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Jesus asked them,

**“BUT WHO DO YOU
SAY THAT I AM?”**

Peter said to him in reply,

**“YOU ARE
THE CHRIST.”**

Mark 8:29

TWENTY-FOURTH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

September 12, 2021

CTK WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Monday - Saturday:

9 am Mass

(9 am Mass is also Live streamed on Facebook and YouTube)

6 pm Thursday 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 inside the church.

Saturdays ~ 4 pm Vigil Mass (live-streamed)

Sundays ~ 7:30 am, 9 am, 10:30 am (live-streamed), and 4 pm Mass.

We also offer Drive Through Communion from
11:30 am - 12 pm Sundays in front of the church.

Per Contra Costa Health Orders, August 2, 2021, face coverings are now mandatory in all indoor areas regardless of vaccination status. Thanks for your cooperation.

Dear Friends,

Fr. Brian Timoney is visiting Ireland this weekend to spend some time with his ailing brother Sean Timoney. Sean has been suffering from cancer, and it has been hard for Brian as he was not able to connect with him much during this pandemic. Let us keep Brian and his brother in our prayer. Safe travels, Fr. Brian. Please continue to pray for Fr. Tom Joseph, who is in John Muir Hospital undergoing radiation and other therapies. He is very grateful for our prayers and for the loving cards you sent him.



The Mary and Gary Becker Social Justice Award will recognize a project or ministry, led by a JustFaith Ministries graduate or group of graduates, that has created social change in their community, state, nation, or world. The award will grant a one-time financial award and national exposure. **I would like you to vote for one of our favorite ministries, the Winter Nights.**

In 2004, Winter Nights was formed by Gwen Watson, a JustFaith graduate, a CTK parishioner and others. They provide temporary shelter to homeless families with young children in Contra Costa County. CTK has been an integral part of Winter Nights even during the pandemic as we provided finances and food. This Gospel-centered ministry cares for families, and supports them with services to help re-house their family.

The other two ministries under consideration for the award are My Front Door and Weavers of Hope. Formed in 2005, by JustFaith graduates, My Front Door serves working families with children in Cheyenne and Laramie, Wyoming, and they focus on ensuring successful, long-term home ownership for families and also financial literacy. Formed in 2002 by JustFaith graduates, Weavers of Hope provides educational assistance for students in and around Villa Garcia, Zacatecas, Mexico.

It's time to begin the voting process for the 2021 Mary and Gary Becker Social Justice Award! The voting period is 1st - 19th of September. Here is how the voting process works:

1. Go to the award webpage:
<https://justfaith.org/mary-and-gary-becker-social-justice-award/>
2. Watch the finalists' videos and read their narratives.
3. Enter your name and email and click Submit
4. Within 24 hours, you will receive a link from SurveyMonkey. Click on this link to cast your official vote.

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil... Come spread a culture of LIFE! I would like to invite you to join in prayer in the current 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil, which is being held outside of two local abortion facilities in Walnut Creek and Concord from Wednesday, September 22nd through October 31st. The 40 Days for Life vigils consist of forty days of prayer for an end to abortion, where volunteers peacefully witness for the sanctity of life and also offer women information about free support services and adoption information. Vigil hours are from 7am-7pm. More information can be found in our vestibule.

"Our defense of the innocent unborn, for example, needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development. Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection. *(Pope Francis)*

Fr. Paulson

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 12, 2021

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9

Chapter 40-55 of the book of Isaiah contain the message of a prophet who spoke to God's people during their exile in Babylon. Several times, the prophet speaks about a Servant of God who will one day deliver God's people and face many sufferings in doing so. Christians have traditionally identified Jesus with this "Suffering Servant."

Second Reading: James 2:14-18

Among the New Testament letters, the letter of James is the one most attentive to social justice. Today's passage offers practical advice about how to put our faith into action.



