Christ the King - St. Stephen Catholic Church

July 26, 2026

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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

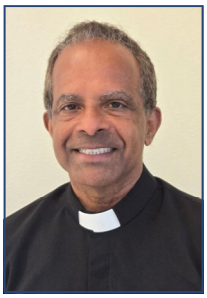
Office Hours
Monday & Wednesday 11am to 2pm



Mission Statement

To hear the gospel and make a difference.

To live and love in Christ.



Dear Friends,

Recently, I read an article entitled *"Diversity Reflects God and Makes for a More Interesting World."* It inspired me to reflect on the remarkable diversity that enriches our parish community. One of the things I love most about our Church is that it brings together people from different cultures, languages, backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives. In many ways, our parish reflects something of God's own life and beauty.

We live in a world of extraordinary diversity. Different cultures, traditions, personalities, histories, and viewpoints enrich the human family. Yet diversity is not simply a sociological reality; for Christians, it is a theological one. Diversity reflects something profound about God Himself.

At the heart of our faith is the mystery of the Trinity. We believe in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is not solitary or isolated. God is communion—three distinct Persons united in perfect love. Difference exists within God. Relationship exists within God. Communion exists within God. As theologian Terry Biddington writes, *"Creation reveals that all difference, otherness and strangeness originate in God and that God is, therefore, inherently open to difference in all its forms."*



Because we are created in the image and likeness of God, something of that diversity and communion is reflected in humanity. We are not all the same, nor were we ever intended to be. Our differences are not obstacles to overcome but gifts to be received.

Yet human beings often fear difference. We are naturally drawn to people who think like us, look like us, worship like us, vote like us, and share our experiences. The familiar feels safe; the unfamiliar can feel threatening. When fear takes root, it can become prejudice. Prejudice can become exclusion. Exclusion can become discrimination, racism, and division. These wounds have marked human history for centuries, but they do not come from God.

As a nation, we have often struggled with diversity. From the treatment of Native Americans, to slavery, segregation, discrimination against immigrants, religious prejudice, and continuing debates over race, culture, and identity, our history reveals both our failures and our aspirations. Too often diversity has been viewed not as a gift to be embraced but as a threat to be resisted.

At the same time, we must be careful not to misunderstand diversity. Diversity is not an end in itself. It is not about dividing people into competing groups or reducing individuals to labels and categories. The goal is not diversity for diversity's sake, but communion. The danger lies not in recognizing differences but in allowing those differences to become barriers rather than bridges.

The United States itself is a nation built upon diversity—diversity of peoples, cultures, ideas, experiences, and dreams. This diversity has often been messy, sometimes painful, and frequently challenging. Yet it has also been one of our greatest strengths. The richness of our nation comes not despite our differences, but often because of them.

For Christians, embracing diversity is not optional. It flows directly from our belief in the Trinity and from the Gospel itself. The Church was born diverse. On Pentecost, people from many nations heard the Good News proclaimed in their own languages. The Book of Revelation envisions a multitude before God's throne "from every nation, race, people, and tongue."

The Christian response is not simply to coexist but to build community. To listen before judging. To understand before condemning. To recognize that our differences need not divide us but can deepen our understanding of one another and of God.

Honoring those differences is essential to empathy. True empathy is not assuming that others are just like us. It requires recognizing that other people may have experiences very different from our own. We often speak about "walking in another person's shoes," but the truth is that there are some shoes we will never walk in. We cannot fully know another person's story, struggles, fears, or hopes. Yet we can listen. We can learn. We can respect. We can love.

When we look for God's fingerprints in creation, every difference becomes another clue pointing toward the infinite mystery of the Creator. Each culture, each personality, each perspective, and each human story reflects another facet of God's beauty. This brings to mind the words of the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins in his poem *Pied Beauty*:

"All things counter, original, spare, strange;
Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)
With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;
He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change."

~Fr. Paulson

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Upcoming Mass Intentions

July 27	Mon.	9:00am	Eleanor & Christine Tan† Patrick Nigel Go
July 28	Tues.	9:00am	Alberto & Agapita Moises † Alberto & Edmunda Espinoza †
July 29	Weds.	9:00am	Carlos Andaluz † Joseph Go-Alcantara † Rich Stewart †
July 30	Thurs.	9:00am	Honey O'Leary †
July 31	Fri.	9:00am	Alberto & Agapita Moises † Alberto & Edmunda Espinoza †
Aug. 1	Sat.	9:00am	Diana Duque
Aug. 1	Sat.	4:00pm	Noemi de Jesus O Lano† Alessandro Germani † Margie Pruitt †
Aug. 1	Sat.	5:00pm SS	Irene Knight & Hannah Galvin †
Aug. 2	Sun.	7:30am	Jack Cardoza †
Aug. 2	Sun.	9:00am	Dan Wasser † Chris Morales Richard Perez Family
Aug. 2	Sun	9:30am SS	Sandra Kuca †
Aug. 2	Sun.	10:30am	Primo Maliwanag, Jr. † Joseph Go-Alcantara Primo Maliwanag, Jr. †
Aug. 2	Sun.	4:00pm	Joan Croft †



Need Prayer?

