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THIRTY-SECOND

SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

STAY AWAKE, FOR YOU KNOW NEITHER THE DAY NOR THE HOUR.

MATTHEW 25:13

SS UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Nov. 8 9:30 am Jim Vranesh †
Nov. 9 9 am Dorothy Gelinas, Healing
Nov. 10 9 am Kathleen Flemming †
Nov. 11 9 am Jeanie McGraw †
Nov. 15 9:30 am Jim Vranesh †

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CTK UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Nov. 9 9 am Mary Ellen Mangiapane †
Nov. 10 9 am Castelli Family - living & deceased
Nov. 11 9 am Martin & Anna Dias †
Nov. 12 9 am Brendaly Serrano-Urbe †
Nov. 13 9 am Felipe D. Hernandez †
Richard P. Ang †
Nov. 14 9 am Phil Tellucci †

Saturday, November 14 & Sunday November 15

Vic Remorini †
CTK & SS Parishioners
Esther Castro †
Phil Ebling †
Cecilia Nguyen †
Manuela Cauilan †
Zita Q. Borreta †

Novena for All Souls - Nov. 7 to Nov. 15

Dear Friends,

Kofi Annan, UN Secretary General wrote, “**Elections are the heart of democracy.** When conducted with integrity they allow citizens to have a voice in how and by whom they are governed.” We have just come off an election, and as I write this for the bulletin on Tuesday, we don’t have the results yet. Regardless of who wins, I invite you to grace, dignity and civility in public life. One of the questions that has been asked often is, “Once the election is over will you accept the results?” The question needs to be answered by all of us – the candidates and every citizen. What about those of us who are followers of Jesus Christ? What will be our response? Will we be wringing our hands and biting our nails as we watch election returns on Tuesday evening? Will we accept the results of the election as God’s will once it’s over? Will we be filled with despair and be antagonistic toward the next president if the results go contrary to our preference?

I invite you to take to heart the teaching of St. Paul to the Philippians 4:6-7: *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”* We have earnestly prayed about the election and courageously spoken up for our convictions. We’ve done what we could. It’s now time for us to (in the words of an old hymn), “Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.” Regardless of the outcome of the election, let the calm spirit of Christ be seen in you. Regardless of who is temporarily the President of the United States, God is still the God of the Universe.

Facilities Update: Because our parish facilities are largely empty during this time of Covid restrictions, we can complete badly needed, major safety related projects, that would be difficult and impactful to accomplish safely, while parishioners are using these facilities. To take advantage of this window of opportunity, we have initiated three large safety-related projects that can best be done now.

First, you may or may not have noticed that we completely rebuilt the trellis work around our Parish Hall and Rooms A, B, C and D. This trellis was riddled with dry rot and starting to fail. The work to remove this safety hazard was finished in early October.

The second project is to remove the five Eucalyptus trees on the west side of the large parking lot. These trees are overgrown, and present both a fire and falling hazard. We need to remove these trees and replace them with safer trees for our environment. Bidding was completed in late October and a contract has been awarded. We anticipate completing this work in November.

The third project is to remove and replace the concrete patio in front of the church. Though the patio is relatively new, replaced when the restrooms were renovated in the Church, the concrete is cracking and heaving, and has become a serious tripping hazard. Several attempts to grind down the uneven surfaces did not solve the problem, and the concrete continues to deteriorate making an uneven walking surface in front of our church. We are in process of procuring estimates to replace this concrete, and hope to complete this work by the end of 2020.

Total cost for these three projects is estimated to be under \$150,000, and will be funded from our savings. Thank you for your continued support of our church and our projects.

Fr. Paulson



Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 8, 2020

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

The Book of Wisdom was written by a teacher who lived in Alexandria, Egypt, a center for Greek philosophy in the ancient world. Fearful that the Jewish people might be captivated by this secular thought, the author contrasts it with the true wisdom of God. In today’s passage Wisdom is personified as a woman.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Paul’s first letter to the Thessalonians contains the earliest written reference we have to Jesus’s death and resurrection. Paul and the early Christians expected Jesus to return in glory immediately. Some Thessalonians felt sad because members of their community had died and they wondered how the dead would participate in the Second Coming. Paul addresses this issue in today’s passage. (The description of Jesus’s Second Coming is clearly symbolic and is not meant to be taken literally.)

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

We wish to thank Francis and Mardell Ah Yee for their many years of service to our various ministries. Their assistance over the years has been greatly appreciated. Unfortunately for us, they have decided it is time to step down and they will be missed.

The **Little Blue Books** of meditations for Advent are still available. Just ask for one as you leave Mass on Sunday. If you are attending online Masses, you can call the office to arrange a time to pick one up.

It's not too late to add the **picture of your deceased loved one** to our virtual "Table of Remembrance". Just send a copy of the picture to the SS office or contact Chris Lang.

CTK Mass Schedule Highlights

A special **Mass of Remembrance** will be held on **Saturday November 7 at 5 pm**. At that Mass we will pray specially for all who have died during this past year. All are welcome to join us for this Mass.

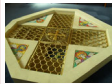
We will offer a Novena of 9 masses for ALL SOULS starting Saturday evening, Nov. 7 through Nov. 15. All are invited to attend the days of the novena online or in person outside on weekends.

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.

CTK Church is open for private prayer, Monday - Friday 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. Please enter through the side door closest to the rectory.

Married Couples: Fall is a beautiful season full of color and crisp fresh air. A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is like Autumn because it's a weekend full of fresh air, New Beginnings and a time to *rejoice in the beauty of your marriage and family*. It's a great time to plan to **rekindle communication and enjoy a weekend away**. The **next Marriage Encounter Weekends** include:

Nov 20-22, 2020 in Virtual Weekend, CA and Feb 19-21, 2021 in DANVILLE, CA. For more information and/or to register for a Weekend, visit our website at: oaklandwwme.org or contact Ray & Roberta at applications@oaklandwwme.org or 916-806-4601.



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).

A message from a CTK student: My name is Addison Rohrer and I'm in the 7th Grade here at CTK. As homelessness has become a growing problem in our community, I wanted to reach out to a local organization to see if there was a way to make a difference. Together with my family, we connected with [Abode Services](#), a Bay Area non-profit organization that is on a mission to end homelessness by assisting low-income and un-housed Bay Area residents. After discussing their immediate needs, we started the "**WINTER AWEAR**" drive. Our goal is both to keep un-housed people warm and raise awareness for the less fortunate. We are asking for new or gently used beanies, scarves, and mittens or cash donations. You can drop donations off at Christ the King Catholic Church or at Christ the King School's front entrance through **December 4th**. If you prefer to donate virtually, please visit our GoFundMe page at www.gofundme.com/f/winter-awear. Abode has requested that any used donations be washed and placed in an airtight bag.

For more information about **WINTER AWEAR** and donating, please visit our website at www.winterawear.com. Thank you in advance for your support in an important cause.

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.

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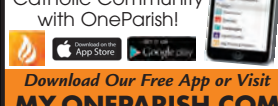
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