

Christ the King - St. Stephen Parish

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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
Sunday 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



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?”
- Mt 18:33-35

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



Dear Friends,

This fall on October 21/22, Christ the King Campus will host its Ministry Faire, offering a chance to learn more about different areas of ministry ~ as well as highlighting the importance of finding one's place and getting connected to the broader community. We will soon schedule a Ministry Faire for St. Stephen. There are many ways to tap into all the wonderful ministries of the church and to take the opportunity to experience the joy of serving! Most of our ministries are back in action after the pandemic, while others such as Children's Liturgy of the Word have not taken off, due to a lack of volunteers.



Ministry Faire Day is a great reminder to re-set and bring us back together as the summer winds down and the busy fall is upon us. I consider our Ministry Faire as Grace in Motion: Praising - Growing - Serving - Giving - Belonging – Caring. These *action* words describe the spiritual dispositions and habits that open us up to God's movement in our lives.

At the Ministry Faire you will have the opportunity to walk around in the parish gym and visit the different ministry tables which will provide information about the programs offered. *If you are heading a ministry, and you have not received a call from the parish office, please contact the office and let them know you wish to participate in the Ministry Faire.*

Through engagement in ministry, the congregation strengthens its bonds, nurtures personal growth, and collectively builds a church that flourishes on the principles of grace, love, and compassion. Each member of the Church has a part to play in the body of the church. Ministry Faire Day takes this premise seriously, and challenges everyone to ask where and how they can contribute.

If you sign up for Liturgical Ministries such as Eucharistic Ministry or Lector, please also indicate whether you are willing to serve at the St. Stephen campus once or twice a month.

The following prayer, provided by the publication "Our Sunday Visitor" reflects the essence of stewardship.



GENEROUS AND LOVING GOD, YOU GIVE US ALL GOOD GIFTS, MORE THAN WE CAN IMAGINE, TEACH US TO EMBRACE YOUR WAY OF CARING AND SHARING, SHOW US THAT TO BE ONE WITH YOU IS TO BE ONE WITH EACH OTHER, ESPECIALLY THE POOR AND THE VULNERABLE.

HELP US TO BE GOOD STEWARDS OF ALL WE ARE AND HAVE AND WILL BE. GIVE US WISDOM TO PERCEIVE YOUR CALL, SO THAT OUR STEWARDSHIP MAY BE WITNESSES TO YOUR LOVE FOR ALL. WE ASK THIS IN THE NAME OF THE ONE WHO SHOWS US YOUR WAY AND WHO IS THE WAY, TRUTH AND LIFE, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, WHO IS ONE WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN.

As we reflect on this prayer, the publication also reminds us that at the heart of stewardship is our relationship with Christ. It states, "When we share our presence, our prayers, our gifts, and our service, we continue Christ's mission, transforming the world one person at a time."

Fr. Paulson



UPCOMING CTK MASS INTENTIONS

Sept. 18	Mon.	9:00am	Patrick McCloskey †
Sept. 19	Tues.	9:00am	Anna Lan & Mary Hue † James Spurs † Janie Posadas Reyes † Jack Viani †
Sept. 20	Wed.	9:00am	Tom Morris † Spencer Swann
Sept. 21	Thurs.	9:00am	Rudy Bautista †
Sept. 22	Fri.	9:00am	Steven Feely †
Sept. 23	Sat.	9:00am	Frank O'Neill †
Sept. 23	Sat.	4:00pm	Marlene Moeller †
Sept. 24	Sun.	7:30am	Jack Cardoza †
Sept. 24	Sun.	9:00am	Paulus Gie Liem †
Sept. 24	Sun.	10:30am	Alan Bautista † Gloria Dio †
Sept. 24	Sun.	4:00pm	Castelli & Rosario Families

UPCOMING SS MASS INTENTIONS

Sept. 16	Sat.	5:00pm	St. Stephen Parishioners
Sept. 17	Sun.	9:30am	Rita Gomes †
Sept. 23	Sat.	5:00pm	St. Stephen Parishioners
Sept. 24	Sun.	9:30am	St. Stephen Parishioners

**Coffee and Donuts are back
next weekend!**



We welcome back coffee and donuts
after the 7:30am, 9:00am & 10:30am
Sunday Masses at CTK.

**The Lord
is kind
merciful.**

PSALM 103





**Blessing of the Animals - Save the Date.
Wednesday, October 4th - CTK's Large Lawn**

The feast day of St. Francis of Assisi is the day we celebrate the Blessing of the Animals. This feast day honors our patron saint of animals and his care and respect for each creature. Please bring your pet on a leash or in a cage.



