Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.  
Matthew 3:13

Week at a Glance

Sunday, Jan. 12
- Clow
- ICF, Parish Hall 1 pm
- Knitting Group/Room C 2 pm
- Confirmation, 6 pm

Monday, Jan. 13
- Prayer Group/Min. Ctr. 4:30 pm

Tuesday, Jan. 14

Wednesday, Jan. 15
- SVDP Mtg., Brian Joyce Rm, 8:45 am
- Grief Support, Brian Joyce Rm, 7 pm
- Landings Pgm, Msgr. Wade Rm, 7 pm

Thursday, Jan. 16
- Centering Prayer/Min. Ctr. 10 am
- Youth Group/Parish Hall 7 pm

Friday, Jan. 17

Saturday, Jan. 18
- Men’s Fellowship/Min. Ctr. 7:30 am
- Secular Franciscans, Rm C 9 am
- Santo Nino Mass, 5 pm

Sunday, Jan. 19
- Clow

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Jan. 13 8 am Fabiana Austria Adame †
Jan. 14 8 am Donald Wijekoon †
         Lucky Dias †
Jan. 15 8 am Eduardo Siguenza †
         Cecilia Rose Poblete †
Jan. 16 8 am J.R. Santiago †
Jan. 17 8 am Lucy Ashmore †

Saturday, Jan. 18
8 am Macario Adame †
5 pm Cesar Azurin, Jr. †

Sunday, Jan. 19
7 am CTK Parishioners
8 am Renato Bayani †
9:15 am Virginia Rossi †
10:45 am Socorro Bayani †
12:15 pm Cesar Azurin, Jr. †
6 pm Healing/Special Intentions

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

With TRANSITIONS among clergy and vacations that were planned long ago, and a new priest joining us only on February 1st, it has been a bit of a struggle to manage the month of January. Fr. Vince Cotter will be here until the end of January, and I have asked a visiting priest from Rome, Fr. Anand to extend his vacation and assist us from January 15-31. For now, we are good and I am so grateful. I have also asked the local clergy to assist us in case we need priests. I want to thank you for your continued prayers for me.

Flu Season Prompts us to Take Measures at Mass: Starting this week, we will not be sharing the cup during communion until the flu season is behind us. SHOULD YOU COME TO MASS? The Obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and other Holy Days of Obligation is the ordinary expectation for Roman Catholics (Canon 1247). However, extraordinary circumstances such as sickness or severe weather excuse the faithful from this obligation. If you suspect you have the flu or are suffering from a serious cold or other contagious illness, please stay at home and do not risk spreading infection to others. HOLDING HANDS DURING THE LORD’S PRAYER: If you have flu, avoid holding hands during the Our Father. THE SIGN OF PEACE: Please do not take offence should someone choose not to shake hands with you during the Sign of Peace. An appropriate gesture for those who are concerned about spreading the flu virus might be to clasp your hands together and with a smile say “Peace be with you”.

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The Christmas season draws to a close with the celebration of baptism, where Jesus is acknowledged and revealed as God's beloved Son. Pope Francis last year invited all Christians to mark the date of their Baptism and to celebrate it as the day when the Lord gave them the Holy Spirit to guide them in their lives. He conceded that it is impossible to actually remember that day but he invited all believers to go home and find out that significant date in their lives because, he said, it is when the Father gave them the gift of the Spirit who “opens the eyes of the heart to truth”. Describing Jesus’ baptism as a manifestation of His humility and availability to immerse Himself in the river of humanity, the Pope explained that along the banks of the River Jordan, God kept his promise to take charge of the fate of human beings, and Jesus is the tangible and definitive sign. “God has taken charge of our fate” he said. Pope Francis said, the Feast of Jesus’ Baptism invites every Christian to remember his or her own Baptism, because to forget it means to expose ourselves to the risk of losing our memory of what the Lord has done in us.

One of the great assets of our Parish is our Pastoral Council. Nancy Hartman was the Chair of the Council for the last two years, and she has ushered in positive changes to the council by her great leadership. I have appointed Michael Hall as the New Chair from February 2020. There are 3 openings in the council, and there will be a discernment process set in motion in the month of February. I am so grateful to our leadership at CTK. May God bless us all in this New Year!

