Week At A Glance

Sunday, 3/10
- RE 3 yr., Pre-K, K, 9:15 am
- No Clow
- ICF Mtg, Hall 1:00 pm
- Ministry Center Open House

Monday, 1/11
- No RE Classes

Tuesday, 1/12
- RE Grades 1 - 5 & Grades 7/8
- Perpetual Help/Rosary Church 7 pm

Wednesday, 1/13
- RE Grades 1 - 5 & Grade 6

Thursday, 1/14
- RE Family Faith, Parish Hall 6 pm
- Youth Group, CTK School 7 pm

Friday, 1/15
- Stations of the Cross, 6:30 pm

Saturday, 1/16
- Men’s Fellowship, Knights 7:30 am
- Secular Franciscans, Knights 9 am

Sunday, 1/17
- RE 3 yr., Pre-K, K, 9:15 am
- Clow 9:15 am
- Confirmation, 6 pm

Upcoming Mass Intentions

3/11 8 am - Anto Katana †
3/12 8 am - Ana Katana †
3/13 8 am - Anto Peric †
3/14 8 am - Claro Tagle
3/15 8 am - Pero Baban †

Saturday, 3/16
8 am - Br. Frederick Narberes †
5 pm - Lorenzo Verceles †

Sunday, 3/17
7 am - John J. Batten †
8 am - Agileo Martinez †
9:15 am - Adriano Saragosa †
10:45 am - Joseph Peters †
12:15 pm - Marietta Vasquez †
6 pm - Catherine Cam †

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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Dear Parishioners,

Once again, God calls us to greatness as another Lenten Season begins. God calls us just as God called the whole Israelite community, to rise up to the greatest challenge ever given to us ~ the challenge to be God-like.

In our three-year cycle of hearing the Scriptures, we listen to the same readings repeatedly; but, God’s Word is a “living word” that speaks to us anew at each hearing. God’s word continues to give us hope, confidence and trust as we grow and change.

Today’s Reading from Deuteronomy struck me as particularly relevant in these times of conflict over immigration to the United States and other countries. Moses speaks to the people reminding them of the stories of God’s action among them as a migrating people. In doing so, he reminds us that our salvation finds its foundation in God’s actions on behalf of the homeless (wandering Aramean), the oppressed (afflicted resident aliens), the marginalized (orphans and widows) and the enslaved (the Lord brought us out of Egypt). God’s faithfulness is also the source of the bounty on the land that we enjoy (flowing with milk and honey). This story of God’s faithfulness calls us to become instruments that bring God’s blessings to the vulnerable in our midst.

Father Buscher writes: “Lent is a time when we can explore how THE story of Christ and our story are wound together. Discipleship comes when we see how the two stories intersect, because it is there we rediscover what it means to have God in our lives.”

As we begin our Lenten Season, let us pray:

Lord Jesus, today you call us to welcome the members of God’s family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence and war. Like your disciples, we too are filled with fear and doubt and even suspicion. We build barriers in our hearts and in our minds. Lord Jesus, help us by Your grace ~

- To banish fear from our hearts, that we may embrace each of Your children as our own brother and sister;
- To welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity, while responding to their many needs;
- To realize that You call all people to Your holy mountain to learn the ways of peace and justice;
- To share of our abundance as You spread a banquet before us;
- To give witness to Your love for all people, as we celebrate the many gifts they bring. (USCCB)

Celebrate! You are beginning a journey to transform your life, which holds the opportunity to change ~ to enrich your way of thinking, loving and believing. And, celebrate also that God’s Spirit will be your Lenten companion. Just as the Spirit led Jesus into the desert for forty days, that same Spirit is leading you.

God’s Blessings,
Sister Maureen Viani, SNJM
Director of Religious Education

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**First Sunday of Lent**
March 10, 2019

**First Reading:**
Deuteronomy 26:4-10

The events in this reading take place as the Israelites are camped on the shore of the Jordan River ready to enter the Promised Land. Moses bids them to remember all that God has done for them. When they are settled in this new land, every year they should offer the first fruits of their harvest to the Lord.

