Christ the King - St. Stephen Catholic Church

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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

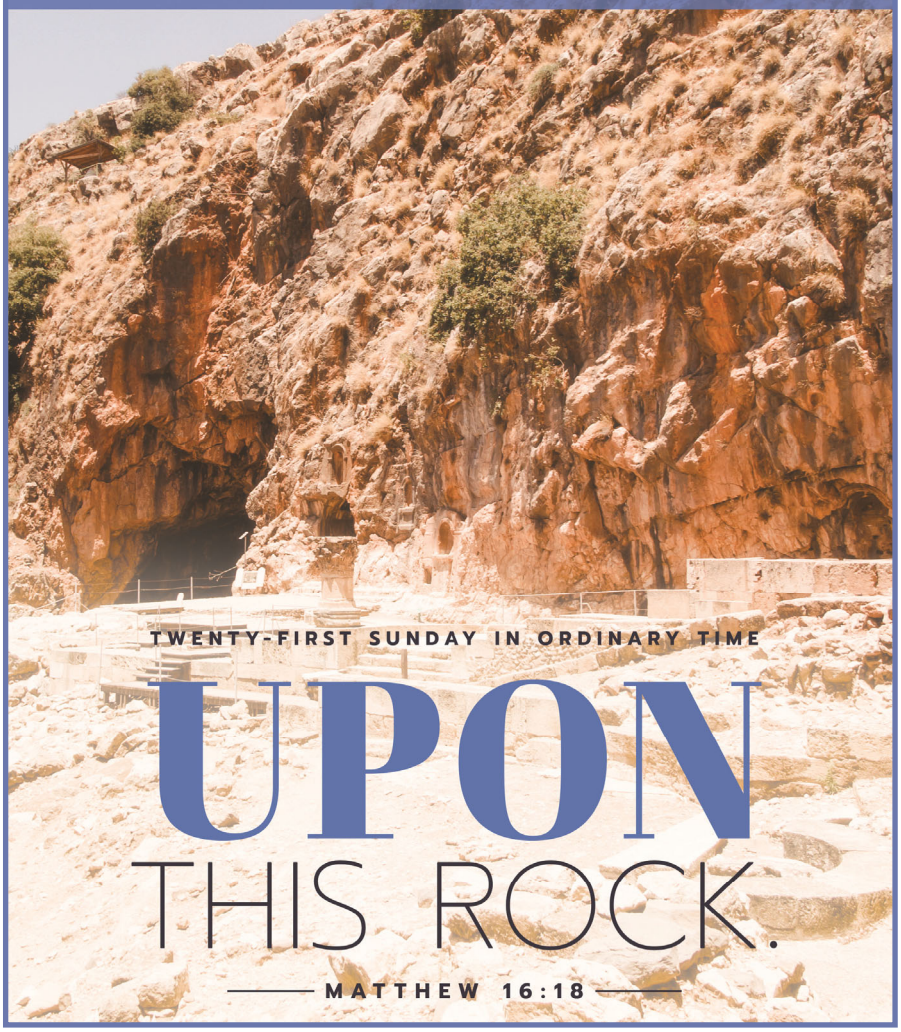
Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 5pm Vigil
Sunday: 9:30am

Confessions
Saturday Before the 5pm Mass

Office Hours
Monday & Wednesday 11am to 2pm

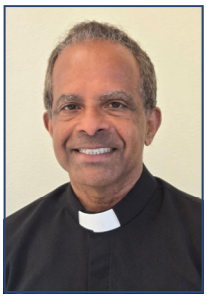
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026



Mission Statement

To hear the gospel and make a difference.

To live and love in Christ.



Dear Friends,

When I first heard that our school had chosen **"Joy and Laughter"** as this year's theme, I smiled. Not because it sounded easy, but because it sounded necessary.

We live in a world where childhood is no longer as carefree as it once was. Even our youngest children carry burdens that previous generations could scarcely imagine. They face academic pressures, social anxieties, family struggles, and the relentless pace of a digital world that rarely allows them to simply be children. They need a place where they discover that they are cherished, where they know they belong, where they feel safe enough to dream, to fail, to laugh, and to grow.

One of the most beautiful sounds in a school is not the ringing of the bell or the applause after an assembly. It is the sound of children laughing.

This week, after the quiet of summer, that beautiful sound returned to our campus. Once-empty hallways are alive again with cheerful voices, eager footsteps, bright smiles, and joyful laughter. It is a sound that reminds us that a school is never merely a collection of classrooms. It is a living community. We have missed our students very much, and it is a blessing to welcome them home.

More than a century ago, St. John Bosco, one of the greatest educators the Church has ever known, wrote these unforgettable words: **"It is not enough that children are loved; they must know that they are loved."** Those words remain the heart of every truly Catholic school.

Children come to know they are loved through countless ordinary moments: a teacher who greets them by name each morning; a smile after a disappointing test; patient encouragement when learning is difficult; a classmate who invites them into a game; an adult who pauses long enough to listen. These moments may seem small, but they shape a child's heart forever.



