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July 18, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The apostles reported all they had done and taught.
Jesus said to them, "Come away by yourselves
to a deserted place and rest a while."

~ Mark 6:30, 31

CTK WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF MASSES

CTK: Monday - Saturday:

9 am Mass ~ Live streamed on facebook/YouTube

6 pm Thursday Mass ~ includes devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Christ The King Weekends:

**Saturdays ~ 3 pm - 3:30 pm Private Confessions are available.
Please meet inside the church.**

Saturdays ~ 4 pm Vigil Mass (live-streamed)

Sundays ~ 7:30 am, 9 am, 10:30 am (live-streamed), and 4 pm mass.

**We also offer Drive through Communion from
11:30 am - 12 pm Sundays in front of the church.**

All Masses are now indoors!

Red Cross to lease space from CTK

In 2019 we completed the new Ministry Center and were able to consolidate the Youth Ministry and Religious Education offices to bring together all CTK staff into one building. Along with better communication and the ability to share resources, this consolidation freed up the old Youth ministry space to provide St. Vincent De Paul with larger and dedicated office space to provide their services. It also freed up the old Religious Education (RE) office at the north end of the parish hall.

The RE office has been left vacant and used as an ad hoc storage area for the past year and a half, in part due to Covid restrictions. Now that we are starting to open again, we have found a compatible tenant for this space, the American Red Cross. The Red Cross is a group that routinely makes a difference in lives and aligns with our mission statement to "Hear the Gospel and make a difference".

While the Red Cross has different lines of service, it is only their disaster services group that will be working here. This group is looking to relocate to space that is more central to Contra Costa County. The Red Cross will be paying a small amount for rent and utilities to CTK to help offset their costs. From a facility standpoint other than clean up, the old RE office space meets the Red Cross needs. We expect that the Red Cross will occupy the space later this summer.

Most of the people working out of this office will be Red Cross Volunteers. Before the Red Cross accepts a volunteer, they mandate a background check and volunteers must sign a code of conduct. Most Red Cross programs and services are performed out in the community and not at the office. Much of what the Red Cross does now has become virtual and will continue to be virtual. Users of this space will include:

- The Administrative workforce group (2 to 3 people) will work at the office several hours a week. Among other tasks they will be interviewing new volunteers after they have signed up online and have completed a background check.
- The local response management team (up to 7 people) will work at the office if there is a large local disaster (such as an apartment building fire or wildfire).
- Small gatherings of volunteers for program planning purposes.
- The Disaster Action Team (DAT) will come to the office occasionally.
- The Disaster Program Manager (DPM) will work from the office at certain times.

Since the Red Cross responds to disasters at all hours of the day or night, the space may be used at any hour of the day. Disaster supplies and three vehicles are stored at a separate location at the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District's training facility. One Red Cross vehicle may be located at CTK for the Disaster Action Team. Also, nearby is the Red Cross Blood Donation Center, which is a separate line of business, but still part of Red Cross, which makes CTK a convenient location for Red Cross services.

While the Red Cross will not be holding public classes here, they have offered CTK any of their services, such as personal preparedness training, youth preparedness programs, home fire prevention (Installation of free smoke alarms), disaster continuity planning, to name a few. See the "Staying Connected" email for a link to a brochure describing the Red Cross Services.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office via phone or email. Phone: 925-682-2486 or email: office@ctkph.org.

Greg Thornbury - ctk finance chair

About the Red Cross

The Red Cross mission is to prevent and alleviate human suffering, work that is carried out by local volunteers every day. Red Cross services are delivered at no cost to those affected by disaster; while the Red Cross is always prepared to respond to disasters, it also works to prevent them. The Red Cross provides free educational trainings and presentations to families, individuals, organizations, and businesses so they become better prepared for crises.

Volunteers make up about 94 percent of the total Red Cross workforce. Red Cross volunteers are committed and compassionate. They come from a variety of cultures and from all walks of life. To maintain the high standard of conduct expected and deserved by the American public and to enable the organization to continue to offer its services, Red Cross requires mandatory background checks and a signed Code of Conduct for all employees and volunteers. In Contra Costa the Red Cross has one paid staff member, the Disaster Program Manager. Most volunteers are retired and committed to improving the lives of people in our community. They are all local community members.

