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JESUS SAID TO JAIRUS,

**“Do not be afraid;
just have faith.”**

MARK 5:36

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JUNE 27, 2021
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CTK WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF MASSES

**Note: June 27 will be the last 9 am OUTDOOR mass and the last 12 pm SPANISH Mass.
Effective July 4, all masses will be indoor and the 12 pm Mass will be in English.**

Christ the King Monday - Saturday:

9 am Mass ~ Live streamed on Facebook/YouTube

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

Christ The King Weekends

Private Confessions ~ Saturdays 3 pm-3:30pm. Meet in front of the church

Vigil Mass ~ 4 pm Saturdays

Sunday Masses ~ 7:30 am, 9 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm and 4 pm

Drive through Communion: 11:30 am - 12 pm Sundays in front of the church.

Dear Friends,

We are going to celebrate the feast of our **Blessed Mother of Perpetual Help tomorrow, Thursday at 6.00pm Mass.** The mass will be preceded by a Biblical Rosary starting at 5.30pm. When the pandemic began, we priests started our devotion to our Mother of Perpetual Help, praying for her intercession every day, dedicating our parish communities of CTK and St. Stephen to her maternal intercession, asking for protection from Covid 19 and other hardships that come from this pandemic. I am happy to report that our community has been blessed during this time. I have done many funerals for folks who died from Covid 19, but I am not aware of anyone from CTK or St. Stephen community who contracted the disease and died. Some of our parishioners with underlying medical conditions who contracted the disease had a very mild version of the disease. I would like to invite you to join us in our festivities tomorrow in honor of our Mother of Perpetual Help. "There is no one, however wicked, whom Mary does not save by her intercession when she wishes ... He who has recourse to Mary shall be saved." - *St. Alphonsus Maria Liguori.*



I would like to turn our attention to another disease plaguing our church at this time - disunity and polarization. Over the past many days, I have received letters, emails, text messages that expressed anger, disagreement and in some cases, wanting to have nothing to do with the bishops or even the church. Someone called the office wanting to know how our own bishop has voted with regard to denying communion to people in public office. Personally, it is the most difficult time of my own personal calling as a priest, as I see myself more and more confronting ideologies and issues that emerge from peoples' political beliefs rather than the teachings and example of the historical Jesus, who lived in our midst and exhibited nothing but compassion. I am always encouraged and shaped by the Jesus of the Gospels who chose to eat more with sinners than with saints. His own actions demonstrated that inclusion was one of the most efficacious vehicles of conversion and unity.

I have tried always to go back into the Upper Room for my own understanding of the Eucharist as instituted by Jesus. The Upper Room reminds us of service, fraternity, sharing, harmony, peace, promise, but also pettiness, curiosity, and betrayal. This is the most beautiful part of being a Christian and, especially, of being a priest: becoming a friend of the Lord Jesus. Pope Francis would describe the Upper Room in these terms, "How much love and goodness has flowed from the Upper Room! How much charity has gone forth from here, like a river from its source, beginning as a stream and then expanding and becoming a great torrent?" Jesus would wash the feet of the disciples including the one who was about to betray him. And then he would take a morsel of bread, one that He had declared as His own body, and dip it in his own cup filled with wine, the one He had declared His own blood and give to Judas. It was the ultimate act of affection without judgment. Again and again, Jesus would appeal to a dark heart, and again and again, Judas remained unmoved. The fact is that our Lord and Savior would not deny Judas His own body and blood. That is love. Eucharist is all about love. I hope and pray that our bishops would come to the right decision about the Eucharist without negating love and causing further division and polarization in our church.

I want to be very clear that I absolutely support life from conception to natural death. I believe that abortion is intrinsically evil. I also believe that declaring the abortion issue as a pre-eminent issue does not condone other evils in our society or for that matter even what we consider insignificant. To be a Christian means to be holy and nothing is outside the purview of perfection. Remember love transcends all. I am hoping that our church would send a consistent message of holiness or perfection.

More than 73% of the U.S. bishops casting ballots at a virtual conference this week supported tasking the USCCB's doctrine committee to draft language on maintaining consistency with the Eucharist. A section of the document is expected to include a specific admonition to Catholic politicians and other public figures who disobey church teaching on abortion and other core doctrinal issues. Approval of a final document would need the support of two-thirds of the bishops. Whatever the outcome of the final decision, it would still be up to the individual bishop to decide how to implement it in his diocese. Right now, all we have is what we read and hear from the media. I would ask you to be patient and wait for the document before making any personal decision.

Catholics in general are divided on party lines over whether Biden should receive communion: 55% of Catholic Republicans think he should be denied communion, and 87% of Catholic Democrats think he should not, according to Pew. Let us continue praying for our bishops in the meanwhile - for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit during these months leading up to November. Remember, our faith is a person, Jesus Christ and His Word and example. Blessings.

