Sunday, 7/8
Monday, 7/9
Tuesday, 7/10
Wednesday, 7/11
Thursday, 7/12
- Centering Prayer,
  Knights House 10am
Friday, 7/13
Saturday, 7/14
- Men’s Fellowship,
  Knights House  7:30 am
Sunday, 7/15

Week At A Glance

Upcoming Mass Intentions

7/9 8 am - Sabino DelRiccio+
7/10 8 am - Matthew Eary+
7/11 8 am - John Ahern+
7/12 8 am - Marcia Zabala+
7/13 8 am - Kohler Family

Saturday, 7/14
8 am - Ken Hoffman+
5 pm - Robert Kammer

Sunday, 7/15
7 am - Frank O’Neill+
8 am - Giuseppina Iorfida+
9:15 am - Gil Alegado+
10:45 am - Mary Plant+
12:15 pm - Tino Frial & Chaz Burgess
6 pm - Trudy Brown+

Schedule of Masses

Monday - Friday,
  8:00 am
Saturday - 8:00 am,  5:00 pm
Sunday Masses:
  7 am, 8 am, 9:15 am, 10:45 am,
  12:15 pm, 6 pm
Confessions:
  Saturday, 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

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Catholic Community of Pleasant Hill

Happy Summer!
Dear Friends,

Bishop Michael Curry, the Pastor who emerged as an unexpected star after he preached at Prince Harry and Meghan Markle’s royal wedding, led a march with many of his colleagues to “reclaim” Christianity. They signed a letter that has become to some extent the voice of Christians in these challenging times in our history. I would like to rephrase it as reclaiming “compassion” and “walking in the steps of a compassionate God.” The Bible is saturated with compassion. It seeps through the pages of the Old Testament, pours out of the Gospels, and presents itself as a challenge to followers of Jesus in our times. St. Paul to the Colossians exhorted early Christians with these words, “Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” I cannot imagine Christianity without compassion or for that matter, any religion out there. If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar. (1 John 4:20)

With this introduction, I would like share with you a statement Bishop Curry and others have signed on to recently.

WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED for the soul of our nation, but also for our churches and the integrity of our faith. The present crisis calls us to go deeper—deeper into our relationship to God; deeper into our relationships with each other, especially across racial, ethnic, and national lines; deeper into our relationships with the most vulnerable, who are at greatest risk.

The church is always subject to temptations to power, to cultural conformity, and to racial, class, and gender divides, as Galatians 3:28 teaches us. But our answer is to be “in Christ,” and to “not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable, and perfect.” (Romans 12:1-2)

The best response to our political, material, cultural, racial, or national idolatries is the First Commandment: “You shall have no other gods before me” (Exodus 20:3). Jesus summarizes the Greatest Commandment: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, your soul, and your mind. This is the first commandment. And the second is like unto it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these commandments hang all the law and the prophets” (Matthew 22:38). As to loving our neighbors, we would add “no exceptions.”

We commend this letter to pastors, local churches, and young people who are watching and waiting to see what the churches will say and do at such a time as this.

Our urgent need, in a time of moral and political crisis, is to recover the power of confessing our faith. Lament, repent, and then repair. If Jesus is Lord, there is always space for grace. We believe it is time to speak and to act in faith and conscience, not because of politics, but because we are disciples of Jesus Christ—to whom be all authority, honor, and glory. It is time for a fresh confession of faith. Jesus is Lord. He is the light in our darkness. “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life” (John 8:12).

Faith in Action Committee Discernment Evening:
This Monday, July 9th at 7:00pm, we will be holding an evening of discernment for those wishing to join our Social Justice Ministry Core Team. Please keep them in your prayer.

Paulson

Fourteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
July 8, 2018

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

Today’s passage describes the call of the prophet Ezekiel. He was a Jewish priest who was deported to Babylon at the time of the exile. He is called to proclaim God’s Word to those who are exiled with him. God warns him that this will be no easy task.

Second Reading:
2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Paul’s whole ministry was beset not only by his own weakness but also by mistreatment and stress. In the passage just preceding today’s reading, Paul describes some of his spiritual visions. But in today’s passage, he chooses not to boast of these but rather to talk about how God has worked through him despite his weakness and trials.

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Support Monument Crisis Center 2018 Summer Food Box. With school out, many children who normally eat breakfast and lunch at school won’t have that opportunity. You can help by donating specific groceries and placing them in the barrels in our vestibule this weekend. Shopping List: boxed cereal, pasta items, peanut butter, dry soups, canned tuna, canned fruit, soups, mac n cheese, packaged oatmeal, tomato sauce, canned vegetables. Please no perishable items of any kind. Thanks for your support.

