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Christ the King Church

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 4pm Vigil
(4pm Mass is also livestreamed)

Sunday

7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, & 4pm
(10:30am Mass is also livestreamed)

Confessions
Saturday 3pm to 3:30pm

Office Hours
Monday - Friday 9am to 5pm

9am Daily Mass Schedule

St. Stephen
Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Christ the King
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday

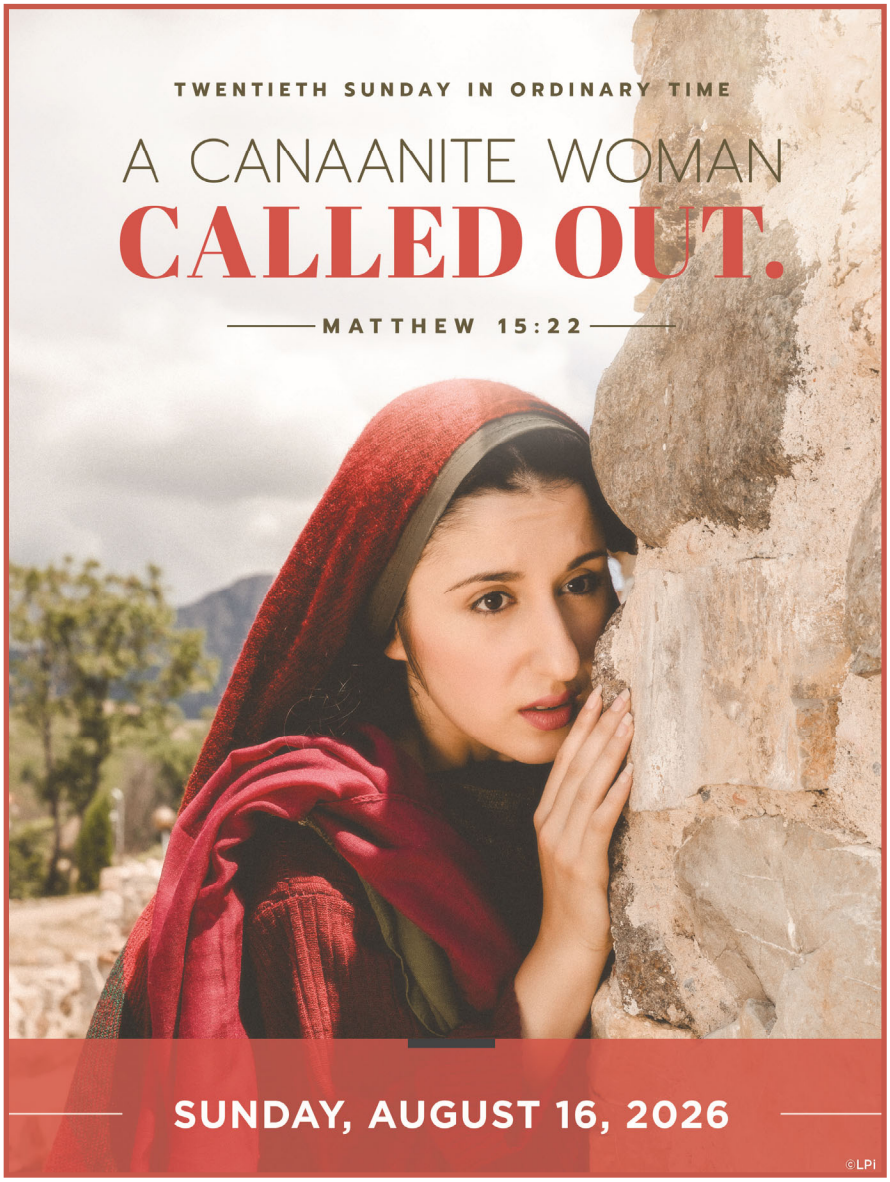
St. Stephen Church

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 5pm Vigil
Sunday: 9:30am

Confessions
Saturday Before the 5pm Mass

Office Hours
Monday & Wednesday 11am to 2pm

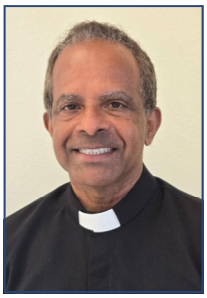


Mission Statement

To hear the gospel and make a difference.

To live and love in Christ.

More Than Another Activity: Giving Our Children a Faith That Lasts



Dear Friends,

One of the greatest challenges facing parents today is balancing their children's busy schedules. Between school, homework, music lessons, dance, travel sports, club teams, and countless other activities, family calendars can become overwhelming. As a parish, we understand those pressures.

That is precisely why Christ the King–St. Stephen Parish offers **Faith Formation on multiple weekdays as well as Sunday mornings**, giving families greater flexibility to choose the time that best fits their schedules. We want to make it as easy as possible for every child to grow in faith while navigating the demands of modern family life.



