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*You will be hated by all because of my name,
but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.*

LUKE 21:17-18

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



NOVEMBER 13, 2022

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

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“TO HEAR THE GOSPEL AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.”

Dear Friends,

I would like to update you on where we are as a church on Synodality. Pope Francis has set in motion the most extensive consultative process the world has ever seen. The following excerpt is taken from Religious News Service.

For the millions of people who have participated in the synodal process, the synod is no longer an abstract concept but a lived experience. The “Working Document for the Continental Stage,” issued last month, gives us a picture of where the synodal process has been and where it might be going. This document will allow participants in the continental assemblies to listen to voices from every part of the world. The cultural, political, economic and religious experience of the church is very different in Africa, Europe, Asia and North and South America. These continental assemblies will then draw up a list of priorities for the first session of the synod of bishops to begin next October.

The first section of the document reports that there was great appreciation of the opportunity to speak and to listen to others in the church. The second chapter is organized around a quote from Isaiah: “Enlarge the space of your tent!” where the tent is seen as a space for communion and participation, the necessary foundations of mission. “Enlarging the tent requires welcoming others into it, making room for their diversity,” says the working document.

At the tent’s center “stands the tabernacle, that is, the presence of the Lord,” explains the working document as it further develops the metaphor. “The tent’s hold is ensured by the sturdiness of its pegs, that is, the fundamentals of faith that do not change but can be moved and planted in ever new ground, so that the tent can accompany the people as they walk through history. Finally, in order not to sag, the structure of the tent must keep in balance the different forces and tensions to which it is subjected: a metaphor that expresses the need for discernment.”

The third chapter describes the church as needing to live “a Christological paradox: boldly proclaiming its authentic teaching while at the same time offering a witness of radical inclusion and acceptance through its pastoral and discerning accompaniment.” Rather than behaving like gatekeepers, we are called to a “vision of a Church capable of radical inclusion, shared belonging, and deep hospitality according to the teachings of Jesus.”

In the listening sessions, many spoke of the need for the inclusion of many marginalized groups, including young people, those with disabilities, those unhappy with liturgical change, those who have had abortions, remarried divorcees, single parents, people living in a polygamous marriage, LGBTQ people, those who left ordained ministry and married and “women and eventual children of priests who have broken the vow of celibacy, who are otherwise at risk of suffering serious injustice and discrimination.”

Also listed were “the poorest, the lonely elderly, indigenous peoples, migrants without any affiliation and who lead a precarious existence, street children, alcoholics and drug addicts, those who have fallen into the plots of criminality and those for whom prostitution seems their only chance of survival, victims of trafficking, survivors of abuse (in the Church and beyond), prisoners, groups who suffer discrimination and violence because of race, ethnicity, gender, culture and sexuality.” The document recognizes that “the challenges of tribalism, sectarianism, racism, poverty, and gender inequality” exist “within the life of the Church, as well as the world.”

“Almost all reports raise the issue of full and equal participation of Women.” Many reports “ask that the Church continue its discernment in relation to a range of specific questions: the active role of women in the governing structures of Church bodies, the possibility for women with adequate training to preach in parish settings, and a female diaconate.” But on the question of priestly ordination, “Much greater diversity of opinion was expressed,” with some reports calling for it and others considering it a closed issue.

The fourth and final chapter of the working paper looks to the future, urging the participants to be a “Church that learns from listening how to renew its evangelizing mission in the light of the signs of the times, to continue offering humanity a way of being and living in which all can feel included as protagonists.”

There is much controversy surrounding the synod. Pope Francis is focused on improving the church’s mission of proclaiming the gospel and creating a more synodal church.



Fr. Paulson

CTK UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Nov. 14	Mon.	9am	Edgar Yap Jr. (Birthday Blessings) Margarita Barajas †
Nov. 15	Tues.	9am	Frasier Family † MacConville Family † Nevin Family † Kevin & Mary MacConville †
Nov. 16	Wed.	9am	Jorge Saltares † Arthur Torres †
Nov. 17	Thurs.	9am	Alfredo Quintans, Sr. † Megan Burke †
Nov. 18	Fri.	9am	A. Janice McKercher † Frank Leonetti †
Nov. 19	Sat.	9am	Arthur Dunn †
Nov. 19 & Nov. 20	Weekend	All-Masses	John Robert Keating † Kelly Kennedy † Narciso Del Rosario † Sheila Heinrich † Anne Mullius † Gloria & Orlando Portillo † Antonio D. Costa † Velma Badong Catherine Costanza Rene Novoa Jerome Schmitt

THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING



The Feast of Christ the King
Next Weekend November 19-20
All Masses

Join us for mass next weekend
as we celebrate our
Parish Feast Day!