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First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

The kingdom of Judah had a royal lineage that lasted from the time of David in the 10th century B.C. to the Babylonian exile - about 500 years. The last kings in this line were not good ones, and it was during that time that the prophet Jeremiah preached. Christians have seen Jesus as the fulfillment of the prophecy in today's reading.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

We continue today our readings from the letter to the Ephesians. Ephesus was a community in which Jewish and Gentile Christians lived side-by-side. The author, a Christian who was of Jewish background, is addressing Gentile Christians, converts from paganism. The references to "one new person" and "one body" refer to the Church, which is the body of Christ.

CTK UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

July 19 **Frank McCorkle †**
July 20 **Mary Taggart †**
July 21 **Teofilo Aranes †**
 Felicito Aranes †
July 22 **Mary Magdalene Mass**
July 24 **John Pelosi †**

Saturday, July 24 and Sunday July 25

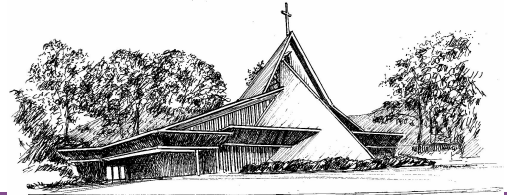
Marciana Zabala †
Mick Casy †
Hugo Ramirez †
Shannon Rowe †

ST. STEPHEN CORNER

St. Stephen Church-Mass Times

Saturday - 5pm ~ Indoor

Sunday - 9:30am ~ Indoor



SS UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

July 17 **St. Stephen & CTK Parishioners**
July 18 **Dorothy Neill †**
July 24 **St. Stephen & CTK Parishioners**
July 25 **Jerry Hinckley †**

You Are Invited to celebrate the Feast of St. Mary of Magdala on Thursday, July 22, 2021, at Christ the King Church, 9 a.m. Mass.

Celebrating The Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

"Today's Resurrection: Picking Up the Pieces"



St. Vincent de Paul Food Donations - We are now accepting food donations. We are blessed to be able to help those who are in need and thankful for your generosity. Our pantry is in need of some food items. Please help us restock our pantry with non-perishable, unopened, and un-expired items like canned fruit, chili, refried beans, tomato/spaghetti sauce, pasta, jelly, peanut butter, Rice-A-Roni, Mac & Cheese, canned chicken, and soup. Please bring your donations to the weekend Masses and there will be a basket available to place your donation at each entry. Thank You.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is designed for three groups of people: 1.) those who were never Baptized; 2.) those who were Baptized in another Christian denomination; and, 3.) those who were Baptized in the Catholic faith, but did not receive the sacraments of Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. Whatever your situation is, Christ the King's RCIA team invites you to join us. Meetings will begin soon, and we're excited to answer your questions. Please email Deacon John at faithformation@ctkph.org so an RCIA Team member can contact you.

We would like to take a moment to recognize some important partners of Christ the King Church. Sometimes we take our Sunday bulletin for granted, but on the back pages are ads from the companies that support us year-round. Please take some time today to look over our bulletin ads and when you patronize those businesses or services, say thank you from CTK. No one ever tires of hearing 'thank you'! Our bulletin advertisers will appreciate it.



Catholic Women Preach

Sister Jennifer Berridge CSJ, opens for us the Scriptures for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jennifer Berridge CSJ, is a Sister of Saint Joseph in the Congregation of Saint Joseph in the Wheeling, West Virginia community. She is originally from Cleveland, OH. She professed first vows on July 25th, 2020. She currently provides case management services at Catholic Charities West Virginia in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Through a collaborative partnership, she ministers at Wheeling Hospital to provide resources and supportive counseling to the most vulnerable. As a Sister of Saint Joseph, she embraces the sacred call to serve the dear neighbor without distinction. She works toward justice by her prayer that God would use her life for active inclusive love.

www.Catholicwomenpreach.org.

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