### Week at a Glance

#### Sunday, March 15
- CLOW/9:15 am Mass
- Confirmation/Church 6 pm

#### Monday, March 16
- Bible Study/Ministry Ctr. 9:15 am & 7:15 pm
- Perpetual Help Rosary/Church 7 pm

#### Tuesday, March 17
- Bible Study/Ministry Ctr. 9:15 am & 7:15 pm
- Perpetual Help Rosary/Church 7 pm

#### Wednesday, March 18
- Prayer Group/Room D 8:40 am
- Sewing Ministry/Parish Hall 9 am
- Landings/Msgr. Wade Rm 7 pm
- Grief Support Group/Min. Ctr. 7 pm

#### Thursday, March 19
- Centering Prayer/Min. Ctr. 10 am
- Youth Group/Parish Hall 7 pm
- RCIA/Ministry Center 7 pm

#### Friday, March 20
- Stations of the Cross/Church 6:30 pm

#### Saturday, March 21
- Men’s Fellowship/Min. Ctr. 7:30 am
- Second Grade Retreat/Parish Hall

#### Sunday, March 22
- CLOW/9:15 am Mass
- Confirmation/Church 6 pm

### Upcoming Mass Intentions

**March 16** 8 am  Niko Miles Gordan  
**March 17** 8 am  Evangeline Malibiran †  
**March 18** 8 am  Michael O’Brien †  
**March 19** 8 am  William Ashmore †  
**March 20** 8 am  Rogelio Mendoza †

**Saturday, March 21**
- 8 am  Dominga Villegas †
- 5 pm  Jose Zabala † and Lawrence Raymondo †

**Sunday, March 22**
- 7 am  Natalia Laurel †
- 8 am  Christ the King Parishioners
- 9:15 am  Phil and Mary Telucci †
- 10:45 am  Jose Antonio Pena †
- 12:15 pm  Olgam Prado †
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### Youth Ministry: (925) 676-0979  
### CTK School: (925) 685-1109  
### St. Stephen Church: (925) 274-1341
Dear Fiends,

In these challenging times I am reminded of the words of the Psalmist: “though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me…” (Psalm 23:4). The little child out at sea in the storm is not frightened like all the other passengers on board the vessel, it sleeps in its mother's bosom; it is enough for it that its mother is with it; and it should be enough for the disciple to know that God is with him. "Thou art with me; I have, in having thee, all that I can crave: I have perfect comfort and absolute security, for thou art with me." It is good for us to remind ourselves of these beautiful words time and time again.

Understandably, there are many questions circulating regarding appropriate precautionary measures around the coronavirus as news of this health threat continues to unfold. Because this is a rapidly changing situation, it will be crucial to keep checking the latest guidance and information from the CDC. This will be a testing time for many of our congregations as we seek to balance our fellowship gatherings with sensible safeguards. As leaders of ministries, you may want to reassess the regular meetings that you do. I am not suggesting that you stop them completely, but to avoid gatherings that are not really necessary as recommended by our country officials. CCHS is recommending that people who are higher risk from COVID-19, including adults over 50 and people with certain underlying medical conditions, should avoid mass gatherings, such as parades, sporting events or concerts. Talk to members of your ministry, and take appropriate action to protect everyone. Our facilities are being used by so many, and so the furniture used may not be 100% free of germs. If some of the work that you do can be achieved through telephone calls or emails, that would be appropriate as well.

I would like to add a few more measures. We currently are just two priests at CTK – Fr. Brian Timoney (89 years) and Fr. Paulson. If anyone of us is exposed, then we won’t be able to provide services as we do now. There is no pool of priests out there. Most of our priests are 60 and older. We want to serve you and so we have decided to take precautionary measures ourselves. On an average, we are exposed to over 2500 folks on a weekend:

1. We priests will enter the sanctuary from the sacristy, and will exit after mass, and we won’t be out there greeting people until it is safe to do so.
2. For confessions, we would like to encourage you to use the option of confessing from behind the screen instead of face to face.
3. We would like to encourage you to receive communion in the palm of your hand, and not the tongue. If you do receive on the tongue, please approach last, so that if our hands touch your saliva, we have an opportunity to wash our hands right away before giving communion to others. Kindly approach the clergy in that situation as many of our ministers have approached me stating they want to step back from ministry if folks receive communion on the tongue.
4. The Ministers of communion are asked to sanitize their hands before and after the distribution of communion.
5. If our ushers do not want to stay in the front welcoming and greeting folks, it is perfectly understandable. For now, parishioners can take bulletins on their own.

Let me conclude with a prayer: “Lord, you are bigger than this virus, and we are praying that these numbers will start going down. We are praying that anyone that has it will be healed. And we are praying, Lord, that we will not live in fear but we will live in faith.”

