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Christ the King Church

Daily Mass Times

Monday - Saturday 9am

Every First Friday

5pm to 6pm Exposition
6pm Mass

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 4pm Vigil
(4pm Mass is also livestreamed)

Sunday

7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, & 4pm
(10:30am Mass is also livestreamed)

Private Confessions

Saturday 3pm to 3:30pm

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 the 5pm Mass

Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday 11am to 2pm

January 28, 2024



TO LIVE AND TO LOVE IN CHRIST

TO HEAR THE GOSPEL AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Dear Christ the King Catholic Church Community,

This Sunday, January 28, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. mass, followed by our school's Open House at 10:00 a.m., we will unite with Catholic schools around our Diocese and the world in celebrating Catholic Schools Week.



This faithful beginning reminds us of the importance that we need each other and cannot live our lives alone. We are called to be children of the light and called to be in communion with God and equally as important -- in communion with each other. One thing that truly defines us as a church and school that I believe is difficult to replicate elsewhere, is the gift of community. Whereby our school's daily mantra and lived experience is **One Community One Family**. This virtue calls each of us to walk together in faith, ignited by hope, and united in love.

We thank God for the endless blessings that we have received here at Christ the King Catholic Parish and School. The word Catholic in Greek means "universal" or "for all". Within this context, no one is excluded, and we are all accepted in God's embrace and welcomed by Christ's light of salvation.

This is our gift from God that transcends it all with an invite to follow in Christ's footsteps, every moment of our days; by word, action, witness, and service to our loving God and each other. The amazing power of prayer and the mysterious grace of the blessed sacraments are our guide. Each morning we begin in prayer as a faculty and staff, where the holy word commences our day and creates a space to place our intentions upward. Next, our student council leads morning prayer and assembly, rain or shine, as we gather as a community of believers.

I am truly amazed and touched by our students, faculty and staff, and parents who come each day with open hearts and minds. How awesome it is to celebrate a weekly Friday mass as a parish and school community throughout the school year. To enter our ministry center chapel and witness a singular class celebrate mass or experience a question and answer session with Father Paulson is very sacred, too. How amazing that we witness our children be baptized in our faith and receive the sacraments of first reconciliation and first holy communion. Transformative retreats for our students, faculty, and staff; catechesis, school wide reconciliation services, faith families, religion lessons, legacy-driven events, and so much more light our way each day! These spiritual milestones are not meant to end but are here to receive as sacramental offerings and mysteries of our faith.

Lastly, this quote by Saint Mother Teresa is a wonderful reminder that ties a bow around Catholic Schools Week and unites us all in – community, "Yesterday is gone, tomorrow has not yet come. We only have today." When we shift our focus solely to God, as Jesus did while living here on earth, we now see clearly and can fully embrace the tender love of a Father, the healing power of reconciliation, the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit, the blessings of the sacraments, and the lived experiences of faith.

I am continually reminded how loving and faithful our pastor, Father Paulson, and our beloved priests, sisters, and clergy are. How gifted and dedicated our faculty and staff are. How committed and caring our parents, grandparents, and parishioners are. How truly special and incredibly important God's children, your children, and our students are to the lived experiences of Catholic education.

A community where Catholic beliefs unite with Catholic virtues in providing an educational journey that will last a lifetime. May we never let go of the loving embrace of our risen King and Savior, Jesus Christ as we celebrate the special events surrounding Catholic Schools Week 2024.

Abundant blessings,

Mr. Joseph M. Silveira Ed.D.
Principal
Christ the King Catholic School





UPCOMING CTK MASS INTENTIONS

Jan. 29	Mon.	9:00am	Dominador Torres † Jose Francisco Aliava Jerico Del Rosario Don Senger
Jan. 30	Tues.	9:00am	Edwin Gonzales Frontera †
Jan. 31	Weds.	9:00am	Cristeta De Asis † Spencer Swann
Feb. 1	Thurs.	9:00am	Margaret Peters †
Feb. 2	Fri.	9:00am	Cecelia Quyen Nguyen † John Duran † Harry McElroy † Marie Del Rosario
Feb. 3	Sat.	9:00am	Albert Haggett †
Feb. 3	Sat.	4:00pm	Alice Gates † Diamantino Fernandes † Lorenzo Verceles † Maureen Monaghan † Thomas Moore
Feb. 4	Sun.	7:30am	Jack Cardoza † Rene Abracosa †
Feb. 4	Sun.	9:00am	Linda Patick Nicholas †
Feb. 4	Sun.	10:30am	Clyde Miles † Ky Audrey Bocek †
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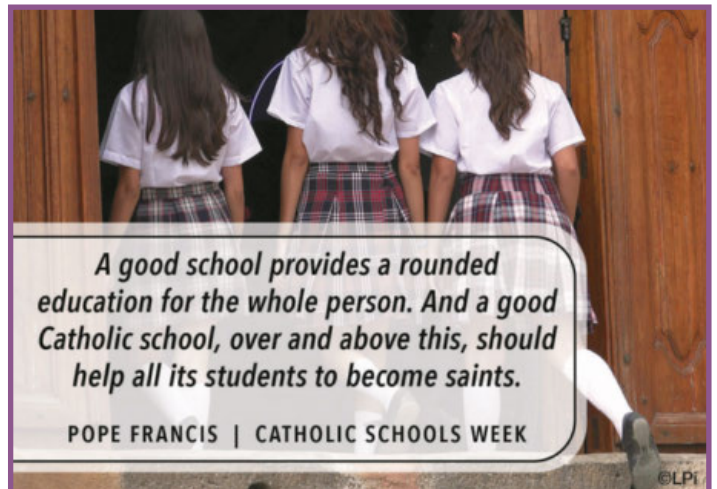
Jan. 27	Sat.	5:00pm	Francis Ah Yee †
Jan. 28	Sun.	9:30am	Gus Perscheid †
Feb. 3	Sat.	5:00pm	Blaise Russo †
Feb. 4	Sun.	9:30am	Jim Vranesh †



