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The kingdom of heaven

is like a treasure
buried in a field,
which a person finds
and hides again,
and out of joy
goes and sells
all he has and
buys that field.

Matthew 13:44



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July 26, 2020 • Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SS UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

July 25 5:00 pm St. Stephen & CTK Parishes
July 26 9:30 am Madeline Gomes †

***all weekend intentions prayed for at the
Saturday 5 pm vigil mass**

**All CTK Masses streamed live with videos
available to watch later**

Masses: Drive-in / lawn: schedule inside

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CTK UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

July 27 9 am Naim Frangieh †

July 28 9 am Tom Bates †

July 29 6 pm David McGee †

July 30 9 am Blanche Oldham †

July 31 9 am Ernesto Badong †

Saturday, August 1

8 am Primo Maliwanag, Jr. †

5 pm Edward Schubring †

***Sunday, August 2**

8 am Juvenal Figueira †

9:15 am Linang Pineda †

10:45 am CTK and SS Parishioners

12:15 pm Carmelita Laguerta †

Efrin Casilihan †

6 pm Maria Pires †

***CTK Parish Office is open
Mon-Fri ~ 9 am to 1 pm***

This morning our communities of St. Stephen and CTK celebrated the feast of Mary Magdalen, an apostle to the apostle for she was chosen by God to herald the news of the resurrection to Peter and the rest of the apostles. She had no doubt He had risen. I have deeply admired the unparalleled courage and ministry of Catholic nuns with regard to justice and peace. I know our own communities would be deeply wanting without our wonderful women who are transformative. So, a shout out to our women!



In a new documentary film, *John Lewis: Good Trouble*, scheduled for broadcast this fall, Lewis explained that he'd been arrested at least 45 times—five times since he was elected to Congress in 1986. "My philosophy is very simple," Lewis says in the film. "When you see something that is not right, not fair, not just, say something. Do something. Get in trouble. Good trouble."

In the National Catholic Reporter this week, the editorial page called out our church leaders' inertia on responding to justice. The editor wrote, "No wonder the bishops are flatfooted this summer. Their once strong commitment to social justice, the involvement with interreligious groups that fight racism, their willingness to put the prestige and the power of the church's substantial institutional footprint at the service of those who have been marginalized — all in the distant past." I don't necessarily agree fully about the characterization. I do however bemoan the silence, the inaction and sometimes the complicity. The Church has a grave responsibility to contribute to the ongoing conversion and spiritual transformation of all of us. We need to challenge those who fail to see a problem.

Now-retired Bishop Edward Braxton of Belleville, who is African-American, wrote a 2016 pastoral letter on the Catholic Church and the Black Lives Matter movement (BLR). ***"The phrase is more a call to action against racial profiling, police brutality, and racial injustice than a specific organization."*** Braxton wrote that there are "profound differences" between the teachings of the Church and the BLR. He nevertheless encouraged Catholic engagement with leaders of the BLR movement within the framework of Catholic teaching about the dignity of the human person, and the sanctity of human life, and to work, above all, for conversion.

Amid the ongoing protests, Bishop Fabre stated that the present moment presented an "extraordinary opportunity" for change. African-American Catholics have suffered from racism within the Church for "decades and centuries," he said; sometimes it has taken the form of "parishes not welcoming the ministry of a black priest or deacon," or "parishioners not wanting to receive the Eucharist from an African-American extraordinary minister of holy communion." Black Catholics "long for the eradication of racism in the Church through encounter, accompaniment, repentance, justice, action, charity, and prayer," he said.

This Thursday, we have invited Fr. Leo Edgerly, Pastor of Corpus Christi, to our speaker series at 5.00pm. Fr. Edgerly, a West Oakland native, now on a committee tasked with building a study guide for Catholic schools and churches in the state will address systemic racism. Join us with your questions.

Fr. Paulson

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 19, 2020

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

The wisdom of King Solomon was proverbial. Today's reading portrays events that occurred early in Solomon's reign. We will hear how he became a wise person.

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

As we continue our readings from the eighth chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans, we will hear Paul use the word *predestined*. This word does not mean that individuals are locked into a destiny over which they have no control. Rather, it means that in Christ, God provided abundant grace for everyone.

Prayer Works!

Do you have a need that requires Divine intervention? Let us add our prayers to yours. Send confidential prayer requests to:

prayerline@ctkph.org



WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF MASSES

CTK: Monday - Saturday:

9 am Mass ~ Live streamed from our chapel on facebook.

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

Christ The King Weekends

Saturdays ~ 5 pm Vigil Mass Drive-In/Lawn

New! Sundays 7:30 am outside on patio in front of church

Sundays ~ Masses Drive-In/Lawn at 9 am, 10:30 am and 6 pm

Note: While communion will be available at all the Outdoor Masses, we will also offer Drive through Communion from 11:30 - 12pm Sundays.

Saint Stephen Weekends

Sunday Mass ~ 9:30 am Outdoor Mass

Communion only - please arrive at the end of mass, approximately 10:10.

St. Stephen Updates

The Gomes family wishes to thank everyone for their warm wishes upon the death of their mother, Madeline Gomes. They would also like to extend an invitation to the committal service for Madeline on Friday, July 31 at noon. There will be a memorial Mass at a future date when we have full access to our church and hall.

Our revised website is now up and running. Visit us at www.saintstephenparish.org and see the changes.

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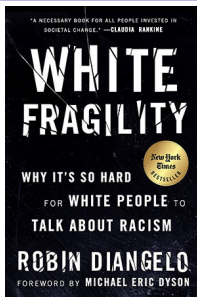
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Virtual Faith Sharing!

You are invited to join a "virtual" Faith sharing group on Zoom. We meet every Friday morning at 9:30 am to share our faith through reading and praying with the readings for the following Sunday. Everyone in the parish is welcome to participate in this opportunity to deepen your faith and increase your understanding of scripture. To try it out, email Diana Mackinson at dijoed@comcast.net and she will send you the Zoom invitation to enable you to join us on Friday morning. Next meeting is Friday, July 24!

Do you want to address racism in your community, but you don't know where to begin? Presented through the lens of the Christian faith, JustFaith Ministries' *Faith & Racial Equity: Exploring Power & Privilege* is an eight-session program that awakens individuals and groups to racial injustices within our political and economic systems that empower some and oppress others.



We will be reading *White Fragility*. We plan to start (via Zoom) the weekend of July 25-26 and continue weekly on Thursdays from 1-3 pm probably thru Oct 2. For more information contact Mary Anne La Pointe at 925-787-1422 or Maggie Chaffee at 925-872-9915.

Married couples!

Enrich your marriage from the comfort of your own home! Join us for a **Virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience** presented over the course of 8 sessions on Saturdays August 1, 8, 15, 22 @ 2:00 pm and Wednesdays August 5, 12, 19, 26 @ 7:00 pm. Please go to oaklandwwme.org or call 650-521-4368 for more information.

Couples who 'live' a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend(WWME), not only rediscover the joy, intimacy and romance in their relationships but also take a more active role within their church community. **Together, we are making marriages, families and our Church stronger and more vibrant!**

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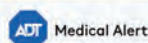
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