Jesus said, “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

Matthew 18:20

September 10, 2017

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 9/10
- CLOW begins, 9:15 am mass
- Youth Grp Parent/teen mtg, 7 pm

Monday, 9/11
- RCIA, Parish Hall 7 pm

Tuesday, 9/12
- Perpetual Help Devotion, Church 7 pm
- Hurricane Harvey Mtg, A/B 7 pm
- ICF, Parish Hall 7 pm

Wednesday, 9/13
- Young Adults, Youth house 7 pm

Thursday, 9/14
- Centering Prayer, Hope Ctr (934-1938)

Friday, 9/15

Saturday, 9/16
- Men’s Fellowship, Rm D 7:30 am
- Altar Society, Rm A/B 8:30 am
- Secular Franciscans, Rm D 9 am
- Youth Grp at Discovery Kingdom

Sunday, 9/17
- CLOW, 9:15 am mass
- Confirmation Parent/teen mtg, 7 pm

Upcoming Mass Intentions

9/11 8 am - Daniel J. DeLong+
9/12 8 am - Nena Barivan
9/13 8 am - Danica Burdine+
9/14 8 am - Romula Angeles+
9/15 8 am - George & Bernice O’Brien+
Saturday, 9/16
8 am - Bryan Kelly+
5 pm - John McGhee+
Sunday, 9/17
7 am - Norman Gard+
8 am - Barbara Sousa+
9:15 am - Tony Granzotto+
10:45 am - CTK Parishioners
12:15 pm - Rufino, Mauring, Sunder Vivas+
6:00 pm - Thomas White Family

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Dear Friends,

After many months of planning and design, Christ the King Parish has commenced work this week on an extensive remodel of the Ministry Center Building. The removal of asbestos-containing materials is a normal and routine construction activity. Stringent laws and regulations dictate how this work is accomplished. We understand that abatement services can be disruptive and concerning, that’s why we are making sure to work diligently to be quick and efficient, without ever sacrificing safety.

This work is one of the main objectives of our on-going capital campaign, and we owe a great deal of thanks to our parishioners who have contributed money to be able to get this project going. Built in 1962 as a convent for the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet who taught in our school, this building has a long history at our parish. The religious order teachers who lived here and served our school are long gone and the building has been underused for many years. The start of work on this building represents the beginning of a new life for this building. It will be a modern, up-to-date facility with added space to help meet the needs of the entire parish for many years to come.

When this remodeling project is complete next year there will be a net increase in meeting space to meet parish needs. Once opened, we anticipate full use of this building by parish groups including CTK School, Religious Education, Youth Ministry, and numerous Parish Ministries, as well as outreach meetings for ministries that engage with our community. The chapel will be updated but will remain a spiritual place for prayer services, religious instruction, and ministry meetings.

In addition to relocating parish offices from the rectory, there will be added and larger meeting space on both the ground floor and second floor. For example, during the day, as now, Art Appreciation classes can resume in rooms that will be larger and more flexible. These rooms can also be used for larger meetings or parish hospitality when there is contention for rooms in the hall.

The work starting this week is to remove the interior wall board, flooring and fixtures to turn the building into an empty shell. By gutting the interior as a first step, our construction bidders will have a chance to see the building without having to guess what might be hidden behind the walls.

We are keeping a close eye on costs and working closely with facility experts in getting this project moving. We will provide regular updates on our progress as we move forward. Questions, suggestions and comments are always welcome. I encourage you to reach out to me or any of our facility or finance committee members whenever you have a question or concern.

Thank you! Paulson

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First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Ezekiel was an Old Testament prophet who ministered to the Jewish people exiled in Babylon. In this passage, the speaker is God who uses the image of a watchman to describe a prophet’s role. In those times, a watchman was someone who stood on a hill or in a tower to watch for invaders.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

In the concluding section of his letter to the Romans, Paul writes about the moral demands of Christian life. This letter was written some years before the Gospels, yet these words will sound very much like words we hear in the Gospels. Clearly, Paul is drawing upon a pre-Gospel tradition about what Jesus said.

