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Daily Mass Monday-Saturday

9am (Also Livestreamed)

Thursday

5:40pm Rosary, 6pm Mass
(Also 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
Monday - Friday 8am

Private Confessions

Saturday 3pm to 3:30pm
In the church

Drive-Thru Communion

11:30am to 12 noon
In front of the church

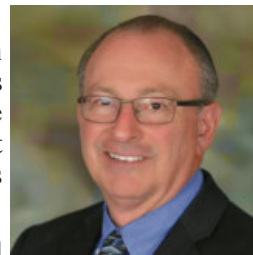
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Can be found at ctkph.org

“TO HEAR THE GOSPEL AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.”

Dear Parishioners:

As you may know, the Diocese of Oakland filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on Monday May 8th. This was expected as our Bishop, Michael Barber, had alerted us to this possibility in March. The bankruptcy filing is in response to the over 330 claims of sexual abuse by clergy in the 60's, 70's and 80's. These claims came about from a state law (AB218) that temporarily removed the statute of limitations on these types of suits to allow decades-old claims that otherwise would be time barred and expired.



The diocese is still quantifying the lawsuits filed but it became clear that the sheer number and amounts claimed would exceed the Diocese ability to satisfy the claims.

As stated in Bishop Barber's letter to parishioners...

"We made the filing because we believe this process is the best way to support a compassionate and equitable outcome for survivors of abuse, while ensuring we continue to provide the essential services and support so crucial to our parishioners and communities."

The bishop's full letter along with other information can be found at ctkph.org. Copies of the letter will be available in the vestibule if you wish to read Bishop Barber's full message.

So the obvious question is, what does this mean for Christ the King – St. Stephen Parish?

The bottom line is that this Chapter 11 filing should have no effect on our parish.

First. The scope of the filing is limited to the corporation sole called the Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland (RCBO). While we are under the RCBO corporate umbrella and within the scope of the filing, our daily operations, ministries, the celebration of sacraments and all other aspects of regular parish life are not affected.

We rely on our parishioners' donations to continue our work and ministries both within our parish and our community. Donations made to Christ the King – St. Stephen parish are dedicated to our parish and restricted to the purpose those donations were made. Donations that are made to the Bishop's Ministries Appeal, are also protected, and restricted to the stated purpose of this appeal. Designated gifts and donations are protected under state law and cannot be used to settle claims. No donations to our parish will be used for any bankruptcy purpose.

Second. While they are part of the Diocese, our school, St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic Charities, and Catholic Cemeteries are under a separate legal corporation and are not included in the Chapter 11 filing. Tuition payments, donations from school families, and donations from our parish to the school are not affected by this filing.

Third. Employment, salaries, and benefits of our employees are not affected. Employees will continue to be paid as usual.

Fourth. The Diocese will continue to administer health and welfare benefits, along with retiree programs, without interruption. Funds for these programs are held in trusts and can only be used for their specified purpose.

Lastly, the bankruptcy process should bring closure to the Diocese and our parishes from all abuse claims. The Diocese is taking responsibility for the damage done and working to provide survivors with some measure of peace and compassion.

Many years ago the Diocese enacted a zero-tolerance policy for sexual abuse, but we must remain vigilant. Please help ensure these terrible acts cannot happen again. Even if you are not an active volunteer or employee, consider taking part in our Virtus Safe Environment training. It is an online, self-paced course on recognizing and acting on suspicions of sexual abuse. It can provide a basis for you to talk with your children about what to look for and to let them know they can tell you anything that concerns them.

This training is required for anyone who serves in any of our ministries, but it is also available to any parishioner. To open the training go to virtusonline.org. If this is your first time, click on first time registrant to get started. If you do complete the training let the office know so we can update your parish record.

Finally, please keep in your prayers the people who have been harmed by sexual abuse, especially those individuals who suffered at the hands of people who were part of our Church.

