**Week At A Glance**

**Sunday, 10/28**
- No CLOW
- 3 yr. old, Pre-K, K 9:15 am
- Halloween 9:15 Mass, Gym
- Confirmation Sponsor/Candidate Mtg., Church, 4 pm

**Monday, 10/29**
- No RE
- Catechist Mtg, RE office 3:30 pm

**Tuesday, 10/30**
- No RE
- Catechist Mtg, RE office 3:30 pm
- Perpetual Help/Rosary, Church 7 pm

**Wednesday, 10/31**
- No RE
- Catechist Mtg, RE office 3:30 pm

**Thursday, 11/1 - All Saint’s Day**
- Centering Prayer, Knights Hse, 10 am
- RCIA, School Media Ctr 7 pm
- Youth Group, St. Stephen’s 7 pm

**Friday, 11/2 - All Soul’s Day**
- First Friday Mass at 6 pm

**Saturday, 11/3**
- Men’s Fellowship, Knights Hse, 7:30 am

**Sunday, 11/4**
- CLOW/3 yr. old, Pre-K, K 9:15 am

**Upcoming Mass Intentions**

- **10/29 8 am** - Marie Corley
- **10/30 8 am** - Joselito Asuncion+
- **10/31 8 am** - Joseph Gallagher+
- **11/1 8 am** - Msgr. James Wade+
- **12:00 pm** - Mary Morley
- **7 pm** - Roy Doral & Family
- **11/2 8 am** - David & John Macaluso+
- **6 pm** - Anthony Thanarajoo+
- Josephine Thanarajoo+

**Saturday, 11/3**
- **8 am** - Orlando Villanueva+
- **5 pm** - James Garcelon+

**Sunday, 11/4**
- **7 am** - Fr. Mario Rizzo
- **8 am** - CTK Parishioners
- **9:15 am** - Paul Sbragia+
  J.P. Sbragia-Zoricic+
- **10:45 am** - Msgr. James Wade+
- **12:15 pm** - Mike Carpenter+
- **6 pm** - Scott McAlister+
  Carmen Abbott+

**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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www.ctkph.org

**Religious Education:** 686-1017  
www.ctkreligouseducation.org

**Youth Ministry:** 676-0979  
www.ctkym.org

**CTK School:** 685-1109  
www.ctkschool.org

**Facebook:** Christ the King  
Catholic Community of Pleasant Hill

**St. Stephen Catholic Church**
- 1108 Keaveny Ct, Walnut Creek  
  925-274-1341
Dear Friends,

Someone came to me last week inquiring if there was a funeral service for someone who felt deserved a Catholic funeral at CTK with her many friends. While she was in the convalescent home with dementia, most of us priests from CTK and many parishioners visited her and gave her communion and the sacrament of anointing from time to time. Well, sadly she had no funeral service anywhere. When I glance down the obituary column, wondering if any familiar names are there, I see a statement that occurs more and more often: “In keeping with Josephine’s wishes, there will be no funeral service.” And this is a disturbing trend. Ritual is the way cultures in all times and places have marked significant events in their community.

Rituals are not optional to a healthy religious culture: they tell us where we’ve been, they bind us together, and they give us courage for the journey. The ritual of the funeral or the memorial service has several purposes. First of all, it helps mourners recognize the loss as real. Sometimes a body is present at the service, often not, but always we know that we are there to acknowledge that someone has died. We come together to grieve in the presence of a caring community, and for the time of the service we have permission to give ourselves to the experience of loss.

And that is the reason why I believe people should definitely prepare a document with their funeral wishes. I have just completed mine. You don’t know what the situation will be in the future and where your family members are going to be at in terms of the faith, so for family members to have something specifically spelled out for you is very important. Make many copies of the document and leave them with a number of people. What I see happening is people that are good faithful Catholics, who go to Mass every week, sometimes every day, are denied a funeral Mass because the children don’t know their wishes or it is just not important to them.

When the death of a dear one is near the priest should be notified. If you know death is coming soon, you should call the priest so he can hear their last confession, anoint the person and give Communion. We have ministers of communion that would love to visit our parishioners and give them communion on a weekly basis. There is often a misunderstanding by some that a person will die and then the priest is called to give the last rites or anointing of the sick. The anointing of the sick can only be given to the living.

When a loved one dies, those left here to ensure their proper and dignified burial can often get bogged down by all the decisions needing to be made. In that case, we often will miss the opportunity to focus on the faith and hope the Catholic funeral rites express. At CTK, we have a wonderful team under the leadership of Sr. Dominic who will assist you in your funeral decisions. I have seen many of you meeting with Sr. Dominic even before your loved one passes away. Our team will help you plan the service and provide you with everything you need during the service. There is a recommended fee for a funeral, but we can do a service without any donations. In cases of financial hardship, I do call the catholic cemetery asking for assistance on behalf of the family. And our Catholic cemetery is very understanding.

