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Kindness

and truth shall meet;

justice and peace shall kiss.

Truth shall spring
out of the earth,
and justice shall look
down from heaven.

Psalm 85:11-12

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August 9, 2020 • Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SS UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

August 6 7:30 am Ken & Pat Benevedes,
60th Anniversary Blessings
August 9 9:30 am Madeline Gomes †
August 15 5:00 pm Johanna Pauplis †

***all weekend intentions prayed for at the
Saturday 5 pm vigil mass**

**All CTK Masses streamed live with videos
available to watch later**

Masses: Drive-in / lawn: schedule inside

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CTK UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Aug. 10 9 am Mary Taggart †
Aug. 11 9 am Clara Badong †
Aug. 12 9 am Cecilia Nguyen †
Aug. 13 9 am Luck Dias †
Aug. 14 9 am Irma Lee †

Saturday, August 15

8 am Mary Tierney †
5 pm Harry McElroy †

***Sunday, August 16**

7 am CTK & SS Parishioners
8 am Sr. Dominic
9:15 am Aaron Cooper †
10:45 am Dorothy Prochaska †
12:15 pm Tino Frial Grandchildren
6 pm Bertha Cannizzaro †

***CTK Parish Office is open
Mon-Fri ~ 9 am to 1 pm***

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank so many of you who have already sent your donation to the Technology and Outdoor Mass fund. We are so blessed to have the perfect campus, and I am currently strategizing with our staff and Core Team for the fall and winter. On Monday, we celebrated the funeral of Michael, a police officer who died unexpectedly at the age of 24.

We were able to offer them an amazing celebration outdoors with added shaded areas and a better sound system and FM Radio transmission. Everyone wants us to offer online Facebook transmission so that their relatives and friends from around the country can participate. Our experts are working on a superior online presence. We are making a difference during this pandemic. Thank You.

During these pandemic months, a **number of St. Joseph's Sisters celebrated their Jubilee** rather quietly and simply. **Sr. Carmel Garcia**, who was our school principal for 10 years at CTK was one of the blessed nuns, who celebrated 60 years. The Sisters of St. Joseph titled the celebration as an invitation to "Remember the Past, Celebrate the Present and Embrace the Future." **Sr. Marietta Fahey SHF** (Sisters of the Holy Family) is another blessed nun who also celebrated 60 years of religious life. We will be holding a celebration in the coming weeks, once we pin down a date with Sr. Carmel and others. In the brochure that was published on the occasion of the Jubilee, Sr. Carmel wrote:

"I loved being an elementary teacher, administrator and religious education coordinator while living in a supportive local community. I am currently a proud CSJ volunteer which provides a variety of "doings". My goal is to continue to be a sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet like our dear patron St. Joseph, always moving towards a profound love of God and neighbor without distinction – always being ready and grateful for the opportunities to serve because I said "Yes" to my call as a CSJ. For my 60 years, I say "Thank You," to the mission of Jesus (whom I endeavor to follow), to my family (whose roots I treasure), to my CSJ community for allowing me to grow and develop spiritually, to the people of God who helped me use my gifts in countless ways."

The number of Roman Catholic Sisters in the U.S. peaked in 1965, when there were about 180,000. The current count is below 50,000. Research says less than 1% of the remaining sisters are younger than 40, and that number is shrinking fast. One projection estimates that by the year 2043, there will be fewer than 1,000 sisters left in the U.S. Some experts attribute the dwindling number of sisters to a growth of opportunity for women outside the church. Others point to an overall trend of Americans moving away from organized religions. Sisters in the United States have suffered greatly in the hands of our leaders who have at times minimized their contribution and viewed their ministry of justice and peace with suspicion and animosity.

The sisters have embraced Social Justice more than priests and religious men in the United States and abroad. They are animated by Catholic social teaching and their congregation's charism (spiritual gift) to care for an individual's mind, body and spirit, as well as the community around those individuals. Catholic social teaching rests in the idea that everyone is made in the image of God and therefore has inherent dignity. Development, therefore, must promote the dignity of the person. The Catholic Church speaks of "integral human development," which promotes the interconnectedness of economic, cultural, ecological and spiritual health of people and communities. **I have been fortunate to meet, to listen and to be inspired by so many nuns in my life.** Sr. Carmel and Sr. Marietta have modeled God's love in amazing ways during their 60 years of dedication to God and His people.

Fr. Paulson



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 9, 2020

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:11-13

The prophet Elijah lived about 800 years before Christ. Because he was loyal to God he fell into disfavor with King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. He had to flee for his life to Mt. Horeb (also known as Mt. Sinai). As you listen to today's passage, it will be helpful to know that wind, earthquake, and fire were traditional Old Testament expressions of God's presence.

