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**“The Son of Man has come to seek
and to save what was lost.”** Luke 19:10



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October 30, 2022

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daily Mass Monday-Saturday

9am (Also Livestreamed)

Thursday

5:40pm Rosary, 6pm Mass
(Also Livestreamed)

Every First Friday

5pm to 6pm Exposition
6pm Mass

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday

4pm Vigil
(Also Livestreamed)

Sunday

7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, & 4pm
(10:30am – Also Livestreamed)

St. Stephen Mass Times

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:30am

Private Confessions

Saturday 3pm to 3:30pm
In the church

Drive-Thru Communion

11:30am to 12 noon
In front of the church

Livestream Links

Can be found at ctkph.org

“TO HEAR THE GOSPEL AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.”

Dear Friends.

Fr. Mike Dibble has moved to a care home two weeks ago, and he is surrounded by love and care by many of our parish volunteers.



The decision to move into a Care Home was a big life-changing event for Fr. Dibble. And it came, accompanied by common and understandable fears. Fr. Dibble narrated to me that someone had told him that he was going to be at the care facility till he dies, and that is scary, he said. And we talked about it as brother priests. We take one day at a time. Please do pray for Fr. Dibble as he tries to find a home, a home God has chosen for him to live the next phase of his life. God not only knit you together in your mother's womb; he also freely orchestrated all the places you would call home — the periods and boundaries of your "dwelling place."



Two of our Parishioners, Nelson Gonzales and Wynn Norona were accepted as Deacon Candidates by the Bishop a week ago. *The National Directory for the Formation, Ministry and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States* says, "There are three separate but integral paths that constitute a unified diocesan formation program for deacons: aspirant, candidate and post-



ordination." Admission as a Candidate means that the Aspirant has been invited by the bishop to enter a time of formal preparation for ordination that requires 3 years or more. Candidacy is the first official recognition by Holy Mother Church that this man may very well have a vocation to Holy Orders. During this period the Candidate will receive advanced theological education and practical diaconal formation. After the first year as he progresses in discernment and formation he will be installed into

the Ministry of Lector and then approximately a year later to the Ministry of Acolyte. Let us continue to keep these two men and their families in our prayer. God is blessing our communities. I am thrilled.



I am excited about Sunday's 9am Halloween Mass, focused on the saints. Pope Gregory IV (827–844) extended the Feast of All Saints - which was previously a local feast in Rome - to the universal Church. That is why the eve of All Saints Day (Halloween) came to be celebrated by Catholics around the world in their own cultural ways. Even though Halloween has deteriorated over the years to purely a cultural phenomenon with its goods, we can still find joy and holiness from a celebration that brings so much excitement and fun to our children.

I am happy to share my own joy and excitement about our men and women's retreat each of which were attended by over 50 folks. Both retreats were spiritually nourishing and empowering. I want to thank the teams that put them all together and the staff of St. Stephen and CTK for their generous accompaniment. We have two family centered events scheduled for this weekend: Young Families get-together after 4pm Mass this Saturday on the lawn in front of the church, Halloween Mass at 9am in the Hall, of which I have written in this letter. We need to focus on young families, and so I hope you will spread the word, personally invite families, even accompany, if need be. May God bless our communities and keep His children in His loving care.

Fr. Paulson

CTK UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Oct. 31	Mon.	9am	Audrey Danielle Parker † Joselito Asuncion †
Nov. 1	Tues.	9am	All Saints' Day
Nov. 2	Wed.	9am	Reynaldo & Vilma Ordonez † Manuel Horacio Almeida † Myrna Delos Reyes †
Nov. 3	Thurs.	9am	Jonelle Ng †
Nov. 4	Fri.	9am 6pm	Queyen Nguyen † Janet Dickson †
Nov. 5	Sat.	9am	Donald Wijekoon †
Nov. 5 & Nov. 6	Week- end	All- Masses	John Robert Keating† Alice Fernandes † Isabel Crisostomo † Gloria Maliwanag † Clara Da Costa † Tino Frial Family † Avelina & Florencio Tesora †

CELEBRATING ALL SAINTS' AND ALL SOULS' DAY



All Saints' Day at CTK - Tuesday, November 1
Masses: 7am, 9am, 12:05pm and 7pm

All Souls' Day at CTK - Wednesday, November 2
Mass: 9am

FIRST FRIDAY



First Friday

Join us this Friday, November 4th for our
Monthly First Friday
Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament
Followed by Mass

Exposition at 5pm

(This is a time for quiet meditation and prayer)

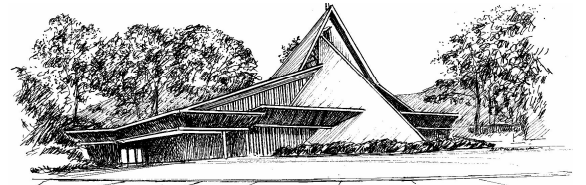
Mass at 6pm

ST. STEPHEN CORNER "To Live and to Love in Christ"

