When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?

LUKE 18:8

October 20, 2019

Christ the King Church
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MISSION STATEMENT
To Hear the Gospel and Make a Difference

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

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 20
- Clow/9:15am Mass
- FSCTK Get Together/Parish Hall 1pm
- Collection of hygiene/grooming items

Monday, Oct 21
- Msgr. Wade Golf Tournament
- Prayer Group/Min. Ctr. 4:30pm

Tuesday, Oct 22
- Scripture Study/Min. Ctr. 9:15am
- Scripture Study/Min. Ctr. 7:15pm
- Perpetual Help Rosary/Church 7pm

Wednesday, Oct 23

Thursday, Oct 24
- Centering Prayer/Min. Ctr. 10am
- RCIA 7pm
- Youth Group/Parish Hall 7pm

Friday, Oct 25

Saturday, Oct 26
- Men’s Fellowship/Min. Ctr. 7:30am

Sunday, Oct 27
- Knitting Group/Room C. 3pm
- Confirmation Sponsor/Candidate Mtg. 4pm

UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Oct. 21 8 am  -  Mark Ashmore †
Oct. 22 8 am  -  Jeremias & Salome Romana †
Oct. 23 8 am  -  Ruth Brogan †
Oct. 24 8 am  -  Mario Chavez †
Oct. 25 8 am  -  Bob Keating †

Saturday, Oct. 26
8 am  -  Thomas L. Frasier †
5 pm  -  Albert Simonetti †

Sunday, Oct. 27
7 am  -  Christ the King Parishioners
8 am  -  Tom Gilbert †
9:15 am  -  Steve Bruckner †
10:45 am  -  Jose Martinez †
12:15 pm  -  Oscar & Rosario Orpiano †
6:00 pm  -  Lucy Ashmore †

Religious Education: (925) 686-1017
Youth Ministry: (925) 676-0979
CTK School: (925) 685-1109
St. Stephen Church: (925) 274-1341
(Our Sister Parish)
Dear friends,

I was in Fatima, when terrible things happened to two of my best friends - Archbishop Dominic Jala and Fr. Mathew Vellankal. With the grace and strength from our blessed Mother, I was able to receive the worst news in my life, and entrust back to God the two best he had entrusted to my life.

Archbishop Dominic and I share a friendship that goes back 30 plus years, when he was my Liturgy professor and friend. And then we worked together for many years in a technical School where he was the Director; and I served as General Manager or administrator. Those were years when we cemented our friendship and learned to love and respect each other even more. Archbishop Dominic never drove a car, and so always depended on others for driving him around. During those years, there wasn’t a single day when I did not drive him somewhere or another. His mother and siblings lived 5 miles away from the school, and we would visit his mom almost every 3-4 days, sit around the fire in the kitchen and eat and drink. I knew all his siblings and nephews and nieces. When I came to the United States, Archbishop made it a priority to visit me almost every year, and spend time with the community I was serving. In fact, from Fremont to Pleasant Hill, most communities of faith remember Archbishop Jala as a humble man who had no pretenses. Last year, while visiting Christ the King, Archbishop showed up at the sacristy and Fr. Vince asked him to preside, and his response was, “No, you do it. I will concelebrate.” There was no protocol. He was a priest among priests. In an age of clericalism, he was my hero because he lived servant leadership to its fullest. He has joined me in hiking, backpacking and many other leisurely activities here in the U.S.

Fr. Mathew was a colleague, who shared his life and ministry with me over the past 20 years here in the United States. We had no secrets, rather we built our relationship over our successes and hardships, our plans and strategies for the future. I have always been inspired by Mathew’s positive energy and unrestrained enthusiasm for ministry. In addition, I lost another friend in July whom we used to call Fr. T.O. (Tio, which in a number of languages would mean Uncle.) He was much older than me, very deep and spiritual. I looked up to him for leadership, wisdom and company. He took his life in an unusual way which was devastating.

I want you to know I have not lost hope. As a priest, I have accompanied so many of you in your own losses, and you have taught me in more ways than you know how to cope with death especially of a loved one. It brings up our own mortality. When someone close to you dies it is a reminder that we will die and, who knows, it could be soon or it could be later. I have always said to myself that God has blessed me with good health, success and friends for 55 years, and I consider every day as a gift.

Someone said, “Friends aren't just icing on the cake of life — they're the cake. They make life more fun, more fulfilling, and, well, just better all around.” This means we don’t have to be perfect with one another. Sometimes we are at our best, and other times we're at our worst. In a good friendship there is mutuality. Our friends are the people we let in. They’re the people who can get under our skin, for better or for worse, and they're the ones in whom we choose to invest. I have invested everything in these two people over the years. I am grateful Fr. Joseph Parekkatt is alive, and I promised him that he can come to CTK to recuperate among fellow priests.

