Christ the King Church

July 16, 2017
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word of the kingdom and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

- Matthew 13:23

WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Sunday, 7/16**
- Note: Youth Mass, 5:00 pm
- Teen BBQ following mass

**Monday, 7/17**
- Perpetual Help Devotion, Church 7 pm

**Tuesday, 7/18**
- Young Adults, Youth house 7 pm

**Thursday, 7/20**
- Centering Prayer, Min. Ctr 10 am
- Islam & Christianity, Rm A/B 8:45 am
- Islam & Christianity, Rm A/B 7 pm

**Friday, 7/21**
- Men’s Fellowship, Chapel 7:30 am
- St. Mary Magdalene Feast 8 am

**Saturday, 7/22**
- Teen BBQ following 5:00 pm

**Sunday, 7/23**
- St. Mary Magdalene Feast 8 am
- Teen BBQ following 5:00 pm

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, 5:00 pm (youth mass)

**Note:** new time for youth mass - 5:00 pm

CONFESSIONS:
- **Saturday:** 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

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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

Upcoming Mass Intentions

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Hello Friends,

Today, I have the pleasure of talking to you about our summer programs for youth ministry! If you haven’t had the opportunity, come check out our youth mass! We have a new time for it during the summer months: 5pm every Sunday until September 3rd. If you are a teenager or know teenagers (please invite them!), to this mass and our wonderful summer BBQs! They are EVERY Sunday after the 5pm youth mass and it is open to all high school teenagers. At the summer BBQs, we provide free burgers, hotdogs and sodas, organize games such as capture the flag, kickball and dodgeball – aside from all that – it’s a really amazing way to meet other teens who are joining or are currently a part of our program.

The second thing I’d like to talk about is our New Orleans Trip! Chances are, by the time you’re reading this, I, along with 2 other adults and 19 of our teenagers, will be on a week-long service trip to New Orleans where we will be working through Habitat for Humanity building homes for families who were displaced by Hurricane Katrina nearly 11 years ago. This is an opportunity for the teenagers of our parish to live out our mission statement here at Christ the King: “To hear the gospel and make a difference.” It is truly a blessing for me to be able to take these teens on a trip so far away from home and I pray that they all return with a heart full of accomplishment, joy, camaraderie, and – most of all – a heart full of God.

Our gospel today talks about a bird eating seeds and dropping them in various places. Most of the time, the seeds land where things cannot thrive, but eventually some seeds fall on rich soil where they flourish and grow. With teenagers, that is all we can hope to do. We must continue to offer opportunities for them to grow and flourish. While sometimes, it is a sad reality that occasionally seeds may fall into the wrong places, I can confidently say here at Christ the King we do our best to sow seeds that will thrive. So, as you move forward with your week, if you have the opportunity, please pray for the following adults and teens who are tirelessly working (in the hot, humid climate of New Orleans) by name: Shannon Knapp, Sarah Guzzaldo, Isabelljane Baerlang, Sarah Becker, Scott Ciabattari, Andrew Federas, Julianna Friis, Ryan Gilbert, Daniella Guieb, Julie Jones, Nicholas Julien, Patrick Kenneally, Caitlin Marani, Ava Minolli, Brianna Nevares, Nicholas Pilgrim, Sonia Putnam, Aymon Rentuma, Natalie Silvera, Matthew Sunga, Jennifer Zerner.

Peace,
Rick Lejano
Searching for a spiritual home? Our “no strings” catholic inquiry sessions resume Monday, Sept. 11. Ideal for learning about our faith community; also for Catholic adults, who have not yet completed their sacraments. New inquirers welcome. Contact Al Garrotto (925) 849-6319 or algarrotto@comcast.net.

Religious Education: Opportunity Knocks … Can you think of a special person whose love of God touched your life and created a desire within you to get to know God better? That is what a catechist (religious education teacher) does! Catechists share their love of God with others. In our RE program, catechists are our greatest assets. If you feel called to share your love of God with others and want to discuss this special ministry in more detail, email me at mvianictkre@gmail.com. I am happy to meet, share, decide. No strings attached. Sr. Maureen.

Registration for the 2017-2018 CYO season is now open! All girls and boys in grades 3-8 are eligible to participate if one of the following criteria are met: is a CTK school student, enrolled in our Religious Education Pgm or live within the parish boundaries. We need coaches too so please consider volunteering. Visit our website at ctkcyohoops.org and follow the registration link. Contact our Athletic Director at allen.brezac@comcast.net with any questions.

Companions in Ignatian Service and Spirituality is a unique program that engages women and men who have a desire to serve those most marginalized in our communities while deepening their own spiritual foundations. We are currently accepting applications for the 2017-2018 program. Applications are available at ignatianspirituallifecenter.org or contact Marcos Herrera at mlhdlhee@pacbell.net.