The renowned educator Rita Pierson once said, "Kids don't learn from people they don't like." She was reminding us that education is never merely the transfer of information. Before children open their minds, they first open their hearts. Joy, laughter, kindness, and genuine relationships create the environment where curiosity awakens, confidence grows, and learning becomes a lifelong adventure.

For us Christians, Joy is one of the characteristic marks of the Christian life.

The Gospel never presents joy as a luxury reserved for those whose lives are easy. It presents joy as the fruit of knowing Christ. The Scriptures capture this beautifully in one word: **"Blessed."**

Jesus begins the Beatitudes not by describing people who have comfortable lives, but people whose lives are anchored in God. The poor in spirit are blessed. Those who mourn are blessed. The merciful are blessed. The peacemakers are blessed. Why? Because their joy does not depend on circumstances. It depends on God.

Perhaps that is why one of the saddest contradictions we sometimes encounter is the unhappy Christian. We meet people who pray faithfully, attend Mass regularly, know the Scriptures well, yet seem burdened by constant frustration—upset with the world, disappointed in the Church, critical of fellow Christians, or weighed down by life's imperfections. Their faces rarely reflect the joy of the Gospel they proclaim.

Pope Francis once remarked that an evangelizer should never look like someone who has "just come back from a funeral." This is why I believe **"Joy and Laughter"** is much more than a school theme. It is a way of living the Gospel. As a parish let us adopt it as our motto for this year.

My hope is that every child who walks through our doors will discover not only how to read, write, solve problems, and succeed academically, but also how to live with a joyful heart rooted in Christ. And may every parent, every teacher, every parishioner, and every visitor who enters our campus encounter a community whose very spirit proclaims the Gospel: **"The Lord is here. We are loved. And that is a joy no one can take away."**

~Fr. Paulson

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Upcoming Mass Intentions

Aug. 24	Mon.	9:00am	Joseph Frank Almeida † Eleanor & Marie Christine Tan † Margaret Stark †
Aug. 25	Tues.	9:00am	Oli Leskowsky Aurora Diaz Michael Del Rosario
Aug. 26	Weds.	9:00am	Ricardo Cruz † Christy McGauran † Ernest Stark †
Aug. 27	Thurs.	9:00am	Janet Dickson † Lou McGauran † Joan & Eamonn Ginty
Aug. 28	Fri.	9:00am	Honey O'Leary †
Aug. 29	Sat.	9:00am	Marinelle Santos †
Aug. 29	Sat.	4:00pm	Donald Wijekoon † Leonardo Vocalan †
Aug. 29	Sat.	5:00pm SS	Rich Stewart †
Aug. 30	Sun.	7:30am	Jack Cardoza †
Aug. 30	Sun.	9:00am	Quyen Nguyen † Antone Duc Trinh †
Aug. 30	Sun	9:30am SS	CTK-SS Clergy & Staff
Aug. 30	Sun.	10:30am	Chauha Lu † Hung Nguyen † Boy Garcia † George Viani †
Aug. 30	Sun.	4:00pm	Frank O'Neill †



Need Prayer?

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



Upcoming Second Collections

August 30 - St. Vincent de Paul
September 6 - Catholic Education

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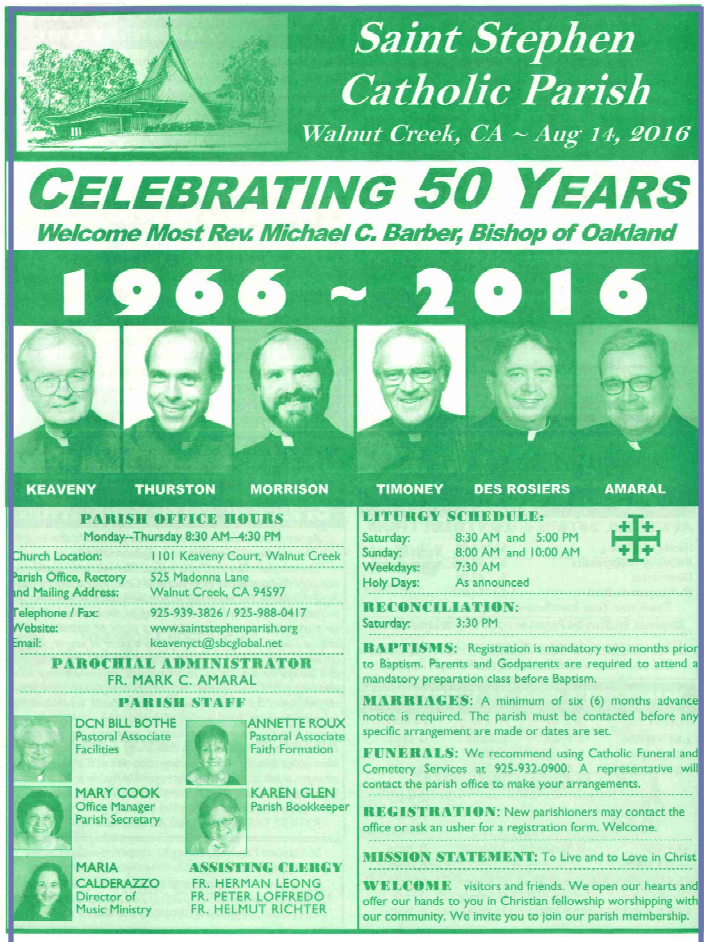
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is for the St. Vincent De Paul Society

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LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Weekdays: 7:30 AM

Holy Days: As announced

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:30 PM

BAPTISMS: Registration is mandatory two months prior to Baptism. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a mandatory preparation class before Baptism.