Mental Health First Aid: Just like CPR training, Mental Health First Aid training empowers adults who engage with adolescents to respond compassionately and directly when a youth experiences a mental health challenge or spiritual crisis. Coordinated by Catholic Charities of the East Bay, registration is required, but free ($175 value), thanks to Project AWARE community funding. Contact Nesi at fwills@ccceb.org or 510-290-6103 for schedule of trainings and to register.

The Light for Others Catholic Group is sponsoring the movie, “Courageous”, Saturday, July 14 at 10 am in the Peacock Hall Theater in Rossmoor, 1001 Golden Rain Rd, WC. “Courageous” is an exciting and emotion filled police drama, with some incredible action sequences. This is an inspirational film about the challenges of fatherhood in today’s world as told through the story of four police officers. Admission is free. At the gate, inform the guard you are going to watch the movie. Questions? Call Nel at 925-984-5552.

ctkAlive! Summer sign-ups are here! Our next summer weekend series is July 20-21. Sign up to engage more fully with our Catholic FAITH, explore new approaches to PRAYER, and consider ways to ACTION. Sign up forms are in the vestibule or email algarrotto@comcast.net. Be alive and active in your parish community.

ChristLight XV - Save the dates: Nov. 9, 10 and 11, 2018. ChristLight is an engaging and fun spiritual experience that builds community and brings us to a closer connection with Christ in our lives. Over 500 CTK participants have experienced ChristLight and for many it has changed their lives! Look ahead and mark your calendars so you can participate in this acclaimed retreat.

Celebrate Italian Heritage Night with the Oakland A’s and CTK’s Italian Catholic Federation. Saturday, Aug. 4th. First pitch at 6:05 pm, against the Detroit Tigers. Ticket includes field level seat, post-game fireworks, A’s Italian Bobble head and a pre-game social featuring Italian performers! Contact Rose at 925-381-4709 to purchase your $30.00 ticket.

Brick Sale Update: It’s not too late to order an engraved brick to support Christ the King Parish. While the first order for over 600 bricks is now on its way to the fabricator, we will be adding brick requests that come in through mid-July to this order. Bricks are available for a donation of $250.00. We want everyone in the parish to participate in this fund raiser and you can pay for the brick over time. An engraved brick is a long lasting and beautiful way to honor someone important to you and support your parish. Forms are available in the vestibule or on-line at ctkph.org.

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.

Bishop Richard Garcia, Rich Cotter, Deacon John Ashmore

Religious Education Information for 3 yr old, Pre-K, K and Grades 1-8:
• The RE Office will be closed during July and will reopen on Monday, August 13 at 9:30 am.
• Anyone who missed registration may register beginning August 13.
• Registration hours 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, Mon-Thurs in the RE office.
• If you have a child needing Baptism (3 yr old thru grade 8) please remember to register your child. If you have a child in grades 3-8 who desires Communion and Reconciliation, weekly classes are offered to assist in their preparation.
• Registration forms are available in the entry of church and on our website: ctkreligiouseducation.org.
• For any questions/concerns regarding the RE program, please call 686-1017 after August 13. Have an awesome, safe summer!

Sr. Maureen

Join us for an hour of Taize Prayer Around the Cross, July 15 at Christ the King at 7:30 pm. Taize Prayer consists of the repetition of simple chants. The service consist of quiet chanting, a psalm, and most important a reading and silence. Taize is the name of the village in France where the Brothers of an ecumenical community reside. We welcome all who wish to gather in prayer and in a spirit of Ecumenism.

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Safe Environment training for adults, children and youth is a concrete way, we as a church, can recognize situations of potential abuse and give our children the tools they need to stay safe and protect themselves from those who would do them harm. Working together we create a culture of protection and healing. Every time a victim is heard, or a survivor flourishes in spite of devastation, we participate in creating an environment that proclaims “never again.” All children in faith formation, youth ministry and Catholic schools are required to train annually in Safe Environment.

If you volunteer in any way at

Christ the King:

Diocesan policy requires Safe Environment training every three years for every adult engaged in ministry, and fingerprinting for those who have direct, ongoing contact with children. If you have trained on Virtus you will be notified by email when to recertify.

If you have not trained on Virtus you must train beginning July 1, 2018 and have completed the certification no later than October 1, 2018. Please go online to www.virtusonline.org and follow the instructions for Safe Environment training. For more information, contact Helen Christian in the parish office. Or you can find a direct link to Virtus on our parish website at ctkph.org.