Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him? 

James 2:5

Week At A Glance

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Schedule of Masses

Sunday, 9/9
- 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- CLOW 9:15 mass
- Youth Grp Parent Mtg, Church 7 pm
- ICF lunch Mtg, Parish Hall 1 pm

Monday, 9/10

Tuesday, 9/11

Wednesday, 9/12
- RE Opening Session, Gr. 1-5 & Older Sacraments Church 7 pm

Thursday, 9/13
- Centering Prayer, Knights House, 10 am
- RCIA, School Media Ctr 7 pm

Friday, 9/14

Saturday, 9/15
- Men’s Fellowship, Knights House, 7:30 am

Sunday, 9/16
- 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- CLOW 9:15 mass
- 3 yr. old, Pre-K, K 9:15 am

9/10 8 am - Marcial Cristi+
9/11 8 am - George & Bernice O’Brien
9/12 8 am - Sean Naughton
9/13 8 am - Pat Arata+
9/14 8 am - Chris Ramano

Saturday, 9/15
- 8 am - Jim & Sheila Heinrich
- 5 pm - Mother of Virginia Enriquez+

Sunday, 9/16
- 7 am - CTK Parishioners
- 8 am - Pat Vannelli+
- 9:15 am - Katie Engler Winter+
- 10:45 am - Mark Lawberger+
- 12:15 pm - Isabelle Villar+
- 6 pm - Gary Gumbert+ & Dan Maloney+

- notes deceased

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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Dear Friends,

I would like to share with you a letter that was addressed to the priests of our diocese by our Bishop Barber. I have edited it slightly. Let us continue to pray for the sanctification of our Church and for reforms at our Church Leadership. Let us pray for the victims of abuse in our Church.

“The ongoing communications regarding the Pennsylvania sex abuse cases, Archbishop Vigano’s letter, and other scandals have brought shame, pain and tears to our Church. As a community of faith, we need repentance and conversion. As Bishop and shepherd of the Diocese of Oakland, I too feel the need to embrace this situation with a spirit of penitence, purification, reparation, and reform. Pope Francis in his recent “Letter to the People of God” said “the pain of the victims and their families is also our pain.” The Holy Father has called us to “fasting and prayer” in response. We priests need to set an example for all of the faithful of our Diocese.

During the spiritual retreat this week in Santa Cruz, I met with 35 of our priests, and they supported my idea of having a Novena and a Day of Prayer, Penance, and Reparation. This spiritual response will accompany other “action items” to address the crisis. Thus, I am asking each one of you to join me in the following efforts:

A. **Conduct A Novena to Saint Joseph.**
   Below, you will find a Novena prayer to Saint Joseph for the protection and renewal of the Church. I am asking you to include this prayer in every Mass, as part of the Prayer of the Faithful, from September 6 to September 14. (We shall do the Novena at CTK and St. Stephen).

B. **Observe a Day of Prayer and Penance on September 14th** (Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross)
   On September 14, I am asking all the priests of the Diocese of Oakland to fast, perform works of mercy, and to invite the faithful of the Diocese to join us. Also, on September 14, I ask you to hold a special Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for the victims of abuse and scandal, and for the reform of the Church. I urge you to carefully prepare this celebration. I will be conducting a Holy Hour with Exposition at the Cathedral of Christ the Light on September 14 at 11:30 am, followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Praying that the Lord will continue strengthening His Church, with a spirit of purification and solidarity with those who are suffering, I remain,

**Bishop Michael Barber**

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**St. Joseph’s Prayer for protection and Renewal of the Church**

To you, St. Joseph we bring our broken hearts and all of the discouragement that weighs us down. Impurity and scandal have wounded our Church and have brought much shame, sorrow and tears. We ask you dearest St. Joseph, to be our guide along this very dark path, for you are the model of faith, purity and devotion that we need so desperately. May the Lord send forth the burning fire of the Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the Church, and the world. O St. Joseph, pray ceaselessly for the Church during this time of suffering and great mourning. May this current pain inflicted upon the Church be transformed by the power of Christ’s cross, and lead to further renewal and continued purification. Amen.
**Women:** Save the Date! **Women’s Day of Reflection** on Saturday, October 13; begins with 8 am Mass and concludes at 12 pm. More information coming.

**Men:** Save the Date! **Men’s Day of Reflection** on Tuesday, Oct. 16; begins at 6:30 pm and concludes by 9 pm. More information to follow.

**Religious Education News!**

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word:**
- (CLOW) Grades 1-3 - CLOW has resumed during the 9:15 am mass. All parish children in grades 1-3 may participate. No registration required. After celebrating their own Liturgy of the Word together, they return to the assembly for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

**Sacraments:** If you are interested in learning more about how your child can be baptized (3 yr. old or older) or receive Eucharist, contact the RE office at 686-1017. Registration in classes required.