MARRIAGES: A minimum of six (6) months advance notice is required. The parish must be contacted before any specific arrangement are made or dates are set.

FUNERALS: We recommend using Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services at 925-932-0900. A representative will contact the parish office to make your arrangements.

REGISTRATION: New parishioners may contact the office or ask an usher for a registration form. Welcome.

MISSION STATEMENT: To Live and to Love in Christ

WELCOME visitors and friends. We open our hearts and offer our hands to you in Christian fellowship worshipping with our community. We invite you to join our parish membership.

As we continue to celebrate our Anniversary Years for Christ the King -St. Stephen Parish, see a little bit of history about St. Stephen Parish

Above is the front page of the bulletin in August 2016 for St. Stephen Church (all in green!)

And so it began. Established on July 1, 1966 by the first Bishop of Oakland, the Most Rev. Floyd Begin, the first Mass of St. Stephen Parish was celebrated on the first Sunday in Advent, November 27, 1966 in temporary accommodations.

After constructions was complete the first Mass held in the church was on September 11, 1971 by the first pastor, Msgr. Joseph Keaveny. And the rest is history.

Religious Education/ Faith Formation Registration

for the 2026-2027 School Year.



Grades K-5



Junior High Program



High School Confirmation

Register at **ctkph.org**





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Joyous Jubilee

Jubilee Celebration Dinner & Anniversary Recognition

Celebrating:

Sr. Dominic Marie – 50 Years – Dominican Sister
Fr. Brian Timoney – 70 Years Priestly Ministry
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

CELEBRATING 75 years 60 years
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Dinner Tickets $25/Person
Scan QR code to purchase tickets
Or call the CTK office

Grief 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 check-up during the holidays or an upcoming anniversary, there is a wonderful group of people waiting to support you. All are welcome.

Come once or often. You are not alone.
Please call Donna @ 510-381-3615
for information or to register.

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Join us in the celebration!

Check our anniversary website page to see how events develop and learn how you can take part in the plans we have underway.

Learn the histories of Christ the King and St. Stephen Church. Engage with fellow parishioners as we play, pray, sing and eat together while Celebrating 75 and 60 Years! We invite all of you to help us make this a great year by participating in many celebratory events.

Scan the QR Code to our
Anniversary Event Page

CTK-SS Weekly E-Newsletter "Staying Connected"

Do you receive our weekly newsletter from Christ the King - St. Stephen Parish? It is called "Staying Connected."

We send out a Wednesday Newsletter delivered straight to your email (only once a week). You will not receive any other email from us. Keep up to date on all the important events at CTK-St. Stephen. Go to **ctkph.org** and sign-up today!



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.



Members of the parish and their friends are invited to our Christ the King Italian Catholic Federation's Annual Ladies' Tea to be held on Saturday, August 29, at St. Stephen's Parish Hall from noon to 3 pm.

Join us for a delicious tea luncheon with beautifully decorated tables hosted by our members. Reservations are limited so send them in now to reserve your spot! Price for this fundraiser which supports our ICF charities is $55 for adults and $25 for children under 12. Contact Diana Mackinson for reservations and further information: **dijoed@comcast.net**.

Deadline is **Monday, August 24**.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder;
when he opens, no one shall shut,
when he shuts, no one shall open. (Is 22:22)

Psalm:
Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:
For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen. (Rom 11:36)

Gospel:
"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.
Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Mt 16:19)

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Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asks his apostles. Peter is the first to answer. He knows who Jesus is. Do we? In everything we do and everything we are, let us say together with Peter: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

Observances for the week of August 23, 2026

Sunday:	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Tuesday:	St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
Thursday:	St. Monica
Friday:	St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday:	The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Next Sunday:	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Information Meeting for Medicare
In CTK Parish Hall - Rooms A/B.
Offered Thursday at 10am
August 27

Are you turning 65?
Or just want to know a little bit more about Medicare?
Want to review and compare plans for the upcoming open enrollment?

Come and get all your questions answered.

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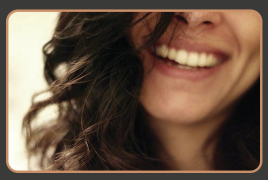

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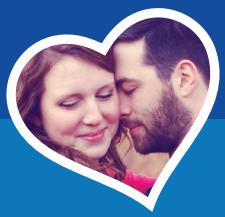
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