**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, 1/1/2017**
- Happy New Year!
- Parish Offices Closed
- No RE

**Monday, 1/2**
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**Tuesday, 1/3**
- 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, 1/4**
- 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

**Thursday, 1/5**
- RE Baptism meeting, Church 7 pm
- Centering Prayer, Hall 9 am
- RCIA, Chapel 7 pm

**Friday, 1/6**
- First Friday Exposition and Mass

**Saturday, 1/7**
- RE Baptisms, Church 10 am
- Men’s Fellowship, Chapel 7:30 am
- Secular Franciscans, Min. Ctr 8 am

**Sunday, 1/8**
- CLOW, 9:15 mass
- 3 yr. old, Pre-K, K, Parish Hall 9:15

**Mass Intentions**

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**CONFESSIONS:**
Saturday: 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Parish Office: 682-2486
www.ctkph.org

Religious Ed: 686-1017
www.ctkreligiouseducation.org

Youth Ministry: 676-0979
www.ctkym.org

Facebook: Christ the King Catholic Community of Pleasant Hill
Dear Friends,

Happy New Year and Happy Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. Let us welcome this New Year with renewed hope in God’s love and mercy and let us walk with Mary, the Mother of Hope and Love.

It is time for me to say “Adios” as I embark on the second phase of my sabbatical on January 2, 2017. I want you to know that I am grateful and I will be praying for all of you. I am certain that our priests will take good care of you. I am grateful to Kate Doherty for her graceful and pastoral leadership in my absence.

Our Leadership councils are working hard on a number of capital projects at this time and they will keep you posted as they move along with permits and new architectural drawings. In the Year 2017, we are going to spend a lot of our time and energy on buildings and renovations (Ministry Center, Rectory renovation, Parish Hall Kitchen, Gym bathrooms, New Sewage and much more). Winston Churchill once said, “We shape our buildings, and then they shape us.” The buildings we create are a reflection of who we are and what we value. But at the same time, who we are and what we value is a result of the buildings in which we live, work and learn. I know very well that our Facilities Committee and our architect have the best intentions for our parish in terms of our core purpose and ministry. The Pastoral Council and Finance Committees are collaborating on these projects. I look forward to your continued engagement with the plans we forge together. I have asked the Facilities Team to go forward in my absence. We have secured the permission of Bishop Barber on the Ministry Center. Thank you for your support. Please send a little prayer on my way! Love you all.

Next weekend, we are provided with an opportunity to reach out and touch someone in his/her pain and misery—someone that we may never know, but will have a better life because of your generosity. I would also like to thank you for your overwhelming response to assist our refugee family. CTK Social Justice Ministry has selected 4 charitable organizations for receiving financial aid from Christ the King. Our next weekend’s second collection is divided between these 4 groups:

- **PICO Rwanda** whose grassroots community organizing in Rwanda has helped several communities with projects such as building and opening health clinics, creating sustainable jobs for women, building and funding schools and helping to bring electricity and water to 30,000 people. The investment you make through this second collection will help PICO Rwanda support 100 leaders organize in six communities to complete these projects and undertake others.

- **The Salesians of Don Bosco**: Located in Father Paulson’s home province of Kerala India, the Don Boscos are one of the only major groups trying to reach out to street children across all the major cities and towns of the two states of Kerala and Karnataka. They carry out services that include 24/7 rescuing of children from the streets and other strategic locations of the cities, meeting their basic needs such as food, shelter and clothing followed with medical assistance if required. Through their street presence across the cities of the two States they are able to rescue nearly 50 children a day, 1500 children in a month and nearly 20,000 children in a year.

- **The Oakland Catholic Worker** is now celebrating it’s 30th year since it was re-founded as a transitional shelter for Latin American refugees. After having received initial local inspiration from Anne Symens Bucher, the OCW became a de facto re-location center for Central American’s fleeing the brutal civil wars of the 1980’s and early 90’s. Presently, the OCW offers 2 to 4 months of transitional shelter for Central American and Mexican families fleeing new forms of violence and the unrelenting grasp of poverty in their homelands. OCW has also partnered with East Bay Catholic Charities refugee/immigrant project "People Organized to Welcome Refugees” (POWR). Additionally, we offer our guests and other interested parties basic and practical ESL classes during the year intermixed with conversational classes. Two food programs are offered during the week. Hot food is served on Mondays and Wednesdays between 11:00 and 2:00 p.m. to anyone who comes to our door.

