Easter SUNDAY
HE HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD, AND HE IS GOING BEFORE YOU TO GALILEE.
Matthew 28:7

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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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Upcoming Mass Intentions

To Hear the Gospel and Make a Difference
Welcome!

We wish you a Happy Easter and welcome you to Christ the King Community. We are pleased that you have chosen to spend part of your Easter weekend worshipping the Risen Christ with us. We especially greet and welcome out-of-area visitors and those who are not members of our Catholic faith family. A special welcome to Catholics who are “coming home” today, after being away for many months (or years).

What an amazing weekend this has been here at CTK! On Thursday evening, our community shared the Eucharist together, reliving the Last Supper and making present again our foot-washing brother, friend and Savior, Jesus Christ. On Friday, we followed him on the tortuous way of the cross, listening to and reflecting on St. John’s Passion of the Lord. Always a highlight of the day is receiving the mammoth cross that our Youth Group and their leaders have carried through the streets of Pleasant Hill. Our teens and young adult Catholics are a wonderful sign of hope for the future of the Church and the generation to come. On Saturday evening, we began our rejoicing at the open tomb of our Risen Lord, by receiving 11 New Catholic converts into the Body of Christ (worldwide and locally). In addition, 6 adult Catholics completed their commitment to Christ and the Church by stepping forward to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Over the past year, each one has willingly dedicated many hours to growing in faith and wisdom through study, prayer, and compassionate care for those in need. The value of this time is best expressed in some of their own words: “I desire to be Catholic to receive all the true blessings God has for me. I want to learn more, do more, and be the best person I can be. I can’t think of a better way to do it.” And, “I am a husband and father who wants to give love, support, and guidance to my family every day. In RCIA, I have gotten closer to God, made friends, and developed relationships. I am committed to making a difference in my community, in any way I can.”

Throughout the just-completed Lenten Season, and the Sacred Triduum (three-day) liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil, the Church inspired us with stories of God’s unending love. We followed Jesus to a well in alien Samaria, where he broke the rules, first by talking to a non-Jewish, “fallen” woman, so despised by her neighbors that she could only draw water alone, at the hottest part of the day. He offered her the “living water” of God’s love . . . and she drank it. We also saw Jesus having compassion on a man blind from birth, considered a sure sign that he or his parents had done something terrible to be so cursed. Jesus gave him sight—and faith. We traveled to Bethany, near Jerusalem, where Jesus wept at the tomb of his best friend Lazarus—and called him back to life! So many stories, but the Bible tells only one story: God loves every one of us unconditionally. Whether we are saints or sinners (likely, both at the same time), God’s love and forgiveness is constant and eternal. Today, Jesus calls us to renewed life. And that, dear friends, is the true meaning of Easter!

Christ The King Parish

REJOICE AND BE GLAD

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24). Let us remember that these words of today’s responsive psalm are not only sung from the hearts of those gathered in our parish. They are also sung by the poor in tiny barriers throughout Central and South America. They are sung by those denied religious freedom in our world; these Christians lift their voices in clandestine places of worship. These words are sung by people who have lost loved ones to acts of terrorism and war around the globe. Even in the midst of conflict and division, Christians still come together to declare that poverty, loneliness, violence, and division will never, ever have as much power as the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Indeed, let us rejoice this day and be glad!

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“Be Our Guest” CTK Music Ministry Concert and Dessert! Join us April 29 at 6:30 pm for a special musical event. Come listen to our many school and church music and drama groups perform in this family-friendly event. Tickets $10 each or $25 family. Tickets sold after masses April 22-23!

Rossmoor/Tice Valley Friends of CTK - Our group will host a dinner gathering in Rossmoor, with our Pastor, Fr. Paulson. Join us on Thursday, April 27 at 5 pm. Bring a dish or a beverage to share. RSVP at 925-322-8353.

CTK’s ChristLight tradition continues with its annual Pot Luck Reunion following the 5:00 mass Saturday, April 22, in the parish hall. As we approach the celebration of ChristLight 14, all alumni of the “ChristLight Experience” are cordially invited to an evening of fun, reminiscing and sharing. You will be introduced to this years Rectors - David Hartman and Cathy Zamolo, who will give a brief preview of what’s in store for ChristLight 14. Come join the fun! Questions, call David Hartman at 925-326-4035.

The Diocese of Oakland will host a Rachel’s Vineyard weekend healing retreat the weekend of April 28-30. Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats and Post-Abortion Healing groups offer hope, help, and healing for the soul in a loving, supportive environment. Confidential sign-ups for women, men and couples are happening now. To register, contact Gloria at 510-384-6875.

