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SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 | TWENTY THIRD 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

Christ the King | 925-682-2486
Office Hours Mon. - Fri. 9am to 5pm
ctkph.org
St. Stephen | 925-274-1341
Office Hours Mon. & Weds. 11am -2pm
ctkph.org

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Our Mission Statements

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

Dear Friends,



As we continue our journey toward the closure of St. Stephen Church, I want to keep our entire parish community informed about the steps we are taking and, even more importantly, the spirit in which we hope to make this transition together.

As I have shared before, our goal is to continue celebrating the liturgies and sustaining the ministries and community life at St. Stephen through Easter Sunday, March 28, 2027, when we hope to celebrate our final liturgy there. I believe there is something deeply significant about concluding our liturgical life at St. Stephen on Easter Sunday. Easter makes a statement about who we are as Christians and how we understand this moment:



Our Transition Committee: We have now formed a St. Stephen Transition Committee to help guide us through the months ahead. I will publish the names of the Transition Committee members below so that you will know who they are. In the months ahead, I encourage you to speak with them and share your thoughts, concerns, hopes, memories, and ideas.

Meeting with Diocesan Leadership: This week, we met with diocesan leadership, including the Vicar General and CFO, together with our Transition Committee chairs—Greg Thornbury (Finance Chair) and Joann Kurpinski—John Kluesner (Facilities Chair), Mike Milani (St. Stephen representative), and Helen Christian (Parish Administrator). We discussed the practical process ahead, including the thoughtful transfer of certain sacred, historical, and meaningful items from St. Stephen to the Christ the King campus.

Bringing St. Stephen With Us: You will soon begin to notice some changes at Christ the King that reflect our continuing identity as Christ the King–St. Stephen Parish. Our signage will gradually be updated to include St. Stephen more visibly. We also plan to name the chapel in our Ministry Center the St. Stephen Chapel. This chapel is, and will continue to be, dedicated to the Sisters of St. Joseph, who lived, prayed, and worshiped in the Ministry Center for many years.

Looking Toward Our Future: We are also looking toward our future needs as one community. Our architect, Phil Newsom, is studying the possibility of enlarging our parish hall at Christ the King so that we can accommodate more people for parish celebrations, receptions, formation programs, and other gatherings. This will become increasingly important when we no longer have the use of the beautiful and spacious St. Stephen Hall.

There will undoubtedly be many other decisions in the months ahead. Some will be relatively simple; others will carry great emotion because they involve places and objects connected to baptisms, weddings, funerals, friendships, ministries, and decades of prayer. That is why I hope we will continually remind ourselves of something very important: A parish is not primarily a collection of buildings. A parish is a people.

A Pilgrimage of Faith: I hope we will approach these coming months not merely as a logistical transition but as a pilgrimage of faith. A pilgrimage always involves leaving something familiar behind. There can be sadness and uncertainty along the way. But pilgrims travel together, trusting that God is already waiting for them at the next place on the journey.

On Easter Sunday, March 28, 2027, we will celebrate the final liturgy at St. Stephen while proclaiming: Christ is risen! What a powerful way to close one chapter and begin another. The Christian story never ends at the tomb. And neither should ours.

Fr. Paulson

MASS INTENTIONS

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Monday, September 7
9:00am | Christian Anicoche †
9:00am | Majella Ruadap-Planta †
Tuesday, September 8
9:00am | Frank O'Neill †
Wednesday, September 9
9am | Jeff Prola †
9am | Joey Garcia
Thursday, September 10
9:00am | Dioscoro Rodolfo †
9:00am | Christopher Wijekoon
Friday, September 11
9:00am | Gwen Watson †

Saturday, September 12
9:00am | Steve Paris †
4:00pm | Estanislan Banaag †
4:00pm | Isabel Consul †
4:00pm | John Hanlon †
5:00pm | (SS) Sandra Kuca †
Sunday, September 13
7:30am | Jack Cardoza †
9:00am |Trung & Tieu Nguyen †
9:00am | Inez Perez †
9:30am | (SS) Regina Sevilla †
10:30am | Chauha Lu †
10:30am | Hung Nguyen †
10:30am | Leonardo Vocalon †
4:00pm | John Hanlon †



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

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS



Christ the King-St. Stephen Transition Committee
Continued from Fr. Paulson's Letter

John Alonso, Kitte Bobich, Rebecca Bocek, Maryann Connolly, Kathy Gomes, Rick Grand-Lejano, Jeanette Holmes, Raymond Kuca, Joann Kurpinsky, Chris Lang, Michael Milani, Jack Murphy, Jag Patel, Larry Santone, Terry Schreiber, Greg Thornbury

SECOND COLLECTIONS

September 6 - Catholic Education

September 13 - Diocesan Priest Retirement

September 28 - Hospitality

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.



LABOR DAY OFFICES ARE CLOSED

Our Parish Offices both at Christ the King and St. Stephen will be closed on Monday, September 7 in honor of Labor Day





NEWS & EVENTS



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Register for K-8 Grades
or
Register for High School Confirmation

At ctkph.org

Registration Closes on September 10





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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Join the CTK Family Choir!

Do you enjoy singing? Would you love to share the joy of making music with your children, grandchildren, or other kids in your extended family? The CTK Family Choir is returning for its fifth season, and we'd love to welcome new singers and families!

The Family Choir is open to children of all ages and their families. We sing at the 9:00 Mass on the first and third Sundays of each month, as well as at the Family Mass on Christmas Eve. Our first Sunday back will be September 20, when we'll sing for the Children's Liturgy.

We sing fun, accessible music that the whole family can enjoy, and no formal musical training or choir experience is necessary—just a love of music and a willingness to sing!

Whether you've sung with us before or are thinking about joining for the first time, we'd love to have you. For more information, please email Jennifer Bennett at jbennett@ctkph.org.

Hope to see you in the choir loft this fall!

NEWS & EVENTS







Children's Mass Begins Sunday, September 20 at 9am

We are looking for volunteers as greeters, readers, Altar servers.

Contact Teresa Gonzales - tgonzales@ctkph.org

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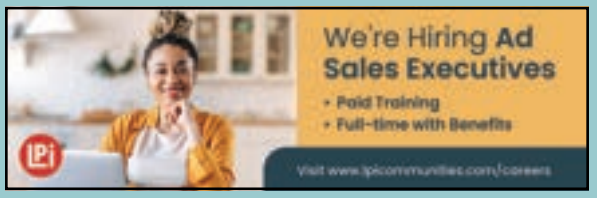
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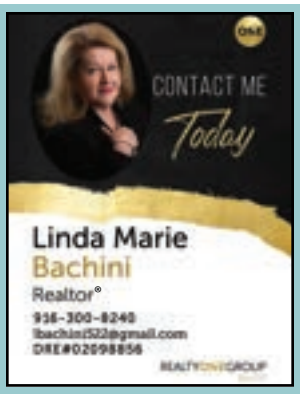
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