There is an insightful observation made by a high school coach after years of watching young athletes grow up. He said:

"Nothing is sacred anymore, and Sunday has become a tournament day. I have observed long enough to see that the child grows up and has no faith of their own because the message communicated through the family's actions was that sports were more important than church, faith, or God."

Those words may sound strong, but they invite us to ask an important question: **What are our children learning from our priorities?** Children learn far more from what we do than from what we say. Every decision communicates what we value most. When faith consistently takes second place to every other activity, children naturally conclude that faith is optional.

The issue is not sports themselves. Sports teach discipline, teamwork, perseverance, sacrifice, and healthy competition. These are wonderful values. Our parish celebrates the many gifts that athletics provide. We sponsor CYO, Scouting and so many other activities and all these activities begin with God. CYO does not play on Sunday mornings, when masses are in session. The concern arises when sports—or any activity—become so dominant that they crowd out our relationship with God.

When parents presented their child for Baptism, they made a solemn promise before God and the Church. The celebrant asked: *"You have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training him (her) in the practice of the faith. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?"* The parents answered: **"We do."** Those two simple words carry a lifelong commitment.

Faith Formation is not simply another class to complete before receiving First Communion or Confirmation. It is about helping our children discover who they are, why they were created, and how deeply they are loved by God. It teaches them to pray, to forgive, to serve others, to recognize truth, to make moral decisions, and to find hope when life becomes difficult.

Our young people are growing up in a world where anxiety, loneliness, depression, and uncertainty are becoming increasingly common. Many struggle to find meaning and purpose. Success, popularity, and achievement alone cannot answer the deepest questions of the human heart.

Faith gives children something that no sport, no achievement, and no trophy can ever provide: a relationship with Jesus Christ—a relationship that sustains them through both victories and disappointments, through success and failure, through joy and suffering.

After all, trophies gather dust, seasons come and go, and schedules eventually change. But a living faith in Jesus Christ is a gift your children will carry with them forever.

~Fr. Paulson

CELEBRATING

75 years

60 years

Christ the King - Saint Stephen



Upcoming Mass Intentions

Aug. 17	Mon.	9:00am	Eleanor & Marie Christine Tan † Jose Villanueva
Aug. 18	Tues.	9:00am	Cristina Flores † Rosario San Tayana † Luz Laico †
Aug. 19	Weds.	9:00am	Gwen Watson †
Aug. 20	Thurs.	9:00am	Gladys Ruffinelli † Ronald Nelson † Raymond Adrian Ramirez †
Aug. 21	Fri.	9:00am	Ken Chiatello † Rebecca Ramirez
Aug. 22	Sat.	9:00am	Marlene Moeller †
Aug. 22	Sat.	4:00pm	Margie Pruitt †
Aug. 22	Sat.	5:00pm SS	Sandra Kuca †
Aug. 23	Sun.	7:30am	Jack Cardoza †
Aug. 23	Sun.	9:00am	Aquilino Basa, Sr. †
Aug. 23	Sun	9:30am SS	Rita Toomey †
Aug. 23	Sun.	10:30am	Mary Lou Zabala † Joseph Go-Alcantara † Rose Sini-Ning † Sonny Sini-Ning † Eveleen Hasting †
Aug. 23	Sun.	4:00pm	Fr. Michael Dibble †



Upcoming Second Collections

August 30 - St. Vincent de Paul
September 6 - Catholic Education

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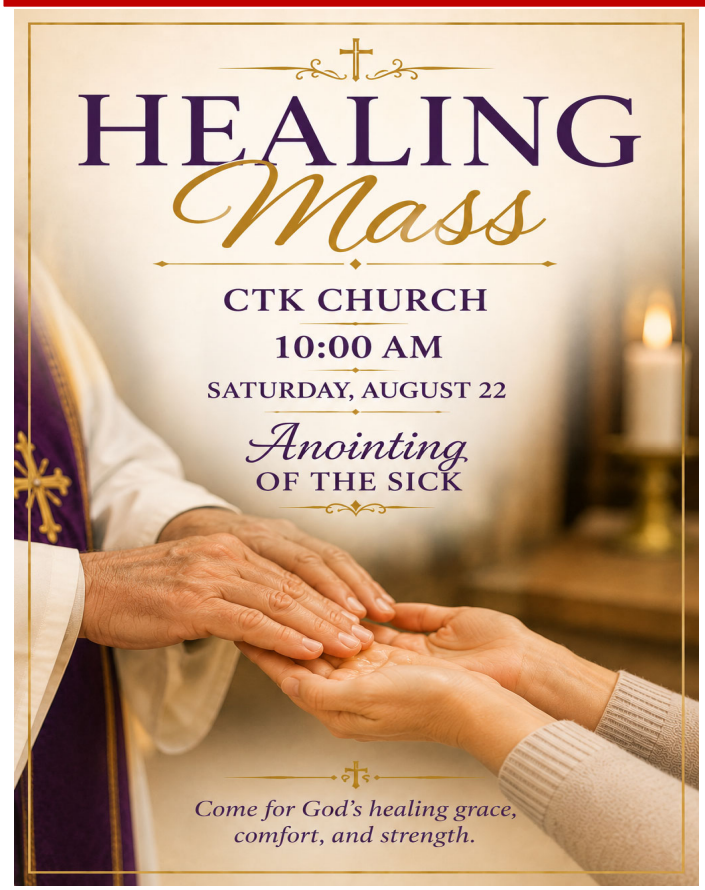
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Faith in Action

