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Well done, my good and faithful servant.
Since you were faithful in small matters,
I will give you great responsibilities.
Come, share your master's joy.

MATTHEW 25:21

**THIRTY
THIRD**
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 15, 2020

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SS UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Nov. 15 9:30 am Jim Vranesh †
Nov. 19 9 am Joselito Asuncion †
Nov. 22 9:30 am Jim Vranesh †

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available to watch later**

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Mon-Fri ~ 9 am to 1 pm***

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CTK UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Nov. 16 9 am Theofilo & Severina Quanzon †
Nov. 17 9 am Alfredo Quintans †
Nov. 18 9 am Mario Fundano & Virgilio DeLaCruz †
Nov. 19 9 am Dan Leary †
Nov. 20 9 am Hillary Flynn †
Nov. 21 9 am Michael Mansfield †

Saturday, November 21 & Sunday November 22

Catherine Costanza †
Natalia Xavier Hernandez
Maria Felicidade Fernandez
CTK & SS Parishioners
Cecilia Nguyen †
Mila Quezon
Scott & Erin Simonich & Family

Dear Friends,

Last Sunday November 8, I was awakened around 11.15pm by Marlen Benitez, one of our janitorial staff, telling me that there was a fire behind the school. I rushed to the school, and I was informed that it was one of the houses of our neighbors. Last year, while negotiating with another neighbor adjacent to this house about taking down 5 Eucalyptus trees in his backyard that were hovering over our school, the then occupant of the burnt house was a parishioner who was very helpful. I don't know who lives there, but I do intend to reach out and see how we can support the family. God is good. If the Eucalyptus trees were still there, probably the whole school would have burnt down with the neighborhood. The church shared the expenses of the tree removal with the school at that time.



The staff has been creatively planning for some of our important future celebrations. We will hold a **'Thanksgiving Day' mass under the tent at 9.00 am** and another at **St. Stephen at 9.30 am**. We priests have decided to stay home and celebrate the day by ourselves. This year, the feast of **Our Lady of Guadalupe** will take place on December 12, Saturday. Since, we have a Spanish community with us during this pandemic, we will celebrate the 5pm Mass with Mariachis and a bilingual mass. That will be followed by some Spanish music on the lawn. Feel free to bring drinks (tequila, Margaritas, wine etc.) and snacks and enjoy some good Mariachi music. Plans are afoot about Christmas. If you have ideas to share please do email it to me or to the staff.

Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued the following statement on the 2020 presidential election:

"We thank God for the blessings of liberty. The American people have spoken in this election. Now is the time for our leaders to come together in a spirit of national unity and to commit themselves to dialogue and compromise for the common good.

As Catholics and Americans, our priorities and mission are clear. We are here to follow Jesus Christ, to bear witness to His love in our lives, and to build His Kingdom on earth. I believe that at this moment in American history, Catholics have a special duty to be peacemakers, to promote fraternity and mutual trust, and to pray for a renewed spirit of true patriotism in our country.

Democracy requires that all of us conduct ourselves as people of virtue and self-discipline. It requires that we respect the free expression of opinions and that we treat one another with charity and civility, even as we might disagree deeply in our debates on matters of law and public policy.

As we do this, we recognize that Joseph R. Biden, Jr., has received enough votes to be elected the 46th President of the United States. We congratulate Mr. Biden and acknowledge that he joins the late President John F. Kennedy as the second United States president to profess the Catholic faith. We also congratulate Sen. Kamala D. Harris of California, who becomes the first woman ever elected as vice president.

We ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, patroness of this great nation, to intercede for us. May she help us to work together to fulfill the beautiful vision of America's missionaries and founders — one nation under God, where the sanctity of every human life is defended and freedom of conscience and religion are guaranteed."

Fr. Paulson

Note: **This year, we won't be hosting Winter Nights** in our facilities as we are still under lockdown. We will, however, work with our neighbors, Church of the Resurrection who will host them for an entire month beginning Dec. 28th. We will assist them for 15 days with food and drinks, and certain activities by offering our outdoors. We have offered Winter Nights \$5000.00 to offset some of their expenses as we are not able to house them. We are in communications with the Pastor of Church of the Resurrection and the director of Winter Nights as to how best we can minister. Our staff will reach out to you for your donations in this regard.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 15, 2020

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

The Book of Proverbs is a collection of wise sayings, compiled over a number of centuries. Today's passage is part of a lengthy poem which praises the virtues of a good wife and mother.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Paul and the early Christians expected the immediate Second Coming of Christ. Today, as he concludes his first letter to the Thessalonians, Paul reminds them to be prepared for this. His message is encouraging, not frightening.

