Week At A Glance
Sunday, 8/11
• Knitting Group, Rms A/B 3 pm
Monday, 8/12
• Boy Scouts, Rm A/B, 7 pm
Tuesday, 8/13
• Perpetual Help/Rosary Church 7 pm
Wednesday, 8/14
Thursday, 8/15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
  Masses 6:30 & 8 am, noon, 7 pm
Friday, 8/16
Saturday, 8/17
• Men’s Fellowship, Brian Joyce Rm 7:30 am
Sunday, 8/18

Upcoming Mass Intentions
8/12 8 am - Donna Fribourg †
8/13 8 am - Pam Romano
8/14 8 am - Anthony Germano Dalagan †
8/15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
  6:30 am - Eddie Connell †
  8:00 am - Norman Gard †
  12:00 pm - Eileen Radding †
  7:00 pm - Maria Mai-Ly
8/16 8 am - Sr. Dominic - Birthday Blessings
  Saturday, 8/17
  8 am - Michael Carpenter †
  5 pm - John J. Batten †
  Sunday, 8/18
  7 am - Dina Matson †
  8 am - Mia Katherine Prado †
  9:15 am - Tes Ostrander †
  10:45 am - CTK Parishioners
  12:15 pm - Pacifico Ambat, Jr. †
  6 pm - Sandy McLaughlin

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Be like servants who await their master’s return from a wedding.
Luke 12:35

August 11, 2019

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 and Friends of Christ the King Catholic Church,

I pray that this communication to begin our school year finds you and your loved ones safe and rested. In addition, it is my hope that your summer was and is filled with great adventure, and renewal, as we approach a new and exciting school year.

Our theme this school year for our parish/school faculty and staff is the Holy Spirit and a sub-theme of unity. In our faith we receive the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit. Saint Paul illustrates with these attributes the kind of love that marks a true Christian life. “But the fruit of the Holy Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law” (Galatians 5:22-23).

Further, the gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. In this light that we, again, embark on a wonderful new year to transform anew. How exciting to journey together in faith, knowledge, and service as Catholic educators in one of the greatest ministries of all!

This past school year God faithfully/lovingly presented many blessings. The 2018-2019 school year enveloped goals surrounding our theme of hope and sub-theme of intentions of the heart. In that light we built and enlivened a wonderful relationship with our parish that truly honored and shifted the very climate and culture of our learning environment. In addition, as a school we poured tremendous work into safety measures including a comprehensive emergency operation plan with a robust safety committee in place to achieve many initiatives. We were good stewards of our finances, title funding, and fundraising and thankfully our plan with a robust safety committee in place to achieve many initiatives. We were good stewards of our finances, title funding, and fundraising and thankfully our school is in sound financial health with reserves to provide immense possibilities. A myriad of capital and deferred maintenance projects occurred at the parish and school levels as well. Our students continue to perform exceptionally well as indicated by their academic achievement, norm referenced test scores, and immense success beyond our walls. Further, advances occurred in new curricular programming, teacher articulation/collaboration, clinical observation/summative evaluation, and with regards to positive student learning outcomes whereby restorative practices and Catholic virtues began each day in prayer and ended each day in gratitude. So much more to share, but today God blesses us with a new school year where enrollment is robust, and our future continues to be promising.

This year we are hopeful to advance our school’s technology plan/capacity, lean into marketing and communication, and continue to build programming/internal capacity in providing the best Catholic elementary education possible.

Of course, the aforementioned would not be possible without God, Christ, and Mary’s sacred influence and love/care of Father Paulson our pastor, fellow priests, sisters, and ministers of our faith. Also, as nurtured by a very committed/talented faculty and staff, from supportive parishioners like you, our parent guardians and grandparents who sacrifice their resources, service, and talent, and to our students and alum who have participated in a lighthouse of success and excellence that is irreplaceable to our mission and charism.

Abundant blessings and immense gratitude as we continue to journey together in faith,

Joe Silveira
Principal
Christ the King Catholic School

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 11, 2019

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

The book of Wisdom was written by a teacher who lived in Alexandria, Egypt, a center of learning for the ancient world. He addresses his writing to a group of Jews in this city who were being tempted to abandon their religious practices and beliefs. To bolster their faith, the author speaks of the memorable night of Passover when the angel of the Lord destroyed the enemies of the Jews.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Today and for the next three Sundays, the second reading will be from the Letter to the Hebrews. This document was written by an author we do not know to a community we cannot identify. In today’s section, the author encourages the community, whose faith is faltering, by calling to mind Old Testament heroes such as Abraham and Sarah. This passage offers the only definition of faith in the New Testament.

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This year, Bill Weidinger will begin his fourth year as a grade 4/5 catechist. Bill says, “Talking to the kids about God, the gospel readings, prayer, beliefs and spiritual practices is a learning experience for both me and them.” He also gets questions that he hadn’t considered, such as, “What sports did Jesus play?”, “Was Jesus a Warriors fan?”, and “Did Jesus have pets?” Help spread the Good News to our young people by becoming a catechist. Contact Deacon John to discuss this opportunity to serve. faithformation@ctkph.org or (925) 682-2486, ext 107.

Grief Support at St. Bonaventure: The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Whether the death was unexpected and tragic, or one with warning and preparation, the reality of death leaves most of us in a state of shock, confusion and sadness. Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief. “Healing the Heart” is a 6-week program that will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 until 9:00 pm from September 10th to October 15th. The Grief Companions will share their experiences and there is time for small group sharing. We invite you to join us and let us accompany you on your healing journey. For more information and to register, call Helene at (925) 681-8105 by September 5th.

ctkAlive! Scripture Study—Join us for an in-depth, prayerful exploration of the Acts of the Apostles and the Conversion of St. Paul. The six weekly sessions begin Tues., Sept. 10, Brian Joyce Rm., Ministry Ctr. Choose either 9-10:30 a.m. or 7-9:30 p.m. Facilitator: Al Garrotto. Pre-registration required at algarrotto@comcast.net.

Parish Prayer Line: We have a team of parishioners available to pray for you. Send confidential prayer requests to prayerline@ctkph.org.
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The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday, August 15, 2019

Masses at 6:30 am, 8 am, 12:00 pm and 7 pm.

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: “We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory.”

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. The feast was celebrated under various names—Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity and is a holy day of obligation.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary’s Assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God’s people. In light of the Assumption of Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46–55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her savior. God has done marvels to her and she leads others to recognize God’s holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply reverenced her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength, she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness.