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Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses -CTK

Saturday | 4pm Vigil also livestreamed
Sunday | 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, & 4pm
10:30am Mass is also livestreamed

Weekend Masses -St. Stephen

Saturday | 5pm Vigil
Sunday | 9:30am

9am Daily Mass Schedule

St. Stephen
Monday, Wednesday & Friday
Christ the King
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday

Confession

Christ the King | Saturday 3pm-3:30pm
St. Stephen | Saturday 4:30pm
Or | By Appointment

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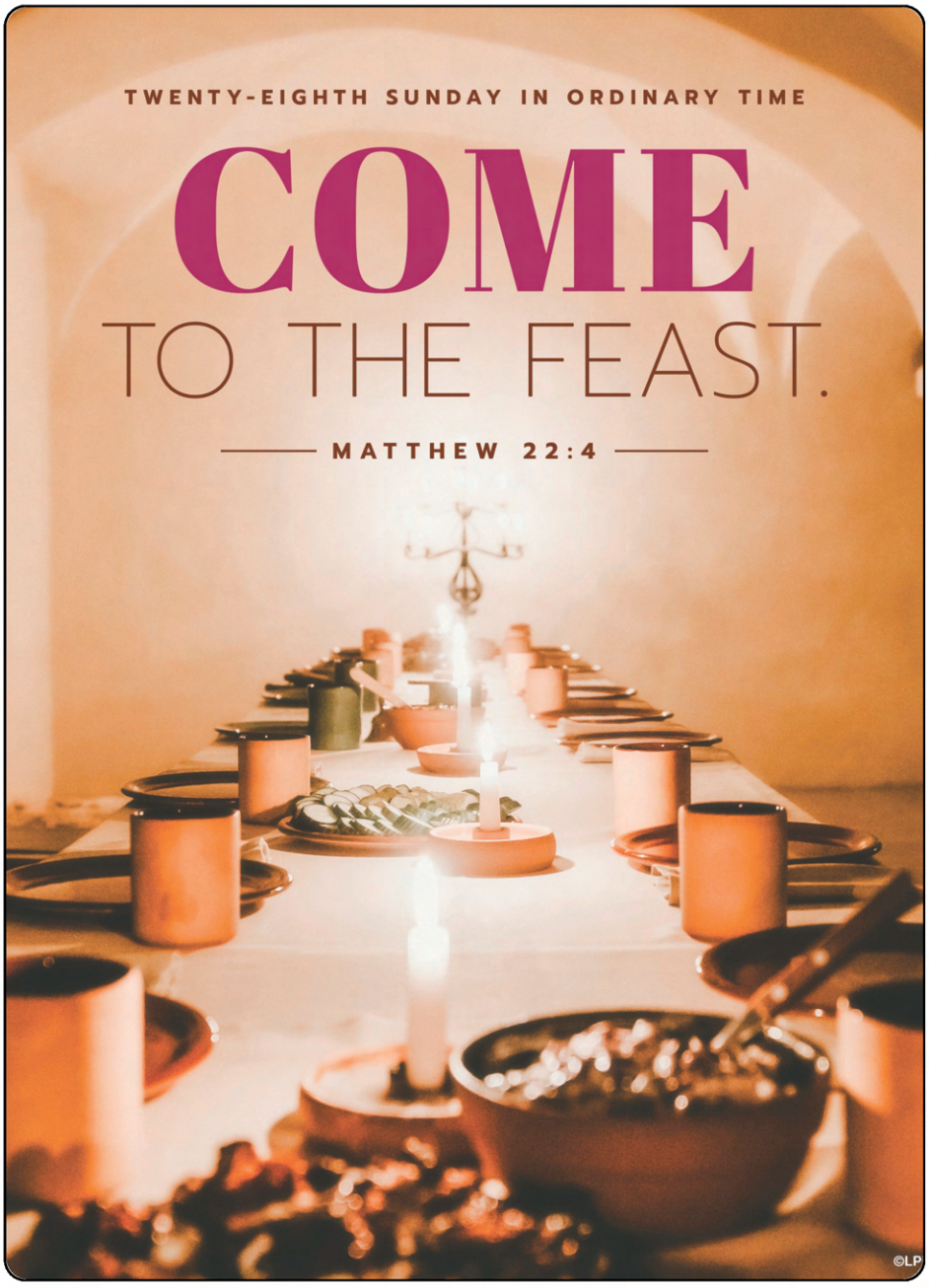


Our Mission Statements

To Hear the Gospel and Make A Differnce
To Live and Love In Christ

Dear Friends,

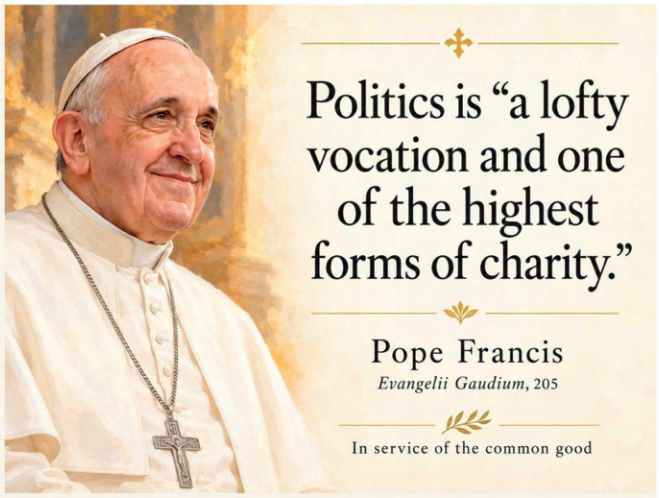
As we approach the election, I encourage every eligible parishioner to take this responsibility seriously. Our choices affect real people: families, children, seniors, workers, and neighbors struggling to find housing, food, or adequate care. We have an opportunity to help shape our state's future with wisdom and compassion.

The Church teaches that participation in public life is part of our responsibility for one another. The Second Vatican Council reminds citizens of both the right and the duty to vote for the common good (*Gaudium et Spes*, 75). Voting deserves preparation, reflection, and a sincere concern for our neighbors.

Saint John Paul II affirmed the value of democracy because it allows citizens to participate in political choices, elect their leaders, hold them accountable, and replace them peacefully when appropriate (*Centesimus Annus*, 46). These freedoms place a responsibility on each of us to become informed and participate thoughtfully.

Before casting your ballot, take time to learn about the candidates. Look beyond campaign slogans and party labels. Consider their character, their record, and their ability to lead with integrity and compassion. Who will respect human dignity, listen carefully, and respond to the needs of our state? Who will give attention to people whose voices are too often overlooked?

Pope Francis described politics as **"a lofty vocation and one of the highest forms of charity"** when it seeks the common good (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 205). This offers a demanding vision of leadership: public office is a responsibility to serve others, especially those who need help most.



Pope Benedict XVI likewise taught that working for the common good is an expression of love for our neighbor through the institutions that shape society (*Caritas in Veritate*, 7). Compassion belongs in our public decisions as well as our personal relationships.

Let the values of the Gospel guide your reflection: respect for human life and dignity, care for the poor, justice, mercy, peacemaking, and love of neighbor. No candidate perfectly embodies everything we believe. We must examine the choices honestly and form our consciences through prayer, Church teaching, reliable information, and thoughtful reflection.

Please give the ballot measures the same careful attention you give the candidates. Their wording can be complicated, and their consequences can last for years. Read beyond the advertisements. Seek reliable explanations, consider the arguments on both sides, and ask who will benefit, who will bear the costs, and how each proposal will affect the common good.

In *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis reminds us that political charity gives particular attention to those in greatest need (187). As we study our ballots, let us remember people whose struggles may be very different from our own. Our responsibility extends beyond our personal interests.

May our choices serve the common good, and may those elected lead with wisdom, humility, integrity, and care for all.

Fr. Paulson

MASS INTENTIONS

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Monday, October 12
9:00am | Arthur & Betty Collins ✝
9:00am | Dorothy Collins Allen ✝
Tuesday, October 13
9:00am | Violet DeBorja
Wednesday, October 14
9am | Arthur & Betty Koehler ✝
9am | Kent Sullivan ✝
Thursday, October 15
9:00am | Gwen Watson ✝
Friday, October 16
9:00am | Eileen Radding ✝
9:00am | Wylie & Maybelle Nielson✝
9:00am | Joseph Grech
9:00am | Maria Galea

Saturday, October 17
9:00am | Jane Gilmore ✝
4:00pm | Mike O'Connell ✝
4:00pm | Tanquilino Biong ✝
5:00pm | (SS) Ralph Wade ✝
Sunday, October 18
7:30am | Jack Cardoza ✝
7:30am | Juan & Maria Quichocho ✝
7:30am | Irma Lopez
9:00am | JoAnn Nucum
9:30am | (SS) Liam Agustin
10:30am | Jose M. Lozano ✝
10:30am | Jennifer Valliere ✝
10:30am | Laura Garcia ✝
4:00pm | Fernando Layua ✝
4:00pm | Joseph Go-Alcantara ✝



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Confidential Prayer requests can be sent to: prayerline@ctkph.org

NEWS AND EVENTS

Thank You!

We wish to extend our most sincere gratitude to all of you who joined in the celebration of the Joyous Jubilee! Thank you for your prayers, good wishes, cards and gifts to each one of us!

Although we cannot all write to you individually, please know how grateful we are for your kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity!

Sincerely,

Sr. Dominic Marie
Fr. Brian
Fr. Gerry
Fr. Paulson
Fr. Lee

SECOND COLLECTIONS

October 11 -
The Catholic Voice

October 18 -
World Mission Sunday

November 1 -
Catholic Education

NEWS & EVENTS



As Catholics, we believe in the imago Dei-Image of God. This means that all men and all women—regardless of race, culture, country of origin, or first language—ALL of us are created in the image and likeness of God and, therefore, entitled to be treated with dignity.

In John 13:35, Jesus tells us, "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." This is our mandate as Catholics: love each other and treat everyone with dignity.





"Rebuild My Church"
A Franciscan Jubilee Year - Day of Renewal

For Christ the King-St. Stephen Parishioners
Saturday, October 24 | 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

"*Go and rebuild my house, which as you see is falling into ruin.*" — Christ to St. Francis of Assisi

In this Jubilee Year proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV, join fellow parishioners for a one-day Franciscan retreat — no overnight stay required. Through conferences, prayer, and Holy Mass, discover what it means to be living stones in the rebuilding of Christ's Church today.

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- Conferences on Franciscan spirituality and sacred noticing
- A Franciscan friar's personal testimony of Gospel living
- Small group reflection and fellowship
- Holy Mass with blessing and commissioning

This program is offered on a complimentary basis. At its conclusion, participants will have an opportunity to make a voluntary goodwill offering in support of San Damiano Retreat Center.

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NEWS & EVENTS

GriefShare

Have you recently lost a loved one and are anticipating difficulty when holiday time is here?

On Saturday morning, Oct 31 from 10-12 noon in Room C of the CTK Parish Hall, we will be holding a GriefShare meeting called, Surviving the Holidays.

At a Surviving the Holidays seminar, you hear personal stories from those who have lost a loved one, and teaching from grief experts on how to journey through this season. This is one step you can take to get the support you need. Mark your calendar and join us for this encouraging and supportive group meeting where you can connect with people who understand. To sign up, go to GriefShare.com and sign up under Surviving the Holidays.
Questions? Email Diana Mackinson, dijoed@comcast.net.

Join us for a special Tongan Mass on Sunday, October 18 at 2pm at St. Stephen Church

All are Welcome!

Parish Festival - October 16-17





Transition Committee Update

The Christ the King–St. Stephen Transition Committee met on Sept. 3 to continue planning for the transition associated with the eventual closure and sale of the St. Stephen property. Fr. Paulson emphasized that the committee's guiding principle is "to make this a pastoral transition rather than merely a property transaction." Regular communication, transparency, and opportunities for parishioner input will be important throughout the process.

Current plans call for the final Masses at St. Stephen on Easter Sunday, March 28, 2027. During Lent, selected sacred and historically significant items are expected to be prayerfully processed from St. Stephen to CTK each Sunday. This "pilgrimage of faith" is intended to help us remember, give thanks, grieve, and gradually make this journey together. A farewell celebration at St. Stephen and a welcoming celebration at CTK are also being considered.

The committee is exploring ways to ensure that the identity, spirit, and heritage of St. Stephen remain an important part of our united parish community. This includes new campus signage identifying Christ the King–St. Stephen Catholic Church, renaming the Ministry Center Chapel as the St. Stephen Chapel, and creating an historical display celebrating the history of both communities. An inventory of sacred, historical, liturgical, and other items at St. Stephen will also help determine what can be incorporated into the CTK campus.

Most importantly, the committee wants to hear from parishioners at both campuses. The committee emphasized that this should be a genuine blending of our communities— not simply CTK "absorbing" St. Stephen. The welcoming spirit, hospitality, fellowship, traditions, people, and sense of family that have characterized St. Stephen should continue to enrich the life of Christ the King–St. Stephen Parish.

A transition status update and parishioner listening sessions will be held at St. Stephen on Saturday, October 24, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass, and Sunday, October 25, following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. We encourage all parishioners to attend, hear the latest information, ask questions, and share their thoughts, hopes, and concerns with the Transition Committee.

Please continue to pray for our parish community and the Transition Committee as we make this journey together.

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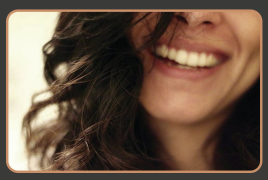
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