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS



Thursday, November 24
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Thanksgiving Mass Celebration
at 9am

Reception to follow on the patio.

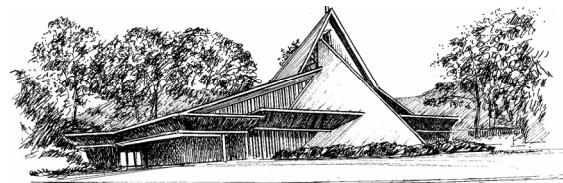
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special blessing.

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

Nov. 12	Sat.	5:00pm	Virgil Bolin †
Nov. 13	Sun.	9:30am	Dolores Wix †
Nov. 19	Sat.	5:00pm	Saint Stephen Parishioners
Nov. 20	Sun.	9:30am	Susan Lipscomb †

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

Next weekend the 2nd collection is for the **Campaign for Human Development**. In the United States, one in eight people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support organizations that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling locally and across the country. In 2022, CCHD awarded \$150,000 to nine organizations in the Oakland Diocese that are empowering low-income people to lift themselves out of poverty. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. There are envelopes available on the counters in the back of the church. Please place your contribution in with the regular collection.

2nd Collections are combined with our regular collection. To ensure that your offering goes to the appropriate special collection it is important for you to use one of the envelopes provided (or a plain envelope with the name of the 2nd collection written on it) or by including the name of the 2nd collection on your checks memo line. Any money not identified is combined with the regular collection.

The Little Blue Book of Advent/Christmas reflections are now available on the counters in the back of the church.

The Hillcrest Congregation Layette Program cupboards are bare. Relying completely on donations, the program currently resources approximately 20 layettes a month providing basic layette supplies to families with a new baby. This year, our Advent Giving Tree will benefit this Layette Program. Starting Nov. 26, our Giving Tree will be decorated with gift tags suggesting specific layette items. Please take as many tags as you like and return your gift items wrapped in simple white tissue and place them under the tree by December 23rd; or you may place the gifts in the boxes placed around the Giving Tree. Your generosity is appreciated and may your Advent Season be filled with Joy and Anticipation as we await the birth of our Lord. There will be a flyer on the bulletin boards giving more information.

Office Hours - Mon & Wed, 11am-2pm



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



Book of Remembrance

In front of the church (near the Baptism font) we have our Book of Remembrance. You are invited to write in it the names of your deceased loved ones.

The Book will be out for the month of November.

Grief Retreat
Saturday, November 19, 2022
10:00 a.m. ~ 3:00 p.m.
Diocese Retreat House - Queen of Heaven
1965 Reliez Valley Road, Lafayette
\$10 at the door – lunch is provided
RSVP required - 925-932-0900
Fr. Paulson and Fr. Wayne will be present at different segments of the day.
A day of rest and reflection for your grieving heart.

First Reading — There will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays (Malachi 3:19-20a).

Psalm 98 — The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice

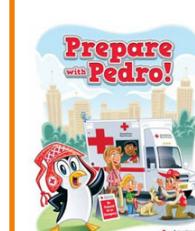
Second Reading — Paul speaks of his hard work among the Thessalonians (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12).

Gospel — Jesus foretells the destruction of Jerusalem, the persecution of his followers. But their perseverance will be their salvation (Luke 21:5-19).



ICF Meeting Sunday, Nov. 13 at 1pm

All CTK and St. Stephen's parishioners are welcome to join the Italian Catholic Federation for our November meeting on Sunday, November 13 at 1 PM in the CTK parish hall. We will be celebrating Thanksgiving, so bring a side dish or dessert to share, and our club will provide the turkey and gravy. We will also be having elections. Guests are welcome, so please let us know if you plan to join us. Contact Diana Mackinson at dijoed@comcast.net or 925-519-4711. Hope many of you will join us for a great lunch and fun afternoon!



Christ the King Youth Ministry and the American Red Cross are offering disaster preparedness for K-2nd Grade and their parents.

Friday December 2nd
3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

Two programs will be offered at the same time. "Prepare With Pedro" for Kindergarten - 2nd Grade and for the parents "Be Red Cross Ready: Emergency Preparedness." Parents drop your kids off in the Parish Hall and you head to Rooms A & B. Admission is FREE. Sign up on our website www.ctkph.org

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