

# Christ the King - St. Stephen Parish

**St. Stephen Church**  
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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

**Drive-Thru Communion**  
Sunday 11:30am to 12 noon  
In front of the church

**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 5pm Mass

**Drive-Thru Communion**  
Upon Request

**Office Hours**

Monday & Wednesday 11am to 2pm

October 29, 2023



## 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37

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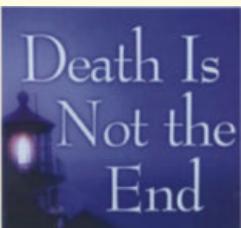
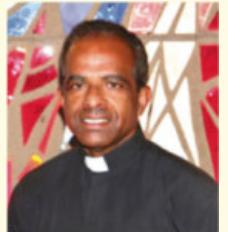
**TO LIVE AND TO LOVE IN CHRIST**

**TO HEAR THE GOSPEL AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



Dear Friends,

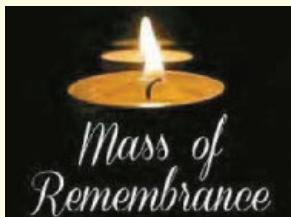
**On November 1, we celebrate All Saints' Day, a call to holiness of life. On November 2, we celebrate All Souls' Day, a loving remembrance of our departed loved ones.** On All Saints' Day we celebrate the countless saints, known and unknown to us. The saints serve as models of the numerous ways of being Christ to the world. We turn to them in prayer, as friends, on our spiritual journeys, and we recall them at the Eucharistic table, as those members of the Body of Christ already in God's presence. On All Souls' Day, then, we remember our loved ones who have passed away, pray for their eternal rest, and call to mind that we too will one day pass away. We hope to live, believe, and even die like the holy saints who have gone before us.



Someone once told me as she was preparing for her death, "I Want People to Pray for Me...I want everyone on their knees, begging God to open the gates of Heaven for me. As a child, I asked God to let me have my Purgatory here on earth. I know I am experiencing that suffering to a certain degree. But I also know there is still a lot of work to be done on my soul, so I will likely spend time in Purgatory. But my friends and family can help me on that journey with their prayers. So, when I die, you can celebrate me later. Please first pray for the repose of my soul. Pray that I get to Heaven to be with my Beloved forever."

In fact, we should remember our departed loved ones during the entire month of November. Those who sent in All Souls' envelopes filled in with names, be assured, we will pray for them during our masses in November. There are things we can do in love for departed members of our families.

- ◆ On November 2 or beyond, you can pay a visit to our loved ones in the cemetery.
- ◆ We can offer mass for their soul, and be personally present at the mass. This is a way to have the parish community pray for your loved one.
- ◆ You can place a picture of your loved one on a simple altar at home and light a candle and pray for them as a family.
- ◆ You can pray the Rosary. Rosary is one of the most powerful means available to us - particularly powerful in praying for the dead. Each Hail Mary even ends with asking for grace in death: "pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death."
- ◆ Our days are filled with many little trials and sufferings. We can offer these pains for our loved ones. When something happens, we can say something like, "Jesus, I offer You this pain for this person."



**On November 2nd, there is a Mass of Remembrance at St. Stephen at 6:00pm, where the departed loved ones are specially prayed for. On November 5th Sunday at the 10:30am Mass, we have special Mass of Remembrance at CTK campus. You are invited to any of these masses.**

*~Fr. Paulson*



## UPCOMING CTK MASS INTENTIONS

Oct. 30	Mon.	9:00am	Amparito Guilitco † Joseph Silveira
Oct. 31	Tues.	9:00am	John Bonnici † Maria Socorro † Crisanta Gonzales †
Nov. 1	Wed.	9:00am	Roberto C. Delafuente † Jose V. Torres † Leo Nora B. Torres † Rosa C. Delafuente † Ricardo Delafuente † Maryann B. Torres † Rolando C. Delafuente Msgr. James Wade †
Nov. 2	Thurs.	9:00am	Reynaldo Ordances † Vilma Ordances † Manuel Horacio Almeida † Myrna Delos Reyes † Leonardo Vocalan † Spencer Swann
Nov. 3	Fri.	9:00am	Cecelia Quyen Nguyen †
Nov. 4	Sat.	9:00am	Frank O'Neill †
Nov. 4	Sat.	4:00pm	Janet Dickson † Alice Fernandes † Leonardo Vocalan †
Nov. 5	Sun.	7:30am	Jack Cardoza † Donald Wijekoon † Rocco Costanza † Lutgarda Reyes

