

Christ the King and St. Stephen Parishes

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saintstephenparish.org

ONE OF THE LEPERS,
REALIZING HE HAD BEEN HEALED,
RETURNED, GLORIFYING GOD
IN A LOUD VOICE.

LUKE 17:15

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October 9, 2022 • Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Private Confessions

Saturday 3pm to 3:30pm
In the church

Drive-Thru Communion

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

Livestream Links

Can be found at ctkph.org

“TO HEAR THE GOSPEL AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.”

Dear Friends,

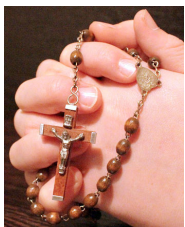
Americans in five states will vote on abortion and the life issue in November. Three states — California, Michigan, and Vermont — are proposing constitutional amendments to advance abortion. At the same time, citizens in Kentucky and Montana are voting on pro-life measures.

In California, Proposition 1 would amend California's constitution to explicitly protect abortion. It reads: "The state shall not deny or interfere with an individual's reproductive freedom in their most intimate decisions, which includes their fundamental right to choose to have an abortion and their fundamental right to choose or refuse contraceptives." California currently allows abortion for any reason before viability, when a baby can survive outside the womb — generally considered to begin around 24 weeks of pregnancy. After viability, California allows abortion when a woman's life or health is threatened.

The California Catholic Conference encourages pro-life voters to say "no" to Prop. 1. It is an expensive and misleading ballot measure that allows unlimited late-term abortions — for any reason, at any time, even moments before birth, paid for by tax dollars." A campaign for the amendment led by pro-abortion groups, called Yes on Proposition 1, argues that Proposition 1 would "ensure that, in California, people continue to have the power to control their own bodies and personal decisions."

In a September statement, the bishop emeritus of Texas, Bishop Pfeifer called on the Supreme Court to recognize the personhood of the unborn under the 14th Amendment to ensure that no state will "deprive any person of life, liberty, [or] property without due process of the law." "Pope Francis stresses the closeness, compassion, and tenderness we must have for all pregnant women and those considering an abortion decision and offer them spiritual, human, health, and financial means to assist them with their many needs and to encourage them to save their babies," he said. "And we must work with our elected officials to provide the proper aid to cover the cost of the birth, and the early and ongoing care and education of their children."

God created the human person in the divine image and likeness as the pinnacle of all creation. Each of us, including the unborn, share in the image of God's glory. Human life as a gift from God is sacred and inviolable.



The month of October each year is dedicated to the Rosary. The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary was introduced by Pope St. Pius V in the year 1571 to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The Pope attributed more to the "arms" of the Rosary than to the power of cannons and the valor of the soldiers who fought there.

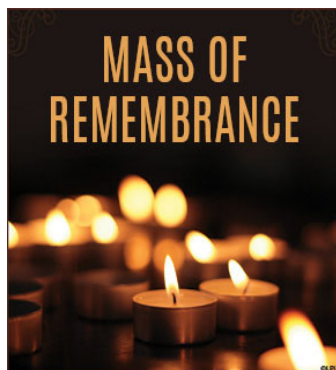
I would like to invite you to recite the rosary this month in the Battle for Life, especially the life of the Unborn. The Rosary is primarily a scriptural prayer. This was summarized by Pope Pius XII who said that the Rosary is "a compendium of the entire Gospel." The Rosary draws its mysteries from the New Testament and is centered on the great events of the Incarnation and Redemption. The focus of the prayer should be on the mysteries rather than just the words of the prayer. If you find the prayer very repetitive and difficult, just focus on one of the mysteries of the day, reflect on what that mystery in the life of Jesus means to you and then recite one Our Father and 10 Hail Marys and a Glory be. May God bless you.

Fr. Paulson

CTK UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Oct. 10	Mon.	9am	Edgar Yap, Sr. (<i>Birthday Blessings</i>)
Oct. 11	Tues.	9am	Maria Florinda Lave Lejano (<i>Birthday Blessings</i>) Douglas Bradley † Joseph Gamez †
Oct. 12	Wed.	9am	Hazel Genzoli † James Lawrence Patrick Crowley †
Oct. 13	Thurs.	9am	Kathleen Ridgway †
Oct. 14	Fri.	9am	Frank O'Neill †
Oct. 15	Sat.	9am	Mike O'Connell † Peter Hung † Anna Khuong †
Oct. 15 & Oct. 16	Week- end	All- Masses	Eileen Radding † John Robert Keating † Maria Quichocho † Mandio Vasconcelos † Lila Seraspe † Jose Zabala † Alfonse Mendoza † Elsy Anthony † Teresita Lirio (<i>Birthday Blessings</i>) Frank Neiman (<i>Birthday Blessings</i>)

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE



Save the Date
Saturday, November 5
at the 4pm Mass

Our annual Mass of Remembrance when we pray specially for all who have died during the past twelve months, will be on Saturday, November 5 at the 4 pm Mass.

Everyone is welcome!

