**UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS**

- **Jan. 20** 8 am Juvenal Figueira †
- **Jan. 21** 8 am Willard Ashmore †
- **Jan. 22** 8 am Anna Paquette †
- **Jan. 23** 8 am Steven Feeley †
- **Jan. 24** 8 am James Spurs †

**Saturday, Jan. 25**
- 8 am Remedios R. Hernandez †
- 8 am Mary P. Ang †
- 5 pm Rudy Bautista †

**Sunday, Jan. 26**
- 7 am Steve Leske
- 8 am Toni Ferrari †
- 9:15 am CTK School Families
- 10:45 am Natalia Louro †
- 12:15 pm Cesar Azurin, Jr. †
- 6 pm Gloria Maliwanag †
Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The Christmas season is over and Ordinary Time is upon us! What you may not know is that we are now in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU). What a powerful force for good the Church could be if all believers were united as one. It is almost unimaginable! Yet, there is greater disunity in the Christian world today than ever, with over 30,000 Christian denominations.

In John 17:22, Jesus prayed to his Father, “I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one.” Whether one is Catholic, Protestant, Evangelical or any other Christian denomination, Jesus’ prayer is very challenging. Jesus prayed that all his followers would be united. That challenge to be united is what the founders of the WPCU responded to over 100 years ago.

You may be asking, “What is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity?” Originally called the Church Unity Octave, this week was established by Episcopal Father Paul Wattson, in 1908 in a small chapel 50 miles outside of New York City. Fr. Wattson, along with Sister Lurana White, co-founded the Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Atonement, and were “Anglo-Catholics,” committed to the return of non-Catholic Christians to the Roman Catholic Church. Such was their conviction, that in 1909 they were received, with 15 members of their order, into the Catholic Church. A year later, Fr. Wattson was ordained a Roman Catholic priest. Upon the co-founder’s conversion to Catholicism, Pope Pius X blessed the Church Unity Octave, and in 1916, Pope Benedict XV extended this observance to the universal church.

The Octave of Unity is “book ended” by two significant feast days. Although the official Church calendar was modified in 1960, the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter was traditionally observed on January 18. According to Franciscan Media, “This feast commemorates Christ’s choosing Peter to sit in his place as the servant-authority of the whole Church.” So, starting on January 18th gives the week a “Petrine Anchor” at the beginning. The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, January 25, finishes the octave with a “Pauline Anchor.” It’s hard to imagine better anchors to such a week of prayer than St. Peter & St. Paul!

The 2020 theme for the WPCU is, “They Showed Us Unusual Kindness,” taken from Acts 28:2. This final chapter of Acts tells the fascinating story of Paul’s journey, as a prisoner, to Rome, where he would eventually be martyred. Along the way, they were shipwrecked on Malta, and the natives there showed them unusual kindness. Perhaps this is a call for us to show that same kindness to our separated brothers and sisters, and pray that we all be united as God would have it, rather than insisting that everyone sees everything “our” way.

The St. Stephen/Christ the King community is joining in this year’s observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. From January 18 through January 25, we will pray the official prayer for Christian Unity during the Prayers of the Faithful at each mass. A limited supply of the WPCU prayer cards will be available in the vestibules of both churches, and we invite you to take one with you. We also invite you to add this to the prayers you offer every day, even when this week is over.

Blessings to all as we begin our journey through Ordinary time!

Deacon John

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Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
January 19, 2020

First Reading:
Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

The book of Isaiah in four different places speaks of a mysterious servant of God. This servant is sent to do great and marvelous things that touch the entire world. Christians have traditionally thought of Jesus as the fulfillment of these passages.

Second Reading:
1 Corinthians 1:1-3

For the next several Sundays our second reading will be taken from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians. Today’s reading presents the opening words of that letter and is another example of the salutation used in classical letter writing: Paul identifies himself, acknowledges the community to whom he is writing, and extends warm personal greetings.

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Attention CTK Ministry and Organization Leadership!

Please check your listing in the CTK Ministries and Organizations Catalog on the CTK website, www.ctkph.org. We are preparing for a ministry fair soon, and need all your contact information correct and current. Please email updates to welcome@ctkph.org by January 22.

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. 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.

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

Christ the King School Auction - The Roaring 20s

It’s officially 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 grateful to the many parishioners who have reached out with donations for the auction. There’s still time to give! 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 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.

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

From Fr. Timoney: I received many Birthday cards last week, I want to say Thank you to all the senders. There was a nice bottle of wine left at the office, there was no name on the tag. It would be rather embarrassing to send a thank you to the wrong person. You know who you are, Thank you! Fr. Paulson will be celebrating a birthday Feb. 11th. We will toast each other.    Brian Timoney

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