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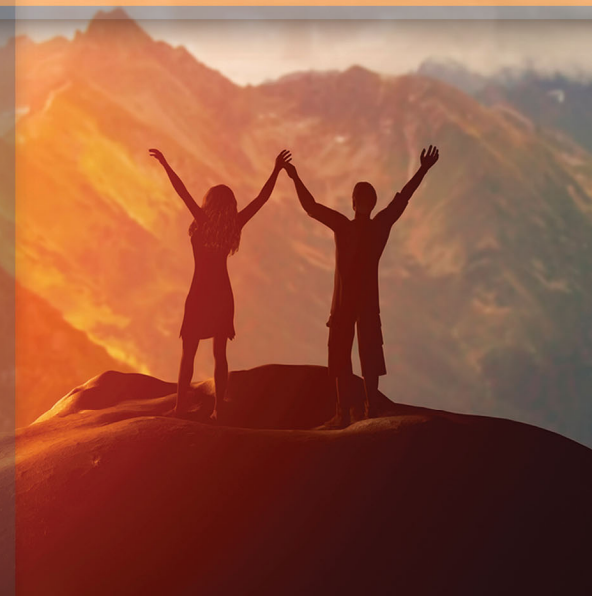
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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 3, 2021

From the beginning of creation,
God made them male and female.
For this reason a man shall leave
his father and mother and
be joined to his wife,
and the two shall
become one flesh.

MARK 10:6-8



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Daily Mass Monday-Saturday

9am (Livestreamed)

Thursday

5:40pm Rosary, 6pm Mass
(Livestreamed)

Livestream Links

Can be found at ctkph.org

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday

4pm Vigil (Livestreamed)

Sunday

7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, & 4pm
(10:30am-Livestreamed)

**All Masses are inside the church.
Masks are required in the church.**

Daily Rosary

5:40pm on Facebook

Private Confessions

Saturday 3pm to 3:30pm

Drive-Thru Communion

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

“To hear the gospel and make a difference.”

Dear Friends,

Our commitment to life from conception to natural death has come to the fore during the past months especially with a disease that we do not seem to have a handle on, people experiencing great hardship and pain, many leaving their shores for a better life and in the past weeks with the debate on abortion rights. We cannot falter in the face of such challenges, and we need to be consistent in our support for the life of every human being in every situation without prejudice.



Do Catholics “believe that human life begins at conception” — a formulation that’s become ubiquitous in recent weeks? We Catholics — presidents, governors, legislators, members of Congress, clergy of all ranks, and engaged citizens — should not ignore the science and claim that the matter of when human life begins is a disputed question. In conversations with many people, smart people, thoughtful people, I have often noticed an unwillingness to wrestle with the consequences of our Catholic belief that the taking of innocent human life is always wrong. There is a tangible indifference when it comes to that aspect of life that we do not support sufficiently whether it is the protection of the unborn or the welcoming of refugees and immigrants or taking care of the homeless.

Pope Francis enunciates it so much better: “The life we are called to promote and defend is not an abstract concept, but always manifests itself in a person in flesh and blood: a newly conceived child, a poor marginalized person, a sick person alone and discouraged or in a terminal state, one who has lost his job or is unable to find it, a rejected or ghettoized migrant.” According to the teachings of the Holy Father, the Catholic Church cannot “water down” the truth that the defense of life includes opposition to abortion and euthanasia -- the clearest signs today of a “throwaway culture.” But it also includes continuing the traditional Catholic advocacy for the right to health care for all people.

I invite you to get involved not just with one aspect of life, but all of them. As Pope Francis said, “Respect, defend, love and serve life, every life, every human life! Only on this path will you find justice, development, freedom, peace and happiness.” “The defense of life for the Church is not an ideology,” he said. “Every human being is called by God to enjoy the fullness of life; and being entrusted to the maternal concern of the Church, every threat to dignity and human life cannot fail to affect its heart.”

I would like to highlight another aspect of life. October is Mental Health Awareness month. Every once in a while, we encounter persons with these challenges on our church campus and we struggle like everyone else how best to assist them. The purpose of Mental Health Awareness Month is to educate, provide tools, and start a dialogue surrounding the realities and complexities of mental health in our community. I am in conversation with a group of parishioners in this regard, and I hope we can address one of the most difficult challenges in our society. After all it is about LIFE, PRECIOUS LIFE.