From our Faith in Action Ministry:

"Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river, and mother earth." *Laudato Si, sec. 92, page 77.*

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CHRIST THE KING-ST. STEPHEN PARISH

Picnic

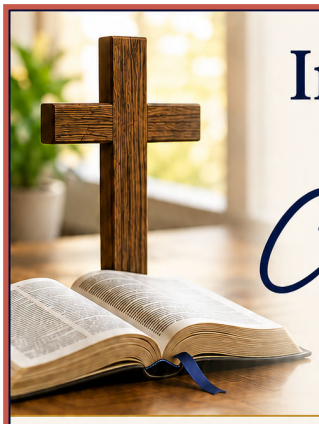
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Sunday, August 23

11:30am to 1:30pm

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Interested in becoming *Catholic?*

Or know someone who is?

The OCIA: Becoming Catholic program welcomes anyone interested in investigating becoming Catholic. The process accompanies interested adults in a faith journey that typically results in full initiation in the Church – including Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. You are welcome to initiate proceed as you feel ready.

Interested? Questions? Learn more at a **Wednesday, August 19 information session at 7:00 pm** in the CTK Ministry Center–Fr. Joyce Room.
Email Tom Bobich at **OCIA@CTKPH.org** for details.

A journey of faith.

Religious Education/ Faith Formation Registration

for the 2026-2027 School Year.



Grades K-5

ECHO JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY

Junior High Program

Confirmation

High School Confirmation

Register at ***ctkph.org***



Need Prayer?

Confidential Prayer requests can be sent to: **prayerline@ctkph.org**

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Jubilee Celebration Dinner & Anniversary Recognition

Celebrating:

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Fr. Brian Timoney – 70 Years Priestly Ministry
Fr. Gerry Moran – 55 Years Priestly Ministry
Fr. Paulson Mundanmani – 35 Years Priestly Ministry
Fr. Lee Chompoochan – 20 Years Priestly Ministry

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

4pm – Mass of Thanksgiving at CTK Church
5pm – Welcome Reception | 6pm – Dinner
7pm – Program & Tributes | 7:30 – Continued Celebration

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Dinner Tickets $25/Person
Scan QR code to purchase tickets
Or call the CTK office

Confirmation

Are you Catholic – but never confirmed?

Our OCIA: Adult Confirmation process is intended for those who are baptized Catholic but never received Confirmation. The process welcomes you regardless of your previous faith education and investigates the teachings of the Church as a basis for further developing our relationship with God. Participation typically results in receiving Confirmation at the Easter Vigil.

Investigate the OCIA: Adult Confirmation

Information Session:

August 19 at 7pm-Ministry Center - Fr. Joyce Room. Learn more by emailing Tom Bobich at **OCIA@CTKPH.org.**

Interested in Becoming a

Adult Mentor/ Catechist?

Sharing your faith with the next generation is one of the most rewarding ways to serve our parish.

Join us for an Information Night to learn what it means to be a Confirmation Adult Mentor/Religious Education Catechist at Christ the King! No experience or commitment required, just come with questions! Pizza will be served – please RSVP for a headcount! We'll cover what the role looks like, the time commitment, and how we support you every step of the way.

CTK Parish Hall
Wed, Aug 19, 2026
@ 7:00 PM

SCAN TO RSVP

Italian Catholic Federation

Branch 442
Pleasant Hill
Christ the King

Join us for Afternoon Tea!

Saturday, August 29
No-host bar serving Prosecco, wine, soft drinks with raffle begin at 12pm
Tea Luncheon at 1pm

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Send to Diana Mackinson, 568 Sherree Dr., Martinez, CA 94553



Italian Catholic Federation

All Parishioners are welcome to our upcoming meeting of the Italian Catholic Federation on Thursday evening, August 20 at 6 pm in Christ the King Parish Hall.

We are having a pot luck dinner with a Hawaiian theme so come and enjoy dinner with us and find out about all the fun we have serving our parish and community together. You do not have to be Italian to join! We support all the ethnicities that make up our community here at Christ the King/St. Stephen parish. Families and individuals are invited to come and find out more about us. For more information, contact our membership chair, Eileen McGauran: 925-357-5446 or email her at **mcgauranem@comcast.net**.





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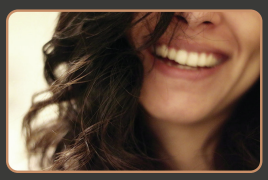
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