Christ the King Church
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December 29, 2019

THE HOLY FAMILY OF Jesus, Mary & Joseph

The angel said to Joseph, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you.”
– Matthew 2:13

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

Week at a Glance

Sunday, Dec. 29
• No Clow

Monday, Dec. 30
• Prayer Group/Min. Ctr. 4:30pm

Tuesday, Dec. 31
• 8 am Mass
• 5 pm Mass - Followed by a Reception

Wednesday, Jan. 1
• Parish Offices Closed
• Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
  (8 am, 9:15 am and 7 pm Masses)

Thursday, Jan. 2
• Centering Prayer/Min. Ctr. 10 am
• No RCIA

Friday, Jan. 3

Saturday, Jan. 4
• Men’s Fellowship/Min. Ctr. 7:30 am
• Grief Support /Min Ctr. 9 am

Sunday, Jan. 5
• Clow

UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. 30 8 am  Toni Slingerland †
Dec. 31 8 am  Helen & Harry Crovo †
Jan.  1 8 am  Katie Morley Dubrow †
       9:15 am  Loretta Sagers
             Michael Sagers
             7 pm  Jesus Parminual, Jr.
Jan.  2 8 am  Marge McDonald †
Jan.  3 8 am  Gerald McGhee †
       6 pm  Agileo Martinez †
Saturday, Jan.  4
  8 am -  Paul Sbragia † & J.P. Sbragia-Zoricic †
       5 pm -  Ralph Moore †
Sunday, Jan.  5
  7 am  CTK Parishioners
  8 am  Carondelet High School
  9:15 am  Rita Martin †
  10:45 am  Jeff Brogan †
          12:15 pm  Helena Maymetto †
          6 pm  Cesar Azurin, Jr. †

Religious Education: (925) 686-1017
Youth Ministry: (925) 676-0979
CTK School: (925) 685-1109
St. Stephen Church: (925) 274-1341
(sister parish)
Light from Light – True God from True God

This Advent Season we, again, witnessed the miracle and birth of the Baby Jesus and its amazing impact to our lives as Catholic Christians. Advent, a season of the liturgical year is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas, and the return of Jesus at the second coming.

This season begins our liturgical year as a Church. God’s amazing plans and designs are interwoven into our salvation through the prophets, by His holy word, and in the mysteries of our faith. Mary’s “Yes” to the archangel Gabriel reveals the miracle of life to a loving couple in a humble manger.

God’s plan is like beautiful tapestry that is incredibly complex and aesthetically captivating all in one. The backside of tapestry’s decorative fabric, that is built up during weaving, is rather messy. Yet, the front side compels us to wonder in awe. Sort of like stain glass that from the outside can become less clear and dusty over time. Yet, once light is shone through the glass beautiful arrays of color and prisms captivate our hearts.

The manger speaks of hope, peace, joy, and love. In addition, there is a humble aspect to our faith story that makes it so simple -- yet profound all at once. God’s plan envelopes the love of Mary and Joseph, the miracle of the birth of the baby Jesus, and His eternal love for us all.

As we approach the month of January and anticipate the hopes of a new calendar year, we lean toward the light of the Epiphany that celebrates the revelation that Jesus was the son of God. The Epiphany focuses primarily on this revelation to the Three Wise Men, but also in Jesus’s baptism in the Jordan, and at the Wedding of Cana.

On January 6th our Church celebrates the feast of the Epiphany. The mysterious visit of the Magi to Mary, Joseph, and the Baby Jesus is a manifestation of God revealing His plan. For me the Epiphany is powerful -- as the Magi put aside worldly influence and accomplishments and followed the star to the baby Jesus.

Pope Francis stated on January 6th of 2019 in Vatican City, “We need to arise, to get up from our sedentary lives and prepare for a journey. We also need to shine, to be clothed by God who is the light, day by day, until we are fully clothed in Jesus.”

May this beautiful light shine through each of us for the world to see as we thank God for His prophetic plan and many blessings. My prayer is that you and your families experience the hope, peace, joy, and love of Christmas throughout the year. May your New Year be filled with peace, health, and abundant blessings,

Mr. Silveira
Principal, Christ the King Catholic School

Holy Family Sunday
December 29, 2019

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
The book of Sirach was written by a wise teacher who lived 200 years before Christ. Sirach ran a school for young people in Jerusalem. In today’s section, he advises his students on the proper way to honor their parents.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21
The letter to the Colossians was written around the year 80 A.D. A significant concern in this letter is how the Christian community appears to outsiders. The author offers guidelines so that Christian families will live in such a way that others will notice the difference.

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

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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.

Did you know we have another option for online-mobile giving? Give in seconds with a text message! Text giving is fast, easy and versatile. Give in the moment - all in a matter of seconds.

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Mark your calendar for Saturday, January 25th! It's the annual San Francisco Walk for Life.

Be counted, Be there, Be Pro-Life!

More information to come.

