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Christ the King Church

Daily Mass Times

Monday - Saturday 9am

Thursday

5:40pm Rosary, 6pm Mass

Every First Friday

5pm to 6pm Exposition
6pm Mass

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 4pm Vigil

Sunday

7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, & 4pm

Private Confessions

Saturday 3pm to 3:30pm

Drive-Thru Communion

Sunday 11:30am to 12 noon
In front of the church

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 5pm Mass

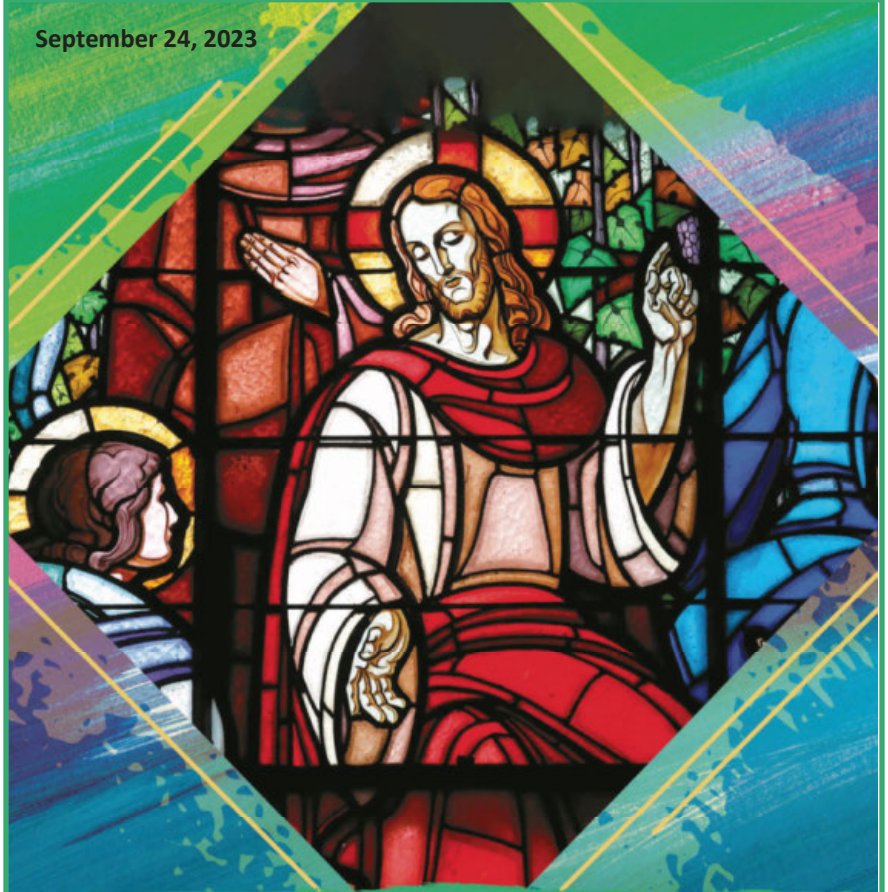
Drive-Thru Communion

Upon Request

Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday 11am to 2pm

September 24, 2023



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.” - Mt 20:1, 8

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**TO LIVE AND TO LOVE IN CHRIST
TO HEAR THE GOSPEL AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

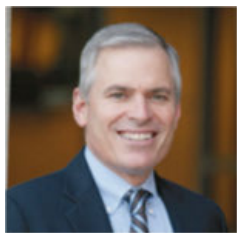


Dear Friends,



I would like to address two important spiritual events happening in our parish this fall – Spiritual Retreat for men and women. Retreats are a time away from our normal activities to spend time getting reacquainted with God, to examine the priorities of life and to make concrete and practical resolutions for improvement. Retreats can be a powerful step toward personal conversion.

Before Our Lord began His public ministry, He spent 40 days in the desert praying and fasting as a way to prepare for the important work ahead (see Lk 4:1-13). Those were days of retreat. During His three years of public ministry, Jesus would sometimes invite His disciples to "come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while" (Mk 6:31). Again, days of retreat.



This year, we have invited Pat Lencioni who is a founding member of The Amazing Parish Conference, which is attended by pastors, their core staff and leaders from around the world. Mr. Lencioni is a personal friend, a devout Catholic and author of books such as The Five Dysfunctions of a Team, Five Temptations of a CEO, and Death by Meeting.