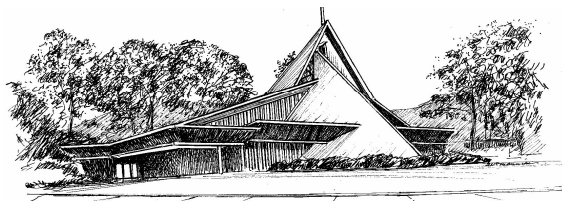


ST. STEPHEN CORNER "To Live and to Love in Christ"

St. Stephen Church - Mass Times

Monday - Friday - 8am

Saturday - 5pm and Sunday - 9:30am



SS UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Oct. 8	Sat.	5:00pm	St. Stephen Parishioners
Oct. 9	Sun.	9:30am	Jim Vranesh †
Oct. 15	Sat.	5:00pm	Kathleen Flemming †
Oct. 16	Sun.	9:30am	John Smith †

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

Our parking lot is scheduled for repaving starting this Monday, Oct. 10. Our church, office and parking lot will be closed thru Oct. 14. Those that attend morning Mass are invited to join CTK's 9am Mass either in person or live-streamed during this week.

The Women's Retreat led by Toinette M. Eugene, Ph.D. will take place in our parish hall on Saturday, Oct. 15 at 9am. If you have missed out on signing up for the retreat, email our parish office to see about acquiring tickets.

Volunteer Opportunity - Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. This is actually a two part ministry and you can assist with either (or both) parts. The first is assisting the priest at Mass by distributing communion. The second is the ministry to the Sick and Homebound - bringing Communion and comfort to those who cannot be with us at Mass. As many of our parishioners have reached a point that they cannot attend Mass in person, they appreciate our prayers, our visiting with them and bringing them Communion. These Ministers observe firsthand the grace, and the calming and comforting effects that the Holy Eucharist, prayer, and simple conversation brought to our brothers and sisters in Christ. If you can help with either part of this ministry, please contact our parish office.

Office hours - Monday & Wednesday
11 am - 2 pm (except not this week).

THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL:

REFLECTIONS ON CREATIVITY, BEAUTY, AND PRAYER A ONE DAY BIBLE STUDY RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Sponsored by the Women of
Christ the King and St. Stephen Parishes

Retreat Director: Toinette M. Eugene, Ph.D.

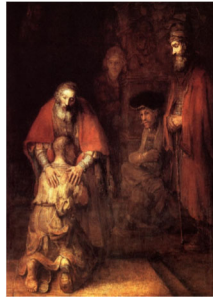
Date: Saturday, October 15, 2022

Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Place: St. Stephen Parish Hall
1101 Keaveny Court, Walnut Creek

**Tickets will be sold this weekend -
Oct. 8/9**

Or by calling the parish office.



Family Game Night
Friday, Oct. 14th
5:30pm to 8pm
**On Large Lawn In Front of
the church**

Please join the Youth Ministry and CTK School Parent Teacher Group (PTG) for a fun Family Game Night on Friday, October 14th from 5:30 pm to 8 pm! We will be playing Bingo, and King Gyro will be there for dinner purchases. King Gyro has generously offered to donate 10% of all proceeds to Christ the King, which will benefit Youth Ministry and CTK School Student Leadership. Win Win! We will need a head-count, so please RSVP by Sunday, October 9th: Link to Family Game Night Invite at ctkph.org

JOIN US FOR CTK/ST. STEPHEN MEN'S RETREAT

COMING HOME TO CHURCH
MEN SHARING THEIR FAITH AND HOPE
DURING CHALLENGING TIMES

OCTOBER 22, 2022
9 AM TO 3:30 PM
CTK'S PARISH HALL

RETREAT LEADER: FATHER PAULSON

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

SOCIAL HOUR WILL FOLLOW THE RETREAT

SIGN UP BY GOING TO OUR WEBSITE AT CTKPH.ORG



**ICF Pot Luck Picnic
And Bocci Ball**
Sunday, October 16 at 1pm
Rodgers-Smith Park

All parishioners of Christ the King and St. Stephen churches are welcome to join us for a pot luck picnic and short ICF meeting on Sunday, October 16 at 1 pm at Rodgers-Smith Park bocce courts. Families and people of all ages are welcome. If you don't know how to play bocce, come anyway to socialize and just watch! For further information contact Ann Consul ann_consul@yahoo.com.

IT'S PASTA TIME JOIN THE DIABLO VALLEY LIONS CLUB Saturday November 5th

\$20.00 Per Person, (Youths) 12 and under \$10.00 Per Person
"Dine in or take-out" options are please specify your choice.
Location: Christ the King Church 199 Brandon Road, Pleasant Hill

**Meal includes Fusilli pasta, with beef meatballs
& meat sauce with ground beef and pork.**
Parmesan cheese salad, rolls and butter plus cookies

Location: Christ the King's Parish Hall
Dine In or Take Out

Please pay in advance by October 15th.

Checks written to Diablo Valley Lions Club. Send to:
Jack Murphy (Treasurer) 8 Ardmore Ct., Pleasant Hill 94523

Or pay with PayPal dvlcwalnutcreek@gmail.com
And your RSVP to Purplelady4321@aol.com



**Registration for this year's Christ the
King Monsignor Wade
Golf Tournament is now open!**

Join us on Friday, Oct. 21 at Boundary Oak Golf Course in Walnut Creek for our annual scramble, which raises money for the Father Declan Emergency Fund, a tuition assistance program established to assist Christ the King school families should a need arise during the school year. The proceeds also support our school enrichment programs such as community science workshops, foreign language enrichment programs, technology education and more.

Sponsorships are still available; your donation is not only a great marketing opportunity for your business, it is a valuable investment in our community

Visit www.ctkgolf.org for more details.

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