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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

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



June 4, 2023

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. - Jn 3:16

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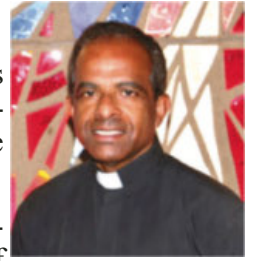
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**TO LIVE AND TO LOVE IN CHRIST
TO HEAR THE GOSPEL AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



Dear Friends,

The Holy Spirit is alive and well in our church as “new things” emerge! Pope Francis updated the "Fundamental Law of Vatican City State," opening the possibility that laypeople can be members of its governing commission and emphasizing that the independence of the city-state is essential for the mission of the Holy See.



The previous version of the law was promulgated by St. John Paul II in 2000; his introduction to the text noted the independence of Vatican City State guaranteed "the freedom of the Apostolic See" and assured "the real and visible independence of the Roman Pontiff in the exercise of his mission in the world."

Francis' revision of the law incorporates the mission into the text of the law itself. The first article states, "The Vatican City State ensures the absolute and visible independence of the Holy See for the fulfillment of its high mission in the world and guarantees its unquestionable sovereignty in the international arena as well."

While the 2000 version of the law entrusted the legislative powers for governing Vatican City State to "a commission composed by a cardinal-president and other cardinals" nominated by the pope for a five-year term, the new law says the commission "is composed of cardinals, among whom is the president, and by other members" nominated by the pope for a five-year term.

Given the financial reforms enacted by Benedict XVI and Francis, the new law includes a changed and expanded section on budgeting and spending. The commission governing Vatican City State is required to draw up a three-year financial plan, which it submits "directly to the Supreme Pontiff for approval." "The budget shall ensure the balance of income and expenditures and shall be inspired by the principles of clarity, transparency and fairness," the new law says.

The Vatican City State remains, in the end, the pope's domain. Nonetheless, the new law suggests that the city-state is no longer merely considered a support to the Holy See but an entity closer to the secular and modern states, as it has never been in the past. It might be a necessary and welcome update to the state's structure, but could it also undermine the institution of the Holy See? Time will tell.

In addition to these changes, there is more welcome news for the church. **Pope Francis on April 26, 2023 dramatically expanded participation in the Vatican's upcoming Synod of Bishops to include lay men and women, for the first time granting them a right to be appointed as full voting members of the Catholic Church's primary consultative body.**



In addition to the standard participation of bishops selected by the pope and episcopal conferences from around the world, the new changes allow for the participation of 70 non-bishop members at the upcoming October gathering — 10 from each of the seven global regional bishops' conferences — with the request that young people be included and that 50% of those named would be women.

Theologians and activists have praised this latest move as "significant" and a "substantial development." Others called it a "crack in the stained-glass ceiling." I couldn't agree more. Although the church still has a long way to go to address clericalism and discrimination against women within its own institutions, this step gives us hope that the church is moving in the right direction.

I want to thank our school leadership and faculty as we come to the end of another successful school year. May God bless our community.

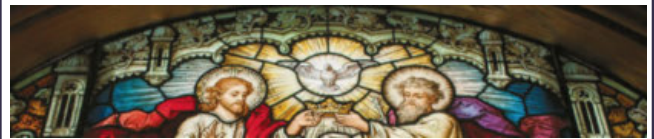
Fr. Paulson

UPCOMING CTK MASS INTENTIONS

June 5	Mon.	9:00am	Grace & Dell Rulow†
June 6	Tue.	9:00am	Helen Welch †
June 7	Wed.	9:00am	Christian Cavin Anicoche † Helen & Bob Stein (65th Wedding Anniversary)
June 8	Thurs.	9:00am	Mary Tierney †
June 9	Fri.	9:00am	Daniel Joseph White †
June 10	Sat.	9:00am	Mary Silva †
June 10	Sat.	4:00pm	Keith Grand † Paul Shinn †
June 11	Sun.	7:30am	Jack Cardoza †
June 11	Sun.	9:00am	Ben Halsey †
June 11	Sun.	10:30am	Michael Kearney † Valentin Gerardo † Antonio Dolosa † Joshua Tyrel Ugot Melody Quezon (Birthday Blessings)
June 11	Sun.	4:00pm	Dale Ambler †

UPCOMING SS MASS INTENTIONS

June 3	Sat.	5:00pm	Carol Lorenzana †
June 4	Sun.	9:30am	Jim Vranesh †
June 6	Tue.	8:00am	Frank & Madeline Gomes †
June 10	Sat.	5:00pm	St. Stephen Parishioners
June 11	Sun.	9:30am	Rose Carrier †



What is Trinity Sunday?

Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost in the Western Christian liturgical calendar, however, in Eastern Christianity there is no specific day set aside to celebrate the Christian doctrine of the Trinity. The Eastern Churches point out that they celebrate the Trinity every Sunday. Westerners do as well, we just set aside a special feast day for the purpose. In the West, Trinity Sunday, officially called "The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity," is one of the few celebrations of the Christian Year that commemorates a reality and doctrine rather than an event or person.

It is a solemn celebration of the belief in the revelation of one God, yet three divine persons. It was not uniquely celebrated in the early church, but as with many things the advent of new, sometimes heretical, thinking often gives the Church a moment in which to explain and celebrate its own traditions; things it already believes and holds dear. In the early 4th century when the Arian heresy was spreading, the early church, recognizing the inherent Christological and Trinitarian implications, prepared an Office of Prayer with canticles, responses, a preface, and hymns, to be recited on Sundays to proclaim the Holy Trinity. Pope John XXII (14th century) instituted the celebration as a feast for the entire Church; the celebration became a solemnity after the liturgical reforms of Vatican II.



Loving God,
we are limited in our understanding of you,
but we know that you care for us and for all creation.
Thank you for loving us
and remaining with us in our sorrows and joys.
Thank you for Jesus
whose life shows us the way to happiness and trust.
Thank you for your Spirit who leads us.
Warm our hearts and unite us,
that we might open our lives to you
to accept all your love and to respond to it
by entrusting ourselves to you
with all that you have made us and given us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.



**Join us next Sunday – June 11th
40th Year of Our Lord of Pardon Prayer
Group and 125th Anniversary of
Philippine Independence**

Let's celebrate together the 40th anniversary of Our Lord of Pardon Prayer Group and the 125th Anniversary of Philippine Independence on Sunday, June 11, 2023.

Festivities will begin with the Holy Mass at 4:00 pm at Christ the King Church, followed by procession, dinner and entertainment in the gym. Please contact Maritess Baula, mromanab@aol.com, (925) 899-9078, Imelda Santos, iqsantos01@gmail.com, (925) 623-7340 or Mae Bayani, msbayani@gmail.com, (925) 899-8912.



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Questions? Contact Deacon John Ashmore:
faithformation@ctkph.org



**Poverty Simulation Event:
St. Joan of Arc Church
San Ramon - June 24**

Experience a simulated event in poverty...in half a day. This interactive event will increase our understanding of poverty and will offer us ways to be involved in alleviating poverty in our community. Unless you've experienced poverty, it's difficult to truly understand the reality of it. The Community Action Poverty Simulation is an immersive learning experience. This experience is based on real people and their real lives. Offered on Saturday, June 24, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Lunch included).

Learn more at: sjasr.org/poverty
Sign up now at: bit.ly/SJAPovertySimulation.
Registration deadline is June 8.



**Save the Date
Sunday, June 25th
at the 10:30am Mass
Celebrating Fr. Vince Cotter's
40 Year Anniversary as a Priest
At CTK**

Join us as we celebrate Fr. Vince's
40th Anniversary of
Ordination to the Priesthood.
We will have a reception after mass
on the patio outside of church.



