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Christ the King Church

Daily Mass Times

Monday - Saturday 9am

Thursday

5:40pm Rosary, 6pm Mass

Every First Friday

5pm to 6pm Exposition
6pm Mass

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 4pm Vigil

Sunday

7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, & 4pm

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

September 3, 2023



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25

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TO LIVE AND TO LOVE IN CHRIST
TO HEAR THE GOSPEL AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Dear Friends,

In the “Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy” (Sacrosanctum Concilium) of the Second Vatican Council, the Council Fathers teach us, “For it is in the liturgy, especially in the divine sacrifice of the Eucharist, that ‘the work of our redemption is accomplished’ and it is through the liturgy especially that the faithful are enabled to express in their lives and to manifest to others the mystery of Christ and the real nature of the true Church.” (SC 2) As we go through the Eucharistic Revival, I would like you to consider attending daily mass. When I was at St. Mary, Walnut Creek, I was always amazed at the number of folks that would attend the noon mass. They would avail their lunch hour to encounter Jesus.



Lumen Gentium, the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, states, “The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life.” What this means for us is this: Any Catholic who desires holiness, who wants to grow deeper in his or her relationship with God should seek to come to Mass as often as possible, daily if one’s responsibilities in life permit. The following are some reasons for coming to Mass daily, if possible.

At Mass we are enveloped in the Mystery of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Coming to Mass is coming to the well-spring of salvation and drinking deeply of the grace of God, it is entering into the life-giving Sacrifice of the Lamb.

At Mass we are immersed in the Sacred Scriptures every day. Practically every prayer and rite of the Mass are taken from Sacred Scripture or inspired by Scripture. It is the Church’s way of nourishing us with the Word of God from both the Old and the New Testaments arranged in a systematic, or we might even say, symphonic way, to lead us through the saving plan of God that culminates in the coming of the Savior and Redeemer in our midst. It is the Scripture Study par excellence!

At Mass we receive into our hearts the Holy Eucharist, the very Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. It leads us into a deeper union of love with Our Lord. He communicates His grace, His very life to us in Holy Communion. Receiving the Holy Eucharist, Christ’s own Body and Blood, preserves, increases, and renews the life of grace received at Baptism. Through this union with Our Lord we are also more closely united to all of the faithful in Christ’s Body, the Church. We become bound more closely with one another, with all members of the Church, even those we have never met or known.

I encourage you to go to daily Mass. Maybe get there early. Sit and be aware you are in His presence. Reflect on a prayer. Be in the silence. Visualize Christ the man there with you, because He really is. We need to let God have a chance to speak to us, and this effort of going to the smaller and simpler Masses, with no obligation whatsoever, this is our way of saying to Him, ‘Okay God, I want to know You more because I know that will make me the best version of myself, but I need You to help me out. I’m here, do what You want.

St. John Marie Vianney said, “If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy.” St Padre Pio said, “It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do without Holy Mass.”

Please **come** to daily Mass. It is the way to the Heart of God! On Thursdays, we have an evening Mass at 6.00pm in honor of our Blessed Mother of Perpetual Help.

Fr. Paulson



UPCOMING CTK MASS INTENTIONS

Sept. 4	Mon.	9:00am	Amparo Velarde † Andres Velarde †
Sept 5	Tues.	9:00am	Ligaya Rivera
Sept. 6	Wed.	9:00am	Spencer Swan
Sept. 7	Thurs.	9:00am	Christian Cavin Anicoche †
Sept. 8	Fri.	9:00am	Vivian Kisiluk†
Sept. 9	Sat.	9:00am	Joey Garcia
Sept. 9	Sat.	4:00pm	Dianne Forney
Sept. 10	Sun.	7:30am	Jack Cardoza †
Sept. 10	Sun.	9:00am	Jewel DeBorja Antonio DeBorja Jr. Trung Nguyen †
Sept. 10	Sun.	10:30am	Michael Murphy † Discaro Rodolfo † Janice Sta. Maria Real Dinna Lombos Jayne Frigon †
Sept. 10	Sun.	4:00pm	Lurecina Behan † Brandan Fbular †

UPCOMING SS MASS INTENTIONS

Sept. 2	Sat.	5:00pm	St. Stephen Parishioners
Sept. 3	Sun.	9:30am	Jim Vranesh †
Sept. 4	Mon.	8:00am	
Sept. 5	Tues.	8:00am	
Sept. 6	Weds.	8:00am	
Sept. 7	Thur.	8:00am	
Sept. 8	Fri.	8:00am	
Sept. 9	Sat.	5:00pm	Rosita Andres †
Sept. 10	Sun.	9:30am	Robert Landfear †



Parish Picnic



RSVP by September 8

**You're Invited to our First Annual CTK-
St. Stephen Parish Picnic
For the Entire Family!**
Sunday, September 17th - 1pm to 3pm

**The picnic will be on the Large Lawn at CTK
BBQ Food, Fun, and Yard Games!**

**The cost is Free! But please rsvp at
ctkph.org, call the CTK office or scan
the QR Code.**



**Parish Office
Closed**

Our Parish Offices both at CTK at St. Stephen will be closed

On Monday, Sept. 4
In Observance of Labor Day



Welcome Confirmation Candidates
First session: September 10th!

**Join us at the 4:00 PM Youth Mass
Sunday, September 10th**

Join us in blessing this year's Confirmation Candidates.

Contact Mike Aliscad at maliscad@ctkph.org

Register Today!

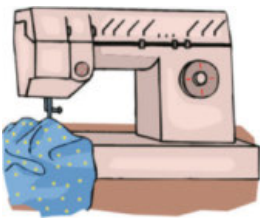


Faith Formation Registration
For the School Year 2023-2024

**Registration is open for
Kindergarten to 6th grade**

Please visit our website at ctkph.org to register.