St. Stephen Church - Mass Times

Monday - Friday - 8am

Saturday - 5pm and Sunday - 9:30am



SS UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Oct. 29	Sat.	5:00pm	St Stephen Parishioners
Oct. 30	Sun.	9:30am	Carl Nagel †
Nov. 1	Tues.	6:00pm	Aida Peterson †
Nov. 4	Fri.	8:00am	Donald DuBeau †
Nov. 5	Sat.	5:00pm	Raymond Chocholek †
Nov. 6	Sun.	9:30am	Jim Vranesh †

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

Masses at St. Stephen for the Feast of All Saints will be at 8:00 am and 6:00 pm.

Join us for our Mass of Remembrance on All Souls' Day, Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 6:00 pm. There will be no morning Mass on Nov. 2 to allow everyone to attend this special Mass. Names from our Memorial Scroll will be read during the Mass followed by our traditional candle procession in honor of our deceased loved ones.

Our Remembrance Table has been set up in the back of the church. You are welcome to bring pictures of your deceased loved ones to display on this table in their memory.

Next weekend there will be a second collection for Military Services. This collection happens once every three years and supports the Archdiocese for the Military. Started in 1985 by John Paul II to "serve those who serve," providing a full range of programs, pastoral services and liturgical celebrations to Catholics in the U.S. Armed Forces. There are envelopes available on the counters in the back of the church. Please include your donation in with the regular collection.

**Office Hours Monday and Wednesday
11am to 2pm**



**Wednesday, Nov. 9th
6:30pm in the Parish Hall**

Calling all men of CTK and St. Stephen! If you're a

member or visitor to our parishes we are inviting you to join us for an evening of fun, community and connections on November 9th from 6.30pm onwards in the Parish Hall. Fr. Paulson will lead a 15 minute prayer technique at 7.00pm and discuss a book to read. Here is a wonderful opportunity to build on our retreat, to discuss ways in which the men of our parish can find ways and means to celebrate their life of faith meaningfully. Wine, beer, soft drinks and snacks will be provided. Let us have fun!



CTK is forming a Youth Choir/Band to minister at the Sunday 4pm mass.

We are inviting teens who sing or play instruments (guitar, piano, bass, drums, violin, flute, etc.) to join this awesome music ministry. We will have an informational meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 6pm inside the church. Come and let's sing and play for the Lord.

If interested or need more information, please call Nelson Gonzales at 925-375-9608 or email at ngonzales@ctkph.org.

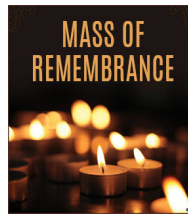


Ushers Needed

Do you have time on your hands and would like to help out occasionally at Christ the King Church? We frequently

have funerals during the week (mid-morning) and we have parishioners offer hospitality as greeters/ushers. Would you be willing to be part of a group of volunteers who welcome guests, hand out programs and straighten up the church afterwards? We give you a list of upcoming funerals and you can choose when to serve.

Questions? Sr. Dominic Marie at sisterdominic.marie@gmail.com



Saturday, November 5 at the 4pm Mass

A special **Mass of Remembrance** will be held on **Saturday November 5 at 4 pm**. At that Mass we will pray specially for all who have died during this past 12 months. All are welcome!



Queen of Heaven will be opening early for All Souls' Day on Wednesday, November 2nd. Our gates will be open for visitors at sunrise, 7:00am, and will close at 6:00pm. Please plan accordingly. For more information on the planned events, please call 925 932-0900.



**Healing Mass ~ Anointing of the Sick
Saturday November 5 at 10:30 am**

All are welcome to join us for a parish Mass and celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Since Vatican II our understanding of this sacrament has developed and deepened.

Formerly known as Extreme Unction, this sacrament is no longer just for the dying but for the elderly and those who are ill (whether it be physical, emotional, psychological, etc.). The Anointing of the Sick offers God's grace to strengthen the individual.

Bring relatives and friends from local convalescent homes – those who are able to come. The Anointing of the Sick is meant to be celebrated within the community – with family and friends. Questions? Sr. Dominic Marie 925-246-1122.

IT'S PASTA TIME
JOIN THE
DIABLO VALLEY
LIONS CLUB
Saturday November 5th
5pm to 7pm



\$20.00 Per Person, (Youths) 12 and under \$10.00 Per Person
"Dine in or take-out" options are please specify your choice.

Location: Christ the King Church 199 Brandon Road, Pleasant Hill
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& meat sauce with ground beef and pork

Meatless sauce also available upon request

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