

# *Christ the King - St. Stephen Parish*

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## **Christ the King Church**

### **Daily Mass Times**

Monday - Saturday 9am

### **Thursday**

5:40pm Rosary, 6pm Mass

### **Every First Friday**

5pm to 6pm Exposition  
6pm Mass

### **Weekend Mass Times**

**Saturday:** 4pm Vigil

### **Sunday**

7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, & 4pm

### **Private Confessions**

Saturday 3pm to 3:30pm

### **Drive-Thru Communion**

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

### **Office Hours**

Monday - Friday 9am to 5pm

## **St. Stephen Church**

### **Daily Mass Times**

Monday - Friday 8am

### **Weekend Mass Times**

Saturday: 5pm Vigil

Sunday: 9:30am

### **Private Confessions**

Saturday Before 5pm Mass

### **Drive-Thru Communion**

Upon Request

### **Office Hours**

Monday & Wednesday 11am to 2pm

September 10, 2023



**TO LIVE AND TO LOVE IN CHRIST**

**TO HEAR THE GOSPEL AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



Dear Friends,

I want to thank Fr. Jose Varickasseril SDB, who has been with us for nearly a month. He will return to his Salesian Province of Shillong, India, where he will be ministering to the major seminarians, teaching Sacred Scripture in three theological colleges. We have all profited from his stay with us, especially from his sharing the wisdom of Sacred Scripture and his beautiful teaching on the Eucharist.



Fr. Jose came to the United States to do mission preaching in a number of parishes here and to gather finances for a project that his province in India is pursuing at this time. That project is the care of retired Salesian priests and brothers. As a generous community of faith, I would like us to support his mission, as I was trained and educated in the college where he is now a professor. Fr. Jose's brother who is also a Salesian priest is a companion of mine. Many of the retired religious are known to me or have worked closely with me; they are hoping to move into a care facility that the Salesians are planning to build.

Today many communities of women and men religious (and dioceses as well) face a major problem: On one hand, an increasing percentage of sisters, brothers, and priests are elderly. On the other hand, the resources available to care for them are very limited. Caring for the elderly comes with multiple needs: supported housing, assistance with personal care, case management, assistance with medication and a full-time trained nurse. **We will be taking a special collection for this project September 16-17. Thank you for your generosity.**

**We have completed a number of projects in our church this summer and others are being studied at this time.** The old windows in the rectory have been replaced with double pane windows. The carpet in the church has been partially replaced. The sanctuary area will be carpeted within a few weeks. We are also upgrading our HVAC in the church, parish hall and the adjoining rooms; replacing the older control panels with new ones. This will result in saving energy and we will have the ability to control the system remotely. We are in the process of designing and gathering quotes for the complete replacement of the HVAC system at St. Stephen. Once we have all the information, we will forward it to the diocese for their approval. I want to thank you for your continued generosity which makes it possible for us to keep our campuses in shipshape condition.

**Amid climate change concerns, Pope Francis says he is updating his 'green' encyclical:** Pope Francis has announced that on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4, 2023 he will release a second part of his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, on care for the environment. "We must not forget that young generations have a right to receive a beautiful and inhabitable world from us, and this invests us with grave responsibilities toward creation, which we received from God's generous hands," Pope Francis said.

Earlier this month, at a meeting with Catholic young people gathered at the World Youth Day celebrations in Lisbon, Portugal, Pope Francis warned of the "dramatic urgency" of rising temperatures and climate change. This requires us to look beyond polarizations and strive towards unity. "We need an integral ecology; we need to listen to the suffering of the planet alongside that of the poor; we need to put the drama of desertification alongside that of refugees, the issue of migration alongside that of the falling birth rate," Pope Francis said in a speech August 3.

**Please do not forget to RSVP for the parish picnic on September 17<sup>th</sup>, Sunday. I am so excited!**

*Fr. Paulson*



## UPCOMING CTK MASS INTENTIONS

Sept. 11	Mon.	9:00am	All victims and 9/11 First Responders †
Sept. 12	Tues.	9:00am	Estanilao Banaag †
Sept. 13	Wed.	9:00am	Spencer Swan
Sept. 14	Thurs.	9:00am	Angela Sherwood †
Sept. 15	Fri.	9:00am	Le Family <i>Thanksgiving</i> Max Lutter †
Sept. 16	Sat.	9:00am	Jeff Ugot Emy Ugot
Sept. 16	Sat.	4:00pm	Dianne Forney
Sept. 17	Sun.	7:30am	Jack Cardoza †
Sept. 17	Sun.	9:00am	Camille Miorelli † Ildefonso Warren †
Sept. 17	Sun.	10:30am	Louie Baylosis †
Sept. 17	Sun.	4:00pm	Louie Baylosis †