- **Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley** an organization that brings people together to build homes, community, and hope. Your support helps every person find a decent place to live.

**Letter continued on flap...**
Save the Date! 2017 Men’s Retreat, March 24-26. For more information, to register, or if you want to help on a committee, call Pete O’Brien at 925-899-6662.

Resolve to join our Young Adult Group in 2017! Group open to 20 and 30 year olds. One member said, “I love this group because it’s a strong supportive and connected group. Every time we get together people bring new ideas and insights to the gospel and our activities”. Monthly meet up, Wednesday, January 4th at 7 pm in the Youth House. Join us for our monthly prayer service and happy hour. We will begin with a half hour prayer service followed by happy hour. We provide beer and soda, you bring a snack to share. In addition to our monthly meeting, we try to do one service project or fun outing as well. This month we will be building with Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, Jan. 7th from 8:30-3:30. For more information, contact Rick Lejano at ctkyouthminister@gmail.com.

Save the Date! Christ the King Catholic School’s annual Open House will take place Sunday, January 29 at 10:30 am. All families interested in learning more about our parish school are welcome. Families with kindergarten applicants are also encouraged to join us on February 2nd at 8 am for a special tour of the early childhood program. For more information, visit the school website at www.ctkschool.org.

Martin Luther King Celebration - Transforming our Society: King’s “Tough Mind and Tender Heart”, Monday, Jan. 16 at 12:00 pm. New location! Walnut Creek, Presbyterian Church, 1801 Lacassie Ave., WC. Refreshments & conversation following. Sponsored by Social Justice Alliance of the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County & the Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center.

Knights of Columbus, 2017 Basketball Free Throw Competition, January 15, 2017 in the CTK Gym. All girls and boys ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level competition. Competition held on Sunday, Jan. 15 from 7:30 am to 11:30 am. Bring your ball to warm up, there is no fee required. All contestants are recognized for their participation with a pancake breakfast. Council champion from each division advances to the district competition to be held in Feb. 2017. For questions, contact Roberto Bracamontes at 925-899-7782.

Don’t miss the women’s retreat weekend at Villa Del Mar in Santa Cruz! Friday, Feb. 17 - Sunday, Feb. 19th. Retreat leader will be Sr. Molly Neville. Reconnect and rejuvenate your soul. $260 shared, $345 single. Contact Kate at 246-1128 or katedoherty.ctk@gmail.com

The 2017 CYO Crab Feed is scheduled for Saturday, January 28. Info on purchasing tickets can be found on the CYO website: ctkeyohoops.org. There is a link directing you to the Eventbrite site. Any questions, please email our CYO Director, Allen Brezac at allen.brezac@comcast.net. Tickets will go fast, get yours early!

Walk for Life 2017 will be held on Saturday, January 21 at Civic Center Plaza in San Francisco. Information faire begins at 11:00 am and the rally begins at 12:30 pm, from the Civic Center walking down Market St. and ends at Justin Herman Plaza. BART stations at both locations and ample parking. 415-648-1793 for more information.

Join us for First Friday Exposition and Mass, January 6, 2017. Exposition begins at noon with Mass at 6:00 pm.
Fr. Paulson’s letter continued….

May God continue to shower his abundant blessings upon us during this New Year. Our Pastoral Council wants us to continue doing Random Acts of Kindness in 2017 and if possible report them in our parish bulletin for all to be inspired. In today's hustle and bustle, it is easy to move through the day disconnected from our capacity as humans to be kind and caring.

“My religion is very simple. My religion is Kindness.”
- Dalai Lama

Happy New Year! See you in April.

Paulson

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**Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

**First Reading - Numbers 6:22-27**
The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!

**Psalm - 67**
May God bless us in his mercy.

**Second Reading - Galatians 4:4-7**
God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God.

**Gospel - Luke 2:16-21**
The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen.