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NOVEMBER 22, 2026 | OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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

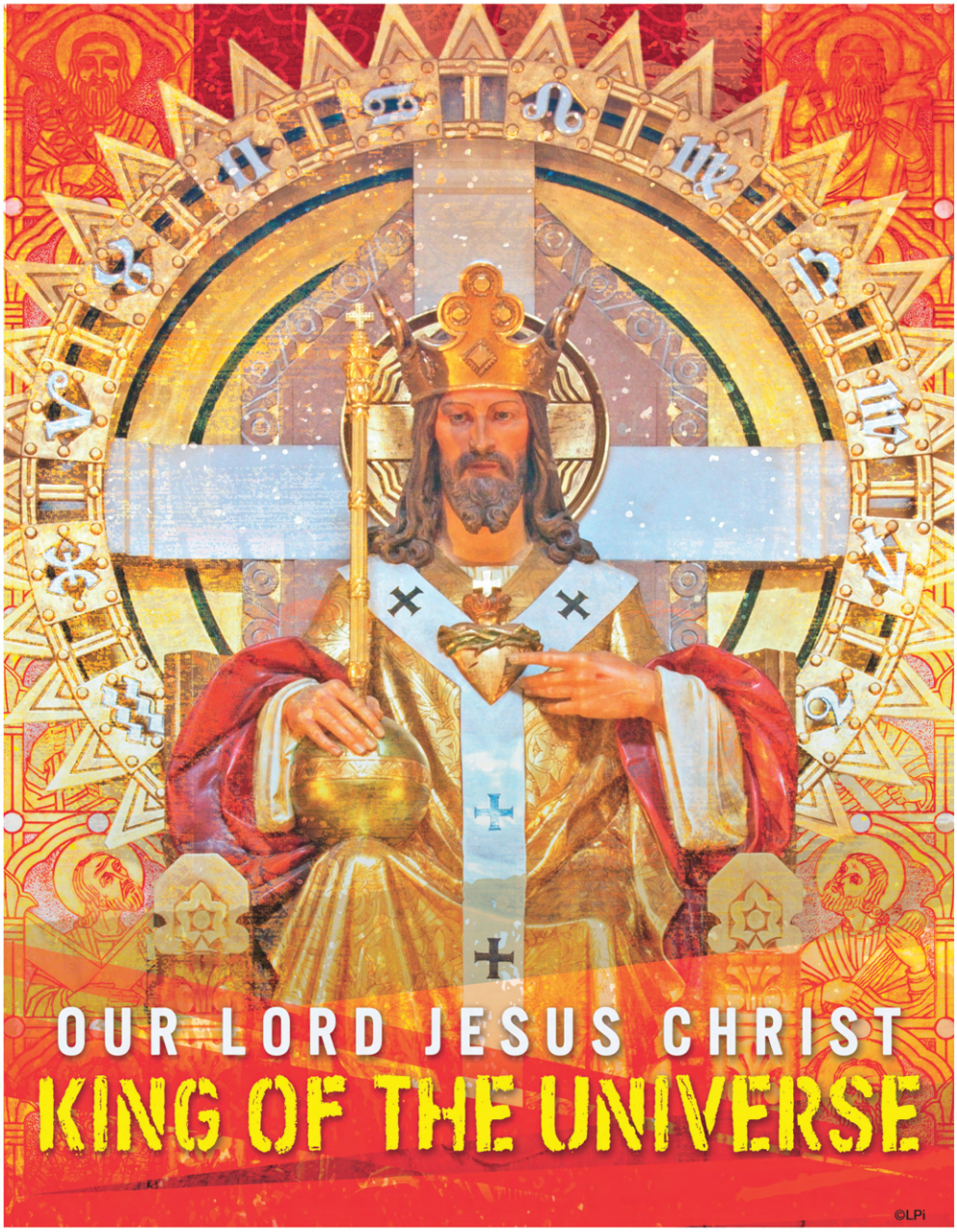
Christ the King | Saturday 3pm-3:30pm
St. Stephen | Saturday 4:30pm
Or | By Appointment

GET IN TOUCH

Christ the King | 925-682-2486
Office Hours Mon. - Fri. 9am to 5pm
ctkph.org
St. Stephen | 925-274-1341
Office Hours Mon. & Weds. 11am -2pm
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Our Mission Statements

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



Christ Is Our King:
Our Faith Must Make a Difference in the World

Dear Friends,

The elections are over. The American people have spoken. And now the stage is set for our newly elected Congress and the executive branch to work together to address the many challenges facing our nation.

One would hope that this would be a moment for renewed cooperation, thoughtful dialogue, and a genuine bipartisan spirit. But I must confess that I am a little disappointed. Instead of preparing to work together, it sometimes appears that our political leaders are preparing for another round of battles, not for cooperation but for confrontation, not for finding common ground but for proving that the other side is wrong.

And as we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, we celebrate A King Who Leads Differently.

In the Gospel, Jesus hangs upon the cross while people mock him: "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself." (Luke 23:37) What an extraordinary contrast! The world associates kingship with power, influence, control, and the ability to defeat one's enemies. But Jesus reveals his kingship through humility, forgiveness, sacrifice, and love. Even while suffering on the cross, he prays, "Father, forgive them." And to the repentant criminal beside him, he offers the promise of paradise.

Jesus did not surround himself only with people who thought alike. His disciples came from different backgrounds and perspectives. He spoke with Samaritans, welcomed outsiders, ate with tax collectors, and crossed the social and religious boundaries of his time.

