

# Christ the King - St. Stephen Parish

**St. Stephen Church**  
1101 Keaveny Court  
Walnut Creek, CA 94597  
925-274-1341  
[saintstephenparish.org](http://saintstephenparish.org)

**Christ the King Church**  
195A Brandon Road  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523  
925-682-2486  
[ctkph.org](http://ctkph.org)

## 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



## 22<sup>ND</sup> 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

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

©LPI

**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 Rodolso † 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](http://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](mailto:maliscad@ctkph.org)

Register Today!



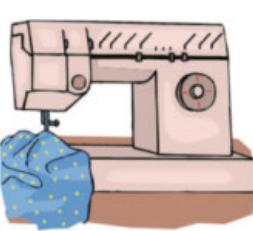
Faith Formation Registration

For the School Year 2023-2024

Registration is open for  
Kindergarten to 6th grade

Please visit our website at [ctkph.org](http://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](mailto: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!"



### 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](mailto: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

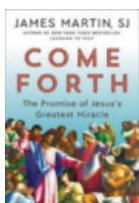
Lukan Gospel. This is a Gospel which is well structured. Besides the introduction (Lk 1:1-4:13), we have the following major landmarks in the Gospel



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](http://ctkph.org) or by scanning the QR code

## CTK STAFF CONTACTS

**CTK Office:** [office@ctkph.org](mailto:office@ctkph.org)  
195A Brandon Rd.  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

### Fr. Paulson Mundanmani

925-682-2486  
[paulson.ctk@gmail.com](mailto:paulson.ctk@gmail.com)

**Fr. Lee Chompoonchan**  
925-682-2486  
[lleescj49@hotmail.com](mailto:lleescj49@hotmail.com)

**Deacon John Ashmore**  
925-686-1017  
[faithformation@ctkph.org](mailto:faithformation@ctkph.org)

**Sr. Dominic Bonnici OP**  
925-246-1122  
[sisterdominic.marie@gmail.com](mailto:sisterdominic.marie@gmail.com)

**Dr. Joe Silveira, Principal**  
925-685-1109  
[jsilveira@ctkschool.org](mailto:jsilveira@ctkschool.org)

**Helen Christian, Office Manager**  
925-682-2486  
[hchristian326@gmail.com](mailto:hchristian326@gmail.com)

**Kathy Ridgway, Parish Office**  
925-682-2486  
[kridgway02@gmail.com](mailto:kridgway02@gmail.com)

**Mike Aliscad, Youth Minister**  
925-246-1128  
[maliscad@ctkph.org](mailto:maliscad@ctkph.org)

**Rosa Panelli, RE Office**  
925-686-1017  
[rpanellictkre@gmail.com](mailto:rpanellictkre@gmail.com)

**Jennifer Bennett, Music Ministry**  
[jenniferbennett1011@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferbennett1011@gmail.com)

## ST. STEPHEN STAFF CONTACTS

**St. Stephen Office:**  
[saintstephenwc@gmail.com](mailto:saintstephenwc@gmail.com)  
1101 Keaveny Ct.  
Walnut Creek, CA 94597

**Chris Lang, St. Stephen Liaison**  
[saintstephenwc@gmail.com](mailto:saintstephenwc@gmail.com)  
925-274-1341

**Joann Kurpinsky/Nancy Gzdzich**  
925-274-1341  
[Bookkeeperssp@gmail.com](mailto:Bookkeeperssp@gmail.com)

# 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)

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. The English translation of Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

## 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

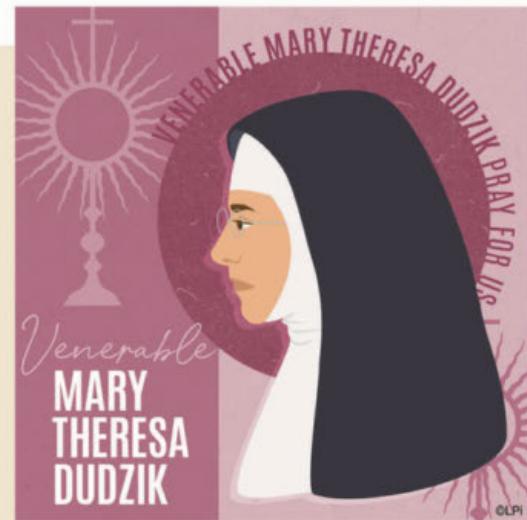
**Sunday:** 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**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>)

