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Christ the King Church

Daily Mass Times

Monday - Saturday 9am

Every First Friday

5pm to 6pm Exposition
6pm Mass

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 4pm Vigil
(4pm Mass is also livestreamed)

Sunday

7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, & 4pm
(10:30am Mass is also livestreamed)

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

November 12, 2023



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You know neither the day nor the hour."
- Mt 25: 13

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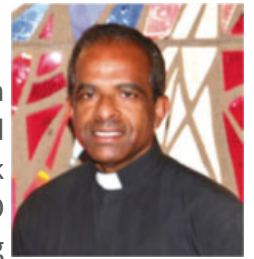
**TO LIVE AND TO LOVE IN CHRIST
TO HEAR THE GOSPEL AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



Dear Friends,



This coming Sunday, we will be celebrating our CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) Ministry at our 9:00am Mass – children, coaches, and the parents. On behalf of our wonderful community, I want to thank Leo Lopez, CYO Basketball Athletic Director and Phil Williamson CYO Cross Country and Track Coach and their leadership team for taking care of the physical, behavioral, and spiritual needs of our children through sports and athletics.



CYO sponsors a variety of sports in our community such as girls' and boys' basketball, girls' volleyball, girls' and boys' track and field, girls' and boys' cross country and much more. They enable the gifted to excel, the less gifted to participate and improve. CYO inspires young people to know God, love God, and serve God through Athletics.

The heart of CYO and the key to its success is found in the volunteers who freely give of their time, energy, resources, and expertise. It is the right of everyone associated with CYO to expect volunteers and CYO staff to model the values and ideals of our Catholic faith. I am so grateful to all the volunteers that support our awesome program. All CYO athletic programs contribute to faith-building efforts for young people. Pope Francis said, "Sports in the community can be a great missionary tool, where the church is close to every person to help them become better and to meet Jesus Christ."



We celebrated a Mass of Remembrance this last Sunday, reading over 100 names of our beloved dead who died in the past year. On November 2nd, there was a special mass at St. Stephen. Through symbols, music, and comforting words, we tried to bring peace to many hearts. At St. Stephen community, we have a table with pictures of the faithful departed in the back of the church – a reminder to pray for them during this month. I want to thank Sr. Dominic and her team at CTK and Chris Lang and her team at St. Stephen for leading our church in prayer for the dead, an important act of mercy.

It is in the month of November when nature seems barren of life in the northern hemisphere that our church calls us to have a special time of prayer for the dead. Everyone grieves differently and at their own pace. Whatever led to their death, we may feel we are separated from them now. Our parish community has an amazing Grief Ministry that can assist you during this difficult time. I would invite you to consider joining this ministry.

Our Christ the King- St. Stephen Grief Ministry collaborates with Queen of Heaven Cemetery. We meet here on the CTK campus and at the cemetery chapel to offer the opportunity of a support group to the grieving. A support group helps those who grieve to realize that they are not alone in their loss and pain. When we share our grief by interacting with others who are also grieving, we join hands and hearts with those experiencing many of the same emotions and spiritual challenges of grief. Together, the group slowly makes their way through the journey of grief toward a life of renewed hope.

~Fr. Paulson



UPCOMING CTK MASS INTENTIONS

Nov. 13	Mon.	9:00am	Felipe D. Hernandez † Richard Ang † James Ang †
Nov. 14	Tues.	9:00am	Cristina Guilatco † Noel Rivera †
Nov. 15	Weds.	9:00am	Peter Tien & Peter Hua † Margo Schorno † Spencer Swann
Nov. 16	Thurs.	9:00am	Helen Mary Stein (<i>Birthday Blessings</i>)
Nov. 17	Fri.	9:00am	Alfredo Quintans, Sr. † Olivia Roche Arthur Cruz
Nov. 18	Sat.	9:00am	Rey De La Pena † Rodrigo D. Leano, Sr. † Ruben & Purita I. Diaz †
Nov. 18	Sat.	4:00pm	Josefina Ramos † Milagros Ramos † Taggart Family
Nov. 19	Sun.	7:30am	Jack Cardoza † Katherine Costanza †
Nov. 19	Sun.	9:00am	Elizabeth Dimla † Gloria Espacio
Nov. 19	Sun.	10:30am	Mary Taggart † Michael Grey † Marcuso Del Rosario
Nov. 19	Sun.	4:00pm	Castelli & Rozario Families

UPCOMING SS MASS INTENTIONS

Nov. 11	Sat.	5:00pm	CTK-SS Priests
Nov. 12	Sun.	9:30am	CTK-SS Parishioners
Nov. 18	Sat.	5:00pm	Anna Sweeney †
Nov. 19	Sun.	9:30am	CTK-SS Parishioners

There are still many Mass Intention spots available during our St. Stephen Masses for the remainder of the 2023 year. Contact the St. Stephen office if you would like to finish the year off with a special request or just get your 2024 request in early before the prime requested spots are taken. Call the SS Office at 925-274-1341.





Thursday, November 23
You are invited to attend our
Thanksgiving Mass Celebration
CTK at 9am
Reception to follow on the patio.
St. Stephen at 9:30am

Bring your bread and wine to be blessed at this year's Thanksgiving Mass! This is a wonderful custom that unites our Eucharistic celebration at the altar with your family celebration at home!



CTK Eucharistic Minister Training
Monday, November 13 at 7pm
CTK Church

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!

Contact Kieran Chan, kierankc@pacbell.net with questions.

