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March 29, 2026

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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)

Private 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

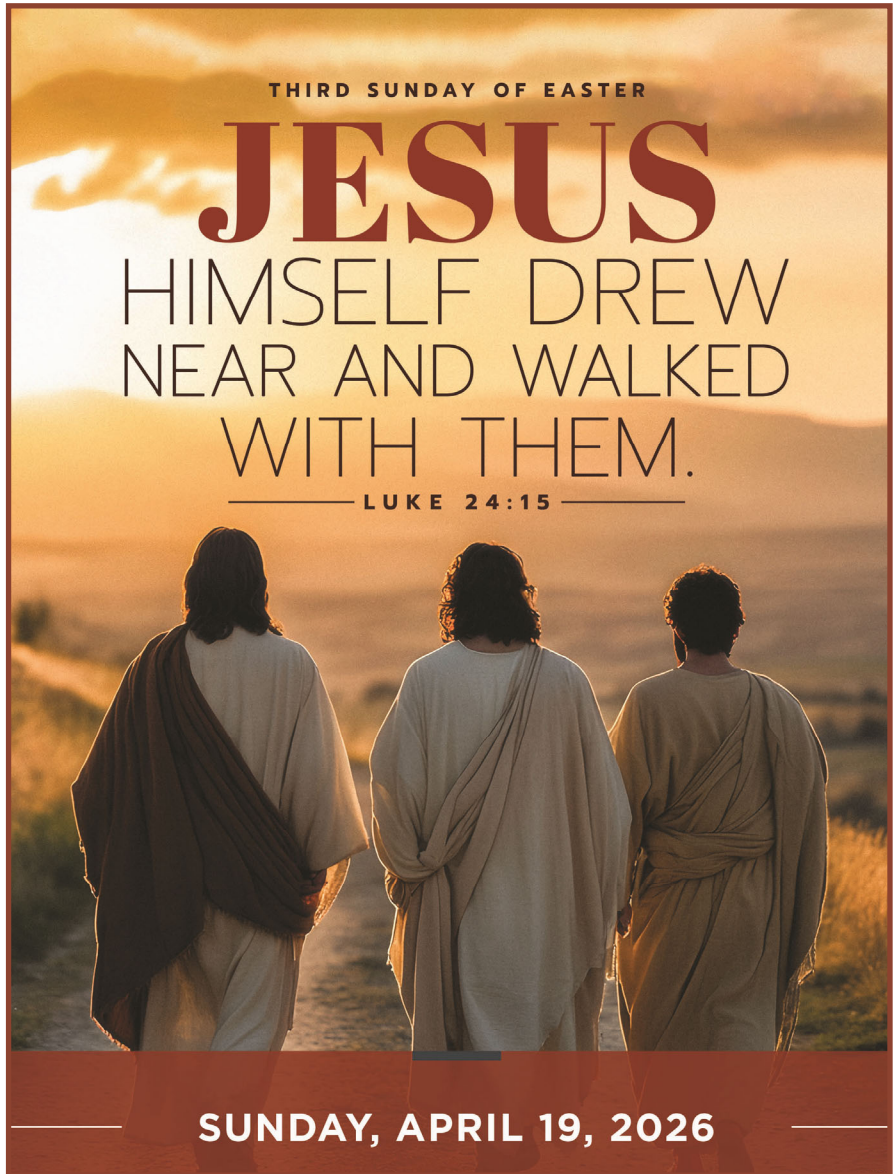
Sunday: 9:30am

Private Confessions

Saturday Before the 5pm Mass

Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday 11am to 2pm



Mission Statement

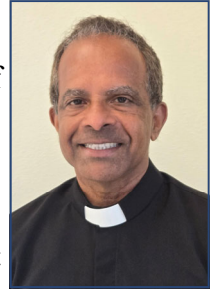
To hear the gospel and make a difference.

To live and love in Christ.

Dear Friends,

As we continue our journey into the **Third Week of Easter**, we remain in the radiant light of the Resurrection—a season not just to remember that Christ is risen, but to recognize that He is alive and at work among us.

The Gospel of these days reminds us that the Risen Lord comes into our midst, often quietly, gently—even behind closed doors—and says: *“Peace be with you.”* That peace is not abstract; it takes flesh in our lives, in our choices, and in the way we love.



