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JESUS ENDURED THE CROSS,

despising its shame, and has taken his seat
at the right of the throne of God.

HEBREWS 12:2

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AUGUST 14, 2022 • TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Daily Mass Monday-Saturday
9am (Also Livestreamed)

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

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

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday
4pm Vigil
(Also Livestreamed)

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

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

Private Confessions
Saturday 3pm to 3:30pm
In the church

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

Livestream Links
Can be found at ctkph.org

“TO HEAR THE GOSPEL AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.”

Dear Friends,



The American continent especially Latin America is currently facing situations of social instability which have led to internal division and even street violence in many countries. In many of these countries there is an aggressive tendency which seeks to silence the voice of the Church, especially on family and pro-life issues. This has led to further polarization of society, with increasingly large groups characterized by their extremist positions, threatening social cohesion.

During his Angelus address on August 2, the Pope declared his support and sympathy for the people of Nicaragua, after an attack on the Cathedral of Managua earlier this week. Bishop Álvarez along with six priests and six lay people have been surrounded by dozens of riot police since Aug. 3. They have been prevented from leaving the chancery in Matagalpa since Aug. 5.

Ortega, who has been in power for 15 years, has been openly hostile to the Catholic Church in the country. He alleged bishops were part of an attempted coup to drive him out of office in 2018 because they supported anti-government demonstrations that his regime brutally suppressed. The Nicaraguan president has called the bishops “terrorists” and “devils in cassocks.”

In less than four years the Catholic Church in Nicaragua has been the target of 190 attacks and desecrations, including a fire in the Managua Cathedral as well as police harassment and persecution of bishops and priests.

The Latin American Episcopal Council (CELAM) has expressed its solidarity and closeness to the Church of Nicaragua, as tensions with President Daniel Ortega’s Sandinista Government reached a new high this week when Bishop Rolando Alvarez of Matagalpa was prevented by the police from celebrating Mass. The Government of President Ortega and his wife, Vice President Rosario Murillo shut down six catholic radio stations and expelled many religious orders including the Missionaries of Charity, Mother Teresa’s order. The closure has been strongly condemned by the European Union, the United States, and the Inter-American Commission for Human Rights (CIDH).

In a message released July 18, the bishops of Latin America and the Caribbean expressed their "closeness and solidarity with the Nicaraguan people and with their pastors, prophets of justice, in the face of the dramatic and painful social and political crisis currently experienced there." **"In the face of this grave situation, we are called to be the voice of those who have no voice to uphold their rights, to find ways to dialogue and establish justice and peace, 'so that in Christ all may have life,' especially those who feel disconsolate because of the deaths and violence."**

Every day, in many places, Christians are suffering persecution because of their faith and many victims of persecutions are left with no choice but to flee for their lives in a number of countries including my own country of birth, India, Myanmar, Pakistan and others. The lack of coverage by the media combined with inaction on the part of governments and world leaders have done little to ease the situation. Persecution comes in form of harassment, oppression, incarceration, physical assault, denial of rights, rejection, ostracism, discrimination, victimization, looting, vandalism of infrastructure for worship or even death.

What can we do today? Whereas during the last 21 centuries, we Catholics have viewed the silent and sometimes vocal and physical oppression through the lens of Christ’s suffering, today many tend to view the situation through purely cultural and political lens. It does no good to anyone including the church.

Apostles Peter and James taught that Christian’s attitudes to persecution should be positive. Even in the face of Christian persecution, we can press on. Remember, as Stephen was being stoned to death, who was looking on? Saul—later to become Paul, the mightiest Christian missionary theologian the world has ever known. He observed Stephen as he was persecuted to death. Saul was changed. What changed him? The way Stephen died. They could not intimidate Stephen, so they stoned him to death.

I would like to offer the prayers and thoughts of both CTK and St. Stephen for the people of Nicaragua especially parishioners from this country who feel deeply saddened by the latest events, including the harassment of priests and bishops, the expulsion of religious orders, the profanation of churches and the closure of radios stations. May God give us the gift of patient endurance!

Fr. Paulson

CTK UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Aug. 15	Mon.	9am	Harry McElroy†
Aug. 16	Tues.	9am	Msgr. John Sandersfeld†
Aug. 17	Wed.	9am	Norm Jokerest†
Aug. 18	Thurs.	9am	Jane O'Neill† Jerry Moeller†
Aug. 19	Fri.	9am	Eileen Radding†
Aug. 20	Sat.	9am	Lawrence Fulgencio† (<i>Birthday Blessings</i>) Odete Camacho (<i>Healing</i>)
Aug. 20 & Aug 21	Week- end	Masses	Mary Jane Costanza† Eli Quichocho† Raphael & Michael Del Rosario Tina Frial

TODAY'S HYMNS FOR MASS

***HYMNS CAN BE FOUND IN THE
MUSIC ISSUE BOOK IN YOUR PEW***

Gathering - You Are Welcome Here (#318)

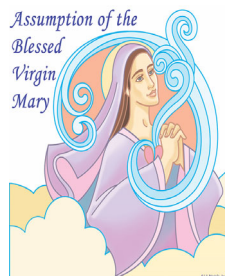
Psalm - "Lord, Come to my Aid!"

