Christ the King Church
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Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

If you trust in God, you too shall live;
God has set before you fire and water;
to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand.
Sirach 15:15-16

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, Feb. 16
• 9:15 Mass, Rite of Sending

Monday, Feb. 17
• President's Day - Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, Feb. 18
• Bible Study, Ministry Ctr. 9:15 am & 7:15 pm
• Perpetual Help Rosary/Church, 7 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 19
• SVdP, Brian Joyce Rm 8:45 am
• Sewing Ministry, Parish Hall 9 am
• Grief Support, Brian Joyce Rm 7 pm
• Landings, Msgr. Wade Rm 7 pm

Thursday, Feb. 20
• Centering Prayer/Min. Ctr. 10 am
• Youth Group/Parish Hall 7 pm
• RCIA/Ministry Center 7 pm

Friday, Feb. 21

Saturday, Feb. 22
• Men’s Fellowship/Min. Ctr. 7:30 am

Sunday, Feb. 23
• Knitting Group, Room D 2 pm
• Confirmation, 6 pm

UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Feb. 17  8 am    Helen Walsh Reardon †
Feb. 18  8 am    Joan Byrne †
Feb. 19  8 am    Marie Concepcion Suing †
Feb. 20  8 am    Roberto Tina
Feb. 21  8 am    Iva Biagi †

Saturday, Feb. 22
8 am    James Gentile †
5 pm    Milton Luxemburg †

Sunday, Feb. 23
7 am    Gladys Maronha †
8 am    Carondelet High School
9:15 am Laurence Menke †
10:45 am CTK Parishioners
12:15 pm Dennie Burget †
6 pm    Roberto Tina

Religious Education: (925) 686-1017
Youth Ministry: (925) 676-0979
CTK School: (925) 685-1109
St. Stephen Church: (925) 274-1341
(sister parish)
In the past few weeks an issue arose at Christ the King Parish involving Father George Alengadan which has caused great concern for many parishioners. You may have seen articles in the San Francisco Chronicle or the Bay Area News Group outlets.

On Monday, February 10, members of the Parish Council and School Advisory Council met with Bishop Michael Barber and Chancellor Steve Wilcox at the Diocese of Oakland, to discuss this issue and the turmoil it has caused at Christ the King Parish. This letter is a summary of the information provided.

At issue is a sexual harassment complaint filed against Father Alengadan in late July by five women (4 employees and one volunteer) at St Joseph Parish. None of the complaints involve minors. Father Alengadan denied these allegations; however, he was promptly placed on administrative leave by Bishop Barber as pastor of St. Joseph Basilica Parish after the allegations were made. One of the women did contact law enforcement and the Diocese will cooperate in any investigation.

An independent investigation was conducted, and in December a report was delivered to the Bishop that found these complaints to be factually substantiated. The report made no determination whether this conduct constituted sexual harassment or violated any law. Although this was the finding, the behavior clearly fell outside the standards of conduct expected of all employees of the Diocese of Oakland. Bishop Barber and Father Alengadan agreed he should resign as pastor of St. Joseph Basilica Parish for the good of the community. Father Alengadan did so promptly.

Bishop Barber relayed he received communications from many St. Joseph Basilica parishioners asking that Father Alengadan be returned to St. Joseph Basilica.

It should be noted the women are still employed at St. Joseph’s school/parish. Father Alengadan also agreed to additional training on avoiding and preventing sexual harassment as well as anger management classes. He was also provided with counseling.

Throughout this entire matter, Father Alengadan never lost his priestly faculties to celebrate the sacraments, including Mass. In other words, Father Alengadan continues as a priest in good standing.

By canon law, the Bishop has the responsibility to house and care for all priests of the Diocese. Father Paulson agreed to house Father Alengadan at Christ the King and to schedule him to administer sacraments and say Mass.

Unfortunately, neither the Bishop nor the Chancellor communicated details of Father Alengadan’s situation before he was situated at Christ the King. Both Bishop Barber and Mr. Wilcox apologized for the failure in communication and recognize they breached a fragile trust relationship with our Catholic community. They seek to repair the damage and offered to meet with our parish in person. They committed to discuss timing for further clergy staffing assignment and to learn from the several diocesan missteps that led to the fear and anxiety caused by not communicating.

Christ the King school and parish leadership will work together to schedule and moderate this meeting at Christ the King. They seek to move forward to help inspire trust and transparency for the health of our church.

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**Children’s Choir Resumes**

Sunday, February 16, 2020 at the 9:15am mass
Children in grades 1st-8th.
Children’s Choir Sings the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of the month.
Meet in the Ministry Center Chapel at 8:15am for practice on the weeks the Children’s Choir sings.
Please contact Phyllis Gurnett at pgurnett6@aol.com to register for Children’s Choir.