## UPCOMING SS MASS INTENTIONS

Oct. 28	Sat.	5:00pm	CTK-SS Parishioners
Oct. 29	Sun.	9:30am	Jean Stenson †
Oct. 30	Mon.	8:00am	Pamela Lee, Healing
Oct. 31	Tues.	8:00am	Tony Romano, Healing
Nov. 2	Thurs.	8:00am	Deceased SS Parishioners †
Nov. 4	Sat.	5:00pm	Donald DuBeau †
Nov. 5	Sun.	9:30am	Jim Vranesh †

### St. Stephen Tongan Choir Next Weekend



We are excited to announce that the Tongan Choir is returning to St. Stephen and will be singing on the first Sunday of every month at the 9:30 Mass.

Join us next Sunday, November 5 as we enjoy their beautiful music.



### CTK Mass Intentions Continued:

Nov. 5	Sun.	9:00am	Mary Vujcec †
Nov. 5	Sun.	10:30am	Mass of Remembrance
Nov. 5	Sun.	4:00pm	Marilyn Harrison † The Moore Family



**Thursday, November 23**  
You are invited to attend our  
**Thanksgiving Mass Celebration**  
**CTK at 9am**  
Reception to follow on the patio.  
**St. Stephen at 9am**

Bring your bread and wine to be blessed at this year's Thanksgiving Mass! This is a wonderful custom that unites our Eucharistic celebration at the altar with your family celebration at home!



### First Friday at CTK

Join us this Friday, November 3, for our Monthly First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

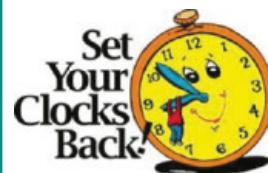
Exposition: 5pm to 6pm  
This will be time for quiet prayer.  
Mass: 6pm in the church

### CTK Eucharistic Minister Training

**Monday, November 13 at 7pm/CTK Church**

Would you like to participate in parish ministry without an extra time commitment? Join our ministers of the Eucharist – by helping to distribute Holy Communion during the weekend Mass of your choice. What a privilege it is to serve God and the community in this way!

Contact Kieran Chan, [kierankc@pacbell.net](mailto:kierankc@pacbell.net) with questions.



### Fall Back Next Weekend!

We will "fall back" one hour and return to Standard Time on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 2am.

Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before bed next Saturday night - and enjoy an extra hour of sleep.



### Celebrating All Saints' Day (A Holy Day)

**Wednesday, November 1**

CTK - Mass at 9am, 12:05pm & 7pm  
St. Stephen - Mass at 8am and 6pm

### All Soul's Day, Thursday, November 2

CTK - Mass at 9am  
St. Stephen - Mass at 8am and 6pm

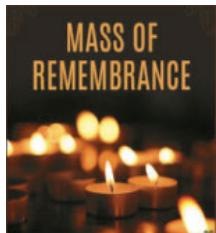


### Changes to our Mother of Perpetual Help Mass

Starting November, we will celebrate the Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help at the 9am Mass on Thursdays.

Beginning November:

No Thursday 6pm Mass and no rosary at 5:40pm.



**Mass of Remembrance**  
Next Sunday, November 5  
at 10:30am at CTK

**Thursday, November 2**  
at 6pm at  
**St. Stephen**

At this Mass we will pray specially for all who have died during this past year and whose funeral was held at Christ the King/St. Stephen Parish. (Do you have a loved one who died during the past 12 months? Were they not buried from Christ the King Parish? Would you like their name included? Please call the parish office at 925-682-2486 and leave their name. Deadline to submit names is the 25th of October). Questions? Sr. Dominic Marie at 925-246-1122.