**MOULDING  
MASTERS**  
FAMILY OWNED FOR 21 YEARS

MARK BENDA, USHER  
925-689-7322  
1070 Detroit Ave., Concord, CA  
ACROSS FROM COSTCO | OPEN 7 DAYS

**WE SELL:**  
Crown Moulding • Base Boards  
Door & Window Casing • Mantels  
Assorted Trim • Chair Rail • Pre-Primed

Catholic Cruises and Tours and The Apostleship  
of the Sea of the United States of America  
Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY.  
Call us today at 860-399-1785 or email  
eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com  
[www.CatholicCruisesandTours.com](http://www.CatholicCruisesandTours.com)

**MEDICARE**  
OPEN ENROLLMENT begins Oct. 1

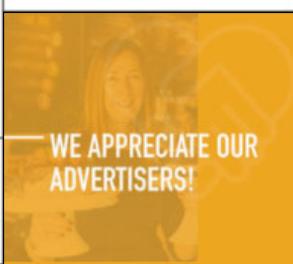
**What you  
need to know**  
Call us or schedule appointment today!

(415) 517-6700

[www.goldsuminsurance.com/schedule](http://www.goldsuminsurance.com/schedule)

**catholicmatch®**  
California   
[CatholicMatch.com/CA](http://CatholicMatch.com/CA)

 **THE MAHER LAW GROUP**  
A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION  
**VINCENT R. MAHER**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
CERTIFIED CRIMINAL LAW SPECIALIST  
[www.themaherlawgroup.com](http://www.themaherlawgroup.com)  
Tel: (925) 489-1500 | [vince@vincemaherlaw.com](mailto:vince@vincemaherlaw.com)  
724 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533



**PLEASANT HILL COLLISION**  
(925) 939-1160 • 939-1280 FAX

 All Insurance Claims Welcome  
• Autobody • Refinishing • Frame • Glass

1581 Oak Park Blvd., Pleasant Hill

# SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

 **ADT-Monitored Home Security**  
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust



**PLEASANT HILL DENTISTRY**  
RANDY B. BAUTISTA, INC.

Family Dentistry • Invisalign  
Same Day Crown Cerec  
Implant & Cosmetic Dentistry  
[www.pleasanthilldentistry.com](http://www.pleasanthilldentistry.com)  
[pleasanthilldentistry@gmail.com](mailto:pleasanthilldentistry@gmail.com)  
925-685-8587 • PARISHIONER



**FREE**  
AD DESIGN  
with purchase  
of this space  
**CALL**  
800-950-9952

**Place Your Ad Here and  
Support our Parish!**

Instantly create and  
purchase an ad with

**AD CREATOR STUDIO**



[4ipi.com/adcreator](http://4ipi.com/adcreator)



**LOU AGGETTA INSURANCE**  
AUTO • HOMEOWNERS • LIFE • BUSINESS • HEALTH • LONG TERM CARE  
VERY COMPETITIVE RATES  
• MANY COMPANIES  
2637 Pleasant Hill Rd. • Pleasant Hill • 945-6161  
Denia Aggetta Shields, Parishioner

GENERAL CONTRACTOR  
**F.P. GORSKI & SON**  
CONSTRUCTION COMPANY  
ALAMO, CALIFORNIA  
CA Lic. #B-575831  
Custom Homes • Additions • Remodeling  
**FRANZ P. GORSKI & SON**  
Family Owned and Operated / Parishioners  
OVER 45 YEARS EXPERIENCE  
(925) 457-1688 [fpgorski@yahoo.com](mailto:fpgorski@yahoo.com)



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • [www.4ipi.com](http://www.4ipi.com)

