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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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Christ the King | 925-682-2486
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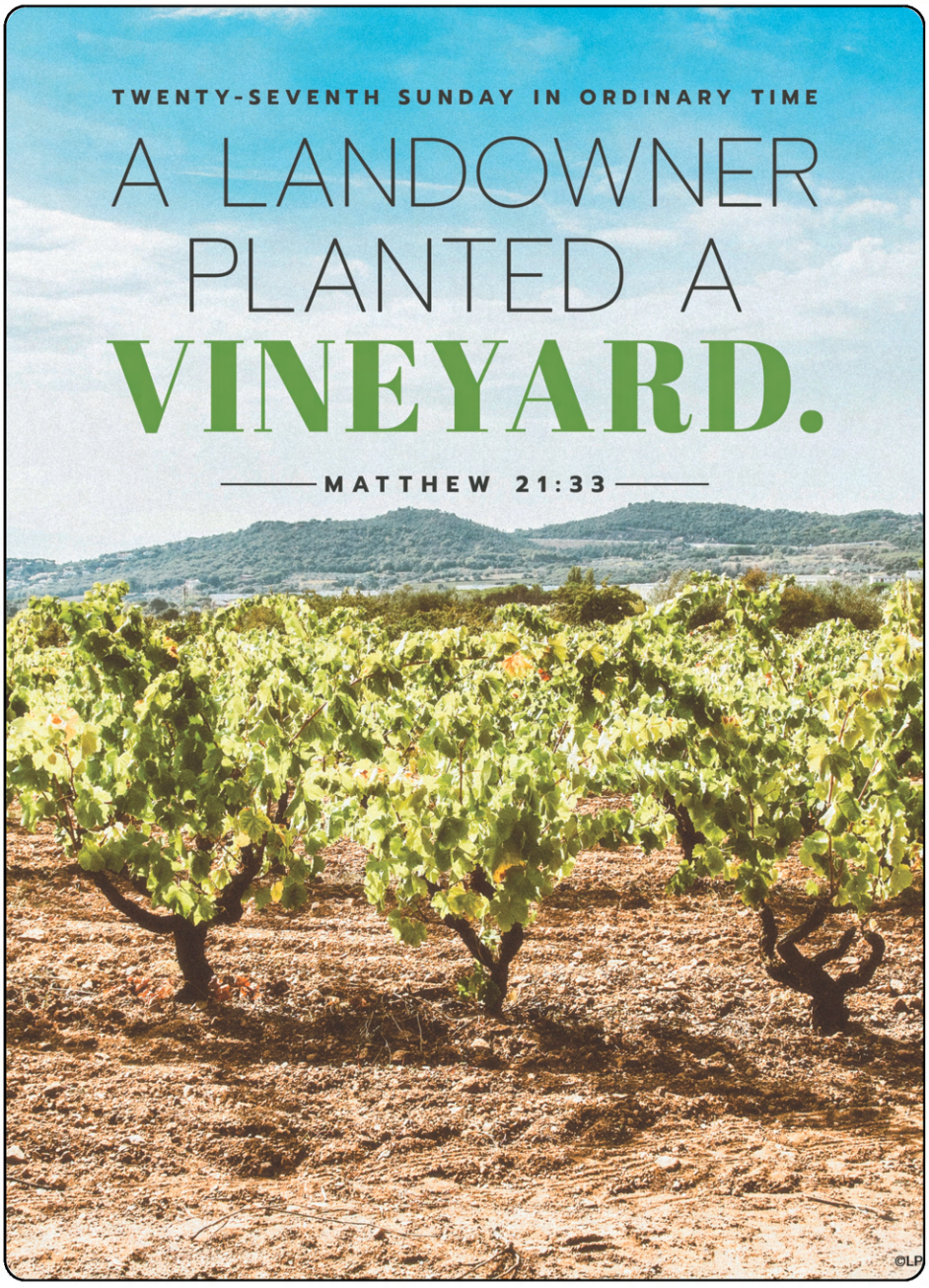

Our Mission Statements

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



UNDERSTANDING THE CANONICAL PROCESS

A pastoral update for
Christ the King–Saint Stephen Parish

Dear Parishioners,

As we continue the pastoral transition of Saint Stephen Church, I want to explain the canonical process clearly and pastorally. Canon law distinguishes three separate actions: suppression, relegation, and alienation. Each concerns something different; one does not automatically accomplish the others.

We hope to send our formal request for the suppression of Saint Stephen Parish to the Diocese of Oakland by the middle of October. Although the term may sound harsh, suppression concerns the juridic status of a parish—not the immediate closing of its church building.

1. SUPPRESSION — THE PARISH

Canon 515 §1 calls a parish "a certain community of the Christian faithful." Canon 515 §2 states:

> "It is only for the diocesan bishop to erect, suppress, or alter parishes… unless he has heard the presbyteral council."

Suppression means that Saint Stephen would no longer exist as a separate juridic parish. Its people, spiritual heritage, responsibilities, and pastoral life would continue within Christ the King–Saint Stephen Parish. Suppression does not, by itself, close the church or remove its sacred status. Our liturgies and ministries will continue according to the pastoral timeline already announced.

This is more than a legal or administrative process. It is a pastoral journey involving people who have worshiped at Saint Stephen, celebrated sacraments there, mourned loved ones there, and formed lasting friendships there. We will continue to communicate openly, listen respectfully, preserve Saint Stephen's spiritual heritage, and accompany every member of our community.

