November 19, 2017

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christ The King Church

Well done, my good and faithful servant.
Since you were faithful in small matters,
I will give you great responsibilities.
Come, share your master’s joy.
Matthew 25:21

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:
Thanksgiving Day Mass: 9:15 am

Saturday: 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Parish Office: 682-2486
199 Brandon Rd.
Pleasant Hill
www.ctkph.org

Religious Ed: 686-1017
www.ctkreligiouseducation.org

Youth Ministry: 676-0979
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Facebook: Christ the King Catholic Community of Pleasant Hill

Upcoming Mass Intentions

11/20 8 am - Joe Solari+
11/21 8 am - Catherine Costanza+
11/22 8 am - Mary Ann McGill
11/23 8 am - Joseph Vinh Lam+
11/24 8 am - Ann Mac & Family

Saturday, 11/25
8 am - Michael Mansfield+
5 pm - Paul Randall

Sunday, 11/26
7 am - Rosa Chavarria+
8 am - Carondelet HS Community
9:15 am - Jenna Betti+
10:45 am - Betty Peissner+
12:15 pm - Pat Arata+
6:00 pm - CTK Parishioners

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 11/19
- CLOW, 9:15 am Mass
- RE 3yr., Pre-K, K sessions 9:15 am
Monday, 11/20
- RCIA, Room C 7 pm
- NO RE
Tuesday, 11/21
- Perpetual Help Devotion, Church 7 pm
- No RE
- Knights of Columbus, Yth House 7 pm

Wednesday, 11/22
- No RE

Thursday, 11/23
- Thanksgiving Mass 9:15
- Parish Offices Closed

Saturday, 11/25
- Men’s Fellowship, Rm D 7:30 am

Sunday, 11/26
- No CLOW/ No RE

Friday, 11/24
Dear Friends,

This Sunday, we commemorate Word Day of the Poor. Pope Francis announced the first World Day of the Poor in November 2016. In his June 2017 message for the observance, he asked that Christian communities “make every effort to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance” ahead of time. Pope Francis wrote, “This new World Day, therefore, should become a powerful appeal to our consciences as believers, allowing us to grow in the conviction that sharing with the poor enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel. The poor are not a problem: they are a resource from which to draw as we strive to accept and practice in our lives the essence of the Gospel.” Further, he stated, “As long as Lazarus lies at the door of our homes (cf. Luke 16:19–21), there can be no justice or social peace.”

We live in a world where far too many people lack the basic necessities to live in a way that upholds their human dignity. The vast majority of those who suffer in profound poverty do so through no fault of their own. They are often poor simply due to where they were born, and its associated lack of educational, vocational, and employment opportunities. With ever-growing restrictions on migration, they find themselves trapped in a web of poverty with little opportunity to escape. Today, Pope Francis calls us to recognize them as part of the World Day of the Poor. But, as we have heard in the Gospel, we cannot simply pray for the poor and teach others about the poor; Jesus demands that we live that kingly vocation and serve the poor. I would like to share this prayer with you on this day, which will appear on the flap.

On Tuesday, the Vatican announced Pope Francis’ appointment of two laywomen — experts in bioethics and canon law — as the first two undersecretaries of the mega-dicastery for Laity, Family and Life. The appointment of Dr. Gabriella Gambino for the section on life and Dr. Linda Ghisoni for the section on laity was announced in a Nov. 7 Vatican communique, bringing the leadership of the dicastery more clearly into shape after its establishment in 2016. The dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life officially began its work Sept. 1, 2016, replacing the former Pontifical Council for the Laity and Pontifical Council for the Family, which were dissolved. I welcome the move by Pope Francis and I hope he will continue to appoint them to higher offices.

As thanksgiving draws near, my heart is filled with gratitude and joy for all of you who make up this wonderful community. I feel loved and appreciated for my ministry and I am grateful. I would like to thank our priests, staff and all of you who minister in some way or another. I would like to thank you for inspiring me by your lives of prayer and generosity. I will be praying for those who will travel during this week. I will pray for you as you welcome your relatives and friends into your homes. During this World Day of the Poor, I exhort you to open your homes and hospitality to the poor; especially a family that you know will be struggling this thanksgiving. And let us turn our thanksgiving into thanks living by living a grateful life everyday.

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Paulson
Taize Prayer Around the Cross will celebrate our beloved dead in a special way during the Taize service on Sunday, November 19th at CTK. Join us at 7:30 pm for a quiet, prayerful, gentle and refreshing service.