**Second Reading:**
Romans 10:8-13

Paul was proud of his Jewish heritage and wanted all his people to be saved. The question of what will happen to Jews who do not believe in Jesus caused Paul a great deal of grief and anxiety. In this section of the letter to the Romans, he addresses this issue.

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CTK Men’s Retreat April 12-14: “Welcome Back Cotter”. Fr. Vince will be our retreat master. San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville. Contact peteobrien7@gmail.com for more information.

Bingo Fundraiser - The Filipino Society of Christ the King (FSCTK) will sponsor a Bingo Fundraiser on Saturday, March 23 in the CTK Parish Hall from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Game tickets are $25 for 12 plays. We are also selling raffle tickets at $10 each for a chance to win great prizes. Proceeds will go to the CTK Building Fund. Tickets will be sold after masses. Call Abe at 925-381-5898 or Efrain at 698-6530 for more info.

You are invited to join in the “40 Days for Life” prayer vigil to end abortion - now through Saturday, April 13th outside the local abortion facility at 1357 Oakland Boulevard in Walnut Creek. Vigil hours are from 7am-7pm except Sundays, and you are encouraged to join for an hour a week, or even an hour in total! Your prayerful presence makes a difference in witnessing for life and in helping to present life-giving options for women. To register go to: 40daysforlife.com/walnutcreek

Join Fr. Bonacci, C.P., for the St. Bonaventure parish mission on “Hospitality and Discipleship: The Greatest Among You Serves.” Fr. Tom is the Director of the Interfaith Peace Project. March 18-20, at both 10 am and 7 pm. St. Bonaventure Catholic Community, 5562 Clayton Rd, Concord. Contact Gina at geatalini@stbonaventure.net or 925-6725800 for more information.

CTK’s Italian Catholic Federation is offering a scholarship to 8th grade students wishing to attend a Catholic high school in the fall of 2019. Applications are in the vestibule of the church. Deadline to apply is March 29. Contact Teri Hurlbut at 256-9649 for more information.

Time is running out to register for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Let a cozy weekend for just the two of you keep you warm on these rainy nights. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is June 28-30 in Danville. Visit our website at oaklandwwme.org for more information.

Join us for an hour of prayer at the next Taize Prayer Around the Cross. March 17 at Walnut Creek United Methodist Church, 1543 Sunnyvale Ave at 6 pm. We welcome all who wish to gather in prayer and in a spirit of Ecumenism. Taize Prayers consist of the repetition of simple chants. The service consists of quiet chanting, psalms, reading and silence. Note the service begins at 6 pm.

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Pray the Rosary! Christ the King has a weekly Rosary and Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. The group meets Tuesdays at 7 pm, in the church vestibule. “There is no surer means of calling down God’s blessings upon the family than the recitation of the Rosary” (Pope Pius XII). Contact Shirley at 925-957-0488 for details.

LifeShift Retreat on Work and the Christian Journey. An opportunity to reflect on life and faith while considering new career, work, and/or retirement possibilities. Participants will clarify life/work goals and address the fears of transition. San Damiano Retreat April 5-7. Presenters: Jim Briggs and Tom Bachhuber. 925-837-9141 to register.

Catholic Charities of the East Bay helps people in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties who are struggling with poverty and other complex issues. To learn more and how you can get involved, join a Transforming Lives Tour. Call Stephan Pippen at spippen@cceb.org or 510-768-3133.

Christ the King Parish Festival Update: This year we look forward to celebrating our annual CTK Festival on Friday, May 17 and Sat. May 18. Our theme this year is “CTK Guide to the Galaxy” and it will be packed with rocket ships, asteroids, far out space creatures and tons of family fun! Get involved at our next meeting, March 11 at 7 pm in the Media Room at CTK School or contact us at christthekingfestival@gmail.com.

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Saturday, March 16th
5:30 pm in the CTK Gym
Dinner at 7 pm

Online ticket sales at: www.KofCPH.org

Three Course meal: Homemade Soup and Irish Bread, Corned Beef & Cabbage, Homemade Bread Pudding with Whiskey Sauce

Full Irish Bar with Guinness, Harp & Guinness Blonde
Irish Dancers & Live Irish Music

Tickets: Adults $35 & Child $15 (kids meal served)

Questions?
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