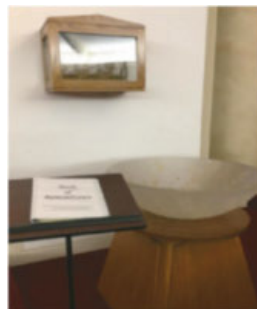


Finding Treasure in the Waiting Time
Practical Preparation for the
Advent Season

Monday, December 4
at 10am and again at 7pm

St. Stephen Parish Hall ~ Speaker - Kathy Roberts

Advent is a time of waiting and preparation, and it can often be a time of uncomfortable stress. Join us for an unrushed hour in which we'll explore real ways to find real treasure during the beautiful season of Advent. Treasure awaits... Register at ctkph.org



Book of Remembrance

In front of the church at CTK
(near the Baptism font)
we have
our Book of Remembrance.

You are invited to write in it the
names of your
deceased loved ones.

The Book will be out for the month of November.



Pastoral Care Ministry

We are planning two upcoming
gatherings for two separate ministries:

- *Ministers to Care Centers
- *Ministers to the Homebound

These are gatherings for new and experienced ministers. If you inadvertently did not receive an email invitation to the meeting, please contact Sr. Dominic at sisterdominic.marie@gmail.com or 925-246-1122.



Pick Up Your Boxes the Weekend of Nov. 18 & 19
At CTK

The boxes will have a list of food and directions for delivery. This program offers families the opportunity to enjoy the holidays without the worry of food insecurity.
Thank you for your generosity!

Saturday, Nov. 18
Vocation Month Celebration
12PM - 8PM
St. Michael Parish Hall and Church 458 Maple Street
Livermore CA

12:00pm: Exhibits and Food - in the school classrooms and walkways
2:00pm: HOLY HOUR, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, and Testimony of a Permanent Deacon (Dcn. Eric Simontis) - in Church
3:30pm: Vocation Testimonies - in the Church
4:30pm: Break
5:00pm: Mass with Bishop - in Church
6:15pm: Dinner with Bishop Seminarists, Priests, Deacons and Religious Q & A - in the parish hall

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Happy Thanksgiving & Merry Christmas
from Christ the King - St. Stephen Parish
Cub Scout Pack 401!
(At CTK & St. Stephen)

Our Cub Scouts are planning to sell Christmas Wreaths for our annual fundraiser after weekend Masses on Sat.-Sun. Nov. 25-26, and Dec. 2-3.

The cost is \$30 for a 22" Wreath. Please stop by and pick out a Wreath from your CTK - St. Stephen Cub Scouts!



A D V E N T G R A C E S

Scripture and Music for the Season of Joyful waiting.

with
Janet Sullivan Whitaker

Thursday, November 30th
7:00pm
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Unity Walk Nov 18

Join the Pleasant Hill Diversity Commission in a
Unity Walk at City Hall - 10 am on Nov 18
Pleasant Hill Stands United Against Hate

Community Invited to a November 18

Unity Walk in Pleasant Hill

Pleasant Hill Stands United Against Hate

Participants of all ages are invited to join in
the walk and are encouraged to bring
friends and family.

Event Details:

- Date: Saturday, November 18th, 2023
- Time: 10:00 am
- Starting Point: City Hall, 100 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA
- Route: 1.5 mile loop starting/ending at City Hall
- Materials Provided: United Against Hate Week Posters

Join in the Unity Walk for United Against Hate Week and be part of a positive change in your community. For additional information and inquiries, contact diversity@pleasanthillca.org.



Office of Public Affairs

U.S. Bishops' Religious Liberty Chairman Cardinal Timothy Dolan Speaks Out Against Religious Hatred

Since the Hamas attacks earlier this month, and in the wake of boldly proclaimed rhetoric and the increase of actions of religious hatred in the United States, Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Religious Liberty issued a sharp rebuke and called for peace.

"In recent days here in America, where for hundreds of years many have sought refuge from religious persecution, we have seen outbreaks of religious hatred that shock the conscience. It is especially disheartening to learn that the man accused of killing a six-year-old Muslim boy in Chicago reportedly identifies as Catholic. Nothing could be more antithetical to our Church's teachings than this man's alleged crime. And as countless voices celebrate the brutal terrorist attacks of October 7, our Jewish brothers and sisters reasonably fear for their lives.

"In the face of such base hatred, we must affirm certain fundamental truths. Every human life is of equally incalculable worth. Hating your neighbors is a grave sin against God, who created us all in his image and likeness. Violence only begets more violence, not justice.

"May those whose hearts have been gripped by hatred repent, and may people of goodwill stand courageously for peace."

UNDERSTANDING

Medicare



Medicare Meeting
Tuesday, November 14 at 10am
CTK's Parish Hall

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom,
and she is readily perceived by those who love her,
and found by those who seek her. (Wis 6:12)

Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

Second Reading:

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose,
so too will God, through Jesus,
bring with him those who have fallen asleep.
(1 Thes 4:14)

Gospel:

"Therefore, stay awake,
for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Mt 25:13)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God knows that, sooner or later, we all face a night that is long and dark. He has given each of us exactly what we need to make it through. If we keep Him with us, the light will not go out.

Observances for the week of November 12, 2023

- Sunday:** 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
Wednesday: St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin
Friday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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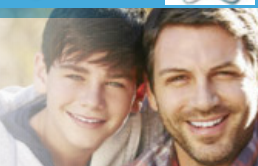
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