Registration deadline is September 7



Dress A Child Around the World
Sewing Ministry Begins
Wednesday, Sept. 20
CTK Parish Hall

**DRESS A CHILD AROUND THE
WORLD - - -** Our fall sewing sessions will begin on Wednesday, September 20 and continue on the 3rd Wednesday each month until June.

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US.

In the past 11 years we have made over 20,000 dresses and shorts for girls and boys around the world and here in the United States. To provide a brand new dress or a pair of shorts to the poor and disadvantaged or those suffering from disasters is our way of providing a little joy, hope, and the belief that God is in their lives.

We're so proud of the women at CTK and our community who continue their work in making our dresses and shorts available to these children.

We also thank those who support our efforts by donating fabric, sewing machines and, of course, your dollars.

If you feel you'd like to get involved in this very fun and worthwhile group, please join us on the 3rd Wednesday each month in the CTK Parish Hall.

For more information, please call Carol Vogl at (925) 288-0488

CTK Eucharistic Minister Training
Monday, September 11



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!

Eucharistic Minister training on Monday, September 11, 7:00 pm in the Church with a greeting from Fr. Paulson and an introduction to the Eucharist by Sr. Dominic. Contact Kieran Chan, kierankc@pacbell.net with questions.



****MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT****
Hospitality Committee

"The Hospitality Committee promotes a welcoming, friendly atmosphere within our parish. We coordinate refreshments, helpers, and decorations for celebrations such as

First Communion, Confirmation, Thanksgiving morning and other parish-wide events throughout the year. Please feel free to join us as your schedule allows--no specific time commitment or special skills are required! We look forward to meeting all who would like to join our very hospitable group!"

VOLUNTEER



Can you volunteer one hour a week?

We are still in need of ministers to go to local care facilities/assisted living facilities to bring Communion to the Catholic residents. If you have questions or are interested to serve in this ministry ~

please contact Sr. Dominic Marie at sisterdominic.marie@gmail.com or 925-246-1122.

Adult Faith Formation

Join us for a deeper look at the Gospel of Luke with Fr. Jose, PhD. Professor of Sacred Scripture

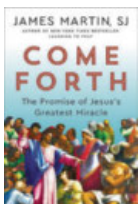
Lukan Gospel. This is a Gospel which is well structured. Besides the introduction (Lk 1:1-4:13), we have the following major landmarks in the Gospel



1. The Galilean ministry (4:14-9:50)
2. The LUKAN WAY or The journey of Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem with teachings on discipleship (9:51-19:44)
3. The ministry of Jesus in Jerusalem (19:45-21:38)
4. The passover, suffering and death and Resurrection (22-24)

St. Stephen Church - Chapel
Thursday mornings at 10:00am

CTK Ministry Center Chapel
Thursday evenings at 6:30pm



A discussion of Fr. James Martin's new book, "Come Forth: The Promise of Jesus's Greatest Miracle", will begin on Monday, September 18, at 10:30 am in the Ministry Center Chapel.

The Lazarus story will be divided into 4 sections for discussions over 4 Mondays, with a final discussion of the entire book on October 16. Join us for deeper weekly discussions or for an overview on October 16. The book is available on Amazon and Thriftbooks, and as an ebook.



"Wonderful Women of the Word"

Mondays: September 18 - November 6
7:00-8:30 pm - CTK Parish Hall

Kathy Roberts will present an eight-week study centered on some of the wonderful, wise, and even wicked women of the Scriptures.

The format will include questions, discussion, and teaching.

Register at ctkph.org or by scanning the QR code

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Whenever I speak, I must cry out,
violence and outrage is my message;
the word of the LORD has brought me
derision and reproach all the day. (Jer 20:8)

Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

Second Reading:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.
(Rom 12:1)

Gospel:

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me.
For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."
(Mt 16:24-25)

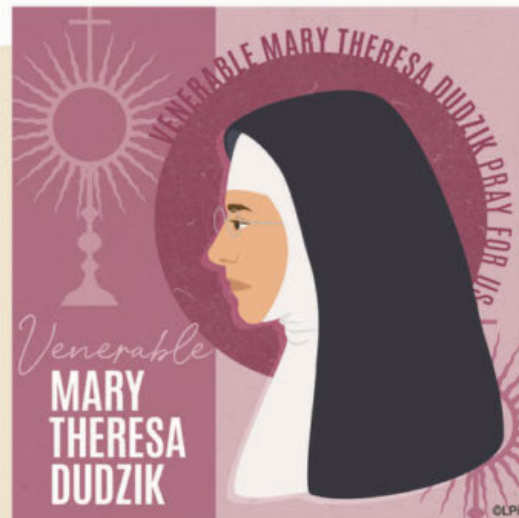
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

A love of suffering does not come naturally to us as humans. We have no instinct to throw our arms around a rough and heavy cross — no, we shy away from it. But as adopted children of God, crafted lovingly in His image, our inheritance is the grace to do what feels so impossible.

Observances for the week of September 3, 2023

- Sunday:** 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Labor Day
Friday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday: St. Peter Claver, Priest
Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Grandparents' Day



Saint of the week

Venerable Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik became known as Chicago's Apostle of Mercy due to her work in the late 1800's and the early 1900's serving the poor and abandoned. She founded the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago — the first women's religious congregation in Chicago.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, you inflamed the compassionate heart of Mother Mary Theresa with the heroic virtues of charity and mercy. If it is your will, may she be declared Blessed for your honor and glory and may she inspire others to imitate her love for the needy, poor, and suffering of our world. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://mothertheresadudzik.com/prayers.html>)

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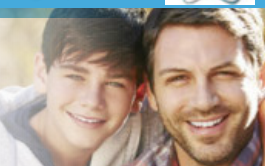
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