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Christ the King Church

Daily Mass Times

Monday - Saturday 9am

Every First Friday

5pm to 6pm Exposition
6pm Mass

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 4pm Vigil
(4pm Mass is also livestreamed)

Sunday

7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, & 4pm
(10:30am Mass is also livestreamed)

Private Confessions

Saturday 3pm to 3:30pm

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9am to 5pm

St. Stephen Church

Daily Mass Times

Monday - Friday 8am

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 5pm Vigil
Sunday: 9:30am

Private Confessions

Saturday Before the 5pm Mass


Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday 11am to 2pm

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME


BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD.

— JOHN 1:36 —



January 14, 2024

TO LIVE AND TO LOVE IN CHRIST
TO HEAR THE GOSPEL AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Dear Friends,

Pope Francis has announced that the Church will celebrate a **Jubilee Year in 2025**, with the theme of “Pilgrims of Hope.” The words “pilgrims” and “hope” also represent key themes of Pope Francis' pontificate.



Traditionally for holy years, the celebrations begin with the pope opening the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve and ends with the sealing of the door one year later. The holy doors of St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls and St. Mary Major are opened for the year, too.

A holy year or jubilee is a time of pilgrimage, prayer, repentance and acts of mercy, based on the Old Testament tradition of a jubilee year of rest, forgiveness and renewal. Holy years also are a time when Catholics visit designated churches and shrines, recite special prayers, go to confession and receive Communion to receive a plenary indulgence, which is a remission of the temporal punishment due for one's sins.

Pope Boniface VIII proclaimed the first Holy Year in 1300 and decreed that they would be celebrated every 100 years. But just 50 years later, a more biblical cadence, Pope Clement VI proclaimed another holy year. Pope Urban VI thought holy years should be celebrated every 33 years as a reminder of the time Jesus lived.

Finally, in 1470, Pope Paul II established the celebrations every 25 years, which has been the practice ever since. However, special anniversaries have called for special holy years, for instance, in 1933 to mark the 1,900th anniversary of Jesus' death and resurrection and in 1983 to mark the 1,950th anniversary.

Pope Francis, seeing a need to emphasize God's mercy and to encourage Catholics to return to the sacrament of reconciliation, declared an extraordinary Year of Mercy, which ran in 2015-16. Now 10 years later, the Pope is declaring another Jubilee year, themed Pilgrims of Hope. It is anticipated that over 30 million people will travel to Rome during the Holy Year. Pope Francis wrote in his letter declaring the Jubilee:



“In realization that all of us are pilgrims on this earth, which the Lord has charged us to till and keep, may we never fail, in the course of our sojourn, to contemplate the beauty of creation and care for our common home.”

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024 has been designated a **Year of Prayer** by Pope Francis. It started in the season of Advent we just completed. There is a particular focus on the *Our Father*, and this presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer.

Our parish is already working towards the **Year of Prayer** and will be providing suggestions and resources for how you can begin to do that in the coming weeks.

~Fr. Paulson



UPCOMING CTK MASS INTENTIONS

Jan. 15	Mon.	9:00am	Arturo & Evangeline Malibiram † Adelwisso Badong †
Jan. 16	Tues.	9:00am	J.R. Santiago † Nevin Family † Donald Wijekoon †
Jan. 17	Weds.	9:00am	Jose V. Torres † Spencer Swann
Jan. 18	Thurs.	9:00am	MacConville Family †
Jan. 19	Fri.	9:00am	Dell Rulow †
Jan. 20	Sat.	9:00am	Thomas de Almeida †
Jan. 20	Sat.	4:00pm	Michael Grey †
Jan. 21	Sun.	7:30am	Jack Cardoza †
Jan. 21	Sun.	9:00am	Albert Haggett †
Jan. 21	Sun.	10:30am	Amadeo Quintans † Reggie Cauilan †
Jan. 21	Sun.	4:00pm	Dr. Walter Kaufman †