The most important aspect about Catholic funerals is that they express the Christian hope in eternal life and the resurrection of the body on the last day. Every component of the Catholic funeral rites should express these fundamental beliefs and hopes. Our funeral rites are not merely “a celebration of life,” as they are referred to sometimes, but a privileged opportunity to return to God the gift of the deceased, hoping to usher them into paradise with the aid of our prayers. Today, at the 12.15 pm Mass, we will be remembering with love all our deceased loved ones who died during the past 12 months. I pray God receives all our departed loved ones into his home, and may He comfort all those who are still in pain and sorrow.

Paulson
All Saint’s Day, Thursday, November 1: Join us on this Holy Day of Obligation. We will celebrate mass at 8 am, 12 noon and 7 pm.

“Let the little children come to Me.” First Friday Mass, November 2, at 6 pm. Children’s Holy Hour will be from 4 pm to 5 pm in the main church, right before the regular First Friday adoration from 5 pm to 6 pm. Prayer, song and silence in front of the Blessed Sacrament will be led in a Holy Hour designed for kids. All are welcome!

CTK School News!

CTK Students are making a difference for our environment! Our kids are learning simple ways they can help clean up our planet and send less trash to the landfills. They are starting by putting their used paper towels into our green compost cans which are located in all classrooms and restrooms. They are learning that paper towels come from the earth and can return to the earth as soil. This is Step One for Operation Go Green! Be on the lookout for future announcements of our next steps. Before long, kids will be recycling and composting their snack and lunch waste, and saying goodbye to so much landfill waste. Go CTK!

Meeting invitation for sexual abuse survivors, family and friends. How can the ongoing disclosures of sexual abuse and cover-ups in the Church affect our faith and our trust? How can we help and support each other during this time? St. Bonaventure has a gathering for anyone whose lives have been directly hurt by sexual abuse, whether by someone you know, as stranger, or clergy. The next meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 7 pm in the St. Bonaventure Rectory Conference Room. Please contact Gina at 672-8200 X2217 for more information, or if it might be helpful to talk in person before walking in the door.

This weekend we have a visitor from the Convent of St. Elisabeth in Belarus (Eastern Europe). Please stop by their tables after mass and support the beautiful work and mission of the sisters by purchasing items of devotion.

Save the date for our next Healing Mass ~ Anointing of the Sick: Saturday, November 17 at 10:00 am. Mark your calendars now.

CTK has a weekly rosary and devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. The group meets Tuesdays at 7 pm in the church. Contact Shirley at 957-0488 for more information. All are welcome.

Spirit of Giving 2018:

Contra Costa Interfaith Housing is preparing for another successful season of Spirit of Giving! We need your help. We match residents and donors to ensure that each resident receives something special for the holidays. For more information, contact Gloria at gloria@ccinterfaithhousing.org.

Are young Catholics losing their faith in college? Maybe not - college ministry is a huge success. Come Tuesday evening at 7 pm to hear the remarkable success of FOCUS, a Catholic apostolate which brings the hope and joy of the Gospel to college students and energizes them for the lifelong Catholic mission. Sponsored by Catholics at Work. St. Joan of Arc Church, San Ramon, doors open at 6:30 pm.

Thank you. On Bread for the World Sunday, CTK parishioners signed 160 letters to our Senators and Congressman in support of causes of hunger and poverty. We thank all the signers, those tabling and Craig Lazzaretti and Matt Cody who will deliver the letters.

RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, has begun, but there is still time to join. If you are, or know someone who is, non-baptized, a Baptized non-catholic, or a Catholic who has not completed the Sacraments of Initiation, and are seeking full initiation into the Church, please email Fr. Mario. RCIA meets on Thursdays at 7 pm in the School’s Media Center. Frmario@ctkph.org.

Respect Life Gathering: The Diocese’s Annual Respect Life Gathering will be held Nov. 3, 8:30 am to 1 pm at the parish hall of The Cathedral of Christ the Light. This gathering is for prayer, fellowship, and to share best practices with others working to protect and promote life from conception to natural death. Continental breakfast and lunch. Register at www.oakdiocese.org/respectlife.

San Damiano Retreat Center offers the following retreats:

Nov. 3: A Spirituality of Heart
Nov. 9-11: Radical Hope in the Cosmic Womb of Mercy
Nov. 16-18: Remember, This Pain Will Not Last Forever

It’s not too late to join Fr. Paulson on an Incredible Tour of India and Singapore, the best of North and South India! February 3 - February 18, 2019. Stop by the parish office and pick up a flyer or contact Fr. Paulson at Paulson.ctk@gmail.com.

Carondelet High School’s Open House for interested 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls and their parents/guardians will be held on Sunday, November 4 from 2 pm to 4 pm at 1133 Winton Drive in Concord. Register at carondeleths.org/admissions.

Forgot your cash, checkbook or donation envelope? Scan this QR code to connect with our donation site.
Looking for a deeper spiritual connection?

Join us for ChristLight XV
Nov. 9, 10, 11!

ChristLight is a parish based weekend experience that invites us to renew our faith, in the presence of God, as individuals and as a parish community. ChristLight gathers women and men to share prayer, fellowship, stories, song and fun!...plus the meals are awesome!

ChristLight XV will be held on the Christ the King campus. Volunteers are available after mass to answer questions and accept registration forms.
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