**Opening Sessions:**
- **September 12:** Grades 1-5 & Older Sacraments, Children & Parents, 7 pm in Church.
- **September 16:** 3 yr. old in D; Pre-K in A/B/C; K in school, all at 9:15 am.
- **Sept. 25:** Grades 7/8, 7 pm in Hall
- **Sept. 26:** Grade 6, 7 pm Hall.

**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! Mark your calendars so you can participate in this acclaimed retreat.

Young Adults, join us on Oct. 6 for the Life Vision Relationship Conference. Rethink relationships! Call by Sept. 10 to register. Conference is from 9 am to 3:30 on Oct. 6 at Embassy Suites, WC. Free and includes breakfast and lunch. Call 270-6139 or ethosca.org for more information and to register.

**Searching for a spiritual home?** If you are not a Catholic, but would like to learn more about our faith community, contact Fr. Mario at frmario@ctkph.org.

**Calling All Liturgical Ministers:**
- Gathering for Projectionists, Ushers, Musicians, Environment, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Society.
- **Saturday, September 22.** Begins at 1:30 pm and concludes with 5 pm Mass. This will be an opportunity for time together as one group as well as break-out sessions for individual ministries. Many of you belong to more than one ministry: Please choose one of your ministry groups where you might benefit the most or where you may have input on the ministry.

**High School Youth Group Registration** - Are you looking for a group of friends that share your faith and desire to have fun, look no further! **Youth Group is for all high school teens, 9 - 12 grade.** We meet Thursday evenings. Registration forms and calendars can be found in the back of the church or you can download a form at ctkym.org. Any questions, please call the Youth Ministry office at 676-0979 or email Rick at rlejano@ctkph.org. An information meeting for both parent and teen will be Sunday, September 9 at 7 pm in the church.

**Join Fr. Paulson on an Incredible Tour of India and Singapore** starting February 3, 2019 and returning February 19th. For more details, come by the parish office and pick up a flyer or contact Fr. Paulson at Paulson.ctk@gmail.com.

Don’t Forget - CTK Italian Catholic Federation is meeting today, Sunday, Sept. 9 at 1 pm in the Parish Hall. Bring your favorite sub sandwich or salad to share. All are welcome! You don’t have to be Italian to join; we celebrate ALL cultures.

**Confirmation Registration** - If you are a Sophomore or Junior in high school and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year; please download a registration form at ctkym.org or you can find registration forms and calendars in the back of the church. Please call the Youth Ministry Office at 676-0979 with any questions.

**Join Queen of All Saints Parishioners at a Baby Shower!** The Gabriel Project is a ministry that supports pregnant mothers and their unborn children. They are hosting a baby shower on Saturday, Oct. 20 from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm. Please bring any baby item, apparel, toy, blankets, clothing (new or gently used). Please no furniture. If you are unable to attend, please drop your donation off at the church office before the day of the event. 2390 Grant St. Concord. Contact Sara for more information 458-1006. Refreshments, cake, games and prizes!

Please join Sr. Maureen along with many other Sisters of the Holy Names, alumnae, relatives and friends, as our Religious community celebrates 150 years of our presence and ministry in CA. Bishop Barber will preside at a Eucharistic Liturgy at the Cathedral of Christ the Light on Saturday, Oct. 6 at 3:30 pm. A Reception will follow. All are invited and welcomed. RSVP at www.snjmea150.org.

This weekend our second collection is for the Diocesan Priest Retirement. Although officially retired, some of the 58 priests in that category are still helping in parishes around the Diocese. The Diocese anticipates there will be almost 70 retired priests within the next 5 - 10 years. Thank you for your generous support.

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U.S. Armed Forces Care Package
September 15 and 16

On September 15 before and after 5 pm mass and on September 16 from 7 am to 1:30 pm, the Blue Star Moms will collect the following items to be included in Christmas care packages being mailed to the U.S. Armed Forces, as well as care bags given to our veterans at the VA Hospital:

gum and mints; beef jerky; beef sticks; canned chili, tuna/chicken salad kits; tuna packets; protein bars; individual packs of crackers, cookies, nuts, fruit snacks; drink singles for bottled water; individual coffee packets; baby wipes; word game books; packing tape; AA batteries; cotton socks (white or black at least 80% cotton).

The Blue Star Moms also have an urgent need for cash donations to pay for care package postage. Each care package requires $17.40 postage. All donations are tax deductible.

If you have a deployed friend or loved one, please bring his/her complete APO/FPO address along with an approx. end-of-deployment date, and the Blue Star Moms will send a care package. Contact Loretta Masnada at 925-686-3944 with any questions.
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