A co-worker of God is one who is bound together with God. When God works, he works. When God walks, he walks. When God stops, he stops. You may be a diligent person who wants to do more work for God, but God may say, “I do not want you to do more work for Me right now; I want you to rest with Me. I am resting, so you have to rest with Me.” And that is how, I would like to accept this loss, and I would like to thank you for your goodness to me.

Fr. Paulson
Parish Prayer Line: We have a team of parishioners available to pray for you. Send confidential prayer requests to prayerline@ctkph.org.

**ctkAlive! Scripture Study**—Join us for an in-depth, prayerful exploration of the Advent/Christmas Scriptures. The six weekly sessions begin Tues., Nov. 12 Fr. Joyce Rm, Ministry Ctr. Choose either 9:15 am -10:30 a.m. or 7:15-9 p.m. Facilitator: Al Garrotto. Preregistration required at algarrotto@comcast.net. Comments about our fall series: "I love the idea of community and participation." . . . . "I'm enjoying the bible study so much. Thank you."

**Taize Prayer Around The Cross** is an hour service consisting of quiet chanting, a psalm, reading and silence. We welcome all who wish to gather in prayer and in a spirit of Ecumenism. The next Taize Prayer is this Sunday, October 20, 7:30 pm at Hillcrest Church in Pleasant Hill.

**Mass of Remembrance** will be celebrated on Sunday, November 3 at 12:15 pm. We will pray especially for all who have died this past year. Names of those buried from CTK will be listed on a scroll. If your loved one was not buried from CTK, has died within the past 12 months ~ and you would like their name included on the scroll ~ please call the parish office: 682-2486 and leave the name of the deceased. Deadline is October 20. Questions? Sr. Dominic at 246-1122.

A training for new Eucharistic Ministers or anyone interested in becoming an EM is scheduled for Monday 10/28 @ 6:30 pm in the Church. Training should last 60-90 minutes. We are always in need of more Ministers for all Masses! If you have been considering doing this, please come to this training. If you have any questions you can contact Gayle Nault @ 925-352-3397 or via email @ softballscrapper@gmail.com.

**Please Join us for ChristLight XVI**

November 8-10, 2019

Energize your Faith with the Joy of the Lord in this parish based weekend experience! ChristLight is held on the Christ the King campus and gathers women and men to share in prayer, fellowship, stories, song, fun, and, of course, fantastic meals!

**Come see a volunteer after mass to answer questions and get signed up!**

If you have questions, please contact:

Blaine Carter 925-963-6168 or Jennifer Rogers 503-709-8449
Faith in Action is requesting your prayers to join those around the country working with Jubilee USA. This is a non-profit group that works on economic policies to ensure that resources get to the most vulnerable communities. There are many faith partners throughout the United States and we are one of them. This weekend, Jubilee USA is asking all of us to pray for Congress to act towards fighting the injustices towards the poor. It also emphasizes concern for the climate change, restoration of Puerto Rico and other areas damaged by natural disasters. We pray also for our brothers and sisters at the borders. Thank you for your support of this worthy cause. Jubilee USA, we pray for the work for the poor. Amen.

Are you an adult who is interested in being baptized? Were you baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination and are thinking about becoming Catholic? Are you a Catholic who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Contact Father Mario for more information frmario@ctkph.org.

“I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me”
Matthew 25:35
Luis and Carmen and 4 children were granted asylum in the U.S. and were in temporary residence at the Oakland Catholic Worker. Permanent residence is being sought by volunteers of East Bay Catholic Charities and Oakland Catholic Worker. We at Christ The King are privileged to make a difference by assisting the family in their resettlement. A list of needed household items will soon appear in the bulletin with hopes for a positive response. Direct any questions to: Anne Daniele (925) 642-7954.

Carondelet High School’s Open House
for interested 6th, 7th and 8th-grade girls and their parents/guardians, will be held on Sunday, November 17th from 1-3 p.m. at 1133 Winton Drive (corner of Treat Blvd.) in Concord. We also have shadow visits, tours, and HSPT Test-Prep courses available. To register and find out more about these events, please visit carondeleths.org/admissions.

Communication Skills for Individual, Couples, and Families: Tips, Tools, and Techniques for Improving Communication. Good Communication is key to any healthy relationship, whether it be with family, friends, co-workers, or others. This Workshop will provide practical skills for being a more effective communicator, and strategies for improving interactions with others. This Workshop will be helpful to anyone who wants to learn better communication skills, or just "Refresh or Refine" the ones you have! The Workshop will be presented by Gale Haux, a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, who has a private practice in Pleasant Hill, and is a Parishioner. The Workshop is on Monday, November 4th from 7-8:30 pm in the Parish Hall and is free.

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