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



Upcoming Second Collections

July 26 - Victims of the Earthquake in Venezuela

August 2 - Catholic Education



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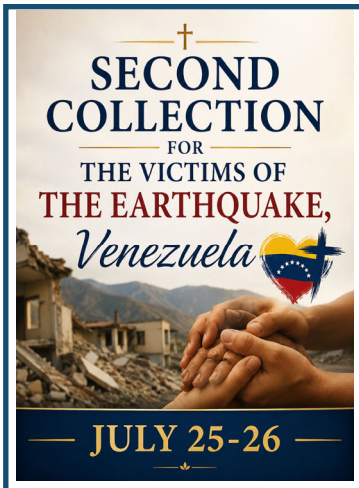
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Information Meeting for Medicare In CTK Parish Hall - Rooms A/B. Thursday, July 30 at 10am

Are you turning 65? Or just want to know a little bit more about Medicare?
Want to review and compare plans?
Come and get all your questions answered.

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Dear Friends,

Our hearts have been deeply saddened by the devastating earthquake that has struck Venezuela, leaving countless families grieving the loss of loved ones, homes, and livelihoods. Many are now without shelter, clean water, food, or access to basic medical care.

At the request of Bishop Barber, every parish in the Diocese of Oakland has been asked to participate in a special collection to assist the victims of this disaster. **Our parish will take up this Second Collection this weekend, July 25–26.**

Your generosity will help provide lifesaving assistance through Catholic Charities, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), and Caritas Venezuela, the humanitarian agency of the Catholic Church in Venezuela. Together they are providing emergency food, clean water, sanitation, shelter, medical care, essential household supplies, and emotional and spiritual support to families who have lost so much. Catholic parishes throughout the affected region have also opened their doors to welcome displaced families, offering safety, hope, and the loving presence of Christ.

I warmly invite you to prayerfully consider making a generous gift to this special collection. Whether large or small, every contribution becomes a sign of God's love and a reminder to those who are suffering that they are not forgotten. Together, we can bring hope where there is despair and healing where there is pain.

Thank you for your faithful generosity and for your willingness to be the hands and heart of Christ for those in need. Please continue to keep the people of Venezuela, the rescue workers, and all those providing relief in your prayers.
May our Lord, who never abandons His children, bless you abundantly for your kindness and generosity.
With gratitude and every blessing,

Fr. Paulson





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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Join us every Friday in CTK's Ministry Center Chapel for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament anytime between 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

All are welcome to come and spend quiet time in prayer and reflection.

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Jubilee Celebration Dinner & Anniversary Recognition

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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

Grief Ministry

Grief Support Ministry

Have you suffered a loss? Recent or some time ago? Please join us for our CTK Grief Group that meets the last Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Ministry Center at CTK. Whether you need on-going support or just a support for an up-coming anniversary, there is a wonderful group of people waiting to support you. All are welcome.

Come once or often,
whatever your grieving heart needs.
You are not alone. Please call Donna @ 510-381-3615
for information or to register.

From our Faith in Action Ministry

Faith in Action

"As believers, we do not look at the world from without but from within, conscious of the bonds with which the father has linked us to all beings."

Laudato Si, pg. 171, Sec. 220.

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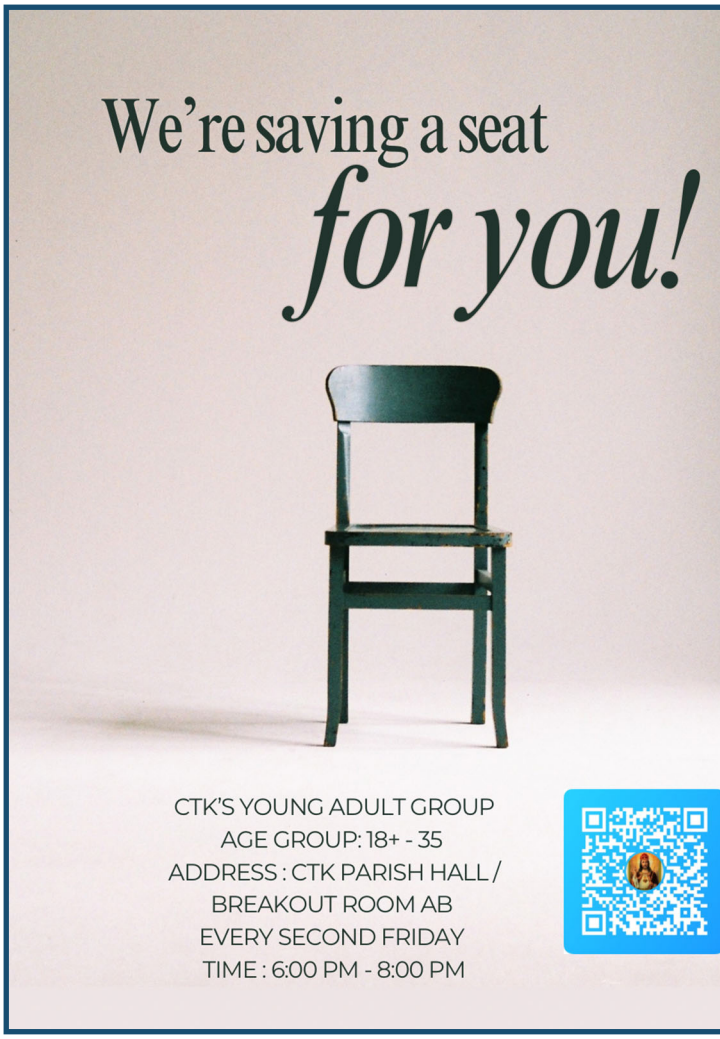


Faith Formation Registration

Registration for both K – 5th grade &
6, 7, 8th grade (Echo Junior High) is now open.
Register at ctkph.org.



High School Confirmation Program Registration is now open. Register at ctkph.org



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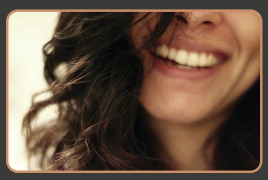
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