From the finance committee: If you have an IRA and are over the age of 70 1/2, you are faced with a required minimum distribution from your IRA. The IRS has a qualified charitable donation rule that allows you to exempt your distribution from taxes. The significant advantage of this is that it lowers your adjusted gross income. The main rules are: donation must be paid directly from the IRA to the charity; the donor must be over 70 1/2; the amount is limited to $100k. If you are in this situation, check and see if it makes sense for you to apply this IRS rule and direct your distribution to Christ the King Parish.

This weekend our second collection is for our Saint Vincent de Paul Ministry here at Christ the King. This important ministry assists the less fortunate members of our community on a person-to-person basis. Emergency food, clothing and other services are provided. Volunteers meet with these families and individuals Monday through Friday from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Typical assistance awarded a client might include a voucher to Grocery Outlet, and/or a clothing or shower voucher. Parishioners make this emergency financial aid possible through their generous contributions to this special collection taken up four times a year on the 5th Sunday of the month. Thank you for your continued support.

Church Support 12/14-12/15

Regular Collection: $19,377.00
(plate collections, $14,695; online $4,682)
Christmas Flowers: $4384.00
Thank you for your continued support.

“Let the little children come to Me.” First Friday Mass, January 3, 2020 at 6 pm. Children’s Holy Hour will be from 4 pm to 5 pm with prayer, song and silence in front of the Blessed Sacrament in a Holy Hour designed for kids. Regular First Friday adoration from 5 pm to 6 pm. All are welcome!

Bible Study

ctkAlive! Winter Scripture Study Sessions

Are you downsizing? Are you cleaning your closets in preparation for new year? St. Vincent de Paul would be grateful for your items. Repurpose, Reuse and Recycle with St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County! Drop your donations to:

Pleasant Hill Thrift Store
2815 Contra Costa Blvd, Pleasant Hill
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Furniture will be picked up! Call 925-439-5060 to arrange for a pick up! Thank you!
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It’s the twenties again! Join us for a roaring good time at the 2020 Christ the King Auction on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 5pm at the Hilton Concord. This amazing community event raises funds for our Christ the King School, Religious Education and Youth Ministry. Tickets are on sale now for $100 each and can be purchased at www.ctkauction.com. VIP ticket options are also available.

Donations! We are looking for the following targeted auction item donations: STAYS: vacation home or timeshare, TICKETS: sporting (including H.S. or college), concert, or performance, TECHNOLOGY: game consoles, drones, speakers, headphones, etc., SKILLS: hobby or expertise instruction (e.g. cooking, etc.), EXPERIENCE: any unique item or VIP access you are able to share. Our 2020 Auction Donor form is on the website https://www.ctkauction.com/donate.html

For more information, contact your 2020 auction chairs at auction@ctkschool.org.

Knights of Columbus – 2020 Basketball Free Throw Competition / 3 Point Competition on 26 January 2020.
No fee is required. Registration forms available at the day of the event. Girls and boys ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the Free-throw competition. 15 to 18 year-old youth (only) are invited to the 3-point shooting contest. The KoC PH council #5811 competition will be held on Sunday, January 26th from 7:30am to 11:30am at the CTK Gym. Bring your own ball to warm-up: Ages 9, 10, 11 (Boys & Girls Competitions) use a women’s regulation-size basketball and shoot from a 12-foot foul line, Ages 12, 13, 14 (Girls Competitions) use a women’s regulation-size basketball. Ages 12, 13, 14 (Boys Competitions) use a men’s regulation-size basketball. The council champion from each division advances to the district competition to be held in February. Questions: Contact Roberto Bracamontes at 925-899-7782 or rbracamontes@mac.com.

Christ the King After School Drama Class Presents: “Disney’s Frozen, Jr.”
Show dates: Monday, Jan. 13 at 7 pm, Jan. 14 at 10 am and 7 pm, Wed. Jan. 15 at 7 pm.

Time to Reconnect with your Catholic Faith?
Are you feeling like it may be time to re-engage with your Catholic Faith? Here’s a special opportunity just for you. LANDINGS is a 10 week program that offers a chance to reconnect. We hold discussion based sessions that are for listening and for being heard - for asking questions and finding answers. We begin a 10 week program here at CTK on Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 7 pm. Pre-registration is required. All are welcome and we look forward to hearing from you.

Interested? For more information, contact us at jwitherspoon@cfcsoakland.org.

Saddle Up!

Mark your calendar, dust off your cowboy boots and get ready for a knee-slappin’, buckaroo-ropin’, bootscootin’ hootenanny of a good time! This year’s festival will take place May 15-16, and our theme will be “CTK Round Up!” So saddle up! Our Festival Planning Committee invites YOU to join the fun! We are currently looking for volunteers in the following super fun areas:

• Margarita Booth
• Sponsorship
• Decorations
• Scheduling

Our next meeting will take place Monday, January 13 at 7 pm, so mosey on down to the school’s media room. Contact christthekingfestival@gmail with questions or ideas!