**You Can Count -
I Know You Can**

Every year we are required to take a count of Mass attendance at every Mass during the month of October. If you are willing to help 'count people' (while the collection is being taken up) please contact Sr. Dominic at sisterdominic.marie@gmail.com

It would be wonderful to have some new folks help with this simple task; and it would be even more wonderful to hear from you in September.

Counters needed at CTK and St. Stephen Church.



Join The 10:30am Choir at CTK!

The 10:30 Mass Choir is resuming after our summer hiatus. If you love to sing, please consider joining us! We practice on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9 pm, and sing every Sunday at 10:30 mass. We would love to have more singers join us! Questions? Contact our director, Angela Borba musicalborba7@gmail.com



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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

ST PATRICK'S SEMINARY
320 MIDDLEFIELD RD, MENLO PARK, CA

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Register with Fr Carl Arcosa at
CArcosa@OakDiocese.org

Meet clergy and seminarians from the Oakland Diocese on Saturday, September 24 at St. Patrick Seminary in Menlo Park! This special day is for men 18 and older who are interested in discerning a call to priesthood. Register by contacting Father Carl Arcosa at CArcosa@oakdiocese.org

**ITALIAN CATHOLIC
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10th Anniversary Dinner

Saturday, September 30th
5pm Doors Open
6pm Dinner

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Christ the King
Parish Gym

Tickets will be on sale after all the masses today!



With our grateful hearts, we thank you for your thoughts and prayers. Timothy's recovery is going well, he is home in Providence, RI and his healing will take some time.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!
The Beels, (Chris, Gilda, Kevin and Timothy)

Adult Faith Formation

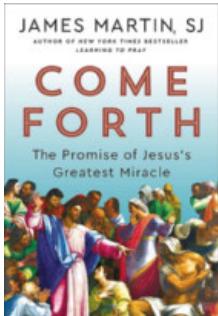


Join us for a deeper look into the Book of Revelation with Fr. Jose, PhD.
Professor of Sacred Scripture

This is the last week.

St. Stephen Church - Chapel
Thursday morning, 9/21 at 10:00am

CTK Ministry Center Chapel
Thursday evening. 9/21 at 6:45pm



A discussion of Fr. James Martin's new book, "Come Forth: The Promise of Jesus's Greatest Miracle", will begin on **Monday, September 18, at 10:30 am in the Ministry Center Chapel.**

The Lazarus story will be divided into 4 sections for discussions over 4 Mondays, with a final discussion of the entire book on October 16. Join us for deeper weekly discussions or for an overview on October 16. The book is available on Amazon and Thriftbooks, and as an ebook.

Festival is rolling to Fall! Save the Dates
Friday, Oct. 27, 4-10pm & Saturday, Oct. 28, 1-7pm



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CHRIST THE KING & ST. STEPHEN USHER MINISTRY



It's said that the role of a church Usher is to help our first-time guests, our repeat visitors, and our parishioners to experience the sacredness and joy of a worship service at Christ the King. As Greeters at CTK, Ushers are entrusted with promoting a sense of welcoming and belonging to all the faithful assembled for worship. They're the first point of contact for the communal celebration of the Liturgy.

Most Catholic pastors believe that an Usher's performance can make or break the outcome of the liturgical service as well as bring a true reflection of how friendly and loving a church really is. Ushers set the spiritual climate of the service by presenting a welcoming attitude, making others feel comfortable and part of the CTK community. Ushers also make sure that everything is flowing in a proper order, so that everyone is free to worship without interruption.

To volunteer for this ministry, contact: Jack Murphy, 925-933-8072, jmurph818@aol.com

In general, Ushers carry the responsibility for the following:

1. Opening doors to make sure the entrance into the church is welcoming to all.
2. Offering the parish bulletin to the faithful as they enter, acting as the church GREETERS.
3. Seating those assembled for Liturgy and taking special efforts to seat the faithful during the natural breaks in the Mass.
4. Attending to the needs of the disabled through such things as holding doors open, locating places for wheelchairs and walkers to be parked, and getting the disabled and their attendants seated.
5. Making sure that the gifts of bread and wine, and the book of intentions, are in their proper place before Mass, and asking members of the assembly to bring forth the gifts at the Offertory.
6. Circulating the collection baskets (there should be a sufficient number of ushers to facilitate the collection in a timely and orderly fashion) and delivering the collection bags to the Ministry Center for counting.
7. Facilitating the Communion procession by guiding each row of parishioners while that row goes to Communion.
8. After Mass checking the worship space to make certain that it is free from clutter.

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