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**ctkAlive! Scripture Study—Lent 2020’s weekend A-Cycle readings are really beautiful (incl. Raising of Lazarus, Woman at the Well, Man Born Blind). Let’s prepare together for a Joyous Easter. Join us for this 6-wk series—Tuesdays, Feb. 25 through March 31. Mornings from 9:15 to 10:45. Evenings from 7:15 to 8:45. No charge. Presenter: Al Garrotto. Pre-registration required at algarrotto@comcast.net or call the office at 682-2486.**

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**Hard of hearing?** We have listening devices available in the church for anyone who has difficulty hearing. The devices work whether you have a hearing aid or not. Just request one from the sacristan before Mass begins. You will be amazed! Everyone who uses them are surprised how well they work!

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**Girl Scout Cookies are here!** 6th grade girl scouts from CTK troop #3340 are selling cookies after masses this weekend.

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**Contra Costa Interfaith Housing has officially changed its name to Hope Solutions.** As our new name rolls out, we will continue our mission to provide supportive services to our clients with the help of our amazing volunteers. **Our biggest need this month is for Homework Club Volunteers**—especially at our Pittsburg and Pleasant Hill sites. We are also in need of volunteers at our Friday Fun Days in Concord.

**Homework Club Support:** We are looking for compassionate individuals to help in our afterschool Homework Club that goes from August through June. We need support at our Pittsburg, Concord, and Pleasant Hill sites. You will provide academic support and mentoring to children from extremely low-income homes in grades K-12. Commitment is one afternoon per week (Monday-Thursday) for the entire school year. Adults and high school sophomores through seniors are encouraged to apply at www.ccinterfaithhousing.org/volunteer.

**Friday Fun Day:** We are looking for volunteers to participate in our Friday Fun Day activities coordinated by our wonderful Youth Enrichment Coordinators. Friday Fun Days are every Friday from August to June from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. If you are interested, sign up at https://tinyurl.com/yb5bjq58. Sign up for as many Fridays as you want!

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**Women’s Retreat** - *The Return of the Prodigal: Reflections on Creativity, Beauty and Prayer.* Presenter: Toinette Eugene, Ph.D. All women are invited to join for our annual retreat to be held: Saturday, March 14 from 9 am - 4 pm. St. Stephen Parish Hall. $25 suggested donation. See information in vestibule of church. Ticket sales begin Feb. 22. Registration required.

**LifeShift Retreat on Work and the Christian Journey.** An opportunity to reflect on life and faith while considering new career, work, and/or retirement possibilities. Participants will clarify life/work goals and address the fears of transition. **San Damiano Retreat from February 28 - March 1.** Information at sandamiano.org or call 925-837-9141. Presenters: Jim Briggs and Tom Bachuber.

**WELCOME EVENT 2020 DATES... and Join our Ministry!** Please save the date for our two 2020 welcome events: **Sunday, April 5, 2-4 p.m.** in the Parish Hall (YES... we know it is Palm Sunday!!!) **Sunday, October 4, 2-4 p.m.** in the Parish Hall.

CTK Ministry and Organization Leadership will join the Pastoral Council in welcoming new parishioners and those who would like to learn more and connect more with our wonderful congregation. All are welcome!

For more information, or to volunteer to serve in this ministry on the welcome event dates, please contact Chris Bertrand, Welcome@CTKph.org or 925-963-3991

**Prayer Works**

Do you have a need that requires Divine intervention? Let us add our prayers to yours. Send confidential prayer requests to: prayerline@ctkph.org.

**Join us for an hour of prayer: Taize Prayer Around the Cross** will be tonight, February 16 at United Methodist Chapel, 1543 Sunnyvale Ave., WC. Join us at 7:30 pm for an hour of quiet chanting, a psalm, reading and silence.

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**Church Support 2/9/20**—$23,950.00 (plate collections $14,469.00 + online giving $9,481)

Thank you for your support.

**14th Annual Knights of Columbus #5811 St. Patrick’s Day Celebration**

**Saturday, March 14th 2020**

**5:30pm in the CTK Gym, Dinner served at 7pm**

Three-Course meal: Homemade Soup and Irish Bread, Corned Beef & Cabbage with fixings & Homemade Bread Pudding with Whiskey Sauce Full Irish Bar with Guinness, Harp & Smithwick’s Irish Dancers at 6:30 and Live Irish Music all night

Online Ticket Sales at: www.KofCPH.org

**Adult Tickets $35 each**

**Child Tickets $15 each "no charge for infants"**

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