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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Youth Ministry: 676-0979  www.ctkym.org
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Week at a Glance

Sunday, 11/6
- No RE classes
- Confirmation, Parish Hall 7 pm
Monday, 11/7
- RE Grds 1-5, School/Hall 3:30 - 5 pm
- RE Older Sac, Rm B 3:30 - 5 pm
- Cathedral Trip, 5 pm bus leaves
Tuesday, 11/8
- RE Grds 1-5, School/Hall 3:30 - 5 pm
- RE Grds 7-8, Parish Hall 7 - 8:15 pm
- Perpetual Help Devotion, Church 7 pm

Wednesday, 11/9
- RE Grds 1-5, School/Hall 3:30 - 5 pm
- RE Grds 6, Parish Hall 7 - 8:15 pm

Thursday, 11/10
- Centering Prayer, Min. Ctr 10 am
- RCIA, Min. Ctr Chapel, 7 pm
- No Youth Group

Friday, 11/11
- Veterans Holiday, Parish offices closed
- Youth Group Retreat

Saturday, 11/12
- Men’s Fellowship, Chapel 7:30 am

Sunday, 11/13
- No RE classes

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 11/5
5:00 pm - Joseph Grech+
Sunday, 11/6
7 am - Mai Nguyen+
8 am - CTK Parishioners
9:15 am - John Aitken+
10:45 am - Erich & Karl Burri+
12:15 pm - Mary Josephine Francis Xavier+
6:00 pm - David Macaluso+
11/7 8 am - Godofredo Tablante+
11/8 8 am - Harry P. Burdine+
11/9 8 am - Carondelet High School
11/10 8 am - Hedwig Iten+
11/11 8 am - Kathy Mullane+
11/12 8 am - Phillip Telucci+

To Hear the Gospel and Make a Difference
Dear Friends,

We are in the month of November, a time to remember our departed loved ones and even to make a visit to the cemetery to pray for our loved ones. I would like to share an article taken from Our Lady of the Mountains, Jasper that addresses this devotion and prayer in our Church.

One of the least visited collections of the Vatican Museum is the Paleo-Christian section, but that section is most intriguing, for one sees how our ancestors in the Faith carved into the funerary sarcophagi their understanding of Catholicism and of prayer for the dead. And then, there are the catacombs just outside of Rome, roughly 375 miles tunneled through the stone (put in one line and stretched out, it would be the distance from Atlanta to Memphis). Likely no one has seen all the twists and turns of the Roman catacombs, but just descending into the first and earliest sections gives one another glimpse into how our Catholic ancestors understood death – all throughout the Christian catacombs one sees prayers for the dead.

Today, praying for the dead is something too many of us have stopped doing. We have come to believe as the Protestants do, that “once saved, always saved” and that all who declare Christ their Lord will go straight to Heaven upon death. But this has never been what the Church teaches and it is not true. Nothing but perfection may enter Heaven, and none of us is perfect. We need the purging, the cleansing of our souls, before we can enter the Perpetual Light. Properly speaking, a Funeral Mass is not supposed to be a canonization, wherein we presume the deceased individual is in heaven. Rather a Funeral Mass is more traditionally a Requiem Mass, because we’re supposed to be praying for God’s mercy, and for our loved one’s rest and peace. How tragic that the poor souls in Purgatory are left with no one to pray for them because we presume they are already in Heaven.

The Church has prayed for our deceased loved ones from the beginning. It is actually a practice we inherited from the Jewish people. While the Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection of the dead, other Jewish sects, including the Pharisees, did. Their prayers offered for the dead included pleas for mercy for the soul of their deceased loved one and that the Lord allow their loved one to rest in peace awaiting the resurrection. Today, it is difficult to “prove” this from scripture if we are using a Protestant or Jewish Bible, for the principle reference of the practice is found in II Maccabees, a book which Protestants and Jews no longer consider canonical.

But Catholics do consider II Maccabees a canonical book in our Old Testament. In the story, Judas Maccabeus has sin offerings made on behalf of his fallen soldiers, whom he discovered were wearing pagan amulets beneath their tunics when they were killed. He clearly does this with hope in God’s mercy in the afterlife towards these comrades. We can find additional references to praying for the dead in Matthew 12:31-32, where our Lord teaches the possibility of sins being forgiven both “in this world” and “in the world to come.” And St. Paul clearly prays for the soul of Onesiphorus in 2 Timothy, 1:16-18; 4:19.

We have a special Mass on Sunday, November 13 at 12:15 pm where we will celebrate the life of all who passed on to their eternal reward in the past twelve months. I would like to invite you to that mass to join our brothers and sisters as they mourn the loss of their loved ones. May God bless you!

Fr. Paulson

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**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading:**

2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14

The two books of Maccabees describe a period of persecution suffered by the Jews about 150 years before Christ. At that time, they were a nation subject to Syria whose king tried to force them to abandon their religious customs. Today’s passage describes the resistance of one family, whose bravery became legendary.