## UPCOMING SS MASS INTENTIONS

Sept. 9	Sat.	5:00pm	Rosita Andres †
Sept. 10	Sun.	9:30am	Robert Landfear †
Sept. 11	Mon.	8:00am	
Sept. 12	Tues.	8:00am	Edith Newcomb †
Sept. 13	Weds.	8:00am	
Sept. 14	Thur.	8:00am	John Henry <i>Birthday</i>
Sept. 15	Fri.	8:00am	
Sept. 16	Sat.	5:00pm	St. Stephen Parishioners
Sept. 17	Sun.	9:30am	Rita Gomes †

### Blessing for the Fallen of 9-11

God of mercy,  
in your word of Scripture, you instruct us to  
"Do to others as you would have them do to you."  
Give us today the courage to assist those around us  
who may need our assistance.  
Give us patience when we become impatient.

Remind us to pray for all those who perished on  
United Airlines 93, American Airlines 11,  
United Airlines 175, American Airlines 77,  
and those in the Twin Towers and Pentagon.

Give us a heart  
thankful for those who gave their lives  
as first responders, as did the men and women  
who ran into danger to be of aid.

We ask all this in the name of the One  
who first responded to our need for a savior,  
Jesus the Christ.

Amen.





**You're Invited to our First Annual CTK-St. Stephen Parish Picnic  
For the Entire Family!**

**Sunday, September 17th - 1pm to 3pm**

**The picnic will be on the Large Lawn at CTK BBQ Food, Fun, and Yard Games!**

### **Donations for Lebanon**

**Eliana Makoul** is doing a service project to send donated over the counter medications, vitamins, and first aid supplies to underprivileged families in Lebanon. The following items will be collected in person at all the masses next weekend, and you can also bring the donations to the parish office during the week of September 11-15th. Being medical supplies, please do not leave it in front of the church but hand it personally over to the person managing a table after mass or deliver it to the office.

<b>(Adult &amp; Child )</b>	-Calcium	-Ace wraps
-Advil	-Imodium	-Gauze (any size)
-Tylenol	-Pepto Bismol	-Neosporin
-Benadryl	-Vitamin D	-Hydrocortisone
-Aspirin	-Band aids	



### **CTK Eucharistic Minister Training Monday, September 11**

Would you like to participate in parish ministry without an extra time commitment? Join our ministers of the Eucharist – by helping to distribute Holy Communion during the weekend Mass of your choice. What a privilege it is to serve God and the community in this way!

**Eucharistic Minister training on Monday, September 11, 7:00 pm in the Church** with a greeting from Fr. Paulson and an introduction to the Eucharist by Sr. Dominic. Contact Kieran Chan, [kierankc@pacbell.net](mailto:kierankc@pacbell.net) with questions.



### **Dress A Child Around the World Sewing Ministry Begins Wednesday, Sept. 20 CTK Parish Hall**

DRESS A CHILD AROUND THE WORLD - - - Our fall sewing sessions will begin on Wednesday, September 20 and continue on the 3rd Wednesday each month until June.

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US.

In the past 11 years we have made over 20,000 dresses and shorts for girls and boys around the world and here in the United States. To provide a brand new dress or a pair of shorts to the poor and disadvantaged or those suffering from disasters is our way of providing a little joy, hope, and the belief that God is in their lives.

We're so proud of the women at CTK and our community who continue their work in making our dresses and shorts available to these children.

We also thank those who support our efforts by donating fabric, sewing machines and, of course, your dollars.

If you feel you'd like to get involved in this very fun and worthwhile group, please join us on the 3rd Wednesday each month in the CTK Parish Hall.

For more information, please call Carol Vogl at (925) 288-0488



### **\*\*MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT\*\***

#### **Usher Ministry**

It's said that the role of a church Usher is to help our first-time guests, our repeat visitors, and our parishioners experience the sacredness and joy of a worship service at Christ the King. As Greeters at CTK, Ushers are entrusted with promoting a sense of welcoming and belonging to all the faithful assembled for worship. They're the first point of contact for the communal celebration of the Liturgy.

**To volunteer for this ministry, contact: Jack Murphy, 925-933-8072, [jmurph818@aol.com](mailto:jmurph818@aol.com)**

### **Calling All Ping Pong Players!**

You are invited to participate in a CTK School Ping Pong Tournament to help raise funds for the school!