Offertory - God of Mercy (#527)

Communion - Seed, Scattered and Sown (#357)

Closing - Blest Be the Lord (#444)

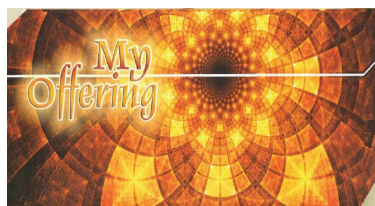
THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



**Join us for Mass on
Monday, August 15
9am, 12:05pm & 7pm**

Honored each year on August 15th, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates her bodily assumption into Heaven.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



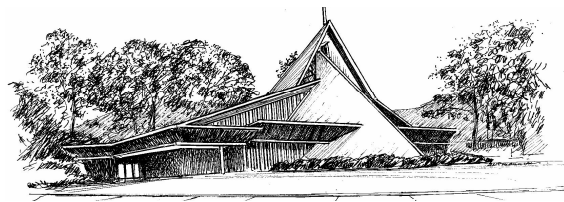
Offertory Envelopes are now available to be picked up in the back of the church. If you had requested them and do not see your name, please contact the parish office.

ST. STEPHEN CORNER "To Live and to Love in Christ"

St. Stephen Church - Mass Times

Monday - Friday - 8am

Saturday - 5pm and Sunday - 9:30am



SS UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Aug. 13	Sat.	5:00pm	Cathy Pluta, <i>Healing</i>
Aug. 14	Sun.	9:30am	Blaise Russo†
Aug. 15	Mon.	8:00am	Johanna Pauplis †
Aug. 19	Fri.	8:00am	Leonard Pauplis †
Aug. 20	Sat.	5:00pm	Jeffrey Gomes †
Aug. 21	Sun.	9:30am	Fr. Richard Hart †

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

Join us this Monday for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Besides our regular 8 am morning Mass, we will have an additional Mass at 6 pm.

Contact our parish office for available dates for your special Mass Intentions. A number of dates are still available, including some of the more popular weekend times.

**Office hours - Monday & Wednesday,
11am-2pm.**

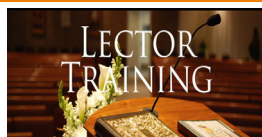
APOSTOLIC LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD ON THE LITURGY "DESIDERIOR DESIDERAVI"



Join Fr. Paulson for a discussion on the publication of this letter from Pope Francis. This letter has had various reactions including disbelief and shock by those who love the traditional Latin Mass, while those favorable to the spirit of the Second Vatican Council express triumph and glee.

**Thursday, August 25 - 10:30am St. Stephen Church
Thursday, August 25 - 7pm Via Zoom**

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89966592856>



Have you considered being a Lector to share God's word with the congregation?

A training will be held on **Saturday, August 27** from 10:30am to 11:30am in the church. Please contact:

Mark Gotvald, mgotvald59@gmail.com, or 925-451-9341, to let him know you will attend. New Lectors will start in the quarterly schedule for October-December.



Dress a Child Around the World

Early start to sewing sessions planned for **Wednesday, August 17th**

In the 10 years since we began, we have made over 16,000 dresses and 4,000 pairs of short. That means, of course, over 20,000 girls and boys around the world have received a bit of 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 the most disadvantaged children here in the U.S. and worldwide. We thank also those who donate fabric, sewing machines and, of course, your dollars to our efforts.

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 Monsignor Wade Hall.**

For more information, please call Carol Vogl at (925) 288-0488.



Projectionists Needed for Mass

Our projectors have finally arrived and we are hopeful that we will begin projection in September.

Here at CTK we use a projection system that aids our parish community in full participation in worship. Our songs for mass are displayed on the 2 side walls in front of the church.

Our presentation uses PowerPoint and a detailed printout is provided. Your job is just to use an easy remote to click to the next slide - it is that easy and you get a front row seat!

If this is something you would be interested in doing, please contact Mary Ann Spicer at marod61@att.net, or call at 925-935-5306.



Registration is now open for
**Faith Formation Students for
the School Year 2022-2023**

Registration is open for:

Grades 1-6

Jr. High Grades 7-8

High School/Confirmation Program

Please visit our website at ctkph.org and click the
'Register Now' button to register on-line.



CHRIST THE KING CYO BASKETBALL NEWS!



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Christ the King basketball is excited to bring 3rd to 8th grade boys and girls back to the hardwood for the 22/23 Winter season. Sign up by the registration deadlines and we will communicate as soon as possible with further information. CYO is set to start sometime in the month of September and we will update as we know further details. Always check our website for further information.

Important information:

Registration may be limited at certain grade levels based on many variables. **Early registration ends 8/15. Registration closes on 8/31 or sooner if a grade level fills.**

This year we are implementing a mandatory volunteer policy. See registration and website for further details.

<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/328531>

SUMMER BASKETBALL SKILLS SESSIONS

CTK basketball is able to offer an August program for any student enrolled at CTK grammar school and/or the RE program. The training sessions will be led by multiple coaches and begin the week of 8/15/22 and last until the end of the month.

Sessions are one hour long twice a week. Players will be grouped by age group and times/days will vary based on coaches' availability.

Workouts will be held on the outdoor CTK blacktop or gym. The program will be limited to Christ the King parish students only, grades 2-8. The cost is \$75/student and all participants will receive a tee shirt.

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