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

In chapters 9-11 of Paul's letter to the Romans, he addresses the painful question of why the majority of Jewish people failed to accept Christ. These were Paul's own people and he was personally hurt by this. He still loved his Jewish heritage and in today's passage he lists seven wonderful blessings that God's Old Testament people have received. He then adds an eighth: Christ the Messiah.

Prayer Works!

Do you have a need that requires Divine intervention? Let us add our prayers to yours. Send confidential prayer requests to:

prayerline@ctkph.org



WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF MASSES

CTK: Monday - Saturday:

9 am Mass ~ Live streamed from our chapel on facebook.

**6 pm Thursday Outdoor Mass includes devotion to
Our Mother of Perpetual Help.**

Christ The King Weekends

Saturdays ~ 5 pm Vigil Mass Drive-In/Lawn

New! Sundays 7:30 am outside on patio in front of church

Sundays ~ Masses Drive-In/Lawn at 9 am, 10:30 am and 6 pm

Note: While communion will be available at all the Outdoor Masses, we will also offer Drive through Communion from 11:30 - 12pm Sundays.

Saint Stephen Weekends

Sunday Mass ~ 9:30 am Outdoor Mass

Communion only - please arrive at the end of mass, approximately 10:10 am.

St. Stephen Updates

We have plenty of openings for **Mass Intentions**. Email or call the parish office if you would like a Mass said for your deceased or sick loved ones, or to celebrate special intentions like birthdays and anniversaries.

The **funeral for long time St. Stephen parishioner Gert Christensen** (age 100) will be on Saturday August 15 at 10:30 am at St. Stephen. Her daughter Nancy Scrimshire, welcomes parishioners to attend. The service will be held outdoors.

If you are new to St. Stephen and would like to register as a parishioner, our registration form is now available on our website. If you click on "Update your information" on the home page of <https://saintstephenparish.org/>, you will be taken to the registration page where you can download the Registration Form PDF. On this page, current parishioners can also help us update our parish records by filling in any updated information on the fill-in form on this page then pressing "Send".

Virtual Faith Sharing!

You are invited to join a **"virtual" Faith sharing group on Zoom**. We meet every Friday morning at 9:30 am to share our faith through reading and praying with the readings for the following Sunday. Everyone in the parish is welcome to participate in this opportunity to deepen your faith and increase your understanding of scripture. To try it out, email Diana Mackinson at dijoed@comcast.net and she will send you the Zoom invitation to enable you to join us on Friday morning.



CTK Parish Registration Update!

Here at CTK, we are conducting a **parish-wide update** of our parishioner database. Did you know that

many parishioners who generously give on-line are not registered? Are you one of them? Many parishioners have disconnected their land line, yet our records still show it as their primary contact number. How many parishioners have moved, gotten married, had children, etc. and our records have not been updated. **Let's fix all of these!** Included in today's Staying Connected email, is a link to update your parish record. Please fill it out, scan it back to us, drop in the mail, the collection basket or drop it by the CTK office M-F 9-1. We also have forms available in the parish office. If you are not sure whether you are registered or not, give Kathy a call at 925-246-1121. She will let you know your registration status. If we haven't heard from you, don't worry. **In a few weeks, you will receive a phone call from our office staff.** We will be happy to update your registration right over the phone! Thank you so much for your cooperation in our registration update!



First Friday, August 7 Facebook Live

We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday, August 7 from 9:30 am to 1 pm in the Ministry Center Chapel. You can pray from home on Facebook. Fr. Paulson will also celebrate an evening mass at 7:30 pm on his personal FB page, Paulson Mundanmani. Please join him if you wish.

Congratulations to the children in our parish who received their First Holy Communion!

July 4, 2020

Kai Abellera	Vito Cancilla	Gianna Caraballo
Seth Cerejo	Cherry Doan	John Doan
Marcus Estrada-Dennis	Kaitlyn Greer	Olive Holmgren
Nathan Joseph Johnson	Cameron Koch	Noah Liyao
Callie Maciula	Kol Mirakaj	Clara Morris
Sophia Ramos	Elana Rolfe	Ava Schilling
Lucas Ungerecht	Gabriel Vicente	Mitchell Wright
Wyatt Wrighton		

July 11, 2020

Chloe Atienza	Jacob Bautista	Sydney Cain
Vincent Castillo	Fionn Gray	Abby Hodges
Perri Hutchins	Kelsey Kirchner	Gabriela Martinez
Connor Mohrland	Grace Natal	Daniel O'Sullivan
Jemma Respicio	Yukiko Rosales	Anthony Sandeen
Olivia Sandeen	Maximus Santos	Owen Shively
Colton Talach	Massimo Troncoso-Ovalle	Gabriel Urcuyo

Congratulations to all our First Communicants!

A **huge thank you** to all our parishioners who have continued to support Christ the King and St. Stephen during this Covid-19 pandemic. We very much appreciate you.

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