Fr. Paulson

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FAITH IN ACTION: We are most grateful for the care and generosity of our fellow parishioners for all that has been donated on behalf of the family of Luis and Carmen.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS DESPERATELY NEEDED! If anyone has a house or apartment in Alameda or Contra Costa County or know of anyone who does and is willing to rent to Luis and Carmen and four children, please text, call or e-mail to: Anne Daniele (925) 642-7954, antennald1@gmail.com.

16th Annual Walk for Life West Coast

* Saturday, January 25, 2020 Civic Center Plaza *
San Francisco * Rally 12:30 * walk down Market (2 miles) end at Embarcadero Plaza/Ferry Building *
Abortion Hurts Women

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. The program begins 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.

Retrouvaille... A lifeline for marriages.

Do you feel lost, frustrated, hurt, or angry with your spouse? Retrouvaille helps married couples heal and renew their marriages. The next Weekend Program begins February 21-23, 2020. For more information or to register visit our website at HelpOurMarriage.com or contact Gus & Edda Rivera at (510) 709-6063.

FEAST OF SANTO NIÑO – The Filipino Society of Christ the King invites you to join in the celebration of the "Feast of Santo Niño" (Child Jesus) at Christ the King Church on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at the 5:00 pm mass, followed by refreshments and entertainment in the parish hall. We invite you to bring your Santo Niño statue which will be blessed during the mass. For additional information, please contact Abe Miralles (925-381-5898) or Imelda Santos (925-623-7340).

CYO CRAB FEED, Saturday February 1- get your tickets/tables now!

Tickets and Tables are going fast for the CYO Crab Feed on Saturday February 1. Fantastic Food (all you can eat crab, tri tip, pasta and salad) Dancing and Great Fun. Tickets and tables available online by going to the following link: ctkcyohoops.org

Saturday, February 1st
Doors open at 6:00 pm in the CTK Gym
Dinner service starts at 7:30 pm
21 and older event
VIP tickets $75 donation per seat "Sold out last year". VIP Tables are double wide for better comfort and space, 12 seats per VIP table Four-Course Homemade Crab and Tri Tip Dinner plus personal appetizers, hot butter and 2 bottles of wine per table. Also, hot towel service at your Table!!
Four-Course Homemade Crab Dinner tickets $55 donation per seat. Fresh Caesar Salad with croutons, Pasta with homemade meat sauce, Fresh Crab and BBQ Tri Tip! Dessert and Coffee
Full BAR available for purchase
WINE CORKAGE IS $20 PER BOTTLE AT THE DOOR PLEASE NO OTHER OUTSIDE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES!
Enjoy Dancing with music from Denon & Doyle DJ. Thank you for your support!
Knights of Columbus - 2020 Basketball Free Throw Competition / 3 Pt. Competition on January 26, 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.

Chris Stefanick - world-renowned Catholic author and speaker - will be presenting a life-changing event called REBOOT! Live! It is the fun, inspiring and practical experience of applying the beauty and genius of the heart of the Gospel to every aspect of your life.
St. Bonaventure Catholic Church/Concord
Wednesday, January 15, 2020
7:00pm to 9:30pm
Info/Purchase Tickets: Tickets $25
925.672.5800 x2229
RealLifeCatholic.com/reboot

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CTK School’s Parent Teacher Group, (PTG), is bringing back the Garden Café!
For those of you unfamiliar, CTK Café (formerly Garden Café), is a morning gathering for CTK school families and parishioners. All are welcome! Come anytime between 7:15 and 10 am to enjoy breakfast, coffee and each other’s company. Breakfast items, coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be served. The Café will be held on the last Friday of each month. We hope to see you there!

**CTK Café**
**When:** Friday, 1/31/20 7:15 am - 10 am
**Where:** CTK Parish Hall

2020 CTK AUCTION NEWS
Christ the King School Auction - The Roaring 20s
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.

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