Week at a Glance

Sunday, Nov. 24
- No Clow/ No RE Classes
- Knitting Group/Room C 2 pm
Monday, Nov. 25
- No RE Classes
Tuesday, Nov. 26
- Bible Study/Min. Ctr, 9:15am
- No RE Classes
- Perpetual Help Rosary/Church 7 pm
- Bible Study/Min. Ctr, 7:15 pm
Wednesday, Nov. 27
- No RE Classes
Thursday, Nov. 28
- Happy Thanksgiving!
- Mass 9:15 am
- Parish Offices Closed
Friday, Nov. 29
- Parish Offices Closed
Saturday, Nov. 30
- Men’s Fellowship/Min. Ctr, 7:30 am
Sunday, Dec. 1
- No Clow/ No RE Classes
- Young Families, Rms A/B 10:30 am
- Confirmation, 6 pm

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

Mission Statement
To Hear the Gospel and
Make a Difference

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Nov. 25  8 am -  Arturo Malibiran †
        Evangiline Malibiran †
Nov. 26  8 am -  Ken Sihler †
Nov. 27  8 am -  Claro Tagle
Nov. 28  8 am -  Blanche Oldham †
        Fe Ricafrente
Nov. 29  8 am -  Evangiline Malibiran †

Saturday, Nov. 30
8 am -  Kathleen Fitzpatrick †
5 pm -  Edward T. Schubring †

Sunday, Dec. 1
7 am -  Jose & Pina Navarro †
8 am -  Patricia Fair †
9:15 am -  Julia Carol White
10:45 am -  Jose Antonio Leitao
12:15 pm -  Karen Savignano †
6 pm -  CTK Parishioners

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

Today we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. Happy Feast to all of you. Jesus is our King. What is amazing is that for Jesus, Kingship or leadership is about sacrifice, not earthly authority. Jesus never exhibited royal traits, in the earthly sense. “His strategic vision was not a plan of invasion but rather the conquest of death itself. His tactics, shared in his Gospel preaching, were generosity, forgiveness, care for the poor, healing the sick and calling sinners to repentance. His overall doctrine was love.” (Michael Simone)

It is fascinating that as we celebrate the feast of Christ the King, our own nation is engaged in the process of impeachment of our President. Those of you who join me for weekday masses, know that I pray for our President and congress every day. And my prayer always centers on our leaders doing what is right for our nation especially for the most vulnerable in our midst, that they be people of integrity. These days I pray as I watch news that truth may triumph, and that our people may converge around what is true, what is beautiful and what unites.

In his conversation with Pilate, Jesus declared himself as the King. He said, “You say that I am a King. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” Jesus equates his Kingship with truth. Later on, He will say that He is the truth. Pilate beheld the truth in that moment, but he did not have eyes to see nor ears to hear the truth crying out to him. He will ultimately exchange his soul for what was politically expedient for him, and would condemn Jesus to be crucified. He knew Jesus was innocent and still sent Him to death.

Timothy Leary coined the phrase “Reality Tunnel” which basically means that truth is in the eye of the beholder. It does not mean that there is no objective reality, but that all reality is being interpreted through our senses, conditioning, belief system and personality types. Anais Nin stated it correctly, “We don’t see things as they are; we see them as we are.” In a polarized society, where we see everything through political lens or bias including faith and religion, it is a challenge for many of us to confront the truth of what is going on in Washington DC. We are the modern-day version of Pilate. Something is true because it is politically expedient. And we will respond to the current political realities probably in the same way as Pilate. And that would be our worst sin, because as Christians we are called to witness to truth in the midst of lies and distortions that abound. And worst still, if we serve falsehood by lies and distortions.

Hannah Arendt wrote, “No one has ever doubted that truth and politics are on rather bad terms with each other, and no one, as far as I know, has ever counted truthfulness among political virtues.” Serving the God of Truth requires purposeful choices. A deep commitment to honesty and integrity is necessary if you wish to make a positive change in our nation. May we like Joshua declare, “But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” – of Truth.
Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:15am. All are invited to join us and celebrate the great feast of Thanksgiving!

There will be a special blessing over bread and wine...so bring the bread and wine that you will share at your table on that day.