2. RELEGATION — THE CHURCH

Relegation concerns the sacred status of the building. Canon 1222 §2 provides that, for grave causes, the diocesan bishop, after hearing the presbyteral council, may relegate a church "to profane but not sordid use," provided that "the good of souls suffers no detriment." This requires a separate decision and decree.

3. ALIENATION — THE PROPERTY

Alienation is the canonical term for the sale or transfer of ownership. Canon 1291 requires the permission of the competent Church authority for the valid alienation of property belonging to a public juridic person when its value exceeds the amount established by law. Canon 1293 also requires a just cause and a written appraisal by qualified experts.

WHAT THE OCTOBER LETTER MEANS

Our anticipated letter in October addresses only the first of these three canonical steps. Sending the letter—or receiving a decree of suppression—does not mean that Saint Stephen Church closes at that moment.

Buildings hold sacred memories, but the Church is ultimately the People of God. Saint Stephen's faith, history, ministries, and people will remain a living and treasured part of our parish as we move forward together in faith and hope.

Please pray for our parish, our Transition Committee, Bishop Barber, and all who are guiding this process.

In Christ, Fr. Paulson Mundanmani, Pastor

"See, I am doing something new!
Now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?
In the wilderness I make a way."
— Isaiah 43:19

SUPPRESSION: PARISH • RELEGATION: CHURCH • ALIENATION: PROPERTY

MASS INTENTIONS

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Monday, October 5
9:00am | Shane Roche
9:00am | Teresa Myers ✝
Tuesday, October 6
9:00am | Richard & Esther Alberson
9:00am | Alwin Amalraj
Wednesday, October 7
9am | Christian Anicoche ✝
Thursday, October 8
9:00am | Larry Menzhuber ✝
9:00am | Emilie Rivera ✝
9:00am | Michael McGilvery ✝
Friday, October 9
9:00am | Edgar Yap
9:00am | Special Intention

Saturday, October 10
9:00am | Edgar Yap
4:00pm | Frank O'Neill ✝
5:00pm | (SS) Jean Portello ✝
Sunday, October 11
7:30am | Jack Cardoza ✝
7:30am | Murray Bradley ✝
9:00am | Leticia P. Toledo ✝
9:30am | (SS) Joel Agustin ✝
10:30am | Dinh Tran ✝
10:30am | Ricardo Manansala ✝
10:30am | Laura Garcia ✝
10:30am | Rose & Sonny Sini-Ning✝
4:00pm | Olga M. Prado ✝



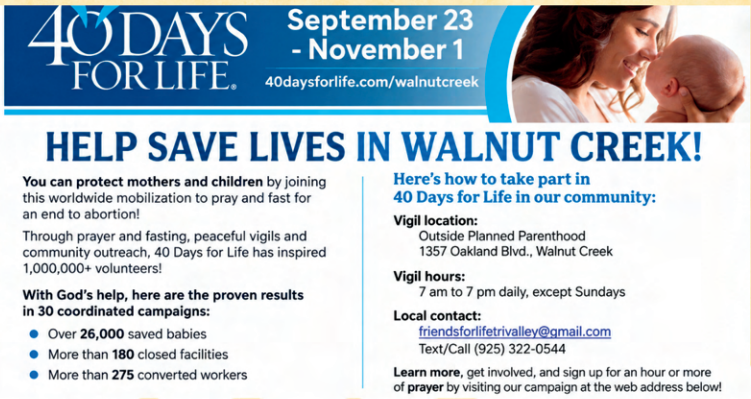
NEED PRAYER?

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

NEWS AND EVENTS



This weekend, we celebrate Respect Life Sunday, a time to recognize and uphold the God-given dignity of every human life, from conception to natural death.



SECOND COLLECTIONS

October 4 – Catholic Education

October 11 – The Catholic Voice

October 18 – World Mission Sunday

November 1 – Catholic Education

NEWS & EVENTS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD IS BACK ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 - 9AM MASS

Children will have the opportunity to join a special Children's Liturgy.

They will listen to the readings of the day in an interactive, child-friendly way so they can better understand God's Word and strengthen their faith.

CLOW Details
Time: 2nd & 4th Sundays
9:00am Mass
Ages: 4 years old - 4th Grade

No registration necessary.
Questions? Mea McGraw
mauld20@gmail.com



A Season of Creation that closes with the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

The Season ends on Oct. 4. His love for creation went hand in hand with being a peacemaker: caring for the earth and building peace were never two separate callings, but one.



"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.

The Day Includes:
- **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.

Register at ctkph.org or call the CTK Parish Office.
We will take the first 110 parishioners who register.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

CTK PARISH HALL/ROOMS A

AGES: 18 – 35

You're welcome to bring a Bible, but no pressure if you don't have one. We'll provide handouts/papers to read

For more information, contact Craig Gin:
craiggin88@yahoo.com

NEWS & EVENTS



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Join us every Friday in CTK's Ministry Center Chapel for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 3:00pm to 5:00 pm

All are welcome to come and spend quiet time in prayer and reflection.



Blessing of the Animals

Join us for a special celebration!

Bring your beloved pets for a blessing.

Please have your pets on a leash or in a cage.

Sunday, October 4
CTK Large Lawn, 11:45am





Transition Committee Update

The Christ the King–St. Stephen Transition Committee met on September 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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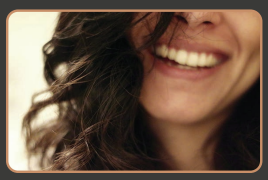
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