



Christ the King Parish

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Easter Sunday

*This is the day
the Lord has made;
let us rejoice
and be glad.*

Psalm 118:24



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Daily Mass Monday-Saturday
9am (Livestreamed)

Thursday
5:40pm Rosary, 6pm Mass
(Livestreamed)

Every First Friday
5pm to 6pm Exposition
6pm Mass

Livestream Links
Can be found at ctkph.org

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday
4pm Vigil
(Livestreamed)

Sunday
7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, & 4pm
(10:30am-Livestreamed)

St. Stephen Mass Times
Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: 9:30am

Daily Rosary, Monday-Friday
5:40pm on Facebook

Private Confessions
Saturday 3pm to 3:30pm

Drive-Thru Communion
11:30am to 12 noon
In front of the church

“To hear the gospel and make a difference.”

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Happy Easter! We are so glad to have you join us this weekend!

Today we begin the season of Easter. In the prayers of the Liturgy and in the Word of God proclaimed in our churches during this time, we will hear and celebrate the themes of passing from death to life, from darkness to light, from blindness to sight, and from alienation to restoration. Christ is risen from the dead and, with Him, we are offered the hope of resurrection, new life and new hope. This is a powerful hope, and it comes to us this year in the context of a world and a society that cries out for this kind of transformation and renewal.



The greatest feast of Christianity comes during the saddest days in our history. For the last two months the people of Ukraine have walked through a real way of the Cross. They continue to be on the Mount Calvary. Hundreds have been killed. Young and old and even the children have been mercilessly killed. Dark days.

As we look around us, we are aware of and touched by troubling realities. We see more refugees and migrant peoples on the move than at any point in history, fleeing oppression, persecution, and violence. Some of us carry with us the scars of the pandemic, the loss of our loved ones. In the face of these and other painful realities of our lives, we dare to celebrate Easter and, the hope, wonder and transformation that Jesus will continue to bring into our world, if we let Him!

The message today is resurrection, a new world. The message from the empty tomb is not one of vengeance, not violence, not despair: it is one of *hope*. It is one of victory of light over darkness; the victory of good over the evil.

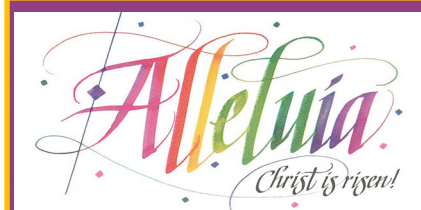
This Easter, each of us can bring the power of Christ's Resurrection into our world by standing against the powers of oppression and fear. Where there is violence, we can sow peace. Where there is hatred, we can sow love. Where there is sadness, we can sow joy. Where there is harassment, we can sow respect. Everywhere in our lives, there are incredible chances to witness to the Easter miracle.

I am proud of our communities of St. Stephen and CTK. We have lived this message of hope. We have lived through a couple of years not knowing how long we would be able to sustain our communities through prayer and worship. We faced many challenges, interruption of regular activities, indoor masking and so much more. Through it all, our staff, ministers, and our leaders remained resilient and persevering. Our communities are stronger and better.

Faced with the realities of suffering and war, natural and man-made disasters, we have stepped up as Christ demanded us (Matthew 25). Just last week we sent \$40,000 to the Church of Ukraine. During the past two years of the pandemic we raised over \$300,000 for St. Vincent de Paul to support the poor and needy in our neighborhoods, through food and rental assistance. We have reached out to Haiti, Louisiana and other people of our world distributing over \$50,000 this year. I am so grateful for you. We are an Easter people, and we offer hope.

Happy Easter!

Fr. Paulson



On behalf of our Parish Clergy and Staff, we would like to extend to each and every one of you "Happy Easter" and Many Blessings of the Season.



Congratulations to our Newly Baptized and Confirmed!

A warm and joyous welcome to the adults who celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation at our Easter Vigil.

