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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

You have approached
Mount Zion
and the city
of the living God,
the heavenly Jerusalem.

Hebrews 12:22



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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,

Recently I read an article written by Brian Roewe in the National Catholic Reporter, titled "Synod report details US bishops' avoidance of church teaching on creation care." The article starts with a true story:



A woman starts a social justice group at her Catholic parish. During one particular meeting, she begins to talk about "Laudato Si', on Care for Our Common Home," Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical on ecology. But she was quickly cut off. "We shouldn't rock the boat," she said her pastor told her, as he felt the papal teaching document, the first ever devoted entirely to issues of the environment and humanity's relationship with the rest of the created world, was too controversial.

The anecdote, which did not name the parish or priest, was collected as part of the global church listening process that Francis has invoked through the synod on synodality. It was included in a report compiled by the Catholic Climate Covenant at the invitation of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops as part of the synodal process.

From January to June, Catholic Climate Covenant conducted a series of virtual listening sessions, online surveys, reflections with college students and more to give voice to the joys, hopes and, more often, expressions of sorrow and disappointment of U.S. Catholics with their church's response to *Laudato Si'* and climate change. Approximately 300 people, the majority women, participated, and the report was made public in late July.

Throughout the sessions, a near-unified message emerged: lay Catholics who have heard, embraced and worked to live out church teachings on the Christian responsibility to safeguard God's creation feel little to no support from clergy, bishops and dioceses, and in some cases direct opposition **"The overarching takeaway was the need for unified support from U.S. dioceses and archdioceses to make *Laudato Si'* and climate change a priority,"** the report said.

The Covenant synod listening sessions included responses from a small group of students at Creighton University. It also drew on feedback that young adults across North America delivered directly to the pope in February as part of a virtual synod listening session organized by the Vatican and Loyola University Chicago. During that session, one student bluntly told the pope that "U.S. Catholic leaders' failure to share and enact the church's own climate teachings is disillusioning young people."



In their feedback to the Covenant, Creighton students said they rarely hear climate change discussed in their home dioceses or connected to church teaching in homilies. One student described a sense of "idleness and ignorance" among priests. Another considered neglect of climate change as irresponsible. And a third expressed confusion when fellow Catholics describe themselves as "pro-life" but deny the environmental threats facing people and the planet. I have to confess that I have not done enough at CTK and St. Stephen communities to keep promoting *Laudato Si*, in tune with the church's teaching.

As the world marked World Humanitarian Day on August 19, Caritas International drew attention to the tragic worsening of the humanitarian situation globally resulting in part from the impact of climate change, in addition to COVID 19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine. In 2022, 274 million people will require humanitarian assistance and protection, according to estimates anticipated by the United Nations. Notably, the number has significantly increased since 2021, when it was 235 million, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the consequences of climate change, and the ongoing war in Ukraine.

Caritas Internationalis too is witnessing a global and unprecedented food crisis, which is particularly severe in the Horn of Africa and Sahel regions, where millions of people are affected by acute food insecurity and malnutrition. The Catholic network alerts to the fact that, if necessary, measures are not taken immediately, the global humanitarian situation is likely to continue to worsen.

"Today, our world is facing a human tragedy wherein people are losing their right to live as dignified human beings. We echo and support Pope Francis' incessant cry to support integral ecology as a solution to the humanitarian crisis our world is facing. This is the only way out of this crisis."

Fr. Paulson

CTK UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Aug. 29	Mon.	9am	Donald Wijekoon†
Aug. 30	Tues.	9am	Quyen Nguyen† Claro, Rosario & Anne Caraos† Pablo Aquino† George Viani†
Aug. 31	Wed.	9am	Joseph Gamez†
Sept. 1	Thurs.	9am 6pm	John Morisky† Cecily Short†
Sept. 2	Fri.	9am	Myrna Delos Reyes†
Sept. 3	Sat.	9am	Rolando De la Puente
Sept. 3 & Sept. 4	Week- end	All- Masses	Virgil A. Lawrence† Patricia Hayes† Salvatore Freddura† Damiano & Lina Serafini† Ester Parungao† Norman Mendigorin† Braden Fahey† Catherine McGhee† Philip Bunag† Maureen, Michael, Hannah O'Neill†

TODAY'S HYMNS FOR MASS

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

Gathering - Table of Plenty (#310)

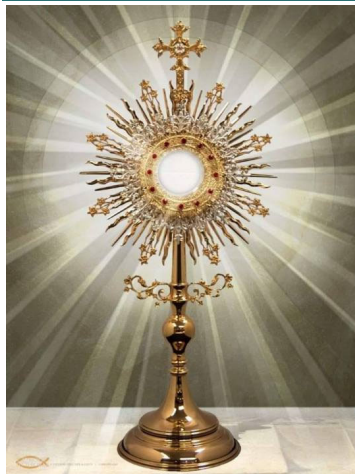
Psalm "God, in your goodness you have made a home for the poor."

