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AUGUST 30, 2026 | TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses -CTK

Saturday | 4pm Vigil also livestreamed
Sunday | 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, & 4pm
10:30am Mass is also livestreamed

Weekend Masses -St. Stephen

Saturday | 5pm Vigil
Sunday | 9:30am

9am Daily Mass Schedule

St. Stephen
Monday, Wednesday & Friday
Christ the King
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday

Confession

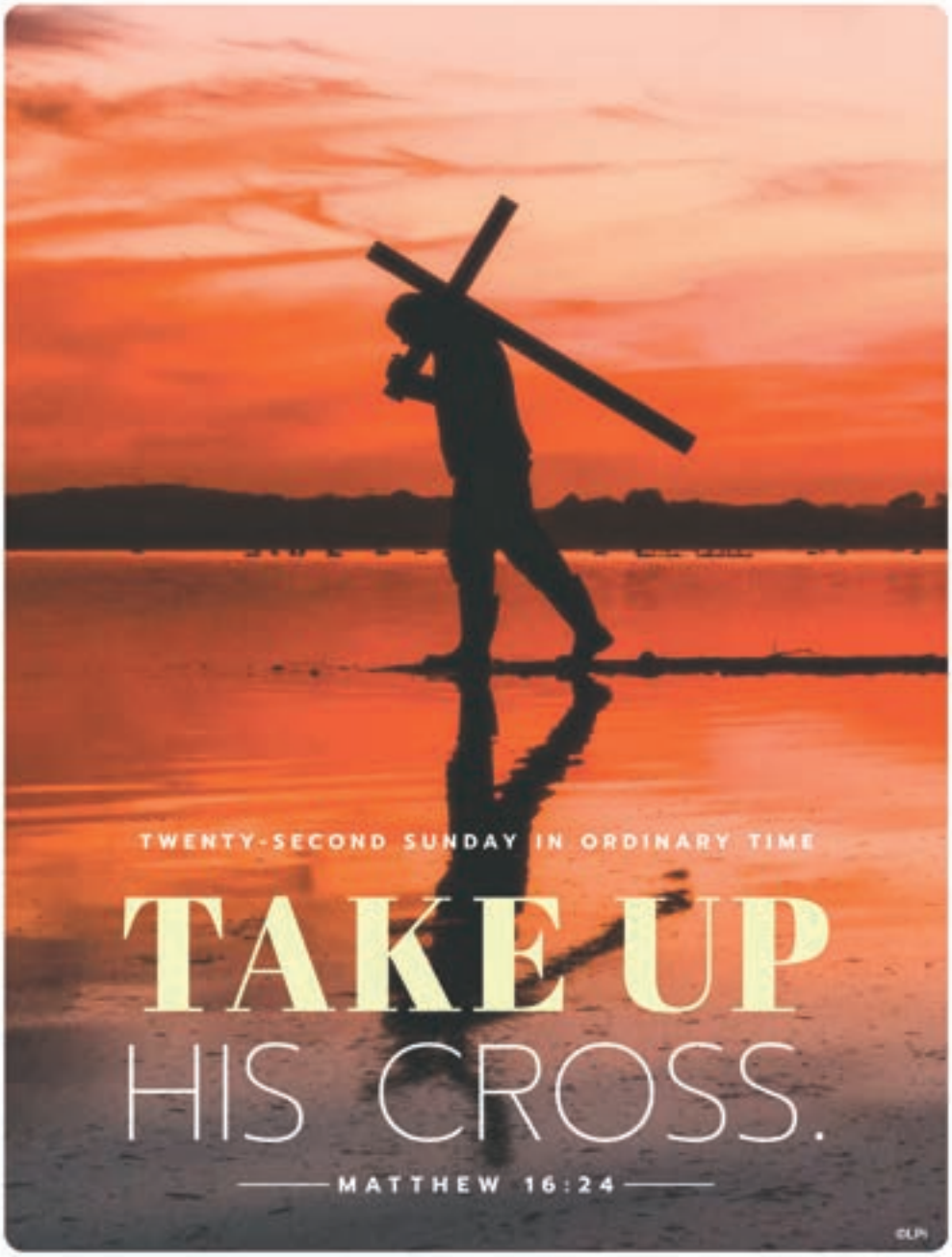
Christ the King | Saturday 3pm-3:30pm
St. Stephen | Saturday 4:30pm
Other | By Appointment

GET IN TOUCH

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ctkph.org
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Our Mission Statements

To Hear the Gospel and Make A Differnce
To Live and Love In Christ

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Friends,

If I were asked what ministry the Church needs most today, I might answer with a surprising word: **Encouragement.**

We live in an age of unprecedented communication, yet many people have never felt more alone. We have social media but little community. We have opinions everywhere but words of encouragement are becoming increasingly rare. People carry burdens we cannot see: anxiety, depression, loneliness, financial worries, family struggles, illness, grief, and uncertainty about the future.

Most people who walk through the doors of our church are fighting a battle we know nothing about. That is why encouragement has become one of the greatest acts of Christian charity.

One of the greatest blessings I have experienced in serving as your pastor is that you are an encouraging parish. So many of you take the time to send me a note, write an email, stop me after Mass, or simply say, "Father, you're doing a good job," or "Keep up the good work, Padre." Others assure me of their prayers or thank me for a homily, a visit, or a small act of kindness.



You may think those words are simple, but they are not. They mean far more than you realize. There are days in every priest's life when the responsibilities are heavy, decisions are difficult, and the road seems long. During those moments, your words of encouragement have often done for me what Aaron and Hur did for Moses. As long as they held up Moses' weary arms, the people of Israel prevailed (Exodus 17:8–13). In much the same way, your prayers, your kindness, and your affirmation have held up my arms during challenging times and given me the strength to keep moving forward. For that, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Encouragement Is a Biblical Ministry. One of the first things we learn about the early Church is that encouragement was considered a vocation. Joseph, a disciple from Cyprus, was given a new name by the apostles: **Barnabas**, which means **"Son of Encouragement."** (Acts 4:36) Imagine that being your nickname. When everyone feared Saul because of his past, Barnabas welcomed him and introduced him to the apostles (Acts 9:26–27). Later, when young John Mark failed and Paul wanted to leave him behind, Barnabas gave him another chance (Acts 15:36–39). Encouragement shaped the early Church.

- As St. Paul reminds us: **"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as indeed you are doing."** (1 Thessalonians 5:11).
- Mother Teresa once said: **"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."** One sentence can change someone's day. Sometimes someone's life.
- St. John Bosco believed young people flourished through encouragement rather than fear. He famously said: **"It is not enough that children are loved; they must know that they are loved."** Encouragement makes love visible.
- St. Thérèse of Lisieux, The Little Flower teaches us that **holiness is found in little things. An encouraging smile. A patient word. A note of gratitude. A quiet compliment.** These are often the hidden works of mercy.

My prayer is that Christ the King–St. Stephen Parish will always be known as a community that builds people up rather than tears them down—a parish where encouragement is not the exception but a way of life, and where every person leaves feeling a little more hopeful than when they arrived.

Fr. Paulson

MASS INTENTIONS

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Monday, August 31
9:00am | Honey O'Leary †
Tuesday, September 1
9:00am | Kenneth Tolibas †
9:00am | Maria Fe Catalan
Wednesday, September 2
9am | Gwen Watson †
Thursday, September 3
9:00am | Virgil Lawrence†
9:00am | Maria Natale †
9:00am | Cynthia & Roger Gapasin
Friday, September 4
9:00am | Quyen Nguyen †
9:00am | Matthew Schubring †
9:00am | Ismael Colmenar †

