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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2020

Thus says the Lord:
All you who are thirsty,
come to the water!
You who have no money,
come, receive grain and eat;
Come, without paying
and without cost,
drink wine and milk!

Isaiah 55:1



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SS UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

August 6 7:30 am Ken & Pat Benevedes,
60th Anniversary Blessings
August 9 9:30 am Madeline Gomes †

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

Masses: Drive-in / lawn: schedule inside

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Aug. 3 9 am Don Johnson †
Aug. 4 9 am Paul Sbragia †
J.P. Sbragia-Zoricic †
Aug. 5 9 am Angie Sherwood †
Aug. 6 9 am Rosalina Lazaro †
Aug. 7 9 am Norman Gard †
6 pm Antonio Estacui †
Saturday, August 8
8 am Orlando Villanueva †
5 pm Nenita Lim †
***Sunday, August 9**
7 am Keith Perera
8 am Rae & Sam Iorfida †
9:15 am Catherine Wise †
10:45 am Tita Quintans †
12:15 pm CTK & SS Parishioners
6 pm Ignacio Aquino †

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

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Phil: 4: 6-7)



As we look into the future of our communities of CTK and Christ the King, I am very thankful for the many blessings God has bestowed on us. Some churches have essentially been forced into being online-only. We have opted for a combined alternative of online and in-person services (outdoors). I have come to the conclusion that we are transitioning through a time of uncertainty for the long term, and so we must prepare to face challenges ahead. Our staff and our parish leadership team have been creative and open, resourceful and diligent.

Online services seem to have actually increased attendance. We're actually getting people from throughout the world. We find that we're getting higher views than we've had at worship. Many of you have told me that it's a lot less intimidating to watch from home, from the comfort of your couch. Right now, we have an opportunity to increase *digital* touch points.

Making sure our church looks good online is a challenging task. "So many churches are using Facebook Live, so the joke is that Jesus broke the Internet on Sunday," someone said. At this juncture, in order to minister effectively, we need to invest into better technology. We are looking at incorporating more technology into our regular routine, creating a "new normal." So far we had iPhones operated mostly by your pastor, but now with enhanced technology, we need cameramen who will need to be adequately trained.

Many parishioners as well as visitors from nearby cities have attended our outdoor services and have been very positive about them. Right now, we offer 5 outdoor services at CTK and one Sunday morning service at St. Stephen on the weekend. In addition to these, multiple outdoor baptisms and funerals are also offered. As we move into summer and fall, we are working on having more shaded areas close to the improved outdoor sanctuary.

At this time, we need to make an investment into technology and enhanced outdoor space. I am asking those of you who are blessed by God to make a gift to this fundraising. We'd like to raise \$25,000.00 for this intention. You have been very generous and I am so grateful. Let us get ready for summer and the fall, with enhanced online presence as well as comfortable and convenient outdoor space, where we can attend church in a safe and reverent way. This will benefit our outdoor masses, baptisms, funerals, bible study and faith formation of children and adults.

There is also an effort underway right now by our staff to update our parish records. There are so many of our parishioners who are missing out on our weekly updates. Please help us keep our records current. Let us know if you **move**, get a **new phone number**, change your **email address** or have a different way you wish to be contacted. We would also like to keep our records up-to-date concerning the members of your household. Any significant changes to your household or status (single, married, widowed, divorced etc.) let us know. We do try to keep up, but sometimes the only person to tell us about these changes is you. So I kindly ask you to complete the form included in this communication. You will likely also receive a phone call from our staff in the coming weeks. We don't share your information with anyone including the Diocese of Oakland. Thank you.

Fr. Paulson

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First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

Today's reading is from a part of the book of Isaiah written when the Jewish people were exiled in Babylon. This section is often referred to as the "book of comfort" because of the encouragement it gives. Today's passage is a glorious finale to this "book of comfort". Poor people are being invited to a sumptuous banquet.

Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Today's reading concludes the eighth chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans. This chapter reflects on the salvation brought about by God in and through Jesus. Paul concludes this section with a jubilant hymn that celebrates the love of God expressed in Christ.

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.

St. Stephen Updates

The funeral for Gert Christensen (age 100 and long time St. Stephen parishioner) 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.

Our new **updated website** is now live. Come visit us at saintstephenparish.org.

We also have new outdoor speakers with stands to get them up off the ground (being on the ground helped muffle the sound). Everybody could be heard beautifully at Mass on Sunday. Two tents have been set up on the lawn to give you some shade for those bringing their lawn chairs.

Continue praying for Maria Caldeazzo and Mike Milani. Hopefully they will both be joining us back at Mass soon.



CTK Parish Registration Update!

As mentioned in Fr. Paulson's letter, 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 gotten rid of 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!

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.



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 of our parish who received their First Holy Communion!

June 20, 2020

Nicholas Biggers	Javier Bothwell	Sebastian Castillo
Chloe Davitiani	Nicholas Davitiani	Isabella Fischer
Gabriel Costa	Sean Gorman	Elyn Healy
Tanner Hyatt	Aren Melaas	Hudson Memro
Maeve Mullen	Jett Nery	Zion Omole
Austin Outland	Elizabeth Salmon	Will Scarborough
Sean Stephenson	Eliana Suarez	Bradley Urmson
Gary Wareckiy	Brady Wilson	

June 27, 2020

Tyler Brinker	Gabrielle Castro	Carson Cote
Kate Dalske	August Della Maggiore	Lucas Gonzalez
Harper Farrar	Dylan Hall	Lila Johnson
Dilynn Kuiper	Dominic Landini	Amelia Lastrico
Richard Matthews	Diego Montoyo-Armendariz	Rory Nolan
Nathan Patania	Paolina Rabbach	Roman Rabbach
Antonio Rongquillo-Clemente		Lorelie Santos
Elliana VanAntwerp	Levi Young	

Congratulations to the first two groups of First Communicants! Next week we will list the names from the following two weeks.

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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