In today’s mobile society, families are often separated during the holidays. If you find yourself alone on Thanksgiving, or you are grieving the loss of a loved one and need support on this day, Queen of Heaven Cemetery will welcome you with open arms as we gather together as one community on Thanksgiving Day for coffee and fellowship. Please join us on Thursday, November 28th from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the St Cecilia Chapel, 1965 Reliez Valley Road, Lafayette. For information please call: 925 932-0900.

The man who hung on the cross next to Jesus asks him to “remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Of all the people who took part in the crucifixion of Jesus, only this man sincerely acknowledges Jesus as King. Only he receives the promise of joining Jesus in paradise that very day. I wonder if he knew what Jesus’ kingdom meant? The second reading gives us a better idea of the extent of that kingdom. Paul uses images of things visible and invisible, of dominions, principalities, and powers. Notice one short phrase that appears six times in that reading: “all things.” If Christ is King of all things, that includes our possessions. We might keep that in mind, not only when deciding how much we give to the poor or to the Church, but also how we use the things we own. The things we watch on TV, the foods we eat, the books we read—all are under Jesus’ kingship. I might even drive more carefully if I remember that my car belongs to the Lord.

Even our life is under his reign. That can remind us to trust Jesus more, as well as to ask for the guidance of his Spirit in our decisions. If we let the Lord guide our lives, we know that anything that happens to us is either God’s will or something that Jesus can lead us through, on our way to paradise.

We celebrate the Feast of Christ the King with refreshments after all masses this weekend.

It’s that time of year again! Scouts will be selling Christmas wreaths after all masses for the next 4 weeks, November 23 - December 15. Please stop by after mass to meet your local scouts and pick up your wreath!

Faith in Action: Many thanks to our CTK Family for the warm welcome of Luis and Carmen and the children at the Nov. 9th mass. Juana was unable to attend as she had to work. Please pray that affordable housing will be found soon. Luis and Carmen and Juana and their children will be sharing the housing so that together they may be able to pay the rent. Many thanks for all the donations thus far. Items that are in good condition and yet needed are: Crib with mattress and side pads, another bunk bed, kitchen table, 8 chairs, cookware, kitchen utilities, TV, bed linens. It would be helpful if you can hold on to these items until housing is found. We are short on storage space. Books and games are needed for the children: 2 boys-Franklin 12, Jonathan 9, 2 girls-Valeria 6, Emily 3 months, 2 teenage boys -Edwin 16, Edgar 17. Phone or Text: Anne Daniele (925) 642-7954. Email: antennald1@gmail.com.
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 at frmario@ctkph.org.

Weekly Offering:
November 16/17
Church Support: $22,976.67
Plate Collections $18,156.67 + Online Giving: $4,820

Calling all Women! Magnificat SOTI, a Ministry for Catholic Women invite all to join them at their Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, December 7 at 9:30 am. Please join us for a morning of Praise, Prayer and Inspiration as we celebrate Advent and prepare for the coming birth of our Lord. 45 John Glenn Drive, Concord. Call Kim Sullivan at 925-683-8220 for tickets or more information.

Advent’s little blue books with six-minute reflections on the Sunday Gospels of Year A are available in the vestibule. Donations of $1 each are appreciated.

Did you know we have another option for online-mobile giving? Just scan this QR code to connect with our donation site. You can give anytime, even if you've forgotten your cash or checkbook!

As always, we thank you for your generosity.

Support Our Food Drives!

To support St. Vincent de Paul, please bring bags of groceries! Below are the requested items. Please only bring groceries from this list!

(normal sizes only—no giant sizes, no glass)

Any kind of canned vegetables
Any kind of canned beans
Pasta, rice, dried beans
Canned fruit, tuna, soups, tomato sauce, peanut butter and cereal

**We need grocery bags also**

Drop off bags in front of church through December 15th.
Thank you for your generosity!

This weekend, members of our Faith in Action team will hand out boxes after masses. The boxes for Monument Crisis Center will have a list of food and directions for delivery. This program offers families the opportunity to enjoy the holidays without the worry of food insecurity.

Our second collection this weekend supports the Campaign for Human Development, a program of the US Catholic Bishops which funds local grassroots organizations that are empowering low-income people to lift themselves out of poverty. Among the groups supported this year in our diocese is Contra Costa Interfaith Housing. Thank you for your support.