Confirmation Registration - If you are a Sophomore or Junior in high school and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this upcoming school year, it is time to register! Download a registration form at ctkym.org or you can find a form and calendar at the back of the church.

Women of CTK: Save the dates! - Our fall Day of Recollection will be held on Sat. Oct. 28, 2017. CTK parish hall from 8:30 am - 12 pm. - Our annual Women’s Retreat will be held on Feb. 23-25, 2018 at Vallombrosa Retreat Ctr in Menlo Park. Single: $320/double $290. For more information, call Sr. Dominic at 246-1122.

Did you miss Fr. Jose’s first presentation? Don’t worry, join us for the next ones: Thursday, July 20: Islam and Christianity (past history). Thursday, July 27: Islam and Christianity (contemporary situation). Presentations will be offered twice: 8:45 am - 10:15 am and then repeated in the evening 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Both sessions will be in rooms A/B.

Save the Date! We will have a Healing Mass on Saturday, August 19, 2017 at 10:30. More information to follow.

Golden Gate Boys Choir Summer Camp - The GG Boys Choir is pleased to announce its Summer Music Camp at the Diocesan Youth Retreat Center in Lafayette. July 31 to August 5. Call 510-887-4311 for more information.

Lost and Found: Have you ever lost your car keys here at church, especially the expensive fob kind? We have several that have been gathering dust in our parish office! Give us a call and see if we have yours. We also have an assortment of jewelry. Call us to claim! 925-682-2486.

CTK and St. Perpetua Parishioners and friends are invited to the celebrations for St. Mary Magdalene’s Feast: Saturday, July 22, 8 am mass at Christ the King followed by breakfast in the Ministry Ctr garden.

Tuesday, August 1, 7 - 8:30 pm, “With Mary Magdalene in the Garden” Brief presentation, music of strings & flute, refreshments. Garden of Learning Pavilion, St. Perpetua Church, 3454 Hamlin Rd., Lafayette. All are welcome, no charge.

The Religious Education office will be closed until August 14th. Registration dates for the 2017-2018 fall sessions are August 28-31. Join us in the parish hall to register your child/children for all RE programs (3 year old - grade 8). Registration forms may be found on our website ctkreligouseducation.org. Have a wonderful and safe summer! Sr. Maureen.

Christ the King School has several first grade openings for the upcoming school year. Call Debbie Wilson at 925-682-1109 or email dwilson@ctkschool.org for information.

Next week we have a second collection to support Fr. John Prochaska’s ministry in Peru. See the flap for more information. Thank you for your support.

Scan this QR code to connect with our donation site.
Next weekend, July 22-23, we welcome Fr. John Prochaska as he returns to CTK. Fr. John grew up in our parish, is a graduate of CTK & DLS schools (1974 & 1978), and is a priest of the Diocese of Oakland. He is currently ministering to the people on the alti-plano of the Andes Mountains (13,000 feet) of Peru. He will share some of his experiences and speak about the people to whom he ministers. Donations in the second collection will help provide food and clothing to the elderly and children who have very little, especially those who live on the ranches. He has just started installing a simple solar panel in homes without electricity so that people can have some light without the fumes of candles, and charge their cell phones. They are also improving some of the simple chapels - like putting in wooden floors where there was only dirt before. Last year Fr. John wrote:

After having lived all of my life in the suburbs of CA, I now find myself in the middle of ranch land where people raise their alpacas, sheep, cattle and a few llamas, and they also grow potatoes, quinoa and oats. I am living in Tocroyo, better known as Pallpata, and on Google Maps it is Hector Tejada.

I have been given responsibility for four parishes in the Prelature of Sicuani, and 15 other communities that may or may not have chapels. From one end to the other, the territory is about 70 miles long and about 15 miles wide. My furthest parish takes about two hours to get to depending on the road work - and that is with a 4-wheel-drive truck, not a llama. One of my parishes is at 16,000 feet. Most who remain Catholic, have learned to celebrate their faith communally only on the popular feast days and celebrations like weddings. You can’t really blame them, because that is the only time a priest would be present. So there is much work to be done, especially to those who are no longer active in a relationship with Christ or who has never been introduced to him, especially the youth… I believe Pope Francis once said that the pastors of the church need to smell the sheep. Well, I am smelling the sheep, alpaca and cows - and the people who work hard in raising them.

Envelopes will be provided to you in the Church vestibule this week. You can turn in donations all through July, with checks payable to Christ the King, with the memo “Ministry of Fr. John in Peru”. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity.