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**Blessed are those servants
whom the master finds
vigilant on his arrival.**

Luke 12:37

Nineteenth SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 7, 2022

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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,



T.S. Eliot once said that April is the cruelest month, but I'd like to say that it's actually August. In August summer is almost over, but it's not quite the ideal pleasant fall weather that's perfect for hiking the rolling hills surrounding us and drinking spice pumpkin lattes. This year, I seem to grieve the end of summer asking myself, "Where did summer go?" I have to admit I took one week off to preside over and attend the wedding of a former student of mine (in Jersey City near Newark).

Summer doesn't have to have a hard stop. As we move into the fall, if you're able, continue to enjoy some of the things you like about summer. Continue to spend time outside, soak up all the sunshine, enjoy day trips on the weekend — whatever it is you like about summer, identify those things and don't let yourself stop just because summer is over or school is ready to commence.

I would like to welcome back our school leadership, faculty and teachers! Welcome back to our campus as you get ready for another exciting year! School administrators were raising the alarm about hiring difficulties throughout the summer. I am grateful to our principal for being so proactive, as early on, he was working on hiring, even before school was out for summer. I want to welcome the new teachers and faculty members to our campus, and I am so grateful for those who will continue to minister at CTK School.

I would like to give you an update on Father Mike Dibble. Those who minister to Fr. Dibble have noticed over the last year a progressive decline of his memory and emotional well-being. We have done absolutely everything possible to allow him to live on his own. Right now, we are preparing ourselves for the fact that he will not be able to live alone that much longer. He is physically quite healthy, but his short-term memory loss and safety have become our greatest concern.

A year ago Dr. David Stone and I had a couple of emails and one zoom conversation with the diocese of New York regarding Fr. Dibble's condition. We did not hear anything after that. Recently, Dr. David contacted the diocese again through another priest who is serving the diocese and finally, they got back to him. So, discussions are underway, and I am hoping that the diocese of New York will step up and do the right thing for one of their own.

Recently I read an article titled, "Not all priests retire equally" written by Mary Gallop, in which she addresses the situations faced by our retired priests. After retirement, a new and completely different lifestyle begins. Few priests can afford to live in their own home or organize their spiritual life with an ability to celebrate mass. Dr. David and Francine were very generous to host Fr. Dibble over 20 years.

The welfare of retired priests is a priority in canon law: "The diocesan bishop must make provision for the appropriate maintenance and residence of the priest who has resigned" (canon 538 §8). This canon decrees that the principles of natural justice and equity must be taken into account, as well as the traditions and circumstances of each diocese. Each bishop shall see to it that a specific and funded plan is established to provide adequate support and accommodation for all retired priests incardinated in his diocese. Each diocesan bishop shall also see to it that priests incardinated in the diocese who have become incapacitated before the regular retirement age, will receive sufficient assistance to provide for adequate support and accommodation, considering any social assistance programs to which they may be entitled.

Our retired priests deserve to enjoy the last years of their lives with the honest and appropriate support of their diocese after having administered the sacraments to their beloved parishioners for so many years. I know that many of you are worried about who and how Fr. Dibble will be taken care of - since he is so far from his diocese. There are discussions about crowd funding and contacting Fr. Dibble's friends about his situation, etc. I am all for providing adequate care for a wonderful and holy priest who is a beloved man here at CTK. We need to get his diocese of NY to step up and take their responsibility. I am hoping that one of his superiors will visit him in the near future, the human thing to do. If we need to find adequate representation to his superiors, we shall do that. I do not want to pursue any of the considerations such as crowd funding or asking Fr. Dibble's friends to pay for his care for now.

We have completed a few upgrades to our GYM this summer, and we will be assembling an outdoor carport in the small parking lot for Fr. Gerry Moran.

Fr. Paulson

CTK UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Aug. 8	Mon.	9am	Frank O'Neill † Ingrid Entona † Michael Brion (<i>Healing</i>)
Aug. 9	Tues.	9am	Estrellita Quintans † Keith Perera (<i>Birthday Blessings</i>)
Aug. 10	Wed.	9am	Rudy Ayalde (<i>Birthday Blessings</i>)
Aug. 11	Thurs.	9am	Siluvai Santiago † Juan Bahia Jr. †
Aug. 12	Fri.	9am	Lucky Dias † (<i>Death Anniversary</i>)
Aug. 13	Sat.	9am	Irma Lee†
Aug. 13 & Aug. 14	Week-end	Masses	Giovanni Iorfida † Maria Mai Ly† Enis Paoli †

TODAY'S HYMNS FOR MASS

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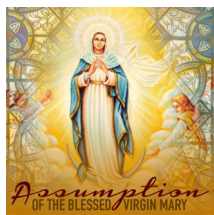
Gathering - Enter the Journey (#646)

Psalm - "Blessed be the people the Lord has chosen to be his own."

Offertory - Center of My Life (#506)

Communion - Taste and See (#332)

Closing - How Can I Keep From Singing (#443)



The Feast of the Assumption of Mary

Join us for Mass on

Monday, August 15
9am, 12:05pm & 7pm

Honored each year on August 15th, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven.

The August edition of **The Catholic Voice** is now available.



View a digital copy through the link on our weekly newsletter **Staying Connected**.

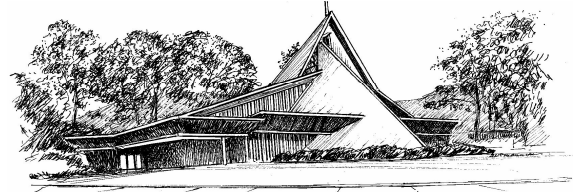
Sign up on our website ctkph.org for **Staying Connected** and receive the latest on news and events at Christ the King.

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

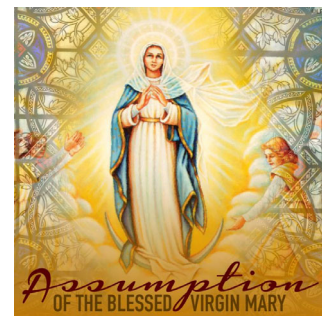
Aug. 6	Sat.	5:00pm	Raymond Chocholek†
Aug. 7	Sun.	9:30am	Jim Vranesh†
Aug. 10	Wed.	8:00am	Lila Rose Homes, (<i>Blessings</i>)
Aug. 13	Sat.	5:00pm	Cathy Pluta, (<i>Healing</i>)
Aug. 14	Sun.	9:30am	Blaise Russo†

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

Join us at St. Stephen on **Thursday, August 11 at 10:30 am** when Fr. Paulson will discuss with us the Pope's Apostolic Letter to the People of God on the Liturgy "Desiderio Desideravi". This will take place in the church.

Monday, August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Besides our regular 8 am morning Mass, we will have an additional Mass at 6 pm.

**Office hours - Monday & Wednesday,
11am-2pm.**





Register Now!

Registration is now open for
Faith Formation Students for
the School Year 2022-2023

Registration is open for:

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.

DRESS A CHILD AROUND THE WORLD

Early start to sewing sessions planned for **Wednesday, August 17th**

In the 10 years since we began, we have made over 16,000 dresses and 4,000 pairs of short. That means, of course, over 20,000 girls and boys around the world have received a bit of joy, hope, and the belief that God is in their lives.

We're so proud of the women at CTK and our community who continue their work in making our dresses and shorts available to the most disadvantaged children here in the U.S. and worldwide. We thank also those who donate fabric, sewing machines and, of course, your dollars to our efforts.

If you feel you'd like to get involved in this very fun and worthwhile group, please join us on the 3rd Wednesday each month in the Monsignor Wade Hall.

For more information, please call Carol Vogl at (925) 288-0488.



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Christ the King basketball is excited to bring 3rd to 8th grade boys and girls back to the hardwood for the 22/23 Winter season. Sign up by the registration deadlines and we will communicate as soon as possible with further information. CYO is set to start sometime in the month of September and we will update as we know further details. Always check our website for further information.

Important information:

Registration may be limited at certain grade levels based on many variables. Early registration ends 8/15. Registration closes on 8/31 or sooner if a grade level fills.

This year we are implementing a mandatory volunteer policy. See registration and website for further details.

<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/328531>

Cub Scout Pack 401 is Back!

We're happy to announce, we've scheduled our Cub Scout Pack 401 Recruitment Activity for Saturday, **August 13th at 1:30 PM at the Christ the King Church Amphitheater.** We'll have lots of fun, outdoor games and activities (including stomp rockets) for the kids to enjoy, while Cubmaster Brian Hanley does a quick orientation to Cub Scouts, our Pack, and our 2022-23 schedule for parents. We hope you can join us for lots of fun, and sign up to join our Pack if you decide it's a good fit for your family.

If you can't make it to this activity, but would still like more information about our Pack or to officially join, contact

Julia Palacio
Pack 401 Committee Chair
jp3ecom@gmail.com

Brian Hanley
Pack 401 Cubmaster
bhanley85@yahoo.com

SUMMER BASKETBALL SKILLS SESSIONS

CTK basketball is able to offer an August program for any student enrolled at CTK grammar school and/or the RE program. The training sessions will be led by multiple coaches and begin the week of 8/15/22 and last until the end of the month.

Sessions are one hour long twice a week. Players will be grouped by age group and times/days will vary based on coaches' availability.

Workouts will be held on the outdoor CTK blacktop or gym. The program will be limited to Christ the King parish students only, grades 2-8. The cost is \$75/student and all participants will receive a tee shirt.

<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/330140/signups/new>

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