This Easter, I have seen that peace made visible in a very real and powerful way here at **Christ the King – St. Stephen Parish**. Our parish is hosting several families through the **Winter Nights program in our Gym**, offering shelter, safety, and dignity to those experiencing homelessness. What a beautiful sign of hope this is—not just something we speak about, but something we live.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our Winter Nights Leadership team, the many ministries, volunteers, and families who are accompanying our guests with such generosity and care. Your acts of love are many and meaningful—providing nourishing meals, sharing fellowship, supporting children with tuition and encouragement, organizing games, and creating activities that foster joy, peace, and a sense of belonging.

You are not simply offering services—you are building relationships. You are restoring dignity. You are creating moments where laughter replaces anxiety, where children feel safe, and where hope quietly begins again. You are truly honoring the Risen Christ.

In a special way, we are reminded that care for the poor is not optional in the Christian life. As Pope Leo XIV has emphasized, caring for the homeless and the poor is a cornerstone of the Church’s mission—not merely an act of charity, but a non-negotiable expression of our faith. Rooted in God’s “preferential option for the poor,” we are called not only to serve, but to seek justice, to lift burdens, and to ensure that the dignity of every person is protected.

This call echoes the great cry of the Old Testament, the rallying voice of liberation in the Book of Exodus: *“Let my people go.”* It is the cry of a God who sees suffering, hears the oppressed, and acts. In our own time, that cry continues—in the lives of those who seek shelter, dignity, and a chance to begin again. And we, as Easter people, are called to be part of God’s answer.

Easter faith is not only about the empty tomb—it is about hearts made full:

- Full of compassion instead of indifference,
- Full of generosity instead of fear,
- Full of hope instead of despair.

To each one of you who is part of this mission—thank you. You are living witnesses to the Resurrection. Let us continue to be a parish that does not close its doors, but opens them wider. Let us be a community where the Risen Christ is not only proclaimed—but encountered.

Christ is Risen! He is truly Risen! Alleluia!

~Fr. Paulson

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UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Apr. 20	Mon.	9:00am	Gladys Ruffinella † Edgardo Z. Villanueva †
Apr. 21	Tues.	9:00am	Michael Salvatore Hotting † Linda Del Rosario † Eugene & Lorraine Planta
Apr. 22	Weds.	9:00am	Jim Pugh †
Apr. 23	Thurs.	9:00am	Aurora Jimenez † Pat Nguyen † Grace & Mark McFetridge
Apr. 24	Fri.	9:00am	Florence Jimenez † Karen Kurpinsky † Dolores Collins † Francis Virgil Reyes †
Apr. 25	Sat.	9:00am	Matthew Tran †
Apr. 25	Sat.	4:00pm	Pacifico & Lela Torres † Leonardo & Gloria Torres † Alberto & Agapita Moises † Alberto & Edmunda Espinoza † Bridget & Angie Torres
Apr. 25	Sat.	5:00pm SS	CTK-SS Parishioners
Apr. 26	Sun.	7:30am	Jack Cardoza †
Apr. 26	Sun.	9:00am	Kathy Gannon-Briggs †
Apr. 26	Sun.	9:30am SS	Santiago Castillo †
Apr. 26	Sun.	10:30am	Fred Dickson † Elizabeth Folin † G. Victoria Knight- Trowbridge
Apr. 26	Sun.	4:00pm	Matthew Schubring †



Need Prayer?

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



Upcoming Second Collections

April 19 - Bishop's Appeal
April 26 - Hospitality
May 3 - Catholic Education



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**Italian Catholic Federation
\$1,000 Catholic High School
Scholarship.**

CTK-SS Parish branch of the ICF is offering two, \$1,000 Scholarships to 8th grade students attending a Catholic High School in the fall of 2026. Applications are at the CTK school and parish office, CTK church vestibule and the St. Stephen vestibule. The application deadline is April 22nd. Questions? desireeramos611@gmail.com

LOST & FOUND

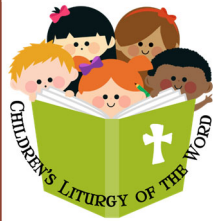
A Note from St. Stephen Office:

We have acquired a number of lost items at St. Stephen, especially during the months that all Masses were here. **Next Sunday, April 25-26**, we will be doing a bit of Spring Cleaning. All "Lost and Found" items will be displayed on a table in the back of the church. Please stop by and claim your missing treasures.