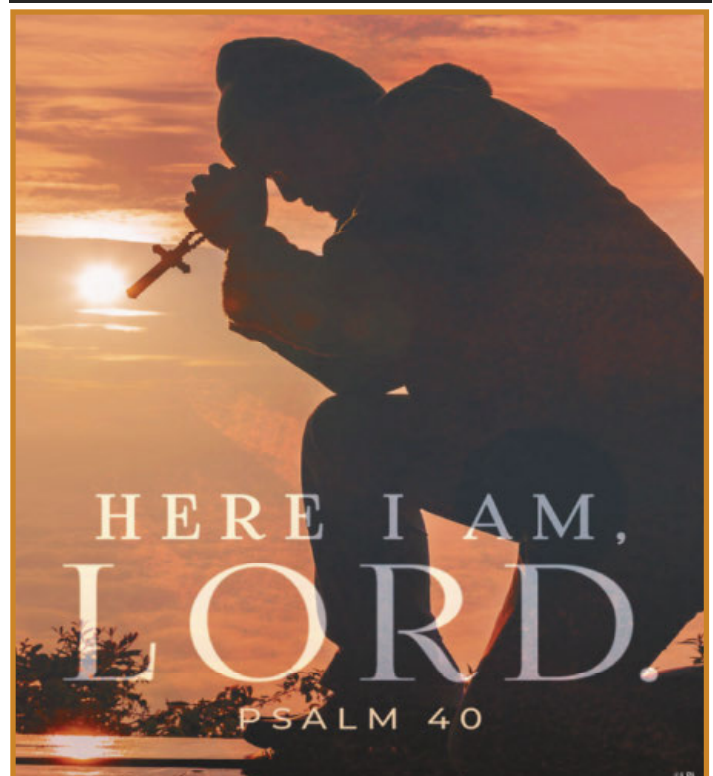


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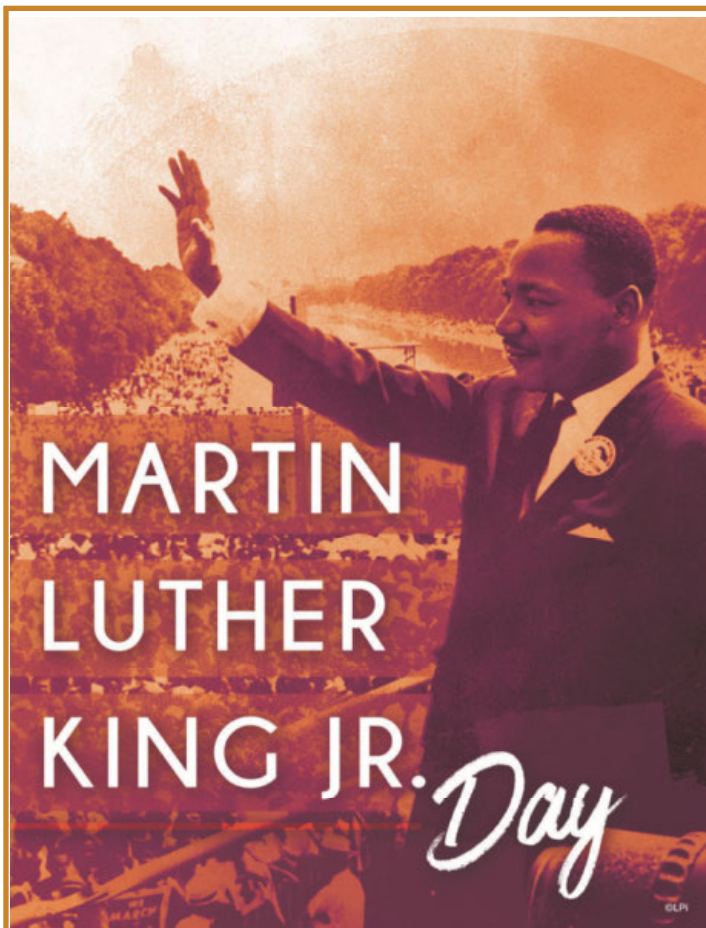
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UPCOMING SS MASS INTENTIONS

Jan. 13	Sat.	5:00pm	CTK-SS Parishioners
Jan. 14	Sun.	9:30am	Robert Norris †
Jan. 15	Mon.	8:00am	Jeannette Pauplis, Healing
Jan. 16	Tues.	8:00am	Francis Ah Yee †
Jan. 17	Weds.	8:00am	Frank Gomes †
Jan. 20	Sat.	5:00pm	CTK-SS Parishioners
Jan. 21	Sun.	9:30am	Jim Vranesh †



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." ~ Martin Luther King Jr.

In honor of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day our parish offices both at Christ the King and St. Stephen Church will be closed on Monday, January 15th.



**The Knights of Columbus
2024 Basketball Free Throw/
Competition
Sunday, February 4th in the
Christ the King Gym-7:30am-11:30am**

No fee or preregistration required.