We commend these faithful candidates and their generous sponsors for steadfastly participating in the RCIA process. They have journeyed together as they prepared to come into the Church through Baptism/Confirmation/Eucharist. Let us continue our prayers for our newly-initiated - our newest Catholics - and for their families. May the Lord grant them the grace of continued growth and perseverance in our faith.

Christ the King Celebrates Its Very First Mass On Easter Sunday, 1951

The three Masses on that memorable Sunday, were thronged with people clad in their Easter finery. Gingerly, they picked their way through weeds and mud to see how a place of worship had been contrived out of what two short months ago had been an almond orchard. They found the little white cottage had been converted into the "Chapel of Christ the King" replete with altar, communion rail, a handful of pews and kneelers and one confessional. Attached to the chapel was a long, striped awning that covered a cleared area where some 50 pews had been placed. Here the majority of parishioners would watch the celebration of the Latin mass through the windows of the cottage kitchen from a makeshift tented assembly area known as the "Annex."



Welcome New Parishioners!



Christ the King is happy to introduce REALM - our brand new parish management system. With REALM we hope to build a stronger church by becoming a closer community through better communication.

Go to ctkph.org

New parishioners begin by clicking "I'm New" to receive a welcome email.



**A Huge Thank-You to our Parishioners
For Donating to the
Ukraine Relief Fund.
We have collected \$40,000**

Because of your generosity, we will be sending this money to the Church of Ukraine which is providing assistance to the victims of war.

Christ the King Parish Festival

Returns this year on

Friday, June 3rd & Saturday, June 4th



If you are interested in being part of the planning and execution of this beloved parish event, or interested in sponsorship opportunities, email: christthekingfestival@gmail.com
We hope to see you and your family and friends on the first weekend in June as the Parish Festival returns to Christ the King!



EASTER DONATION

We have an easy way to give! You can scan this QR Code and it will take you to our safe and secure Realm Site where it will lead you to a convenient way to give. Or you can text CTKPH to 73526. Thank you for your generosity!



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DO YOU KNOW?

WE HAVE A DAILY 9AM mass in the church that is also livestreamed. We livestream our 4pm Saturday and 10:30am Sunday masses.

WE HAVE DAILY ROSARY at 5:40pm that you can watch by livestream on our Facebook page.

WE HAVE WEEKLY PRIVATE CONFESSIONS every Saturday at 3pm in the church.

WE HAVE DRIVE THROUGH COMMUNION from 11:30am to 12 noon in front of the church on Sundays.

WE HAVE THURSDAY MASS AT 6PM to Honor our Mother of Perpetual Help (rosary begins at 5:40pm) in the church. (Also Livestreamed).

WE HAVE ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH the Blessed Sacrament exposed from 5pm to 6pm, followed by mass at 6pm in the church (Also Livestreamed).

LINKS TO OUR YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK PAGE CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE AT [CTKPH.ORG](https://www.ckph.org)

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT SOME OF OUR MINISTRIES AT CHRIST THE KING?

FAITH IN ACTION MINISTRY - Focuses on Social Justice issues that deal with the needs of the poor, the disenfranchised and those without a voice.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - Assists with the less fortunate members of our community providing food and food vouchers Monday - Friday.

SEWING MINISTRY (Dress a Child Around the World) - Volunteers sew new dresses for girls and shorts for boys which are given to the poor, disadvantaged and those affected by disasters around the world. Meets twice a month.

GRIEF MINISTRY - This ministry is a support group where you can find help and healing from the loss of a loved one. Meets twice a month.

PRAYER LINE - Is a phone and computer network of prayer volunteers who offer support to all parishioners in need of prayer support.

FILIPINO SOCIETY, ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION, MEN'S FELLOWSHIP and much more.

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [CTKPH.ORG](https://www.ckph.org) TO FIND WAYS TO GET INVOLVED WITH OUR MANY MINISTRIES BOTH FOR ACTIVE CATHOLICS, RETURNING CATHOLICS OR THOSE SEEKING INFORMATION. YOU CAN ALSO FIND OUR MASS SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION ON RECEIVING SACRAMENTS.

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