Scout Sunday

Next Sunday, February 4, we will be celebrating Scout Sunday at the 9:30 am Mass at St. Stephen.

A group of scouts will be helping with the different aspects of our Mass. As a special treat, they will be having Coffee & Donuts after Mass that day.



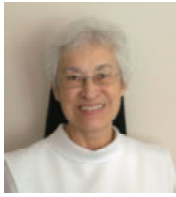
A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints.

POPE FRANCIS | CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Save the Dates! Parish Mission at CTK/St. Stephen

February 25 - February 29
"Come now, let us set things right." *Isaiah 1:16*

(Monday through Thursday)

CTK: 9am Mass followed by reflection

St. Stephen: 6:30pm Mass followed by reflection
(repeat of morning session)

Sr. Cecilia Canales is a Dominican Sister of Mission San Jose. As well as teaching and administration ministry in our schools she has served as novice director and in Congregational leadership. She was part of the spiritual formation team and then director of human formation and the evaluation process at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo and served as Vicar for Women Religious. She most recently completed a sabbatical by volunteering with Sisters Walking with Migrants at the Kino Border Initiative. She is certified in retreat ministry and spiritual direction.



The Knights of Columbus 2024 Basketball Free Throw/ Competition Sunday, February 4th in the Christ the King Gym-7:30am-11:30am

No fee or preregistration required.

Registration forms will be available on the day of the event. Girls and boys ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the Free-throw competition. Questions? Contact Roberto Bracamontes rbracamontes@mac.com

Prizes for this competition donated by Nadine Masarweh, Realtor with Compass Realty

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Join us for our monthly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at CTK

Friday, February 2

5pm to 6pm

This will be a time for
quiet prayer.

Mass to follow at 6pm



The Feast of St. Blaise

We will have the

"Blessing of Throats"

in honor of
St. Blaise on

Saturday, February 3 at the 9am
Mass at CTK.



Healing Mass at St. Stephen Saturday February 10 at 10:30am

"Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the Church and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord (James 5:14).

All are welcome to join us for a parish Mass and celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Bring relatives and friends from local care facilities – those who are able to come. Questions? Sr. Dominic Marie 925-246-1122.



2023 Annual Giving Statements

Annual Giving Statements that show your contributions for the year ending 2023 were sent by email (if we have your current email address in our Realm system). These email addresses may not be the same as the one you use for our weekly newsletter.

If you did not receive an email statement, a physical statement will be sent to you via U.S. Mail. If you have any questions, please email us at office@ctkph.org.

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**2024
CTK CYO**



**CTK-CYO Crab Feed
Saturday, March 2 in CTK's Gym**

Don't miss out on a CYO favorite! Secure your tickets today for our annual CTK CYO Crab Feed on Saturday, March 2! We will have delicious crab courtesy of Fuget About It Catering, dancing, raffle prizes and more! Registration is now open - secure your tickets today at our early bird prices until January 31!

Tickets and sponsorship information can be found ctkph.org and any questions, please contact cyo@ctkph.org.

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February Fellowship Event

Christ the King—St. Stephen Parish
Young Families Ministry

When: Saturday February 10th, 2024 at 10:30am

Where: Christ the King — Playground
(in the event of rain, we will instead meet at the Ministry Center)

Who: Young families from Christ the King—St. Stephen Parish

What: Come meet other young families from our parish! For our February event, we will enjoy a morning at the playground. We will have light snacks and drinks! We will also provide information regarding the upcoming discussion series of "The Catholic Parent" FORMED series, that the YFM will be hosting during the Lenten season. See separate flyer for more details.

In preparation for the Super Bowl, please come dressed in your favorite team's colors!



Why: Join us in fellowship with other young families from our parish

RSVP: YoungFamiliesCTK@gmail.com



Better with Friends
Better with Family
Better with Faith



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Saint of the week

St. Ignatius of Antioch, a bishop of Antioch in the first century, was a direct disciple of the apostle John. Despite being thrown to the lions and martyred in Rome's Colosseum for his faith, his teachings and hope for Christian unity live on as early examples of Christian theology.

Prayer for the Youth

Dear Lord,

Be with our young people this week and always — keep them in Your care. Help them to form godly friendships, speak the truth, and know You in the personal way that will challenge, shape, and guide them. Amen.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin,
and will put my words into his mouth;
he shall tell them all that I command him." (Dt 18:18)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord,
so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. (1 Cor 7:34)

Gospel:

The people were astonished at his teaching,
for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. (Mk 1:22)

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