Coffee & Donuts Return this weekend!

We're happy to welcome back coffee and donuts for the spring season. Please join us after all Sunday morning Masses for fellowship, refreshments, and community.



Children's Liturgy of the Word is Back on Sunday, April 26!

At the 9:00 a.m. Mass, children will have the opportunity to join a special Children's Liturgy. They will listen to the readings of the day in an interactive, child-friendly way so they can better understand God's Word and strengthen their faith.

CLOW details

Time: Designated Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Mass
Ages: 4 years old - 4th Grade

No registration necessary.

Questions? Mea McGraw - mauld20@gmail.com



CTK-SS Vacation Bible Camp 2026 (Christ the King Campus)

Children will explore the nature of God through art, science, Bible stories, outdoor fun, and more!

June 29 - July 2
8:30am - 12:00pm

Campers (Grades K-6),
Student Counselors, (Grades 7-12)
Adult Volunteers (18 & Ups)



Scan the QR Code to register.
Registration now open.



EARTH DAY!

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Wednesday, April 22

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Saturday | May 2, 2026

5:30 pm

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Projectionists Needed for Masses! Join the Ministry!

- Easy training provided.
- Less than one hour to learn
- A meaningful way to serve
- We are still in need of volunteers at St. Stephen for the Saturday 5pm and Sunday 9:30am Masses.
- Contact Deacon Wynn: wnorona@ctkph.org



Sewing Ministry

This month our sewing ministry will meet on Weds. April 29th from 9am to 12:30pm in CTK's parish hall.

New members are always welcome. Come join us! We have fun, enjoy being creative in the dresses and shorts made for girls and boys in need around the world; and we are truly a sisterhood of sewers. Of course, monetary donations, along with cotton fabric and sewing machines are always welcome and sincerely appreciated.

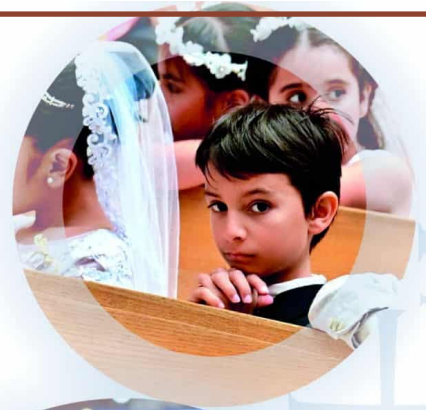
For more information: Pam Beil: pambeil@yahoo.com or Pam DeBernardi: pdeber@hotmail.com

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2026 Oakland Diocese - Bishop's Ministries Appeal.

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Sustain Our Family: Provide meals and shelter to those in need, ensuring comfort and stability for the most vulnerable members of our community.

Build Our Future: Support seminarian formation and vocations, nurturing the next generation of priests to lead us in faith and service.

Heal Our Members: Offer counseling and spiritual resources to those facing personal trials, fostering healing and renewed purpose.

Empower Our Mission: Enrich the faith formation of our youth, inspiring them to grow in Christ and lead our Church into the future.

Every gift multiplies across our parishes, schools, and outreach programs. Together, as one diocesan family, we are shaping the future of the Church in the East Bay. Your generosity ensures that our mission remains vibrant and that our faith continues to reach every heart. **Thank you for your generosity!**



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Join us every Friday in CTK's Ministry Center Chapel for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

All are welcome to come and spend quiet time in prayer and reflection.



Dance Ministry Learn to Line Dance!

Next Date:
Thursday - April 30
7pm to 9pm
CTK's Parish Hall

7:00pm - Dance Lesson (Line Dancing)
7:30pm - Faith/Community Building
8:00pm - Dance, Dance, Dance
For more information, contact Deacon Nelson at ngonzales@ctkph.org



In 2023, more than **47 million** people in the United States experienced food insecurity,

including 1 in 10 children. Nutrition assistance programs like SNAP and WIC help families weather short-term hardship, support mothers and babies, and protect the health and development of future generations.

YOU CAN HELP

Join Bread for the World's **Offering of Letters** to urge your members of Congress to make ending hunger a top priority
Christ the King - St. Stephen's after all masses April 25 & 26

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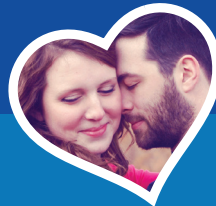
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