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Wednesday, 7/10

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Sunday, 7/14

7/8 8 am - Orlando Villanueva †
7/9 8 am - Matthew Eary †
7/10 8 am - Francisco Santos †
          - Efren Valmone
7/11 8 am - John Healy †
7/12 8 am - Marcia Zabala †

Saturday, 7/13

8 am - James Vreeland †
5 pm - CTK Parishioners

Sunday, 7/14

7 am - Harold Iwai †
8 am - Giuseppina Iorfida †
9:15 am - Janice Sta. Maria Real
10:45 am - Francisco Santos
12:15 pm - Julia Gonzalez Koenig †
6 pm - William Watkins †

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Dear Friends,

Recently Catholic Cemeteries invited Sr. Dominic to offer their staff training in how they can best offer their services to the parishes they serve. One of the directors had pointed out to me while doing a committal at Queen of Heaven that they loved the way Christ the King conducts funerals. He said, “You have a team that works seamlessly to bring closure and comfort to the family.” And it is true. From meeting the grieving families to printing the funeral program, from welcoming the families at the doors to Eucharistic celebration, from good music to PowerPoint and video after communion, from putting our funeral parking signs to cleaning the Church and the surroundings, CTK offers a variety of services including grief counseling. Last week at the end of a Funeral Mass, one of our local morticians stopped me after mass, and told me how much they loved coming to CTK for funeral Masses. I am grateful to the staff and volunteers for their ministry especially to the grieving. Thank you.

Many people who attend a Catholic funeral for the first time will often remark how beautiful it is. Steeped in centuries-old custom and ritual as Catholic funeral rites are, that’s understandable. But the most important aspect about Catholic funeral Masses 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 “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. Our love for the departed is expressed after death, above all else, in our prayer for them.

One of the most inspiring things I have seen and done is to help people plan their own funeral before they die. It reminds us of our own mortality and our acceptance of it. There are many reasons why one should pre-plan one’s funeral.

**You want to ease the burden on your family. You want to assume the financial responsibility for your funeral. You want your family to have the benefit of a meaningful funeral. You want your final wishes to be followed. You want to be self-reliant and have your affairs in order at the end of your life.** Once you have made your plans, it is important to share that with someone in your family as well as your parish priest or a parish staff. Sr. Dominic can assist you in this faith-filled decision of transitioning to God’s house.

### What does our Leadership say about immigration:

Pope Francis expressed his "immense sadness" upon seeing the image of the migrant father and child who drowned in their attempt to cross the Rio Grande, a Vatican spokesman said on June 26. At least 283 migrants died while attempting to cross the U.S.-Mexico border last year, according to U.S. border patrol. Leaders of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops echoed the pope’s grief and said the image of the drowned father and daughter demand action. “This image cries to heaven for justice. This image silences politics. Who can look on this picture and not see the results of the failures of all of us to find a humane and just solution to the immigration crisis?” said Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston and Bishop Joe Vasquez of Austin. “Sadly, this picture shows the daily plight of our brothers and sisters. Not only does their cry reach heaven. It reaches us. And it must now reach our federal government,” they said.

The bishops stressed the respect due to every human person, created in the image of God, no matter their legal status or country of origin. “Recent reports of overcrowded and unsanitary conditions are appalling and unacceptable for any person in U.S. custody, but particularly for children, who are uniquely vulnerable,” they said. “Such conditions cannot be used as tools of deterrence. We can and must remain a country that provides refuge for children and families fleeing violence, persecution, and acute poverty.”

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### Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

**First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14**

The last part of the book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet who lived after the Jews returned from exile. In today’s reading (which is a poem), the prophet sees a bright future for Jerusalem, and uses the image of God as a mother.

**Galatians 6:14-18**

In Galatia, a group of Christians attacked Paul’s credentials as an apostle and accused him of false teaching because he said people can be saved without abiding by Jewish law. In this passage from the end of his letter to the Galatians, Paul defends his right to teach, and stresses that faith in the law has been replaced by faith in Jesus.
Parish Registration Updates: Are you registered at Christ the King? Not sure? Have you gotten rid of your land-line? Please send an email to office@ctkph.org with your name, email and cell phone number. We will respond with the information that we currently have on file. If we don’t have you in our files, we will send you a parish registration form. Thanks for helping keep our registrations up-to-date.

Join us to celebrate the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, “We Are Called”. Monday, July 22, 8 am Mass at Christ the King, followed by breakfast in the Ministry Center Patio. Fr. Brian Timoney, Celebrant, Sharon Spiller, Reflection. All are welcome, no charge.

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Are you looking for a community to support you? You are not alone. Please join us on Wednesday, July 17 at 7 pm in the parish hall. ctkAlive! brings you the new feature film, “The Temptation of Christ”. This is courtesy of parishioners Sarah and Christopher Garcia, whose son, Mateo Ray plays Jesus as a young boy. Your free-will donation will benefit our SVdP Society. Check out the trailer at youtube.com/watch?v=5FS3Jo6bD6Y.

Semi-Annual Parish Welcome Event this Sunday, July 7, 3-5p.m. Brand new to our community? CTK’s welcome event is the perfect time for us to get to know each other! Join us this afternoon, July 7, at 3 p.m. for a casual wine and cheese gathering in the Parish Hall. Please bring a bottle of wine or your favorite beverage, or finger food appetizers to share. Fr. Paulson, representatives of various CTK organizations and the school will be on hand to welcome you personally, and to tell you about the offerings and opportunities here at our dynamic parish community! Following the gathering, we will tour CTK’s campus facilities with those who are interested. Children are very welcome. Please let us know in your RSVP how many will be attending, plus their ages.

Snack, Sips and Jazz at San Damiano Retreat will be offered on July 21, 3:30 to 6 pm. Join us for our 3rd annual afternoon of New Orleans fare, wine and live music featuring the CoolTones Big Band. Entry is $35. 710 Highlands Dr., Danville. Reservations at 925-837-9141.

The Seminarians of the Diocese of Oakland will be hosting a Quo Vadis Day on Monday, July 22 from 9:30 am - 6:30 pm at the Youth Retreat Center in Lafayette. This day of gathering is open to young men ages 13-18. The cost is $20. To register or for more information, call 510-267-8356.

California Licensed Nurses, Doctors, NPs, PAs - Be a Medical Missionary in your own backyard! Can you help once per month or once every other month? Please join our volunteer team clinic located at St. Vincent de Paul Family Resource Center, RotaCare Pittsburgh Free Medical Clinic, 2210 Gladstone Dr., Pittsburgh. The clinic hours are Wednesdays 4 - 8 pm and Saturdays 9 am to noon. Contact the Clinic Operations Manager at 925-439-2009.

Celebrate Italian Heritage Night with the Oakland A’s and the Italian Catholic Federation. Saturday, Aug. 3 vs. St. Louis Cardinals. Includes field level seat, Italian A’s souvenir, pre-game social. $33 per person. Contact Rose at 925-381-4709 for tickets.

Today’s second collection supports Catholic Education here at Christ the King. Thank you for your support!

Need Prayer? Help is on the way! Send confidential prayer requests to: prayerline@ctkph.org.
We will have barrels in the vestibule of the church beginning Friday, July 12 to Monday, July 15 for backpack drop-off!

If you prefer, each donation of $50.00 will provide a new backpack filled with school supplies for an at risk student. Donations can be put in the collection basket or dropped off at the parish office. Thank you for your support.