As Christians, we have a responsibility to participate in civic life. Our faith should influence how we treat others, how we make decisions, and how we contribute to the common good. But ***our role in society is not to dominate; it is to illuminate.*** *Jesus calls us to be the salt of the earth* and the light of the world. Light does not need to overpower darkness; it simply needs to shine.

We are called to defend human dignity, especially among the poor, the vulnerable, the unborn, the stranger, and those whose voices are seldom heard. The Kingdom Jesus proclaimed is not built by defeating everyone who disagrees with us. It grows whenever we choose mercy over resentment, service over selfishness, truth over manipulation, and reconciliation over division.

The world does not need more Christians who simply declare that Christ is King. It needs Christians who show what his kingship looks like — through justice, compassion, humility, courage, forgiveness, and love.

If our faith does not make a difference in the world around us, then we must ask ourselves:
Whose kingdom are we really serving?

But imagine someone in Pleasant Hill being asked, "What difference does Christ the King–St. Stephen Parish make in this community?" I hope the answer would be: ***"They care for the poor. They welcome strangers. They stand with those who suffer. They bring people together. They help heal divisions. They make our community a better place."***

What a beautiful tribute that would be to our 75 and 60 years of faithful service!



Fr. Paulson

MASS INTENTIONS

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Monday, November 23
9:00am | Violet de Borja ✝
9:00am | Jack Yuers ✝
Tuesday, November 24
9:00am |Mike Ward ✝
9:00am | Tayte Ross ✝:
9:00am | Alisha Iovenitti ✝
Wednesday, November 25
9am | Elena Villanueva ✝
9am | Ken Sihler ✝
Thursday, November 26
9:00am | Thanksgiving Day Mass
Friday, November 27
9:00am | Primitivo Ricafrente ✝
9:00am | Christian Anicoche ✝
Saturday, November 28
9:00am | Fe Ricafrente ✝
9:00am | Arturo & Evangeline Malibiran ✝
9:00am | Joselito Asuncion ✝

Saturday, November 28
4:00pm | Alberto & Edmunda Espinoza ✝
4:00pm | Alberto & Agapita Moises ✝
4:00pm | Christopher Wijekoon ✝
5:00pm | (SS) Richard Stewart ✝
Sunday, November 29
7:30am | Jack Cardoza ✝
9:00am | Gem Amog ✝
9:30am | (SS) Frank & Helen Norris ✝
10:30am | Michael Yorg ✝
4:00pm | Gwen Watson ✝



NEED PRAYER?

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

NEWS AND EVENTS

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SECOND COLLECTIONS

November 22 – Hungry & Homeless -(Loaves and Fishes)

November 29 – St. Vincent de Paul

December 6 – Catholic Education

December 8 – Immaculate Conception

NEWS & EVENTS



We welcome Bishop Michael Barber today as he joins us in the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King at the 10:30am Mass.

This is a beautiful opportunity to celebrate 75 years of Christ the King and 60 years of St. Stephen with hearts overflowing with gratitude!

This will officially bring our jubilee year to a close.
Reception on the patio after the 10:30am Mass.











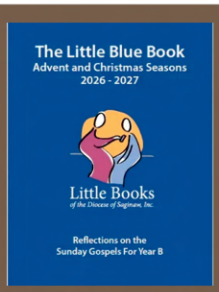
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Save the Date

Healing Mass

Saturday, December 5
10:30am

St. Stephen Church



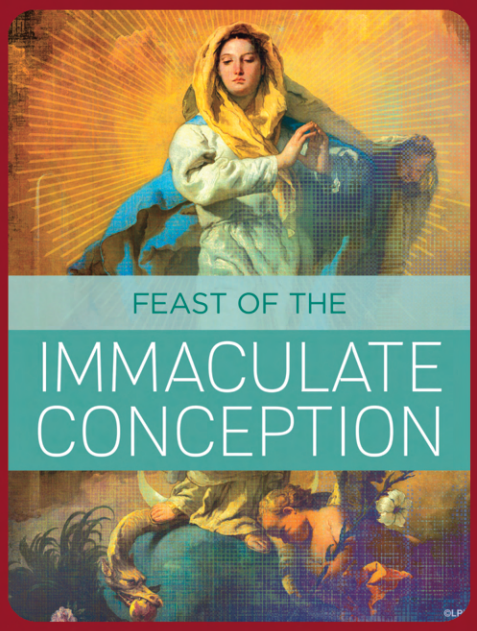
Little Blue Books for your daily devotional in Advent are available today in the back of the church.

$1 Donation is suggested.



Next Weekend is the
First Sunday of Advent

The beginning of a new season of hope, peace, joy, and love.



Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 8
Mass Times:
CTK: 6:30am, 9am & 12:05pm
St. Stephen: 6:30pm



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sunday, December 13
4:00 pm Mass at CTK
Featuring Mariachi Music
Reception after Mass





Join the Simbang Gabi Choir!

Celebrate the beauty and joy of the Simbang Gabi tradition through music! We invite all parishioners who love to sing to join our Simbang Gabi Choir as we prepare for this beautiful Filipino tradition.

Practices:

Dec. 2 & 10, 2026 * 7:00–9:00 PM * CTK Chapel

Whether you are an experienced singer or simply have a desire to share your gifts in worship, we would love to have you join us.

Interested? Email Deacon Nelson at ngonzales@ctkph.org



The Feast of Christ the King

The Feast of Christ the King was instituted in 1925 to address growing attitudes of secularism and atheism and to proclaim Christ's kingship forever. The day also marks the final Sunday on the Church's Liturgical Calendar.

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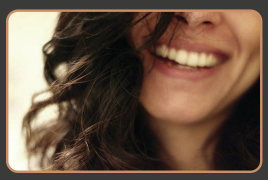
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