The theme we have chosen this year is: The Deeper Journey for men – from false Self to the True Self.

You see, there are two fundamental ways of being human in the world: trusting in our human resources and abilities or radically trusting in God. The reality of the “false self”– this pervasive, deeply entrenched, self-referenced configuration of being as the primary context of our spiritual journey - is one of the hardest things for us to acknowledge. It is hard to admit that we are profoundly accustomed to a self-referenced way of being in the world that manifests itself in characteristics such as being fearful, protective, possessive, manipulative, destructive, self-promoting, indulgent, and making distinctions so as to separate ourselves from others.

What’s even more difficult, for us as Christians to acknowledge is the reality of a particular aspect of our false self that is even more subtle - our religious false self. Our religious false self presumes, because we are religious, that everything is fine in our relationship with God. Our religious false self may be rigorous in religiosity, devoted in discipleship and sacrificial in service - without being in loving union with God. We are preoccupied with the desire to be in the world for God, without a deep loving relationship with God. But the true self is called to be in God for the world, and this is costly. It requires the abandonment of the whole self-referenced structure of our false self and, especially, the religious false self. I am inviting all men of our parish both - CTK and St. Stephen, 18 years and older - to join this retreat with other men of our parish. God wants your attention. Everything else can wait.

The Men’s Retreat will take place on Saturday, November 11th at 9.30am to 4pm. We will have a teaching mass at 3.00pm followed by a fellowship time with wine and beer with everyone who is present. The women’s retreat will be on Saturday November 4th from 9am to 3pm.

The Presenter is Kathy Lorentz, Instructor of Religious Studies, Associate Director of Campus Ministry for Faith Formation, and TEDx Moderator. We will be giving you more information in the coming bulletin. Both retreats will take place at St. Stephen’s Parish Hall.

I am so grateful for our parish picnic which was attended by over 600 parishioners. It was so awesome to see so many young families. I thank our staff, volunteers, Knights of Columbus, Men’s fellowship, ICF and especially our school for defraying the expenses and helping to build one community, one family.

Fr. Paulson



UPCOMING CTK MASS INTENTIONS

Sept. 25	Mon.	9:00am	Andres Velarde †
Sept. 26	Tues.	9:00am	Renato & Nora Sumangil † Juan & Clara Badong †
Sept. 27	Wed.	9:00am	Spencer Swann
Sept. 28	Thurs.	9:00am	Rudy Bautista †
Sept. 28	Thurs.	6:00pm	Thelma Chio †
Sept. 29	Fri.	9:00am	Luis Rivera †
Sept. 30	Sat.	9:00am	Edmunda Espinoza †
Sept. 30	Sat.	4:00pm	Bernadette Decosta † Alberto Moises † Agapita Moises † Encarnacion Espinosa † Leonardo Vocalan †
Oct. 1	Sun.	7:30am	Jack Cardoza † Amando Vasquez † Danica Duque Cipriano Crescini
Oct. 1	Sun.	9:00am	Nancy Hagedorn † Felipe Abastillas †
Oct. 1	Sun.	10:30am	Alan Bautista † Gloria Dio †
Oct. 1	Sun.	4:00pm	Delia Escobar † Maria Rodriguez †

UPCOMING SS MASS INTENTIONS

Sept. 23	Sat.	5:00pm	St. Stephen Parishioners
Sept. 24	Sun.	9:30am	St. Stephen Parishioners
Sept. 27	Wed.	8:00am	Kerry Ann Gomes †
Sept. 29	Fri.	8:00am	Jim Vranesh †
Sept. 30	Sat.	5:00pm	Kerry Ann Gomes †
Oct. 1	Sun.	9:30am	Jim Vranesh †

The Cupboard is Bare!

Thank you to all St. Stephen parishioners for the support and donations you have given St. Vincent de Paul over the years. You have been very gracious with your response to our requests in the past. We are blessed to be able to help those who are in need and thankful for your generosity. During recent months, client calls have depleted our pantry. Now, we have very little to give out. Please help us restock our pantry with non-perishable, unopened, and un-expired items such as Spam, Vienna Sausage, chili, canned fruits, soups, green beans and peas; in addition boxed cereal, Mac- n- Cheese, Rice -A-Roni, Pasta (no spaghetti) and Pasta Sauce.

