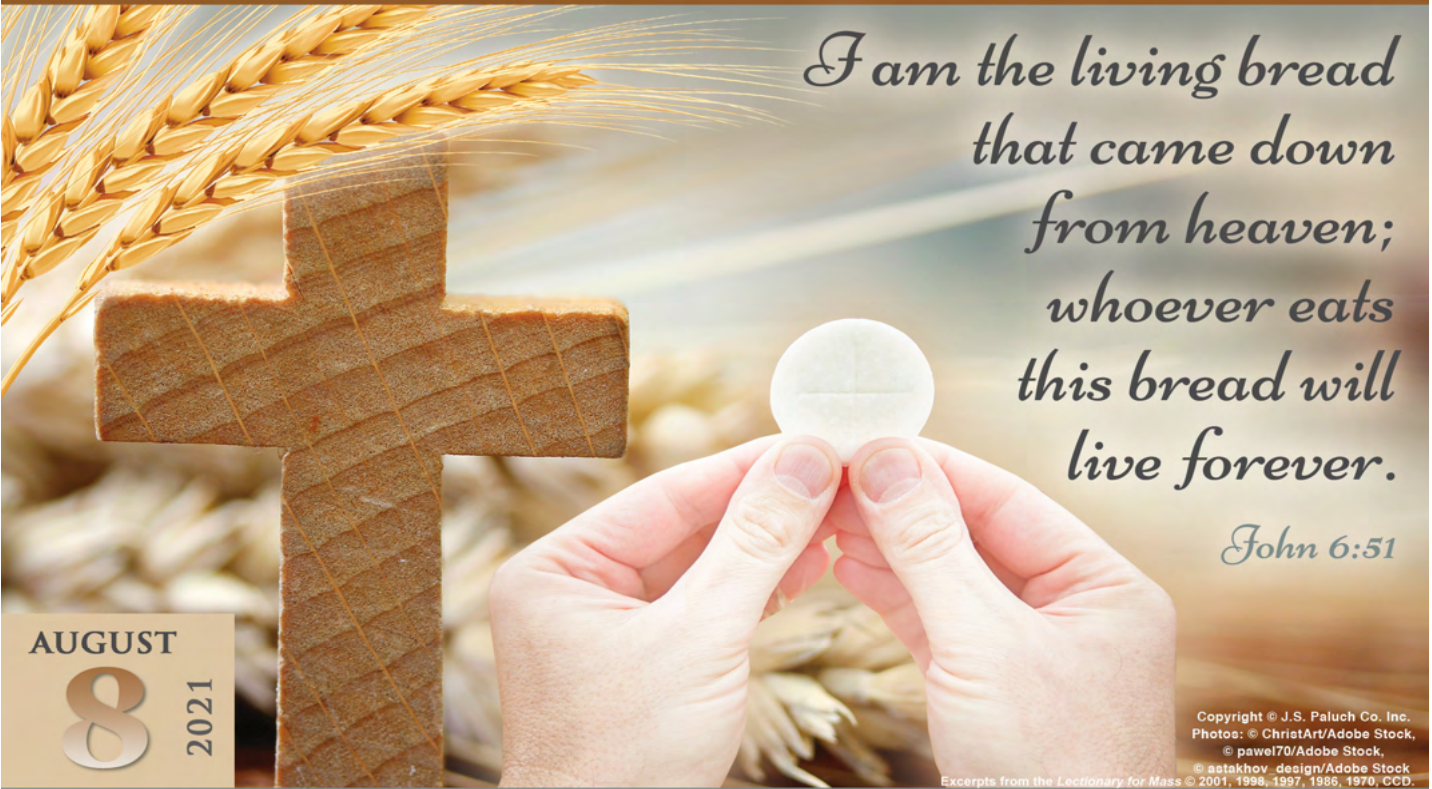


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*I am the living bread
that came down
from heaven;
whoever eats
this bread will
live forever.*

John 6:51

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CTK WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF MASSES

CTK: Monday - Saturday:

9 am Mass ~ Live streamed on facebook/YouTube

6 pm Thursday Mass ~ includes devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Christ The King Weekends:

Saturdays ~ 3 pm - 3:30 pm Private Confessions are available.
Please meet inside the church.