Carondelet High School's 20-21 Admissions Season has officially opened! We have many virtual events and on-campus tours available (space is very limited). To register for events and find out more about our school, please visit carondeleths.org/apply.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF MASSES

CTK: Monday - Saturday:

9 am Mass ~ Live streamed from our chapel on facebook/YouTube

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

Christ The King Weekends

Saturdays ~ 3 pm - 3:30 pm Private Confessions are available. Please meet in front of the church.

Saturdays ~ 5 pm Vigil Mass Drive-In/Lawn

Sundays ~ 7:30 am, 9 am, 10:30 am and 6 pm drive-in/lawn mass

12:00 noon Spanish drive-in/lawn mass

Note: While communion will be available at all the Outdoor Masses, we will also offer Drive through Communion from 11:30 am - 12 pm Sundays in front of the church.

Saint Stephen Weekends

Sunday Mass ~ 9:30 am Outdoor Mass

Communion only - please arrive at the end of mass, approximately 10:10 am.

St. Stephen Updates

Next Sunday, November 22, the second collection will be for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. The funds from this collection are used to help low-income people lift themselves out of poverty. This is especially important today with the economic crisis caused by the pandemic forcing many to struggle to survive. Please be generous. If you do not use envelopes, please mark Campaign for Human Development (or CCHD) clearly in the subject line of your check.

We will be having 9:30 am Mass at St. Stephen on Thanksgiving Day. Location (outdoors or indoors) to be determined.

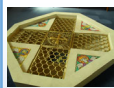
CTK Mass Schedule Highlights

Feast of Christ the King will be celebrated Nov. 21/22 at all Masses. Join us for a special celebration of our feast day with banners and a trumpet player! Our school children will celebrate all week long with spirit week. This feast is a fitting way to send us into Advent.

Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at 9 am on Thursday, November 26. Bring your table bread and wine to mass for a special blessing.

We will hold our weekly Thursday Mass (Honoring Our Mother of Perpetual Help) at 6pm indoors in the church. All other masses will remain outdoors. Please follow the direction of the ushers when you arrive. Those attending mass must wear masks and maintain proper social distancing practices. You are welcome to sit on the patio in front of the church and listen through the speakers.

A member of our school and parish community is battling a serious illness. Her next step in her fight is a bone marrow transplant - a critical step that could save her life. We would like to help her find a match by encouraging our community to register as bone marrow donors - you could possibly save her life or that of someone else with your generosity. The odds of matching increase with a similar ethnic background. Our parishioner in need is Filipino, so if you share this ethnicity, we encourage you to consider registering. However, even if you do not, you may still match. Because of the pandemic, the process must be done via mail in kits - increasing the processing time. If you would like to register, we encourage you to start the process today! You may text Swab4Melissa to 61474 to register and receive a home kit - a simple cheek swab or on-line at join.bethematch.org. We would encourage you to read more about the process and, if you are comfortable, register as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact CTK school at 685-1109.



Are you or anyone you know, curious about the process of becoming Catholic? The program is called Rite of Christian Initiation, or RCIA. As an adult, you receive Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. There is no commitment, simply come and see! During the pandemic we are meeting through email. Contact: Mary McCarthy (maryjane.mccarthy@gmail.com).

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This year with all of the food challenges that families are facing, our religious education ministry is partnering with CTK's SVdP ministry for a food collection. We will collect through Friday November 20. Please drop off bags at the Ministry Center (next to the school) from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm. Mon-Fri. (except Veteran's Day 11/11) If you have any questions, please call the R.E. office at 925-686-1017.

Below is a list on requested items (all normal sizes –no giant sizes please)

Canned vegetables	Canned beans
Dried beans	Canned fruit
Pasta	Rice
Tuna	Soups
Tomato Sauce	Peanut butter
Cereal	

Thank you for your generosity!

All Souls envelopes are available at Mass from the Ushers, or if you use envelopes, they are in your box. **During the month of November** we pray in a special way for all the faithful departed. Please use the envelopes to write in the names of your deceased loved ones **to be placed on the altar** during the month of November. All envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or sent to the office. We will prepare them and place them on the altar.

A **huge thank you** to all our parishioners who have continued to support Christ the King and St. Stephen during this Covid-19 pandemic. We very much appreciate you.

There are many ways to donate including text giving. Text giving is fast, easy and versatile. Give in the moment - all in a matter of seconds.

- Easy card registration on your phone
- Option to make your gifts recurring

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You can also scan this QR code on your phone to connect with our donation site. Thank you for your continued generosity!



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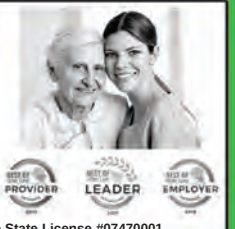
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