**In November at St. Stephen, we remember those who have passed before us.**

As usual, a table will be set up in the back of the church for pictures of deceased loved ones. If you would like to include any pictures, please bring them when you come for Mass. A basket will be on the table to collect your pictures before we set them up for our November display. At the end of November, please remember to pick up your pictures.

If you have the name of a loved one that died during this past year and would like their name included on our memorial scroll, which is also displayed during November, please contact the St. Stephen office.



## Young Families Ministry

Do you have young children? Are you hoping to grow in your faith as a family? Are you looking to connect with other families and serve your community?



Email us at: [YoungFamiliesCTK@gmail.com](mailto:YoungFamiliesCTK@gmail.com)

Join the Young Families Monthly Gatherings!

November 12  
(Fellowship & Football)

12/10/24 (TBD)  
2/10/24 (TBD)



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### Women's Retreat

**Saturday, November 4**

**9am - 3pm**

**St. Stephen Parish Hall**

**Retreat Leader:**

**Kathy Lorentz**

**The Attentive Heart:  
Finding God One Moment  
at a Time**

Recognizing that true mindfulness is listening to God's voice within, this retreat will introduce and deepen practices and prayers that can help each of us still our minds and open our hearts to the Presence of God - one moment at a time.

**Registration is required. To register go to [ctkph.org](http://ctkph.org) OR  
come to our table after Mass.**

**Men's Retreat**  
**Saturday, November 11**  
**9:30am to 4pm**  
**St. Stephen Parish Hall**  
**Retreat Leader: Pat Lencioni**

**The Deeper Journey for Men –  
from False Self to the True Self**



This year, we have invited Pat Lencioni who is a founding member of The Amazing Parish Conference, which is attended by pastors, their core staff and leaders from around the world. Mr. Lencioni is a personal friend of Fr. Paulson, a devout Catholic and author of books such as The Five Dysfunctions of a Team, Five Temptations of a CEO, and Death by Meeting.

**Register at [ctkph.org](http://ctkph.org) or email  
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## HONOR OUR VETERANS

In the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, WWI ended when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. It was originally known as Armistice Day. One year later President Woodrow Wilson declared it to be known as Veterans Day.

Not to be confused with Memorial Day, which remembers and honors those who died while in service to our country, Veterans Day is set aside to thank our living Veterans for their service and to remember those Veterans who have gone to their rest.

On November 12, 2023, following the 10:30 AM Mass, Christ the King – St. Stephen Parish will honor the living and the deceased Veterans of our parish families (at the CTK Campus). Organized by the Boy Scouts of Christ the King – St. Stephen Parish, an American flag will be placed on the Christ the King Church lawn, with their name, branch of service, and other pertinent information you wish to share.

**A blessing will be given to all Veterans represented by a flag, followed by a prayer for those who have gone to their eternal rest. A black ribbon affixed to the flag will signify each deceased Veteran.**

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### TO HONOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

Please complete the form below and return it to the Parish Office or drop it into a collection basket no later than Sunday, November 5, 2023. Completed forms can also be emailed to [troop221.info@gmail.com](mailto:troop221.info@gmail.com), or scan the QR code for easiest submission.

Donations in the name of each Veteran accepted via check payable to Troop 221.  
Please deliver donations to the Parish Office.



**Veteran's Name:** (living\_\_\_\_ deceased\_\_\_\_)

(First) (MI) (Last)

**Branch of Service:** Air Force\_\_\_\_ Army\_\_\_\_ Coast Guard\_\_\_\_ Navy\_\_\_\_ Marines\_\_\_\_

**Other Information You Wish to**

**Share:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Name: (PLEASE PRINT)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

You may pick up your flag at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Please let the Boy Scouts know you have received your Veteran's flag. Thank You for participating.



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