Saturdays ~ 4 pm Vigil Mass (live-streamed)

Sundays ~ 7:30 am, 9 am, 10:30 am (live-streamed), and 4 pm Mass.

We also offer Drive through Communion from
11:30 am - 12 pm Sundays in front of the church.

All Masses are now indoors!

Per Contra Costa Health Orders, August 2, 2021, face coverings are now mandatory in all indoor areas regardless of vaccination status. Thanks for your cooperation.

Dear Friends,

Contra Costa County has issued an order to wear masks while indoors from Tuesday the 3rd of August. The order requires all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, to wear face coverings in public settings when indoors. "We must act now to protect ourselves, our loved ones and our community. If you are eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccine and have not yet done so, please do not wait any longer," said Dr. Chris Farnitano, health officer for Contra Costa. "During July the number of hospitalized COVID-19 patients in our county increased 400%. Four out of five of the COVID patients we see are not vaccinated, even though only one out of five Contra Costa adults are not vaccinated." Thank you for your immediate consideration. Remember that the small step of wearing masks is a way to show our love for our neighbor.

As I stated last week, if you prefer to attend mass from the patio of the church that would be fine. If you decide to continue to do drive-through Communion from 11.30am to 12.00 noon, that would be fine, too. Your safety is important to us. Let us continue to pray that God bless our communities of faith especially our children who will be back to school in a couple of weeks.

Starting next Sunday August 15th, Bishop Barber will do away with the dispensation - from the obligation to attend weekend Masses. He had granted that dispensation when the pandemic began. Bishop Barber wrote, "Our solemn obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation will come back into force in the Diocese of Oakland on Sunday, August 15, 2021, the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven." I have not heard anything new from the diocese about the dispensation in the context of the new surge.

As with other difficult pandemic-related decisions, individual parishioners will have to decide for themselves when they feel safe going back to church. Bishop Barber did enumerate a number of valid reasons when an individual will decide not to go back to Sunday Mass. Each individual will have to make his or her own decision about what is the right moment to go to work, to school and to church. Everyone has to decide that with their own conscience. And then, feel good about the good decision you made.



Let us keep our Carondelet Sisters in our prayers and thoughts. I am sure some of you are aware of the transitions taking place at St. Joseph of Carondelet Center in Los Angeles. In October 2019, the Getty Fire devastated the area around the Center, underscoring the difficulties involved with the emergency evacuation of sisters who reside there and receive the highest levels of skilled nursing care. The province has decided to move their skilled nursing care to a safer location. On July 15, that plan became reality as the first sisters moved from Carondelet Center to their new home at St. John of God

Care Center, a licensed facility in downtown Los Angeles.

You will know some of these sisters pictured here, including Sr. Timothy Anne Daly, Sr. Kathy Lang, Sr. Marcela Fabing, Sr. Joanna Bramble and Sr. Mary Ellen Kowalski, to name a few who worked in the Bay Area. If you want to send cards of support, I am sure they will appreciate receiving them. Please do keep the sisters in your prayer during this transition for 24 sisters. The sisters are in the midst of making many important decisions about relocating a number of their ministries including their provincial leadership Center to another location. The Sisters of Carondelet mean a lot to us at CTK, as they have blessed this community with their presence and ministry. We are still being blessed by the sisters in so many ways. Here is the address of the new Nursing Facility: St. John of God Retirement Center, 2468 S. St. Andrews Pl. Los Angeles, CA 90018.