**Register here**  
[ctkgolf.org/pingpong](http://ctkgolf.org/pingpong)

# Adult Faith Formation



**Join us for a deeper look at the women of the Acts of the Apostles with Fr. Jose, PhD. Professor of Sacred Scripture**

**Chapter 1**—Women are with the 11, Mary, other followers (they felt that they are an integral part)

**Chapter 2**—Women are among those who received the Holy Spirit.

**Chapter 5**—Women are among those who accept the faith.

**Chapter 6**—There was a group of widows who were ignored, and the church intervened on their behalf.

**Chapter 12**—In the house of Mary (the mother of John Mark), the community gathered to pray for the release of Peter and the simplicity of Rhoda.

**Chapter 16**—Lydia accepted the faith (with her household) ; she offers hospitality to Paul and Silas

**Chapter 17**—several women accept the faith... They study the scriptures

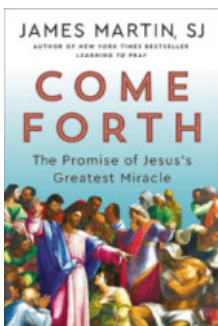
**Chapter 18**—Prisca and her husband offers hospitality to Paul: she instructed Apollos

**St. Stephen Church - Chapel**

Thursday mornings at 10:00am

**CTK Ministry Center Chapel**

Thursday evenings at 6:30pm



**A discussion of Fr. James Martin's new book, "Come Forth: The Promise of Jesus's Greatest Miracle", will begin on Monday, September 18, at 10:30 am in the Ministry Chapel.**

The Lazarus story will be divided into 4 sections for discussions over 4 Mondays, with a final discussion of the entire book on October 16. Join us for deeper weekly discussions or for an overview on October 16. The book is available on Amazon and Thriftbooks, and as an ebook.



**"Wonderful Women of the Word"**

**Mondays: September 18 - November 6  
7:00-8:30 pm - CTK Parish Hall**

Kathy Roberts will present an eight-week study centered on some of the wonderful, wise, and even wicked women of the Scriptures. The format will include questions, discussion, and teaching.

Register at [ctkph.org](http://ctkph.org) or by scanning the QR code

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# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die,"  
and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked  
from his way,  
the wicked shall die for his guilt,  
but I will hold you responsible for his death.  
(Ez 33:8)

### Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

### Second Reading:

Love does no evil to the neighbor;  
hence, love is the fulfillment of the law. (Rom 13:10)

### Gospel:

"If your brother sins against you,  
go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If  
he listens to you, you have won over your brother."  
(Mt 18:15)

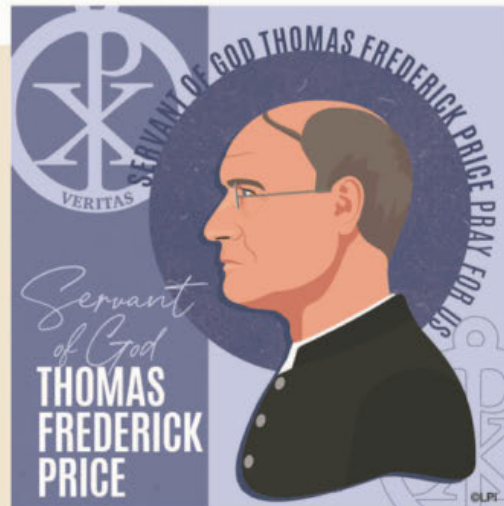
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Our personal relationship with Christ is important,  
yes — but thank God, that is not all there is to  
being a Christian. We depend upon the support,  
the encouragement, and even the correction of  
the rest of the Body of Christ.

## Observances for the week of September 10, 2023

- Sunday:** 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Grandparents' Day
- Monday:** Patriot Day
- Tuesday:** The Most Holy Name of Mary
- Wednesday:** St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Friday:** Our Lady of Sorrows
- Saturday:** Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop,  
Martyrs
- Next Sunday:** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Catechetical Sunday



## Saint of the week

Servant of God Thomas Frederick Price survived severe illness and a shipwreck as a young man before becoming a priest. He cofounded the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, better known as Maryknoll, and led the institution's first mission to China.

## Prayer

Heavenly Father, You so inspired Father Thomas Frederick Price with love for You and zeal for the Gospel that he dedicated his life to serve You and Your Church, first in North Carolina, his home state, and then in the foreign missions. Grant that by his example we may grow in holiness and into a deeper union with Our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to be authentic witnesses of the Gospel and proclaim the Holy Name of Jesus throughout the Diocese of Raleigh and to all the people and in all the places we are sent to love and serve. If it be according to Your will, glorify Your servant, Father Thomas Frederick Price, by granting the favor I (we) now request through his prayerful intercession (mention your request here) I (we) make this prayer confidently through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.



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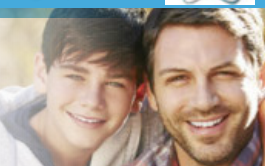
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