I witnessed a woman placing two sweatshirts along with 2 cartons of take-out food on a newspaper rack at a corner in Concord where many homeless people congregate. She then got into her car and drove off, trusting that the people who needed the food and clothing would be the ones to take it.

RE Registration (Faith Formation): This year registration will take place August 28-31 for 3 yr. old through grade 8. More information at www.ctkreligouseducation.org.

Are you in your 20s or 30s? Do you love meeting new people? Do you have a desire to sing that can’t be satiated by singing in the shower? We have the answer for you! Join the CTK young adults for a night of Karaoke fun! It will be on Friday, April 28th at 7:00 pm at Jaguar Karaoke in Pleasant Hill. Spots are limited! Email Rick Lejano at ctkyouthminister@gmail.com to RSVP!

Christ the King School has openings in grade 1 for the 2017-2018 school year. If you are interested in applying for a space, please contact the school office at 925-685-1109.

Carondelet’s annual Swing for Science golf tournament is back! This event features a 19th hole premium hosted cocktail reception, an exciting wine-and-sport filled silent auction and a delicious banquet awards dinner. Join us on Monday, April 24 at Blackhawk Country Club, Danville. All of the proceeds for the event will benefit STEM education at Carondelet. For tickets, visit: www.carondeleths.org/golf.

Our refugee family, the Intezars, have made wonderful progress these last few months. The 6 children are attending school and mom, Karima is learning English. Daud has a part-time job and the family has received a van. Than you to so many who have helped. We now need affordable housing for them. We need a 2 bedroom apartment or house in the Concord, Pittsburg or another local area for less than $1900/mo. If you can help, please send the information to Vito at vdonvito@sbcglobal.net or Patty at beckfam5@sbcglobal.net.

Save the Date! This year’s Quo Vadis Camp will be July 9-12, 2017 at the Oak. Diocesan Youth Retreat House in Lafayette. More info. soon!

San Damiano Retreat Ctr in Danville invites you to their Spring retreats: April 28-30 - “We are Called to Be an Alternative to Ruin.” Franciscan retreat master Fr. Tom Hartle of Boston will share how we can be a transformative presence in a broken and fractured world. May 13 - “Spirituality and Conscious Aging: Finding Meaning and Purpose in our Retirement Years.” Jim Briggs is the recently retired Exec. Director of the School of Applied Theology. He will share his insights on the benefits, challenges, and opportunities of entering this “next chapter” of life. Call 925-837-9141 for more information.

Boy Scout Troop 221 (Chartered by CTK) is recruiting new members! Boy scouts is an outdoor program designed to develop character, citizenship, leadership and fitness for young men ages 11 through 17. Our troop meets every Monday evening and has campouts at least once a month. Please contact Scoutmaster Steve Lubeck at lubecks@yahoo.com for details.

Join St. Bonaventure Church for a Mexican fiesta! Saturday, May 20 11:30 am to 3:30 pm. $20 tickets include taco bar. Call Sandra Blanco at 925-864-5280 for more information and for tickets. Raffle prizes! 5562 Clayton Rd., Concord, CA. RSVP by May 8, 2017.

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 Otwell, Melanie Manibusan, Barbara Iozzi, John McGhee

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How is the Easter Date Determined?
Easter is nearly three weeks later this year than last. Why does the date wobble around the calendar so? The way of calculating the date was set by the Emperor Constantine in 325. The decision ended a very bitter controversy in the church. Some people wanted to synchronize the Pasch with Passover on the fourteenth day of the Jewish month Nissan, and their opponents wanted it after the Passover was complete, on the Sunday after the first full moon of springtime. The ecclesiastical rules do not exactly connect with the astronomical rules. The traditional rule is that Easter is the first Sunday after the first ecclesiastical full moon that occurs on or after the vernal equinox, the fourteenth day of the new moon, and later than March 21. Thus, Easter wobbles between March 22 and April 25.

The actual tables and methods for computing the date are extraordinarily detailed, with subtle variations and mind-bending exceptions and charts with “golden numbers,” “dominical letters,” and “epacts” measuring leap years. In 1954 and 1962 the ecclesiastical calculations actually overrode the astronomical new moons and bumped Easter back a month! Today, there is a movement in the World Council of Churches (Protestants and Orthodox) for all Christians to combine their celebrations, based on the star charts for the Jerusalem skies. In principle, the Catholic Church is open to an ecumenical agreement on a fixed date for Easter, but we desire a unanimous decision from the World Council.

—Rev. James Field