Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amen I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law.

Matthew 5:18

Christ the King Church

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 2/12
- CLOW, 9:15 am Mass
- 3 yr. old, Pre-K, K, Parish Hall 9:15 am

Monday, 2/13
- RE Grds 1-5, School/Hall 3:30-5 pm
- RE Older Sac, Rm. B 3:30-5 pm

Tuesday, 2/14
- 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, 2/15
- No CLOW, No RE Classes
- Confirmation, Parish Hall 7 pm

Wednesday, 2/15 cont.
- No Sewing Ministry
- StVdePaul, Chapel 7 pm

Thursday, 2/16
- Centering Prayer, Min. Ctr 10 am
- Youth Group, Parish Hall, 7:30 pm
- RCIA, Chapel 7 pm

Friday, 2/17

Saturday, 2/18
- Men’s Fellowship, Chapel 7:30 am
- Secular Franciscans, Min. Ctr 9 am

Sunday, 2/19
- No CLOW, No RE Classes
- Confirmation, Parish Hall 7 pm

Mass Intentions

2/13 8 am - Adeline Reck+
2/14 8 am - Bob Keating+
2/15 8 am - Muriel Moore+
2/16 8 am - Carondelet HS Community
2/17 8 am - Pedro Cabacoy+

Saturday, 2/18
8 am - Pedro Cabacoy+
5 pm - Maureen Ketelaar+

Sunday, 2/19
7 am - Gavino Angeles+
8 am - CTK Parishioners
9:15 am - Jose Zabala+
10:45 am – Aldo Pighin+
12:15 pm - Ronald Johnson+
6:00 pm - Regina Kozera+

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
Parish Office: 682-2486
www.ctkph.org

Religious Ed: 686-1017
www.ctkreligious
education.org

Youth Ministry: 676-0979
www.ctkym.org

Facebook: Christ the King
Catholic Community of
Pleasant Hill

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

Happy St. Valentine’s Day! As my letter comes to you a couple days before the actual celebration of St. Valentine’s Day, you still have time to studiously select that just right card, order those overpriced roses or stand in line at See’s to buy the perfect box of chocolates for the love of your life!

Lest engaged couples and others in love become too covetous of St. Valentine, according to Catholic Online, he is also “the Patron Saint of beekeepers, epilepsy, fainting, greetings, plague, travelers and young people.” That’s a diverse portfolio, so he must be a very busy Saint!

There is little about the life of St. Valentine that can be irrefutably verified, which is why the Vatican removed his name from the General Roman Calendar in 1969. It is certain that he was a martyr, but the details are sketchy while the legends are plentiful. Therefore, the church continues to remember and recognize him as a martyr for the faith. Jesus said that there is no greater sign of love than one’s willingness to lay down his life for a friend, and as a martyr St. Valentine laid down his life for our greatest friend of all, the Lord Jesus.

The various legends of St. Valentine claim that he was imprisoned at various times and places, by various rulers. The reason he is considered the patron saint of engaged couples and others in love probably stems from one legend of his death. It was said that he was imprisoned and eventually killed by a Roman emperor for marrying Christian couples and helping Christians who were being persecuted. A related variation of that legend was that he married Christian couples so the husbands wouldn’t have to go to war. The absolute truth about St. Valentine won’t be known to us in this life, but it seems clear that he wanted to keep couples together at all costs.

The problem with St. Valentine’s Day is that it is limited to just one day each year. Love is a decision we are called to make every day. St. Paul waxes poetic in Corinthians telling us, “Love is patient, love is kind.” What he omits or ignores is that love is a daily decision. Most husbands and wives will readily admit that there are days when they don’t feel very loving or lovable. It is in those moments that we experience that love is a decision that we freely choose to make. Being authentically in love means that we make that decision to love in the good and bad times with equal commitment. As Christ’s ambassadors in a very difficult world, we are called to make the decision to be loving every day.

While having a special day dedicated to love is nice, shouldn’t we focus our attention on celebrating those that we love on a more regular basis? The cards fade, the flowers die and, let’s face it, most of us really don’t need the chocolates. But small acts of kindness and consideration, done on a regular basis for the special people in our lives, are the moments one cherishes for a lifetime. The little things, done with love, are the things that count the most over time. If each of us committed to doing one small loving act for our spouses or other loved ones every day, St. Valentine’s Day would just be the icing on the cake!