Greg Thornbury

Chairman, CTK - St. Stephen Finance Council

UPCOMING CTK MASS INTENTIONS

May 15	Mon.	9:00am	Enrica Pascual
May 16	Tue.	9:00am	Anna & Martin Dias † Felix Herrera † Dody Abbott †
May 17	Wed.	9:00am	Mary Taggart †
May 18	Thurs.	9:00am	Clara Badong † Leonora Sumangil Keira Peralta
May 19	Fri.	9:00am	Katherine Bonnici † Charlie Bonham † Maria del Rosario
May 20	Sat.	9:00am	Todd Kettwig † Nandy Del Rosario †
May 20	Sat.	4:00pm	Lolita & Alex Rodriguez (50th Wedding Anniversary) Donna DiRicco
May 21	Sun.	7:30am	Jack Cardoza † Taggart Family
May 21	Sun.	9:00am	John Bonnici † Maria Lang Lam † Jimmy Lorenzi † Steffi Robert (Birthday Blessings)
May 21	Sun.	10:30am	James Kelly † Imelda Pasis † Peggy Burton † Nick Borba †
May 21	Sun	4:00pm	Angelica & Raechelle Astudillo Marcelino Dusaban

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



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

May 13	Sat.	5:00pm	Joanne Brady, Healing
May 14	Sun	9:30am	Lucille Williams †
May 17	Wed.	8:00am	Dan Vuletich, Birthday Blessings
May 19	Fri.	8:00am	Joselito Asuncion †
May 20	Sat.	5:00pm	St. Stephen Parishioners
May 21	Sun	9:30am	Marie Anne Deschatelets †

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

Next weekend, our 2nd Collection will be for Catholic Communications which helps the Church spread the Gospel message through media, such as radio and television programming and diocesan publications, locally and nationally.

Envelopes are available on the counters in the back of the church. Place your envelopes for this 2nd Collection in with the regular collection.

Next weekend is our last Coffee & Donuts for the season. We plan to resume again in the fall.

Office hours - Monday & Wednesday 11am-2pm





**Helping the Poor in
Our Community:
A Town Hall Meeting
Tuesday, May 23, 6:30pm to 8pm
CTK's Parish Hall**

Please join the Christ the King - St. Stephen Parish community for a town hall meeting to discuss ways in which our community can support people in need, following the closure of our on-campus food pantry.

Join us for a presentation by the St. Vincent de Paul staff regarding the needs of our community, and engage in a robust brainstorming session to explore ways in which we can answer the call to serve the poor.

This meeting will serve as a listening session for the Parish's Pastoral Council and the St. Vincent de Paul staff. We want to hear all of your ideas – big and small – about how we can support our brothers and sisters in need.

All are welcome. For meeting logistics and facilitation, we need to know how many people plan to participate. **Please register if you plan to attend at ctkph.org.**

This meeting will be held in-person only; there will not be a virtual/Zoom option.

If you have any questions, please contact CTK's office at 925-682-2486.



**Dress A Child Around the World
(Sewing Ministry)**

Dress A Child Around the World will conclude this year's sewing sessions on Wednesday, May 17th in the Parish Hall from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 pm.

If you're looking for a worthwhile endeavor and have a few hours a week to do something for others, please join us. We will have a summer break and then meet again on the 3rd Wednesdays starting in September. Our dresses and shorts are donated to the poor, disadvantaged, and/or children affected by disasters in the United States and to other countries around the world. To date we have completed over 16,000 dresses and 4,500 pairs of shorts. Donations of cotton fabric, notions, sewing machines, and trims are always welcome. For more information, call Carol Vogl at (925) 288-0488.



Parish Festival



**Fri., June 2 - 5 p.m. to 9 pm
Sat., June 3 - 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

**Games, Food, Entertainment,
Family Fun! Raising money for
our ministries and our school!**

CTKFestival.org

**Facebook at Christ the King Festival for our
entertainment line-up and food vendors!**

Donations needed:

Starbooks: books in good condition (no textbooks), CDs, and DVDs (no VHS) can be placed in the designated bin in front of the school by May 31st. We also need copy paper/office storage boxes with lids for book storage. Contact Suellen Noland at snnoland@hotmail.com with questions.

Gently used, clean stuffed animals: can be placed in the designated bin in front of the school by June 2nd in the morning.

Kid- focused prizes for gift baskets: contact Madeira Fountaine at deiradeira@hotmail.com for more information.

Baked Goods for Cake Walk: Contact Jacqueline Hanley jacchai@yahoo.com for more information.

Sponsorships: Contact Stacy York at stacyleeyork@gmail.com

Volunteers needed:

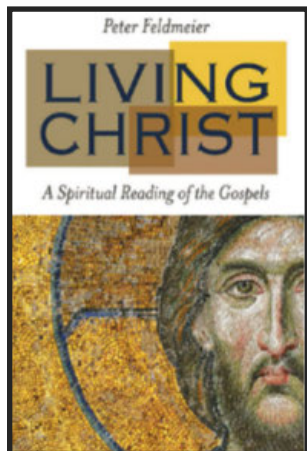
Starbooks: help sort books before Festival. Contact Suellen Noland at snnoland@hotmail.com to volunteer.

