection.” Thank you for your support.

Scan this QR graphic with your cell phone to connect with our donation site or go online to ctkph.org. Thank you for your support.

Church Support 9/11/16 $27,284.00 (plate collections $18,035.00 + online giving$9249.00) Peter’s Pence: $6165.00
Save the dates for our Adult Ed Fall Faith Series “The Head and the Heart.” A series meant to heal and grow our understanding of “hot topics” in the church. Look to next week’s bulletin letter for more details about each topic and speaker.

All sessions will be from 7:30-8:45 in the Church. Childcare will be available so contact Kate to reserve a spot (246-1128). Meeting will coincide with Youth Group so perfect for parents of teens!

**Thursday October 6th:** Marriages Die….and we care, with Father Padraig Greene. This evening will be followed up on Tuesday October 11th with an Annulments Workshop with Father Paulson.

**Thursday, October 13th:** The Ministry and Leadership of Women in the Church. Kelly Miguens and Luke Hansen, S.J.

**Thursday October 20th:** Sexual ethics of the church understanding contraception with Dr. Lisa Fullam.

**Thursday November 3rd:** Healing Mass and Closing discussion lead by the Youth Group.