Fr. Paulson

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 27, 2021

First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24

The book of Wisdom was addressed to a group of Jews living in pagan territories. It begins with a sharp contrast between good and evil. In the pagan world of that time, most people believed that there were good gods and bad gods. The author emphasizes the Jewish belief that there is just one God who is the source only of goodness and life.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

Today's excerpt from Second Corinthians paints a picture of Paul, the pastor at work. The Jewish people in Jerusalem who had become Christian were a small minority and were being persecuted. This brought on financial hardships. Paul wants his Gentile converts in Greece to help them out and show that the bonds of Christianity cut across ethnic lines.

CTK UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

June 28 Justin Belknap †
 June 29 Faustina Amalraj
 June 30 Paul Pabelico †
 Joe & Gen Hogan †
 July 1 Gianni Gadda †
 Mary Ann & Rod Spicer, 60th wedding anniv.
 July 2 James Thelen †
 July 3

Saturday, July 3 and Sunday July 4
 Krista Erickson †
 Tom & Lynda Moore, 51st wedding anniv.
 Ken Franco †
 Jeff Perdiguerra †
 Alfredo Quintans †
 Juan Badong †



Coming soon! Back-2-School Backpack Drive 2021



Backpack Supply List (Middle/High School)

- 1- New Sturdy Backpack (**no solid RED or BLUE**)
 - 2- Spiral Notebooks (college rule)
 - 1- Package of #2 Mechanical Pencils
 - 1- 12" Ruler
 - 1- Pencil Eraser
 - 1- Pack of Pens (Blue or Black)
 - 2- Highlighters
 - 2- Pocket Folders
 - 1 - Package fine line colored markers (no Sharpie type)
- Please pack supplies separately
in a zip lock baggie**

Backpack Supply List (Kindergarten - 5th grade)

- 1- New Backpack (**no solid RED or BLUE, no mini backpacks**)
 - 2 - Spiral notebooks (wide rule)
 - 1 package of #2 Pencils
 - 1 - 12" Ruler
 - 1- box of Crayons (24 count)
 - 2 - Pocket Folders
 - 1- Box Colored Markers - Wide tip
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| 1 - large Eraser | 1 - Pencil Sharpener |
| 1 - box of Colored Pencils | 2 - Glue Sticks |

Containers will be in our church vestibule beginning **July 9 through July 12**. Donations by check made out to Monument Crisis Center can also be put in the collection basket with note: backpacks.

Each Donation of \$50.00 will provide a new backpack filled with school supplies for an at-risk student.

ST. STEPHEN CORNER

St. Stephen Church-Mass Times
 Saturday - 5pm/Indoors
 Sunday - 9:30am/Indoors



SS UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

June 26 Margaret Staunton †
 June 27 Jim Loyd †
 June 30 Dan Halsey †
 July 3 St. Stephen & CTK Parishioners
 July 4 Jim Vranesh †

This weekend we have a 2nd collection for Peter's Pence, which supports the activities of the Holy Father for the whole Universal Church. Please be generous.

While you are not required to wear a mask during Mass, we encourage you to continue to wear one so that everyone will feel safe and comfortable attending our Masses.

We have a number of Mass Intention times available for your special prayers. Contact our St. Stephen office to set up an intention.

St. Stephen office hours - Monday and Wednesday, 11 am - 2 pm.

First Friday Mass, July 2

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6 pm to 7:15 pm. Mass at 7:30 pm.



Christ the King and St. Stephen Parish Offices Closed,



Monday, July 5 for the 4th of July Holiday.

Christ the King School News!

CTK School introduces **"CTK Ray"** Newsletter. In early June, Christ the King Catholic School unveiled the *CTK Ray*, a bi-annual magazine designed for school families, friends, alumni, prospective students, parishioners, and neighbors. The *CTK Ray* features a collection of news articles, reflections by students, teachers, and parents, a message from the principal and an update on CTK alumni. Future issues will also announce upcoming events and activities. Find the new publication online at www.ctkschool.org/ctk-ray.



Save the Date!

SAN DAMIANO EVENT: SUMMER JAZZ & WINE RECEPTION

Sunday, July 18, 2021, 3:30 PM

Location: San Damiano Retreat Center

Cost: \$40/person - The CoolTones Big Band, Presenter
Enjoy music and delicious food and wine in the courtyard.

Our traditional celebration of summer returns. Enjoy toe-tapping tunes from the CoolTones along with wine and delicious appetizers.
Dancing is optional, but it may be hard to resist.

[Register at sandamiano.org/events](http://sandamiano.org/events)

Christ the King's Religious Education is searching for a Youth Minister/Confirmation Coordinator for the coming school year. This is a part time 30 hour per week position that includes health benefits. If you are interested in applying, please contact Deacon John for more details.

Email faithformation@ctkph.org or call (925) 686-1174.

Bridget Deegan-Krause of Detroit is the CWP homilist for Sunday, June 27, 2021, the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Bridget Deegan-Krause holds a Master of Divinity degree from University of Notre Dame and a BA in Notre Dame's Great Books program. She is a board-certified chaplain and former member of the board of the National Association of Catholic Chaplains.



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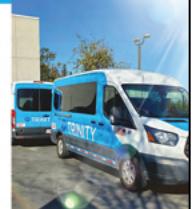
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