I would like to invite you all to participate online or in person in our First Friday devotion on the 6th of August. We will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 6.00pm followed by Mass at 7.30pm. We need God's mercy on all of us at this time. God bless you.

Fr. Paulson

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 8, 2021

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

The prophet Elijah lived about 800 years before Christ. Because he was loyal to God, he fell into disfavor with King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. He had to flee for his life to Mt. Horeb (also known as Mt. Sinai). Today's passage takes place at the beginning of his flight.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2

This part of the letter to the Ephesians contains practical advice for Christian living. The author says that actions which cause division in a community are simply unacceptable. In today's reading, mutual forgiveness is seen as essential for any group that calls itself Christian. There is an echo here of part of the Lord's prayer.

CTK UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

August 9 Keith & Yvonne Perera
Tita Quintans †
August 11 Siluvai Santiago †
August 12 Lucky Dias †
Gary Gordon Gilbert †
August 13 Wilfredo Orpiano †
Carol Anderson †

Saturday, August 14 and Sunday August 15

Irma Lee †
Harry McElroy †
Maria Mai Ly †

*2022 Mass Book is now available for intention requests

Flower Lovers

If you enjoy arranging flowers and would like to do so for our church - please contact Sr. Dominic at sisterdominic.marie@gmail.com or 925-246-1122. You would be on a rotation of once every 7-8 weeks.



ST. STEPHEN CORNER

St. Stephen Church-Mass Times

Saturday - 5pm ~ Indoor

Sunday - 9:30am ~ Indoor



SS UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

August 7 Norma Jarama †
August 8 Jerry Hinckley †
August 12 Kathryn Draper †
August 14 Jim Vranesh †
August 15 Jerry Hinckley †

Face masks are once again required if you are indoors, regardless of vaccination status. If you forget your mask when coming to Mass, you can find extras on the bulletin boards by the entrance, or ask an usher for one.

Catholic Women Preacher Crystal Catalan preaches on this coming Sunday, the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.



Crystal is a restorative justice practitioner, leading Bible studies, holding circles, and prayer services at the local correctional facility as a chaplain, for both the women's and men's units.

She has led numerous workshops and delivered talks for Confirmation and retreat programs, the Ignatian Solidarity Network, Catholic Mobilizing Network, youth and young adult ministries, and trainings in partnership with Catholic Relief Services. She has over 10 years of experience coordinating and leading immersion trips for youth and adults, and enjoys learning about new cultures and increasing our capacity for global solidarity.

<https://catholicwomenpreach.org>



Religious Education News!

Summer is planning time, and we need your help! If you have a child in grades 1 through 12 whom you plan to enroll in Religious Education, Youth Group or Confirmation programs, please do so now. If you're praying about becoming a catechist, we'd like to talk to you as well. To get any of the forms you might need for any of these programs, contact us: faithformation@ctkph.org.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Designed for three groups of people: 1.) those who were never Baptized; 2.) those who were Baptized in another Christian denomination; and, 3.) those who were Baptized in the Catholic faith, but did not receive the sacraments of Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. Whatever your situation is, Christ the King's RCIA team invites you to join us. Meetings will begin soon, and we're excited to answer your questions. Please email Deacon John at faithformation@ctkph.org so an RCIA Team member can contact you.

Offertory Envelopes will be available in the church for pickup beginning August 15. If you are unable to come to the church, we can have them available for you in the parish office. Call Kathy at the office 682-2486 to arrange pick-up.



Diablo Valley Literacy Council Volunteer Opportunity

Literacy Tutor Training October 2 & October 9

If you are 18 years or older, enjoy working with people, like to learn (or share) knowledge of other cultures with an interest in literacy then DVLC has a place for you! As a tutor you will help ESL (English as a Second Language) students from other countries learn to speak, read and write the English language. October 2 and 9, 2021 is the opportunity to connect - learn how to start, materials to use, how to begin and so much more. Find out more at 925-685-3881 or email at dvlc4esl@gmail.com.

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