Game booths, ticket sales, set up, clean up:
signup.com/go/rfDzScz

Pre-orders:

Pre-order wristbands and wine tickets at a reduced rate and game tickets and **KOC's Ball Tip Combo Meal** on our website: **ctkfestival.org**. Pre-order discount ends May 26th. NO CASH will be accepted at Festival for wristbands or tickets. Skip the line and pre-order! Food vendors will accept cash.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



**Beginning Monday, May 15
10:30am in the Ministry Center Chapel**

Join us for a 6-week discussion of Peter Feldmeier's "Living Christ: A Spiritual Reading of the Gospels". We will begin on Monday, May 15th, at 10:30 in the Ministry Center Chapel. We will discuss, pp.1-24 (Mt: 1-7). The author suggests reading the entire gospel first. If you have questions, contact Jeannette Holmes at 925-286-1507.

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**The Hospitality Ministry is
looking for volunteers!**

Volunteers with a warm smile and welcoming heart are always needed.

The Hospitality Ministry coordinates church-wide special events when requested by the Pastor or a member of his staff.

Responsibilities include:

Arrange for food and supplies to be used at the event

Decorate for the event

Ministry team will serve as host and hostess

Set up and cleanup for events

Meet as needed to plan for the events

Ministry Contact: Sherry Cartmill at shars41547@gmail.com



**ICF Meeting
Tuesday, May 16 at 6pm
CTK's Parish Hall**

Italian Catholic Federation members and interested parishioners are invited to our next ICF meeting. Before our meeting at 6 pm sharp, dinner will be served. The menu will be pesto pasta, Italian sausage, green salad and dessert. Cost is \$15 for members \$20 for non members, and children under 10 are 1/2 price.

Please RSVP to Juliette at (925) 899-3673 or email her at cotetj@yahoo.com. Hope to see you there!

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then they laid hands on them
and they received the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:17)

Psalm:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

For Christ also suffered for sins once,
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,
that he might lead you to God.
Put to death in the flesh,
he was brought to life in the Spirit. (1 Pt 3:18)

Gospel:

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
And I will ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate to be with
you always,
the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept,
because it neither sees nor knows him." (Jn 14:15-17)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

If we love Christ, we will keep his
commandments, and the world will not accept us.
But we are not left orphans — God sends us an
Advocate. Come, Holy Spirit, and renew the face
of the earth!

Observances for the week of May 14, 2023

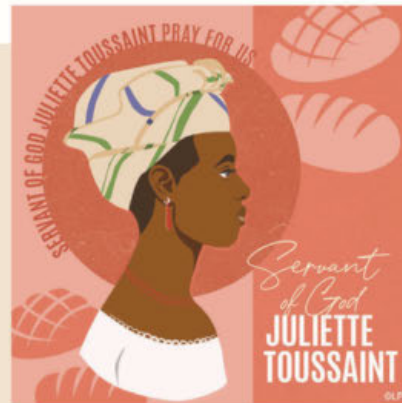
Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

Monday: St. Isidore

Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord; St. John I,
Pope and Martyr

Saturday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest; Armed
Forces Day

Next Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of
Easter; World Communications Day



Saint of the week

Servant of God Mari-Rose Juliette Toussaint, was originally born into slavery in Haiti and later freed in New York City as a young adult. Along with her husband, Venerable Pierre Toussaint, she is remembered for her incredible charity work inside and outside of the Church.

Prayer

Lord God, source of love and compassion, we praise and honor You for the virtuous and charitable life of our sister in Christ, Servant of God Mari-Rose Juliette Toussaint.

Inspired by the example of our Lord Jesus, Juliette worshipped You with love and served Your people with generosity. She attended Mass daily and responded to the practical and spiritual needs of friends and strangers, of the rich and the poor, the sick and the homeless of 19th century, New York.

If it is Your will, let the name of Mari-Rose Juliette Toussaint be officially raised to the rank of saint, so that the world may know this Haitian New Yorker who refused to hate and be bitter, but instead lived to the full commandments of heaven and the divine law of love — love for God and for neighbor. By following her example and asking for her prayer, may we, too, be counted among the blessed in heaven.

We ask for this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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