So my St. Valentine’s wish to each of us is that we find ways to celebrate our love in ways big or small, every day, knowing that St. Valentine never takes a day off!

Peace & Blessings and Happy St. Valentine’s Day to all!

Deacon John
Have you lost someone you love? Could you use some support? We will be offering a 7 week grief support workshop this spring 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. For the first time, we will be offering the workshop in the mornings to accommodate those who prefer not to drive at night. The sessions will meet Friday mornings from 9:00 - 11:00 am, beginning Feb. 24. Coffee and pastries will be served starting at 8:30, and the session will begin at 9:00 am. Contact Kate at 925-246-1128 to register or email at katedoherty.ctk@gmail.com.

A big thank you from our St. Vincent DePaul chapter here at CTK. In addition to our 5 day a week food pantry, we have a furniture ministry. Currently in high demand are mattresses and/or box springs, small couches, dressers and lamps. We will pick them up! We are also always in need of volunteers with pickup trucks. Call Mary Jo Robinson at 822-3559 or maryjorobinson1941@gmail.com. Your continuing help is greatly appreciated.

Space is now limited for the Feb. 17-19 Women’s Retreat in Santa Cruz! Spots will be reserved on a first come, first served basis. Registration and information tables outside Mass this weekend. Don’t miss your chance!

Join the fun of Mardi Gras with St. Columba Church. Saturday, Feb. 25, no host cocktails at 6 pm; dinner at 7 pm, featuring New Orleans style cuisine; live auction at 7:45 and dancing from 8 pm until 11 pm. 6401 San Pablo Ave., Oakland. For more information, call Maria at 510-550-4060.

First Friday Exposition: On the first Friday of each month, we have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church beginning at 12 pm and ending before the 6 pm Mass. We are looking for people who are willing to make a commitment to be present during that time. There is a sign-up list in the vestibule of the church on the bulletin board. Can you commit to a time of prayer? We need to ensure that there are always people present while the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. Questions? Sr. Dominic Marie at 246-1122.

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.

Girl Scout Cookie Sales - Our CTK troops will be selling everyone’s favorite cookies at all masses this weekend. Thank you for your continued support!

Carondelet High School’s annual Mother-Daughter retreat is being held on Sunday, Feb. 26 from 9:15 am -1:30pm. The retreat is open to all mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and their daughters who are currently in 9th grade or above. To register, visit carondeleths.org.

Holiness and Time, Tuesday, Feb. 28th - 10 am - 3 pm. Time is blessed and yet, for so many of us, time seems to be a curse, always in short supply. In the face of insatiable demands, we often feel defeated and depleted. In kairos or holy time we claim time as a gift. Join this course, at The School of Applied Theology to explore this topic. 510-652-1651 or sagtu.org to register.

February Young Adult Events! Join us for two lovely events this month. This Sunday Feb. 12: Valentines Day-of-service at Atria senior living community. Join us delivering valentines, singing songs and brightening the day for residents.

Tuesday, Feb. 14: Valentines pizza and movie party at the youth house. Love Valentines Day or hate it, single or a couple, you are welcome to join us for some cheesy romance and pizza. Bring $5 to chip in for pizza. We will provide the pizza and sweet valentine’s treats. RSVP to Rick at ctkyouthminister@gmail.com.

Catholics@Work Breakfast, Tuesday, Feb. 14 features author Harold Fickett who will provide insight into the duality of our Christian life. Join us at Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville with a buffet breakfast at 7 am. Optional 6:30 am mass. Info. at www.catholicsatwork.com.

Taize Prayer Around the Cross will be held next Sunday, February 19 at Church of the Resurrection, 399 Gregory Lane. Join us at 7:30 pm for a quiet, prayerful, gentle and refreshing service.

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.

Jim Olwell, Dave Simmons, Romerico Gilbuena, Nancy Pulpaneck

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CTK School’s “Fund-A-Need”
This year’s proceeds will fund a re-imagination of our Media Lab and Library. Currently this combination room is the most underused area in our space starved school. We are remaking the Center into a multipurpose area for visiting the library or working on computers, but also for science, art, math, religion and more. Groups looking for space for afterschool enrichment, RE programs, or parent meetings can benefit from the flexible design. We ask that you support this project however you can. Donations of time, talent and treasure, no matter how small, are greatly appreciated.