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**USHERS for 9:15 am mass** are very much needed. If interested, please contact Jack Murphy at 925-375-0850/ jmurph818@aol.com. If you wish to become an Usher at a different mass, you may also contact Jack.

**Coffee and Donuts** will return after masses on September 17th. We could use more volunteers to help serve! If you would like to help, please email Robin at ctk.robin@gmail.com. Families welcome!

Our CTK Parish School has re-imagined it’s leadership structure and is currently accepting applications for a **School Advisory Council** (SAC). The SAC will consist of the Principal and Pastor as well as the President of the school’s Parent Association. In addition, six members from the school and parish community will be appointed by the Principal and Pastor. The mission of the SAC will be to advise school and parish administration on the policy and strategic directions of the school in both the short and long-term. Applications are available in the church vestibule and the school office.

**Save the Date!** CTK’s Italian Catholic Federation is hosting its annual **fall charity dinner** on Saturday, October 7. A delicious four course Italian meal will be served! Tickets are on sale after mass or by contacting Joan Cummings at jmccumings9247@hotmail.com. Families welcome!

**Calling all Knitters who love to Pray!** CTK’s Grief Ministry team will be collecting **Prayer Shawls** to be given to our grief support participants. When you knit a prayer shawl you spend time praying for its future recipient for healing, comfort and strength. Shawls can be knitted using any kind of yarn or pattern. Shawls can be dropped off at the parish house through September. Please contact Kate Neal at 925-738-2125 for more information.

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)** Grades 1-3, will resume during the 9:15 am mass. **All parish children in grades 1-3 may participate.** (due to lack of participation in grades 4/5, we will only offer grades 1-3). No registration required. After celebrating their own Liturgy of the Word together, they return to the assembly for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

**Golden Gate Boys Choir and Bellringers Fall 2017 Program** - The GG Boys Choir and Bellringers celebrate 30 years of music and voice training for bay area youth! Fall membership is open for new boy singers ages 6 to 12 with unchanged voices. No experience necessary. Weekly rehearsals in 3 locations. Visit www.ggbc.org or call 510-887-4311 for information.

**Community Outreach Staff from the Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services,** a Ministry of the Diocese of Oakland, will be here on the weekend of September 23 and 24 to discuss the spiritual and practical reasons for learning about Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services. After each Mass, there will be a presentation along with a question and answer session in the Parish Hall. Please take advantage of this opportunity to better understand the importance of a Catholic funeral and burial.

**High School Youth Group Registration** - Youth group is for all high school teens 9th-12th grade. We meet Thursday evenings in the parish hall. Registration forms and calendars can be found in the back of the church or you can download one at ctkym.org. Any questions? Please call the Youth Ministry office at 676-0979 or email Rick at ctkyouthminister@gmail.com. An information meeting for both parent and teen will be Sunday, September 10 at 7 pm in the church.

**Pray for Our Sick**

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us.

Amen.

Violet DeBorja, Geraldine Rentz, John Anderson

**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.

If you were interested in the Grief Support Workshop which begins this coming Tuesday, Sept. 12 and missed the deadline to register, it’s not too late! Call Kate Neal at 925-738-2125. We cannot add participants after Tuesday, so please call right away.

**The Daughters of St. Paul,** women religious who communicate Christ using all forms of media, will be at CTK after all masses next weekend, September 16th. The Sisters have a wide variety of Bibles, books, movies, music and other gifts for both children and adults. Let this be the opportunity to grow in your faith and nourish yourself with good media.

This weekend we have a second collection for Diocesan Priest Retirement. Thank you for your continued support.

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Hurricane Harvey Meeting

As Texas continues to feel the devastation of Hurricane Harvey, we have set up a meeting on **Tuesday, September 12 at 7 pm** in rooms A/B to listen to ideas on how our own parish can assist the victims of Hurricane Harvey on a long term basis. Please join us if you can.