Saturday, September 5
9:00am | Bella Dizon
9:00am | Marie Del Rosario
4:00pm | Henry Gaughler, Sr. †
4:00pm | Larry Menzhuber †
5:00pm | (SS) CTK-SS Parishioners
Sunday, September 6
7:30am | Jack Cardoza †
9:00am | Michael, Hannah, & Maureen O'Neill †
9:00am | Lucciano Castillo †
9:30am | (SS) Ivy Agustin & Christian Agustin †
10:30am | Sarah Schiell †
4:00pm | Elizabeth Siah Nguyen †
4:00pm | Eugenia Caimol †



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

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

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SECOND COLLECTIONS

August 30 -
St. Vincent de Paul

September 6 -
Catholic Education

September 13 -
Diocesan Priest Retirement

NEWS & EVENTS

OCIA

Interested in becoming Catholic?
Or getting confirmed?
OCIA kicks off on September 10.

Mark your calendar – our OCIA process kicks off at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall/Rooms A/B. Whether you are interested either:

- ***OCIA: Becoming Catholic Program*** or
- ***OCIA: Adult Confirmation***

Come to register or just explore without commitment. Learn more about each program.

The OCIA process accompanies interested adults in a faith journey that typically results in full initiation in the Church – including Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

Interested? Questions? Email Tom Bobich at OCIA@ctkph.org.



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.

JOIN US FOR A

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

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

Religious Education/ Faith Formation Registration

for the 2026-2027 School Year.



Grades K-5



Junior High Program



High School Confirmation

Register at **ctkph.org**

NEWS & EVENTS



COFFEE & DONUTS ARE BACK THIS FALL!

Beginning **Sunday, Sept. 13**, join us for coffee, donuts, and fellowship on the patio after all Sunday morning Masses.

Come enjoy a treat, catch up with friends, and spend some time with our parish community.
We look forward to seeing you!



FUNERAL USHERS:

If you would like to serve occasionally as a greeter/usher for funerals ~ please contact Sr. Dominic Marie at 925-246-1122 or

sisterdominic.marie@gmail.com

FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH:

Do you enjoy arranging flowers? If 'yes' consider doing the flower arrangements for the church on a rotation basis; once every 8 weeks. Please contact Sr. Dominic Marie at 925-246-1122 or

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Your Sponsorship Makes the Fun Possible

We are inviting local businesses to sponsor the children's carnival rides and help ensure that this cherished tradition continues for another generation of CTK children and families. Your support will directly help us bring the rides back to the festival—and create the kind of childhood memories that stay with our kids long after the weekend is over. The CTK Festival isn't just a fundraiser. It's a celebration of our children, our families, and our community.

In addition to the carnival rides, the festival also features live music, food vendors, games for all ages, and family-friendly entertainment, creating a special weekend where our community can come together and celebrate. All festival proceeds support faith formation and values education programs that serve more than 2,000 children through our K–8 Catholic School, Religious Education programs, and Teenage Youth Ministry.

Email: christthekingfestival@gmail.com

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED AND VOLUNTEERED AT OUR PARISH PICNIC OVER THE WEEKEND













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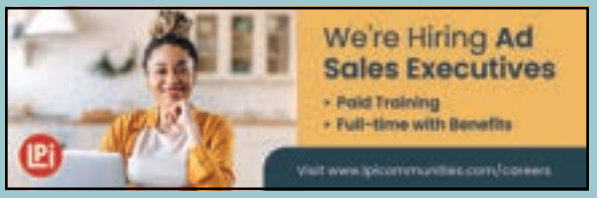
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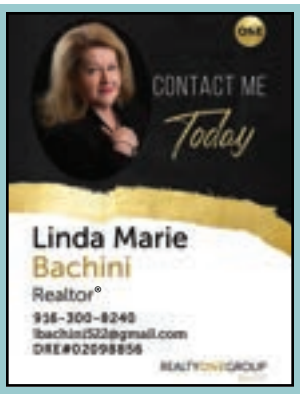
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