Christ the King Church, Pleasant Hill, CA

B 4C 05-4159

 <p><b>Diablo Valley Funeral Group</b></p> <p><b>DIABLO VALLEY CREMATION &amp; FUNERAL SERVICES</b> CONCORD FD 2235 - ANTIOCH FD 2331 - PINOLE FD 2333 Diablovalleycremation.com • 925-998-0303</p> <p><b>DIABLO VALLEY FUNERAL HOME</b> CONCORD FD 873 - SERVING THE DIABLO VALLEY AREA SINCE 1949 Diablovalleyfuneralhome.com • 925-682-1100</p>		<p><b>SUPPORT OUR PARISH</b></p> <p>WE APPRECIATE OUR ADVERTISERS!</p>	<p>OUIMET BROS. CONCORD FUNERAL CHAPEL FD1006 Serving Concord and the surrounding area since 1958</p> <p><b>Cremation and Burial Services</b></p> <p>4125 Clayton Road, Concord, CA 94521 925-682-4242 • www.ouimetbrothers.com</p>
 <p><b>FREE AD DESIGN</b> with purchase of this space</p> <p><b>CALL</b> 800-950-9952</p>	<p><b>JENNIFER MARTIN, D.D.S.</b> ORTHODONTICS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS Please Call For Complimentary NEW Patient Examination <b>(925) 676-8485</b></p> <p>401 Gregory Lane, Ste 126</p>	 <p>drjennifermartin.com</p>	<p><b>Heating &amp; Air Conditioning</b></p> <p><b>COMPARE</b> FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED SINCE 1963</p> <p><b>Sales &amp; Service</b> <b>(925) 686-1366</b></p> <p>Mark Fraschieri, Parishioner • Contractor's License #220289</p>
<p><b>ADT-Monitored Home Security</b> Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Burglary</li> <li>Flood Detection</li> <li>Fire Safety</li> <li>Carbon Monoxide</li> </ul> <p>833-287-3502</p>		<p><b>catholicmatch®</b> Louisiana CatholicMatch.com/LA</p>	<p><b>KEN SMITH ROOFING</b> All Your Roofing Needs New Roofs • Re-Roofs • Repairs 20 Years Experience Lic #645964 • Bonded 925-788-0262</p>
<p><b>French Bros.</b> FlooringAmerica Mohawk Proud Mohawk Dealer QUALITY YOU CAN STAND ON. EST. 1864</p> <p><b>TWO BAY AREA LOCATIONS:</b> Oakland &amp; San Francisco (510) 444-5244   (415) 621-6627 www.frenchbros.com IG @frenchbros</p>		<p><b>SHORT STAFFED?</b> Place an ad here to find new local talent for your business. <b>CALL 800-950-9952</b></p>	 <p><b>Christine Sampson</b> <b>925.685.9752</b> 1920 Oak Park Blvd. HOME • LIFE • AUTO • BANK</p>
<p><b>WE'RE HIRING!</b> AD SALES EXECUTIVES BE YOURSELF. BRING YOUR PASSION. WORK WITH PURPOSE. • Paid training • Some travel • Work-life balance • Full-Time with benefits • Serve your community</p>	 <p>Contact us at careers@4lpi.com or www.4lpi.com/careers</p>	<p><b>WE APPRECIATE OUR ADVERTISERS!</b></p>	<p><b>PARKSIDE</b> PEDIATRIC DENTISTS <b>Don Do DDS</b> (925) 689-2800 www.parksidedental.com</p> <p>In Network: Delta, MetLife, Cigna, Guardian, BlueShield</p>
<p><b>TRANQUILITY</b> HEALTH</p> <p>Onsite Dental Care For Residents of Senior Living Communities</p> <p><b>Amanda Amaro, DDS</b> Founder</p>  <p>tranquilityhealth.com • info@tranquilityhealth.com</p>	 <p>Certified Dementia Provider Doctors Bedside Care Available <b>925-644-2700</b></p>	<p><b>WE APPRECIATE OUR ADVERTISERS!</b></p>	<p><b>RKL BUILDERS</b> Building Relationships RON LUCIDO General Contractor Parishioner Kitchens, Baths, Additions, New Homes, Windows, Doors, Trim RESIDENTIAL - COMMERCIAL <b>Cell 510-453-6547</b> Phone/Fax 925-685-2031 We do Handyman &amp; Plumbing repairs too <b>RKLBuilders.com</b> Over 30 Yrs. Exp! • Lic# 1012424</p>
<p><b>MARK ROLANELLI CONSTRUCTION</b> New Homes • Kitchens • Baths • Additions Home Improvements • Repairs • Remodeling Ins. Work Lic. #507081 (925) 935-3100</p> <p><b>Dawson Law Offices, Inc.</b> Attorneys At Law Local civil litigation attorneys in most non-criminal areas of the law. CONTACT US TODAY FOR A FREE CONSULTATION. TEL: (925) 718-1040   darmanini@dawsonlawoffices.com</p>	<p><b>ADT-Monitored Home Security</b> Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Burglary</li> <li>Flood Detection</li> <li>Fire Safety</li> <li>Carbon Monoxide</li> </ul> <p>833-287-3502</p>		<p><b>JACK'S</b> RESTAURANT &amp; BAR</p> <p><b>BREAKFAST • LUNCH • DINNER • DRINKS</b></p> <p>60 Crescent Drive   Pleasant Hill, CA 94523   (925) 849-6195 ILOVEJACKS.COM</p>