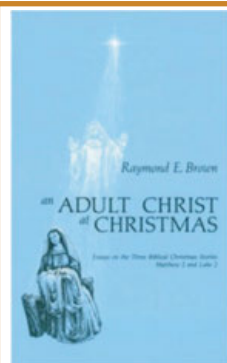
Registration forms will be available on the day of the event. Girls and boys ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the Free-throw competition. Questions? Contact Roberto Bracamontes rbracamontes@mac.com

Prizes for this competition donated by Nadine Masarweh, Realtor with Compass Realty
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**ICF Meeting
Sunday, Jan. 21 at 1pm**

All parishioners are invited to attend the first meeting of the new year of the Italian Catholic Federation on Sunday afternoon, January 21 at 1 o'clock pm in the Christ the King hall Rooms A and B. Come and find out about all the fun activities we have planned for the year! We will start with a pot luck soup and chili lunch. Following a short business meeting, we will have a presentation by one of our members, Daniella Franchini, an Italian attorney, who will speak briefly about the Italian Constitution. All are invited and you don't have to be Italian to come! Contact Juliette Cote for cotetj@yahoo.com or call 925-899-3673 for more information.



**Adult Education
Monday, January 15
CTK's Ministry Center Chapel -
10:30am**

Although the Christmas season officially ends with the Epiphany and Ordinary Time begins on January 14th, we will take two sessions to discuss Raymond E. Brown's "An Adult Christ at Christmas: Essays on the Three Biblical Christmas Stories – Matthew 2 and Luke 2" on January 15th. Fr. Brown treats the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke as the entire Gospel story in miniature.



**CYO CTK-St Stephen/St. Catherine
Track and Field Team Signups:
Wednesday, January 17th
6:00pm -7:00pm in
Christ The King Parish Hall**

Children in grades 2nd-8th from any school (public, private or home schooled) within the parish are welcome! More information and signup forms at ctktrack.org, or please email any questions to info@ctktrack.org.



Upcoming Second Collections

Jan. 14 - Diocesan Seminarians
Jan. 21 - Social Justice Project



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SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024 • CIVIC CENTER PLAZA • SAN FRANCISCO

Rally: 12:30PM
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Info Faire: 11:00AM
Saturday, January 20, 2024



Rally starts at Civic Center Plaza, walking down Market Street (2 miles). Walk ends at Embarcadero Plaza.
BART stations at both locations. Ample parking.



Register and info:
(415) 658-1793 | email: info@WalkforLifeWC.com

WalkforLifeWC.com

Parishioners are cordially invited to join again this year.
The walk begins at the Civic Center Plaza, SF, Jan. 20 at 12:30pm
more information www.WalkforLifeWC.com
This is America's second largest pro-life event.

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AN EVENING OF INFORMATION AND INSPIRATION

St. Isidore Catholic Church | Thursday, February 1, 2024 | 7:00 PM

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:



REVEREND WALTER HOYE II is the president and founder of the *Issues4Life Foundation*, as well as other Civil Rights and Pro-Life organizations. In 2008, the Reverend was arrested and jailed for exercising his right of free speech and peaceful protest against abortion. Reverend Hoye will speak about the effects abortion has had on the Black American population, close to the point of irreversible damage, and what we can do to effectively reach out to Black women who are seeking abortion.



VALERIE HILL serves as Chief Executive Officer for RealOptions Pregnancy Medical Clinics. She also oversees various outreach programs serving high schools, colleges and communities in the area. She will tell us about the services RealOptions provides and educate us on the abortion pill and the affects it has on women, countering the misinformation put out by various sources.



ANDREA WALLE is a Patient Service Assistant Manager for the Oakland Clinic, Community Outreach Eastbay Manager, and Education team lead for RealOptions Obria Medical Clinic. She will provide education on the Abortion Pill Reversal and tell a few glory stories.

 **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

40daysforlife.com/WalnutCreek | Questions: FriendsForLifeTriValley@gmail.com

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Come and see," Jesus said to the disciples who were curious to know about him. Today, he whispers this invitation into the deepest place of our heart. Have courage — go, and see what Christ has to show you.

Observances for the week of January 14, 2023

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Martin Luther King Day
Wednesday: St. Anthony, Abbot
Thursday: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Saturday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

St. Clare of Assisi, a devoted follower and friend of St. Francis, centered her life around poverty, prayer, and the Eucharist. As the founder of the Poor Clares, she promoted a ministry of simplicity, adoration, and service to the poor.

Prayer of Discernment

Dear Lord,
Here I am! Help me to know the path You would have me walk, to speak the words You would have me speak, to love and serve those You put in my path. Amen.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Sm 3:10)

Psalm:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

Second Reading:

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?
But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. (1 Cor 6:15, 17)

Gospel:

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. (Jn 1:39)

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