Please drop off your donations in the back of the church.



Coffee and Donuts are back This weekend at CTK and St. Stephen

Join us for coffee and donuts after the Sunday morning masses.





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To get tickets, wristbands and t-shirts, visit ctkfestival.org



You Can Count, I Know You Can

Every year we are required to take a count of Mass attendance at every Mass during the month of October. If you are willing to help 'count people' (while the collection is being taken up) please contact Sr. Dominic at sisterdominic.marie@gmail.com

It would be wonderful to have some new folks help with this simple task; and it would be even more wonderful to hear from you in September.

Counters needed at CTK and St. Stephen Church.



Collection October 7-8 at CTK

Hygiene and Personal Grooming items for Diablo Valley College Homeless Students

The homeless students are in great need of these particular items. REGULAR sizes, please. Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Dental Floss, Regular size Body Bar Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, Ladies feminine products (pads and tampons), Body lotion, Deodorant. Collection boxes will be out on the weekend of Oct. 7/8 in the back of the church.

Thank you for your support for these students
in our community.

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10th Anniversary Dinner

Saturday, September 30th
5pm Doors Open
6pm Dinner

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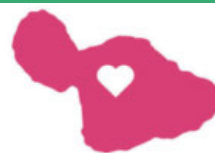
**Tickets will be on sale after all the masses
at CTK today!**



Wednesday, October 4th at 11:30am - CTK's Large Lawn

The feast day of St. Francis of Assisi is the day we celebrate the Blessing of the Animals. This feast day honors our patron saint of animals and his care and respect for each creature.

Please bring your pet on a leash or in a cage.



Maui collection - Correction Amount

We collected a total \$31,747. This amount includes \$6,383 from St. Stephen Parish.

Thank you to all our parishioners who donated to the Maui Relief Fund. Your money goes to Catholic Charities Hawaii to aid the affected communities in recovering from the devastating Maui wildfires.



Save the Dates/CTK

Healing Mass ~ Saturday, October 21 at 10:30am
Mass of Remembrance ~ Sunday, November 5
at 10:30am



9:00am Choir is Looking for Singers and Percussionists

The 9am choir is looking for new members who enjoy singing. All skill levels are welcome. The 9am group alternates with the children's choir which means we only sing on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

We rehearse at 7:30 pm on the Thursday before we sing.

Percussion talents are welcome, if not to sing than to add a bit more fun to the mix.

If interested come up after mass and introduce yourself, or email sandralione01@gmail.com.



Safe Environment Protecting God's Children Are you involved in ministry at CTK or St. Stephen?

Diocesan policy requires Safe Environment training every three years for every adult engaged in ministry. If you have trained on Virtus you will be notified by email when to recertify.

If you have not trained, please go online to www.virtus.org and follow the instructions for Safe Environment training. For more information contact Helen Christian in the parish office at 925-682-2486.



Registration Open for Oct. 20 Golf Tournament

Attention golfers and all people who like to have a good time! Registration for this year's Christ the King Monsignor Wade Golf Tournament presented by Castle Rock Wealth Management is now open! www.ctkgolf.org.

Join us on Friday, Oct. 20 at Boundary Oak Golf Course in Walnut Creek for our annual scramble, which raises money for the Father Declan Emergency Fund, a tuition assistance program established to assist families should a need arise during the school year. The proceeds also benefit the New Leaf Science Program.

Your \$225 registration fee includes:

Scramble Tournament, Golf Cart, Range Balls, Tee Prizes, Breakfast, Food & Drinks on the Course, Contest Awards, Heavy Appetizers & Music
Lots of FUN! Register today!

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Thank you to all who attended our
First Annual CTK-St. Stephen
Parish Picnic on Sunday!



Thank you to all our volunteers
and CTK staff who helped
with the picnic. Special thanks to
the Knights of Columbus who fed
over 600 people, Mike Morley
who entertained us with his
amazing voice, and the Scotto
family who donated their
great wine!



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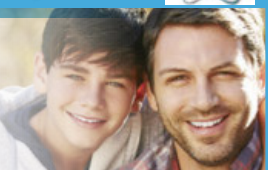
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