Cub Scouts Day in the Park - Saturday, June 10

All Kindergarten-5th Grade boys & their families are invited to join Christ the King's Cub Scouts Pack 401 for a Scouts Day at Heather Farm Park on June 10th, 2023 from 1-3pm. We will be doing fun games/activities such as Water Bottle Rockets, Kites and much more! Please bring a buddy or bring your friends to enjoy the fun!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us:
Brian Hanley (916) 541-3938, bhanley85@yahoo.com
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A Scouts Day in the Park

FOR SCOUTS FROM:
WALNUT CREEK, LAFAYETTE, MORAGA, GRINDA, AND PLEASANT HILL.



Join us for a day of fun with Scouts! We will be doing fun games/activities such as Water Bottle Rockets, Kites, and much more! Please bring a buddy or bring your friends to enjoy the fun!

June 10th, 2023, 1 to 3 p.m.

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Look for the Scouts in uniform!



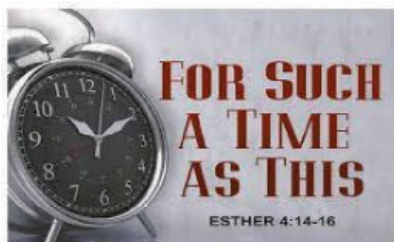


Join us for a letter writing campaign after mass this weekend at CTK.

This is the year we take significant strides toward ending hunger. How? By creating healthy food systems here in the U.S. To create healthy food systems, we need to address:

Nutrition, Public health, Racial equity, Food waste, Earth care here in the U.S. as well as Famine, Food shortages, and Agricultural development in the poorest parts of the world.

Can one bill cover all these critical areas? Yes. The Farm Bill is a very comprehensive and powerful bill. This year we're waging arguably our most important campaign in 15 years to improve all these areas through major reform to the Farm Bill. Can you lend your voice to the campaign? Thank you for your help.



"For Such a Time as This"
Monday, June 26th, at 7pm
CTK Parish Hall
Speaker: Kathy Roberts

"Who knows that you have been called... for such a time as this?"
 Esther 4:14.

This verse resonates from ancient days into our own time. There have always been challenging "times," and it helps to know that the Bible gives us both insight and practical advice as we face them.

Come for an evening of sharing some ways that we can count on God's Word to give us hope in trying times!

Adult Faith Formation Resources

The Adult Faith Formation Committee has gathered a list of resources to enrich your spiritual life. Three resources will be highlighted: Magnificat, Give Us This Day, and Word Among Us. They are designed for daily use to encourage both liturgical and personal prayer and can be used to follow the daily Mass. These magazines are available digitally (online) or in a convenient pocket size printed format. They offer beautiful prayers for both morning and evening drawn from the Liturgy of the Hours, the official texts and readings of the daily Mass, meditations written by spiritual guides, and vignettes of the lives of saints.

They are all paid subscriptions:

Give Us This Day (www.giveusthisday.org)
 Magnificat (<https://us.magnificat.net>)
 The Word Among Us (<https://wau.org>)

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God,
slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity."
(Ex 34:6)

Psalm:

Glory and praise for ever! (Dn 3:52b)

Second Reading:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of
you. (2 Cor 13:13)

Gospel:

For God did not send his Son into the world to
condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.
(Jn 3:17)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

On this Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we
are reminded to encourage one another, to show
affection and support. Can we do it? Can we do
it in our daily interactions, in our families? Can we
even do it on social media?

Observances for the week of June 4, 2023

- Sunday:** The Most Holy Trinity
Monday: St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
Tuesday: St. Norbert, Bishop
Friday: St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



Saint of the week

Servant of God Julia Greeley, Denver's
Angel of Charity, was born into slavery and
emancipated after the Civil War. She spent
her life serving the poor with a special
devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
and a love for children and praying for the
city's fire fighters.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, Your servant Julia
Greeley dedicated her life to honoring
the Sacred Heart of Your son and to the
humble service of the poor. Grant to me a
generous heart like Your son's, and if it be
in accordance with your holy will, please
grant this favor I now ask through Julia's
intercession (insert intention).

I pray this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

(Prayer Source: Julia Greeley Guild, 1535 N. Logan
St., Denver CO 80213.)

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