WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 10/8
- CLOW, 9:15 am Mass
- RE 3yr., Pre-K, K sessions 9:15am

Monday, 10/9
- Columbus Day, Parish Offices Closed
- RCIA, Room C 7 pm
- No RE

Tuesday, 10/10
- Perpetual Help Devotion, Church 7 pm
- RE Grades 1-5 & 7-8

Wednesday, 10/11
- No Young Adults (CTKalive)
- RE Grades 1-5 & Grade 6

Thursday, 10/12
- Centering Prayer, Hope Ctr (934-1938)
- RE Faith Families, Hall 6 pm
- Youth Group, Outside 7:30 pm

Friday, 10/13
- Men’s Fellowship, Rm D 7:30 am
- Father/daughter dance, gym

Saturday, 10/14
- CLOW, 9:15 am Mass
- RE 3yr., Pre-K, K sessions 9:15am
- Confirmation, Parish Hall 6 pm

Upcoming Mass Intentions

10/9 8 am - Violet DeBorja
10/10 8 am - Joseph Grech+
10/11 8 am - Marco Canela+
10/12 8 am - Fr. Pearse Timoney+
10/13 8 am - Harold Hoffman+

Saturday, 10/14
8 am - Rocco Costanza+
5 pm - Martin Soriano+

Sunday, 10/15
7 am - Marco Canela+
8 am - CTK Parishioners
9:15 am - Margo Schorno+
10:45 am - Joseph Grech+
12:15 pm - Marietta & Armando Vasquez+
6:00 pm - Eileen Radding+
Dear Friends,

As I am writing this letter, I am listening to the news of the tragic shooting in Las Vegas. I pray that the Lord give strength and comfort to families affected by this senseless tragedy. Pope Francis has expressed his closeness to families affected by this shooting.

Deeply saddened to learn of the shooting in Las Vegas, Pope Francis sends the assurance of his spiritual closeness to all those affected by this senseless tragedy. He commends the efforts of the police and emergency service personnel, and offers the promise of his prayers for the injured and for all who have died, entrusting them to the merciful love of Almighty God.

Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State

I read an article today by Thomas Reed, a Jesuit where he stated that Pope Francis is telling the church leaders that they have been burying the lead. What is the lead? "Jesus has saved you." In his interview in America, he says, "The proclamation of the saving love of God comes before moral and religious imperatives. Today sometimes it seems that the opposite order is prevailing."

In other words, for too long the church has led with rules and regulations, with condemnations and exhortations, and buried the love of God in the 25th paragraph. That means when you meet a gay person, you don't start with "you're a sinner." No, you say, "God loves you, and I love you."

When you come home for Thanksgiving dinner, you want to be hugged; you want to feel your mother's warmth, affection, and love. For too long the church has been like a nagging parent who before you cross the threshold scolds you for all the things you did wrong last year.

I felt so happy reading this article in the context of the news that broke out a week ago that several dozen Catholic scholars and clergy have charged Pope Francis with spreading heresy. The heresy charge crystallizes some church leaders’ deep anxieties about Pope Francis, especially his teachings and impromptu statements about how to apply centuries-old Catholic doctrine to the complexities of modern life. I think that is the point. How does Jesus approach folks in his life – a promiscuous agape, love unrestrained and unrestricted.

On another positive note, one of Italy’s best-known sociologists of religion says more than half the country’s pastors report an increase in attendance at Mass and the sacrament of reconciliation that they attribute to a “Francis effect,” and that “hundreds of thousands” of Italians have returned to the practice of the faith because of the new pope. “It’s a massive, and even spectacular result,” said Massimo Introvigne, one he believes cannot be attributed to a passing moon.

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Let us pray for the pope. Let us also pray for those who have concerns about his leadership. And let us not forget the lead - “Jesus has saved you.”

“I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security. I do not want a Church concerned with being at the centre and then ends by being caught up in a web of obsessions and procedures.” Pope Francis

Fr. Paulson
Religious Education News: We are underway and all sessions have begun. We are always looking for catechists to help with our programs. At this time, we are still in need of a Wednesday night, grade 6 catechist (6:45 - 8:15 pm). If you enjoy working with children and teens, and would like to share your faith and help foster the faith of our young people, please contact me to learn more about our sixth grade program. Thanks, Sr. Maureen mvianictkre@gmail.com.

