Sunday, 4/23
- No RE Classes
- Confirmation, Parish Hall, 7 pm

Monday, 4/24
- RE Grds 1-5, School/Hall 3:30 - 5 pm
- RE Older Sac, Rm B 3:30 - 5 pm

Tuesday, 4/25
- 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 pm

Wednesday, 4/26
- RE Grds 1-5, School/Hall 3:30 - 5 pm
- RE Grds 6, Parish Hall 7 - 8:15 pm

Thursday, 4/27
- Centering Prayer, Min. Ctr 10 am
- RCIA, Chapel 7 pm
- Youth Group, Parish Hall 7 pm
- First Communion Practices
  Friday, 4/28
- Saturday, 4/29
- Men’s Fellowship, Chapel 7:30 am
- 1st Communion Services, 10 am/noon
  Sunday, 4/30
- NO CLOW
- 3 yr. old, Pre-K, K, Parish Hall 9:15am

Friday, 4/28
- 1st Communion Practices

Saturday, 4/29
- 8 am - Maureen Ketelaar+
- 5 pm - Flora Collins

Sunday, 4/30
- 7 am - Lin Billostas
- 8 am - CTK Parishioners
- 9:15 am - Catherine Costanza+
- 10:45 am – Roberto Centeno
- 12:15 pm - Anna Fe Alcantara +
- 6:00 pm - Lawrence Bill Raymundo

WEEK AT A GLANCE
Today we celebrate God’s Mercy extended to a doubting Thomas, who was desperate to find meaning and strength after Jesus was crucified. Today, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. I would like to share with you a story or a miracle that I read recently.

A banker on a business trip in New York City, Fred Berretta had just checked into his hotel room. He had about 20 minutes down time before he had to meet his colleagues. For some reason he decided to clean out his briefcase, something he hadn't done in a long time. As he emptied it out, he came across a booklet he had stuffed into a pocket years ago on praying the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. He recalls having prayed it a few times years ago. But by Jan. 15, 2009, it was a good intention mislaid — among spreadsheets and quarterly reports and matters that seemed far more pressing.

Only two weeks prior, Fred had made a New Year’s resolution to try to get into better spiritual shape. Here in this hotel room was an opportunity to fulfill it. So he followed along in the booklet and prayed the chaplet, a prayer our Lord gave to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s during a series of revelations that have sparked the modern Divine Mercy movement.

The time happened to be 3 o’clock, known as the Hour of Great Mercy, when Jesus died on the cross. Fred would consider that detail the following day — as he was preparing to die.

He would be among the 155 people to board a jet airliner at LaGuardia Airport bound for Charlotte, N.C., his home town. Ninety seconds after takeoff, the jet would apparently hit a flock of geese, the engines would explode, and the plane would lose power at 3,200 feet. The aircraft would be out of reach from any airfield. It would lose thrust and altitude. Everything would become eerily quiet. Fred would cinch his seatbelt. His left hand would clutch the armrest, his heart would race, his face would be flush.

He would think about his family — his wife and four young children. He would think about God, about death, about trust, about an extraordinary promise made by Jesus that he read the previous day in that booklet.

“Prepare for impact,” the pilot would say over the PA system.

What was the promise? Suddenly, it would come to him, the last passage he read before heading off to his meeting. Jesus said to St. Faustina, "This is the hour of great mercy. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion (Diary of St. Faustina, 1320).

As the ground surged into view, Fred would look at his watch. It would be 3:30, the Hour of Great Mercy!

"I prayed with every fiber of emotion and sincerity I could muster, 'God, please be merciful to us,'" Fred would recall two weeks later. "Under the most precarious situations I could ever imagine," says Fred, "God taught me what true peace is all about — that it's found in accepting God's will. That we must try our best in this life, but not sweat the small stuff, and hand control over to God."

I think celebrating Divine Mercy is a wonderful thing. When Pope Francis instituted the Year of Mercy, he laid an emphasis on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy as part of the practice of the holy year. In the words of the Holy Father: It is my burning desire that, ... the Christian people may reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. It will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty. And let us enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God’s mercy. The Mercy of God invites us to be merciful. Merciful to whom? To the poor, to the needy, to the helpless, to refugees and immigrants, and so many more. Our veneration of the Divine Mercy image is only meaningful to the extent we live that image everyday.

Fr. Paulson
Are you in your 20s or 30s? Do you love meeting new people? Do you have a desire to sing that can’t be satisfied 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! Also join us on Wednesday, May 3rd at 6:30 pm for our monthly prayer service in the Youth House! We will spend time discussing Sunday’s gospel and praying for one another. Afterwards, we’ll head over to “Off the Grid” in downtown Pleasant Hill to enjoy music and dinner! The cost is only whatever you spend on food!

“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! You can also help by donating bottles of wine for this event! Please bring them to the parish office by Friday, April 28th at 5 pm.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dress A Child Around the World for having completed 8,000 dresses! The past 5 years, women here at CTK have been sewing dresses and shorts for impoverished children and have distributed them in 31 countries around the world as well as here in the United States. All fabrics, sewing machines and other essentials have been donated to this worthy work. With great pride we say a very special THANK YOU to all those who participate in this ministry. For further information, contact Carol Vogl at 925-288-0488.

Asking for your Generosity and Support: Our Religious Education Program is again sponsoring the wine toss booth for the Parish Festival. Please help us by donating bottles of wine. You may drop the wine off at the R.E. office (-facing Gregory Ln) Mon-Thurs. 9:30 am - 5:30 pm or you may leave the wine at the Parish House. We will also collect wine before and after all the masses April 29/30 and May 6/7. Thanks for your support. Sr. Maureen.

Bundle Sunday is coming to CTK May 6-7. A truck will be on campus for us to hold our annual collection of used clothing. This collection will be for CLOTHES only. Donations should be clean and gently used. Donation bags will be available at the Church the weekends of April 30 and May 7. Volunteers from our SVDP will be present to assist with the carrying and loading of the truck. Donors will be given donation receipts for clothes donated. Thank you for helping those in need.

San Damiano Retreat Ctr in Danville invites you to their retreats: April 28-30 - “We are Called to Be an Alternative to Ruin.” Fr. Tom Hartle of Boston will share how we can be a transformative presence in a broken and fractured world. May 13 - “Spirituallity 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 to RSVP.

A parishioner was hoping to mow his lawn before the expected heavy rain. However, his lawnmower wouldn’t start. So, before leaving for an appointment, he called a neighbor and asked if he could take a look at the mower. When the parishioner returned, his neighbor had not only taken a look; but had mowed the lawn!

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. Thank 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.

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.

A Weekend of Prayer and Reflection at Mercy Ctr Burlingame. Join this youth retreat, Hoping Against All Hope: The Challenge of the Gospel. May 5/6, Brothers from the Taize Community in France will be leading a weekend of community prayer, song, reflection ,and workshops for young people ages 16-35. This is an exciting opportunity for young people to join in a community of faith. For questions, email BSoracco@mercywwm.org.

A big thank you from Sr. Joanne for the many cards and flowers she has received while recuperating from her recent knee surgery. She is getting stronger every day!

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.

David Hellerstein,
Agnes Finnegan,
Bill Finnegan,
Mary Lembke

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Welcome Back Fr. Paulson!

Pictures From RE Sunday Program

Constructing “Tower of Babel” During Confirmation Class