Fr. Paulson

Third Sunday of Lent
March 15, 2020
First Reading:
Exodus 17:3-7

The book of Exodus tells of the Israelites’ escape from Egypt and their wanderings in the wilderness. Their trials during that time, the way they faced them and the way God responded, provided future generations with food for thought whenever they faced difficulties.

Second Reading:
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

In writing to the Romans, Paul is dealing with a community he had not yet visited. Many Roman Christians were converts from Judaism who believed they would be saved by how they lived out the Jewish Law. Paul stresses here, as he does frequently in his writings, that Christians are saved not by the Law, but by faith — faith in what Jesus accomplished by his dying and rising.

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

CTK EVENTS THAT HAVE BEEN CANCELLED OR POSTPONED FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR PARISHIONERS

- **Sunday, March 15**
  - Movie “The Two Popes” - Cancelled

- **Friday, March 20**
  - Lenten Soup Supper - Cancelled

- **Saturday/Sunday, March 21 & 22**
  - CTK Ministry Fair - Postponed

- **Saturday, March 28**
  - ICF Dinner/Pizza Palooza - Cancelled

- **Sunday, April 5**
  - Welcome Event - Postponed

CTK MEN’S RETREAT
APRIL 3—5
“LEADERSHIP IN THE HIERARCHY OF THE CHURCH”
San Damiano Retreat House
Danville, CA
Please find a flyer and registration form in the back of the church. For more information please contact Carl Sutter at cdsutr53@gmail.com

CTK’S Italian Catholic Federation is offering a **scholarship to 8th grade students wishing to attend a Catholic High School in the fall of 2020.** Applications are in CTK’S and St. Stephen’s church vestibule and the CTK church office. The application deadline is April 3, 2020. Please contact Mary Ragsdale (925) 943 1591 if you have any questions.

The CTK Furniture Ministry, which is part of our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry here at CTK, is looking for storage for the furnishings and basic items we provide to help the underprivileged and homeless get off to a good start as they move into their new housing. If you own an unused commercial space or storefront, or know of someone who does, and would be willing to donate the use of it to our group, please contact Kathy Loss (925) 421-5279 or Mary McGrath (925) 683-7756.

Stations of the Cross, Fridays during Lent!
Join us every Friday during Lent in the church at 6:30 pm for Stations of the Cross.
St. Stephens Church also has Stations of the Cross every Friday at noon.
All are welcome!

Taize Prayer around the Cross – Tonight, Sunday, March 15 at 7:30pm in the church. Need to refresh, regenerate and relax? Join us for one hour of beautiful music, meditative chants, scripture readings and quiet, reflective time. Truly an hour of spiritual renewal!
**MARRIED COUPLES:**  A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like Spring-time. It’s a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you’d like to make your marriage even more special than it already is – call now! The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include: Jul 10-12, 2020 in DANVILLE, CA and Nov 20-22, 2020 in DANVILLE, CA. For more information and/or to apply for a Weekend, visit our website at: oaklandwwme.org or contact Chuck & Annie at applications@oaklandwwme.org or 925-849-5466.

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**Children’s Choir Has Resumed!**
Children in grades 1st-8th.
Children’s Choir Sings the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of the month at the 9:15 am mass.
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.

**Feeling the pain of loss? You are not alone.** CTK provides a caring and supportive peer led Grief Ministry Group that meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and the 1st Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in the Ministry Center. This is a drop-in program and all are welcome. Please call Donna @ 510 381-3615 for more information. Next meeting is this Wednesday, March 18 at 7pm.

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**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**
Help Save Lives in Walnut Creek and NOW in Concord.
Our 40 Days for Life Vigils PRAYERFULLY AND PEACEFULLY give witness outside Planned Parenthood at 1357 Oakland Blvd., WC and NOW at 2185 Pacheco St., Concord. We are present in two's or more from 7 am to 7 pm daily, except Sundays. WE ARE HELPING WOMEN AND SAVING BABIES! Contact: 40daysforlife.com/WALNUTCREEK (925) 984-7602 OR 40daysforlife.com/CONCORD. (925) 595-0401. SEE YOU THERE!

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**Lenten Reconciliation Services**
Saturday, March 28 at 3:30pm
Monday, March 30 at 7pm
St. Stephen Church ~ Monday, March 23 at 6pm

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Mark your calendar for our 2020 Christ the King Parish Festival, which will be held Friday, May 15, 5-9pm, and Saturday, May 16, 11am-9pm. This year our theme is CTK Round Up, and it is guaranteed to be a knee-slapping, foot-stomping, hootenanny of a good time! It’s not too late to get involved and join our Festival Planning Committee. Festival is not only a beloved community event; it is also a fundraiser for our school, Religious Education Program and Youth Ministry. Serving over 2,000 children. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a festival sponsor, please contact Jennifer Bennett at christthekingfestival@gmail.org. More information regarding sponsorship is available at ctkfestival.org. Email christthekingfestival@gmail.com with questions! We are looking forward to seeing you at this year’s festival!