God’s Willing! Are You? Christ Light! Nov. 10-12. The Holy Spirit comes “alive” at this weekend retreat. Don’t miss what has become a CTK tradition. There’s a table outside, after all Masses this weekend, where you can satisfy your curiosity. Don’t miss this opportunity to make new friends, be filled with the Holy Spirit, have some fun and enjoy fabulous food! Contact: David at 326-4025/ davidhartman1939@sbcglobal.net or Cathy at 437-8570/ clzamolo@yahoo.com.

Women’s Day of Recollection: Sat. Oct. 28, 8:30am - 12pm. All women are welcome to join Sr. Carla Kovack, San Rafael Dominican Sister, who will offer a morning of reflection. “A Long Loving Look” will lead us to see the revelation of God in creation. Sr. Carla will incorporate Pope Francis’s words and current scientific understanding of our cosmos ~ to lead us to see the interconnection of all God’s creation. Tickets ($5) will be on sale beginning October 14.

De La Salle HS presents a sneak peek of their Visual and Performing Arts Department. On Oct. 25th, they will host “One Night Only”, an event specifically for middle school male students who have an interest in De La Salle. It is an interactive workshop where prospective students rotate between Visual Art, Music, Band and Theater. Participants will have hands-on activities in each domain and then rotate to the next. Register online at dlshs.org/arts. Space is limited, register by October 11.

Contra Costa Blue Star Moms are putting together Christmas care packages to be mailed to the US Armed Forces. Visit their table outside to donate items or to help with postage for the care packages. You can also include the name of a loved one to receive a care package. Thank you for your continued support.

We Are One In The Spirit - Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation - A joint Protestant and Roman Catholic Service at Christ the King Church. Join us on Sunday, October 22 at 4 pm, along with our brothers and sisters from other churches. All are welcome at this service of commemoration to celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit in and among the churches, to repent of past (and present) ways that we have separated from each other, and to affirm our work together to witness to and spread God’s love in mission together.

Bingo Fundraiser - The Filipino Society of Christ the King will sponsor a Bingo Fundraiser on Saturday, October 28 in the CTK Parish Hall from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. It will be a fun-filled afternoon of playing Bingo and winning great raffle prizes. Proceeds will all go to the CTK Building Fund. FSCTK members will be selling tickets outside after mass.

Hurricane Donation Update! A container is available here at CTK for your donations until October 9. The requested items are NEW bed linens, pillows, bath towels, undergarments and shoes. We will have volunteers available on the weekend to help load your donations. Thank you for your support. Any questions please call the parish office at 682-2486.

Church Support 10/1/17 $23,412.00 (plate collections $19,217 + online giving $4,195.00.) Hurricane Relief: $14,700

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.

Mario Polo, Larry Aldrich, Christian Puruganan

Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on Sunday, November 5 at 12:15 pm. We will pray especially for all who have died this past year. Names of those buried from CTK will be listed on a scroll. If your loved one was not buried from CTK, has died within the past 12 months ~ and you would like their name included on a scroll ~ please call the parish office: 925-682-2486 and leave the name of the deceased. Deadline is October 28. Questions? Sr. Dominic Marie at 246-1122.

Cajunfest at the Pleasant Hill Senior Center! Saturday, Oct. 21 from 6:30 pm to 11:30 pm. Authentic New Orleans food, music, dancing, silent auction, beer garden, even on-site child care! Tickets at phcajunfest.eventbrite.com.

Today’s second collection supports The Catholic Voice. Funds from this annual collection remain in our parish to offset the parish’s support for The Voice and affiliated operations. Every registered Catholic household is entitled to receive The Voice as part of belonging to a parish. If you are not receiving The Catholic Voice and would like to, please contact the parish office at 682-2486.

Forgot your cash, checkbook or donation envelope? Scan this QR code to connect with our donation site.
Crop Walk, October 15!

Our team is helping to end hunger one step at a time by participating in this year’s crop walk. Donations will go towards those in need, especially in the wake of recent Hurricanes. In addition, a portion of the donations will go towards Contra Costa Winter Nights. Winter Nights is a homeless family rotating shelter in Contra Costa County, providing homeless families with a clean, safe and warm shelter with bedding at night and a daytime services center. Faith congregations provide space, meals, and volunteers on a two week rotating basis. Please support us by visiting our webpage which can be accessed via ctkph.org. Look for “Donate to Crop Hunger walk here”, which will redirect you to CTK’s team website and donation page. If you wish to join the team for the crop walk on October 15, please email Rick Lejano, the organizer of this event at ctkyouthminister@gmail.com.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction.

—2 Cor 1:3-4b, ESV