Turkey Collection - Donate a frozen turkey to Monument Crisis Center and help a family have the Thanksgiving everyone deserves. If you are interested in donating money towards this distribution, we are asking for $20 per turkey. Help us reach our goal of giving 1,200 Thanksgiving turkeys to families in need in Contra Costa. Turkeys accepted Nov. 13 - 21st. Monument Crisis Center, 1900 Market St., Concord. 925-825-7751.

Wreaths are arriving just in time for the holidays! Boy Scouts will be selling fresh Christmas wreaths outside of church after all masses, beginning this weekend. Cash and checks accepted. Be sure to support the local Scouts while adorning your home for the holidays.

The Altar Society is raffling off a Christmas quilt handmade by Beverly Spurs in memory of her mother, Winnie Spurs. Only 60 tickets at $10 per ticket will be sold! Look for this beautiful quilt hanging in the vestibule. Tickets will be sold this weekend after all masses. All proceeds will benefit CTK.

Ruby Slippers - There’s No Place Like Home: Contra Costa’s Interfaith Housing’s 10th annual auction gala is February 3rd at the Blackhawk Auto Museum and they need help in making this night the best yet! They are accepting a variety of item donations: wine and spirits, themed baskets, concert and sports tickets, etc. Help make a tangible difference in the community. To learn more call 925-944-2247.

The Book of Remembrance will be in the front of the church (near the baptism font) during the month of November. You are invited to write in the names of your deceased loved ones ~ who will be remembered at all Masses this month.

Our next Healing Mass will be on Saturday December 9 at 10 am. The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated during the Mass.

Save the Dates: Parish Advent Reconciliation Services - Saturday, December 16 at 3:30 pm and Monday, December 18 at 7:30 pm. Make plans to join us for one of these reconciliation services.

Monument Crisis Center Holiday Food boxes: Monument Crisis Center is hoping to give out 1800 holiday food boxes this year. The program offers families the opportunity to enjoy the holidays without the worry of food insecurity. CTK will give out 200 boxes along with a list of food and directions for delivery. The boxes will be given out after masses on December 2/3. Thank you for your continued support.

Save the dates for Simbang Gabi! Everyone is invited to join in the celebration of a Filipino tradition of Simbang Gabi, nine days of consecutive masses, in preparation for the birth of Jesus. Masses will be held Dec. 15-23 at 6:30 pm. Look for more information in next week’s bulletin.

Important note: Join us on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 23 for our one (and only) mass at 9:15 am. There will not be an 8 am mass. Bring your table wine and bread for a special blessing and then join us outside after mass for refreshments.

Kick off the holiday season with Carondelet High Schools’ Visions of Christmas, at one of their fabulous teas or at a family Breakfast with Santa. Guests will enjoy food catered by A Sweet Affair Bakery, a silent auction, Christmas tree raffle, shopping in our boutique and roaming carolers singing holiday cheer. Wine, champagne and sparkling cider will be available for purchase. Don’t miss your chance to win one of our extravagant raffle trees and all the gifts underneath. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit CarondeletHS.org/Visions.

CONCERNED ABOUT HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS? This weekend our second collection supports 3 organizations that are responding to humanity’s most basic needs. Next weekend our 2nd collection supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD allows funding for community and economic development projects. Together, we are taking poverty off the map, one community at a time.

Handmade olive wood products from Bethlehem will be sold next weekend, November 25/26.

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.

Rosalinda Advincula, Cynthia DeLeon

Church Support 11/12/17 $25,943.00(plate collections $19,397 + online giving $6,546)
Open the Doors of my Heart
God of Abraham, On my television, On my newsfeed, On my street, Everywhere I go, I see Lazarus. But I also see so many doors, Doors that I’ve built, That I’ve closed. Doors that society has hung and locked. Doors that separate me from Lazarus. Lord, teach me to open the door to Lazarus, to the poor. To know them as your children, To lift them in their distress, To work to help them find a share of your bounty. This World Day of the Poor, Help us all turn to those outside our door - To bless, heal, comfort; And together, from this day forward, build a world where the poor are stranger to none, And indeed, the very chains of poverty are broken. Amen

Food Drive

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Food Collection

To support St. Vincent de Paul, please bring bags of groceries! Below are the requested items. Please only bring groceries from this list!
(normal sizes only—no giant sizes)

Any kind of canned vegetables
Any kind of canned beans
Pasta, rice, dried beans
Canned fruit, tuna, soups, tomato sauce, peanut butter and cereal

Drop off bags in front of church through December 4th.

Thank you for your generosity!