Offertory - The Cry of the Poor (#623)

Communion - Drawn to You (#391)

Closing - They'll Know We Are Christians (#585)

FIRST FRIDAY



First Friday

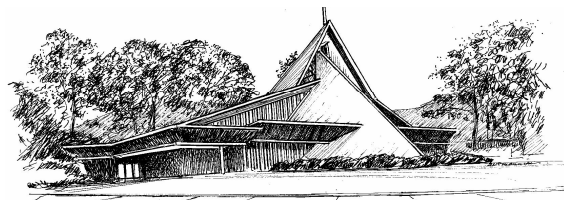
**This Friday, September 2nd
is our
Monthly First Friday
Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament
Followed by Mass
Exposition at 5 pm
Mass at 6pm**

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. 27	Sat.	5:00pm	Carl Nagel †
Aug. 28	Sun.	9:30am	Fr. Richard Hart †
Aug. 29	Mon.	8:00am	Margaret Stark †
Sept. 3	Sat.	5:00pm	Raymond Chocholek †
Sept. 4	Sun.	9:30am	Jim Vranesh †

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

Join us at a Farewell Reception for our music director, Maria Banson, after the 9:30 am Mass this Sunday. Maria has been with us since 2015. Join us as we show her how much we appreciate the many years of service she has given us.

We will be having a Ministry Faire after all Masses the weekend of September 10-11. Our parish survives because of our volunteers. Come and see what volunteer needs we have and how you can help. Wine and cheese will be served on Saturday and coffee and donuts on Sunday.

**Office hours 11am to 2pm
Monday & Wednesday**



ANNUAL ITALIAN DINNER

WHEN

Sat., Sept. 17, 6pm
No host bar & raffle
7pm dinner

WHERE

**Christ the King
Parish Gymnasium**

199 Brandon Road, Pleasant Hill

FEATURING - Delicious pasta and meatball dinner,
Italian music, raffle prizes, and fun activities for the
whole family!

**ALL AGES
EVENT**

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All are invited to the Christ the King Parish Italian Catholic Federation dinner on Saturday evening, September 17 in the gym. Cost is \$35 for adults and \$15 for children under 10. There will be Italian music and fun for the whole family. Please plan to join us. **Tickets are being sold by ICF members after all masses at CTK for the next 3 weekends** (check or cash), or by contacting Diana at 925-519-4711 or dijoed@comcast.net. We hope you plan to join us for this very enjoyable evening!

CTK CYO Cross Country Team/Grades 2-8

The 2022 CTK CYO Cross Country season is here. Returning runners from last season as well as all those interested in trying the sport for the first time are encouraged to come out and join us. No experience necessary. Unlike track and field, in cross country we run longer distances and on dirt trails in parks rather than on a track. If you think your child might like this sport please join us and have them try it out. If they do not like it after the first week or two you can drop out and we will refund the \$60/runner participation fee.

Practice Schedule: Monday - Wednesday - Friday,
5:30-7:00pm

Practice location: Hidden Lakes Park, Morello and Chilpancingo (we meet at the picnic tables between the soccer field and the baseball fields)

Register Now!

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

Registration deadline is September 8, 2022.

Classes begin the week of September 18th.

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.



New Musical Opportunity - CTK Family Choir

Do you enjoy singing? Would you love to share the joy of singing with your children, grandchildren, or other kids in your extended family? We are looking to launch a Family Choir at CTK later this fall, to sing at our 9:00am mass on selected weekends. The Family Choir is open to all children and their families (children must come with an adult), and will feature fun and learnable music that the whole family can enjoy. No formal musical training necessary - just a love of music and the ability to attend rehearsal one evening per week.

If you'd like to learn more, please e-mail Jennifer Bennett at jenniferbennett1011@gmail.com. She will send you a quick Google form to complete to get a sense of who the singers are in your family, and what experience you all have. Thanks and hope to see you in the choir loft this fall!

Hygiene Kit Drive



Luke Hanley's Eagle Project: Hygiene Kit Drive CTK Boy Scout Troop 221

This drive will begin on the weekend of 8/20/22 and end on 9/4/22 at noon. Thank you for your help!

Hello CTK Parish, I am Luke Hanley from Troop 221 based in Pleasant Hill, CA. I am currently working on my Eagle Scout project with Monument Crisis Center. My project is to collect hygiene kits as well as any supplies that are needed (please see list →). Toiletries are essential and would be greatly appreciated by those in need. Please put the requested items in a ziplock bag. If you do not have all the supplies to make a kit, a bag of any supplies on the list that you can donate will be appreciated. Items must be new and are not limited to store-bought items. Please put hygiene kits and supplies in the donation bin in the vestibule of the Church.

Supplies Needed for complete kit:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Deodorant

Other Accepted Items:

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