**Second Reading:**

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

The two letters to the Thessalonians were addressed to a Christian community founded by Paul early in his missionary travels. Thessalonica was located in the northeastern portion of modern-day Greece. Early Christians believed Jesus would return soon; these letters address how they ought to live as they await that coming.
It’s not too late to join us on our visit to the Cathedral of Christ the Light to walk through the Doors of Mercy. Our bus is leaving at 5 pm, Monday, Nov. 7. Park in the small lot and the bus will be on Brandon Rd. The bus is $15 per person. You can also carpool/BART and meet us on the Cathedral plaza by 5:50. We will walk through the Doors together as a parish. Give the office a call and let us know your transportation plans. 682-2486.

Our annual food collection for both St. Vincent de Paul and Monument Crisis Center is beginning. To support St. Vincent, you can leave bags of groceries in front of church beginning this week, through Dec. 4th. On the flap you will find a list of items. Please leave only items on the list. If you prefer, you may also support Monument Crisis Center by taking a box that has a grocery list inside. Boxes will be available next weekend. Thank you for your generous support.

Multi-faith Thanksgiving Service: Christ the King parishioners are invited to a Multi-faith Thanksgiving Celebration on Sunday, November 20, at 4:00 pm at Temple Isaiah, 945 Risa Road, Lafayette. Those attending will find inspiration, share gratitude for abundance, and commit to confronting poverty. Please bring non-perishable food items as an offering. Contact mfac@gmail.com for more information.

Do you have a hard time hearing at mass? Do you know we have NEW Assisted Listening Devices? Our feedback on these devices is that they work very well. Look for Sr. Dominic before mass begins, or a sacristan can also help you. They will adjust the device for you and it is very easy to do. After mass, simply return it to the sacristan. Please take advantage of these great new devices!

A special Bereavement Mass will be held on Sunday November 13 at 12:15 pm. We will pray specially for all who have died during this past year. Make plans to join us for this special bereavement mass. (Questions? Sr. Dominic Marie at 925-246-1122.)

Christ the King Altar Society Bake Sale - We will be holding a bake sale after each mass on Nov. 19/20. We need your help! We need donations of baked goods. They can be store bought or home baked goods. Please bring your baked items to the parish hall on Nov. 19 from 12:30 - 6:30 pm. We also need any kind of gift cards. Proceeds from the bake sale go to CTK church needs. For questions or donations, call Violet at 925-934-7832/ violet.deborja@yahoo.com or Aurea at 925-228-8694/ juniorderbs@yahoo.com.

St. Dominic’s Catholic Church at 475 East I St, Benicia is presenting “Therese - The Story of a Soul” performed by Audrey Ahern. Thursday, Nov. 10 at 7 pm. Call 707-747-7220 for tickets and information.

The holiday season is quickly approaching and so is the season to buy your Christmas Wreath. Scouts will be outside of church after all masses beginning 11/19-11/20, selling fresh Oregon Christmas wreaths. Be sure to support the local Scouts while adorning your home for the holidays.

Save the Dates: Parish Advent Reconciliation Services - Saturday, December 17 at 3:30 pm and Monday, December 19 at 7:30 pm. Make plans to join us for one of these reconciliation services.

Christ the King’s annual auction, The Black and White Gala will be held Saturday, February 11. Tickets can be purchased through the school website, www.ctkschool.org. To insure the night is a big success, please consider donating an item, sports tickets or a restaurant gift card. Cash donations are always appreciated as well. Donor forms can be found in the back of the church. Thank you for your support!

Catholics@Work breakfast, Nov. 8 at Crow Canyon Country Club in San Ramon. Natasha Howes, executive producer of the “Fatima” movie will be the guest speaker. “Fatima, a 100 Year Old Solution to World Trouble”, a new catholic movie, to share the miraculous apparition’s relevance today. Program begins at 7 am, ends at 8:15 and is preceded by optional mass at 6:30 am. Pre-registration is appreciated: catholicsatwork.com.

This weekend there is a second collection for Catholic Education. The weekend of Nov. 19/20 we will have a second collection we call “Hungry and Homeless”. This collection will benefit 3 special organizations. More information on these groups will be coming next week. Thank you for your generous 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.

Carmen Taelar, Dominador Mendoza, Jr.

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 10/30/16 $24,319.50 (plate collections $19,988.50 + online giving $4,331) StVdP: $18,587.00
CTK Random Act of Mercy of the Week:
A speaker at our masses recently received a devastating phone call between the first and second masses on Sunday, involving a dear friend. She stayed at Church to continue the talks, and confided that she felt being in our Church, feeling the warmth, genuineness and spirituality gave her the comfort and strength to continue with her presentations. She said it was the best place she could have been. I think THAT is a real act of unconscious kindness given by our congregation.

Food Drive

Annual Food Collection
List of items to bring for St. Vincent de Paul:
(normal sizes only—no giant sizes)

- All kinds of canned vegetables
- All kinds of canned beans
- Pasta, rice, dried beans
- Canned fruit, tuna, soups, tomato sauce, peanut butter and cereal

Drop off bags in front of church beginning this week.

Monument Crisis Boxes
In addition, we ask you to especially support the Monument Crisis Center next weekend, November 12th and 13th. Volunteers will be handing out boxes outside mass with instructions on how to fill it with food and return it to Monument Crisis Center. Help out if you can. Drop off locations and times will be listed on the instruction list that comes with each box.

Thank you for your generosity with both food drives!