CTK UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Sept. 13 Wilfredo Orpiano † Mary Fitzgerald †
Sept. 14 Estelita Reuita †
Sept. 15 Flo Senger, Christian Anicoche †
Sept. 16 Fred Beck Sr. †
Sept. 17 Vickie Menzhuber †
Sept. 18 Richard Barnes †

Saturday, Sept. 18 and Sunday, Sept. 19:

Mary & Patrick Connolly †
 James Spurs †
 Frank & Jenny Iorfida †
 Eric Encisco †
 Dwayne & Lanie Scott, Wedding Anniversary
 Jewish People for Yom Kippur

HAITI / LOUISIANA SPECIAL COLLECTION Next Weekend - September 18/19

The 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit Haiti's southern peninsula on August 14, reducing towns into rubble and leaving nearly 2,000 people dead. Countless others have been recovered with life-threatening injuries.

This collection will also help the people of Louisiana who were affected by the devastation of Hurricane Ida. The storm is being described partly in terms of its catastrophic effect on the region's power infrastructure, which in turn creates problems for water, sewage, gasoline supply and communications.

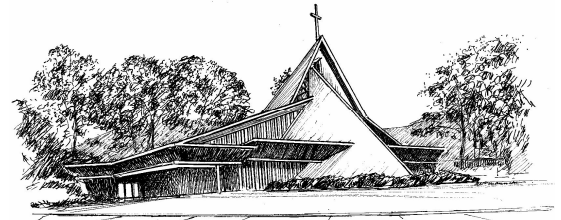
St. Stephen and CTK will have a second collection on September 18/19. You can send in your donations early to the office marked for Haiti / Louisiana. We will keep you posted on how your donations are distributed. Thanks for your generous donation!

ST. STEPHEN CORNER

St. Stephen Church - Mass Times

Saturday - 5pm

Sunday - 9:30am



SS UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Sept. 11 St. Stephen Parishioners
Sept. 12 St. Stephen Parishioners
Sept. 18 St. Stephen Parishioners
Sept. 19 Nick & Pasqualina Mammola †

Leaving political and/or religious propaganda at our bulletin boards is not allowed in our church. If you see anything inappropriate posted or left laying on the counter, please ignore - it reflects the beliefs of the person leaving it and not necessarily our parish. Anything placed on the bulletin boards must be cleared in advance.

This weekend, our 2nd collection is for the Diocesan Priest Retirement. There will only be one pass of the basket, please drop your 2nd collection envelope in with the regular collection.

Next week (September 18-19) we will have a special collection for Haiti and Hurricane Ida relief. There is no envelope in your boxes for this collection, therefore we will have a second pass of the basket for this special collection.



Healing Mass, September 18 ~ 10:30 am

We invite you to bring your loved ones to our next Healing Mass on **Saturday, September 18th at 10:30 am**. This is a parish Mass during which we celebrate the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: intended especially for the elderly, those with chronic illness, upcoming surgery or any kind of physical or mental illness. Everyone will be required to wear a mask and to be socially distanced from those you do not live with. We also seat people in every other pew. People may choose to sit outside on the patio in front of the church; please bring your own chair.



BISHOP BARBER: NO RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION FOR COVID-19 VACCINE

The Catholic Church recommends people get vaccinated against COVID-19, and for good reason.

The Vatican has stated the connection with aborted fetal tissue is remote enough that it is morally permissible to take the vaccine. Therefore, since the Catholic Church has formally recommended its members receive the vaccine, a "religious exemption" would not apply to Catholics. More information can be found at: oakdiocese.org

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Youth Group & Confirmation Registration

Youth Ministry (High School Youth Group and Confirmation Sacramental Prep) registrations are still going

on. Forms are located on ctkym.org under "Registration." Call Youth Minister Mike Aliscad at (925) 246-1128 or email maliscad@ctkph.org to make an appointment.



St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County The 2021 Friends of the Poor Walks

On September 25 The Friends of the Poor Walks
gather Vincentian volunteers from across the

Country in a day of unity. The purpose is to raise funds for assistance programs that help our neighbors in need! To register to walk, or to support a walker near you - please visit: FOBWalk.org

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