THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 11/13
- No RE classes
- Bereavement Mass, 12:15

Monday, 11/14
- RE Grds 1-5, School/Hall 3:30 - 5 pm
- RE Older Sac, Rm B 3:30 - 5 pm

Tuesday, 11/15
- 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
- Knights of Columbus, Min. Ctr 7:30 pm

Wednesday, 11/16
- Sewing Ministry, Parish Hall 9 am
- RE Grds 1-5, School/Hall 3:30 - 5 pm
- RE Grds 6, Parish Hall 7 - 8:15 pm
- St V DePaul, Chapel 7:30 pm

Thursday, 11/17
- Centering Prayer, Min. Ctr 10 am
- RCIA, Min. Ctr Chapel, 7 pm
- RE Baptism Mtg, Church 6:30 pm
- Youth Group, Parish Hall 7:30 pm

Friday, 11/18
- Veterans Holiday, Parish offices closed
- Youth Group Retreat

Saturday, 11/19
- Men’s Fellowship, Chapel 7:30 am
- Secular Franciscans, Min. Ctr 8 am
- Altar Society Bake Sale, Rms A/B

Sunday, 11/20
- No RE classes
- Confirmation, Parish Hall 7 pm
- Altar Society Bake Sale, Rms A/B

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 Parishioners,

During June of this year, in case you haven’t heard, after a brief stay in Alameda and four months in the Kensington in Walnut Creek, I moved back into the parish house. Thank you for the warm and generous welcome from Fr. Paulson, his staff, and of course, all of you. I am so glad to be back among you.

On October 7, 8, 9, I visited Nogales, New Mexico with several folks from California to protest raids, deportation and detention along the border. We planned to meet and resist arrest. However, we were not arrested. The border patrol was so good to us!

My latest book just arrived this week with its strange title, “What if your Pastor is a Dud?” This in no way whatsoever refers to Fr. Paulson, with whom I’m delighted as my successor and impressed as he serves as pastor among you. I must say the reaction of many people is depressingly positive. They seem all too familiar with that of which I write, which is not a good sign for the church.

In my current stage of Parkinson’s disease, I am not able to speak or write, which seems to be one way to silence me. But clearly it is not going to work because instead I have turned to writing and publishing.

I plan to have both my books available next weekend. The first book is titled, The Catholic Parish Today, “Substantial, Controversial and Uncensored”. It is really a collection of past bulletin items, homilies and 4 minute adult education reflections. The new book, What if your Pastor is a Dud? is very deliberately a short and easy read including chapters, “The Parish as a Place of Welcome”, “The Identity of Priest as Pastor”, plus “How Many Duds are There?” and “Am I a Dud?”. It also includes my three heroes with whom you may be familiar. I plan to be available after four masses (5 pm, 9:15 am, 10:45 am and 12:15 pm) next weekend. This will be a bit of a challenge, since I can no longer write. If you give me the name to whom you want a book dedicated, I will attempt to do that much with a clear stamp of my own name.

God Bless,

Fr. Brian Joyce

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading:
Malachi 3:19-20

The book of Malachi was written after the Jews returned from exile in Babylon. Faced with problems on all sides, many in the community doubted whether God would ever again act on their behalf. In today’s passage, Malachi responds to these skeptics.

Second Reading:
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Second Thessalonians addresses concerns early Christians had about the coming of Christ in glory. Some were excessively interested in the day and hour of Christ’s coming. Others thought that his imminent coming was an invitation to idleness.

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Our annual food collection for both St. Vincent de Paul and Monument Crisis Center has begun. To support St. Vincent, you can leave bags of groceries in the vestibule of church 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 are available this weekend. Thank you for your generous support.

If you were unable to join the parish group going to the Cathedral last week, you are welcome to join our Italian Catholic Federations pilgrimage to the Oakland Cathedral on Saturday, November 19. We will meet at 2:30 pm in the small parking lot to car pool for our 3:30 tour of the cathedral. After our tour and walk through the “Porta Sancta” (Holy Door), the sacrament of reconciliation will be available. We will attend the 5:30 mass and then go to dinner nearby. All participants will receive a Year of Mercy Pilgrimage packet. Please RSVP to Diana at 925-338-9712 or email dijoed@comcast.net.

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.

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!

Next weekend we have a second collection that will sponsor three organizations that are very close to Christ the King’s heart: The What If? Foundation, The Monument Crisis Center, and The Martinez Family Shelter.

The What If? Foundation has partnered with the Ti Plas Kazo community in Port-au-Prince, Haiti to bring much needed food and educational opportunities to impoverished children. Thanks to the support of our donors, What If? Provides 6,000 meals/week, 154 school scholarships, a summer camp and an after school program.

The Monument Crisis Center serves low income families and individuals in CC County by providing food, education, general assistance and referrals. Many of our parishioners volunteer in their food bank, help as tutors and at monthly programs for seniors.

The Martinez Family Shelter is run by Shelter, Inc. CTK parishioners often visit the shelter to cook meals for the families. Our Faith in Action group shops monthly to help supply the shelter with necessities like diapers, toilet paper and cleaning products. Your generous donations next weekend will be split between these three organizations and we thank you very much for your support.

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!

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.

Taize Prayer Around The Cross will be held next Sunday, November 20 at Hillcrest Congregational Church at 404 Gregory Ln. Join us at 7:30 pm to worship through song, scripture and silence.

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.

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 11/6/16 $29,934 (plate collections $20,146.00 + online giving $9,788)
CTK Random Act of Mercy of the Week:

A neighbor across the street from a widower with no family, whose front lawn had fallen into disrepair saw that the weeds had gotten 2-3 feet high in front of the house. So this mother and her three children went over and pulled the weeds and mowed the lawn. Then they knocked on the door to surprise her with how beautiful her front lawn now looked!

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 through December 4th.

Monument Crisis Boxes
In addition, we ask you to especially support the Monument Crisis Center this 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!