I am happy to inform you that Fr. Tom Joseph, who is suffering from brain cancer has safely arrived home in India to spend his remaining days with family. Three weeks ago, his life took a turn for the worse, with his left hand and left leg weakened severely. I am grateful to John Alonso, Carl and Peggy Sutter who spent countless hours ministering to Fr. Tom. In addition to these wonderful folks, we had Lai Lacsina, a professional healthcare worker who took care of Fr. Tom during the night. I am grateful to all of you for your prayers for a priest who ministered to so many and brought comfort and peace to the dying. God bless Fr. Tom.

Fr. Paulson

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 3, 2021

Genesis 2:18-24

The first 11 chapters of Genesis are referred to as pre-history because they teach religious truths in parable form. In Chapter One and Chapter Two, there are two quite different accounts of creation. Today we hear the second.

Hebrews 2:9-11

Today and for the next six Sundays, our second reading will come from the Letter to the Hebrews. The section from which today’s passage is taken is perhaps the New Testament’s most profound commentary on the implications of Jesus becoming a human being.

WINTER NIGHTS RECEIVES AWARD

JustFaith Ministries presented its Becker Social Justice Award to the Winter Nights Family Shelter. The award, in the names of Mary & Gary Becker, honors three projects led by JustFaith members or graduates. Each of the three 2021 project finalists were chosen for creating social change to their community with a one-time monetary award and national exposure: My Front Door, located in Cheyenne and Laramie, Wyoming; Weavers, in Zacatecas, Mexico; and **Winter Nights Family Shelter, in Contra Costa County, California. The Top Award was presented to Winter Nights.** The shelter leaders plan to use the award money to expand their services to include a safe church parking lot and food and shower services when the shelter is full. To learn more and see the videos about each project: <https://justfaith.org/mary-and-gary-becker-social-justice-award/>

CTK UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Oct. 4 Gilbert Acuna† Vilma Badong, Marlen Mirabel
 Oct. 5 Manuel Malvar †
 Oct. 6 Alwin Amalraj - In Thanksgiving
 Oct. 7 Thomas Fraiser †
 Oct. 8 Larry Menzhuber † & Orlando Villanueva †
 Oct. 9 Tina Frial

Oct. 9 & Motte Family
 Oct. 10 Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality
 Rocco & Sarah Costanza †
 Joe & James Gentile †
 Marilyn King
 Dinh Tran †
 Armando Vasquez †



**Blessing of the Animals
 ("Drive-Thru")
 Monday - October 4th
 3:15pm to 4pm**

Join us at Christ the King Church from 3:15pm to 4:00pm on Monday, October 4th (The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi), for a "Drive Thru" Blessing of the Animals. You are invited to bring your pets from home to receive a special blessing from the clergy.

Come through the large parking lot and drive in front of the church. For the blessing, you may get out of your car with your pet. Be sure your pet is on a leash or in a cage.

Mass of Remembrance Sunday, November 7

A special Mass of Remembrance will be held on Sunday November 7 at 12 pm. At that Mass we will pray specially for all who have died during this past year and whose funeral was held at Christ the King.

(Do you have a loved one who died during the past 12 months? Were they not buried from Christ the King Parish? Would you like their name included? Please call the parish office at 925-682-2486 and leave their name. Deadline is the 25th of October.)

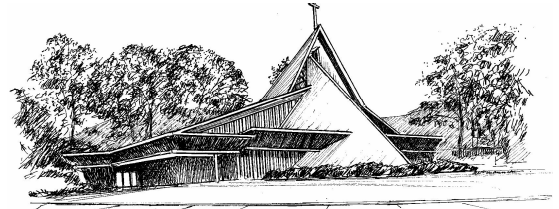
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"To Live and to Love in Christ"

St. Stephen Church - Mass Times

Saturday - 5pm

Sunday - 9:30am



SS UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Oct. 2 Steve Allen †
 Oct. 3 Jim Vranesh †
 Oct. 9 St. Stephen Parishioners
 Oct. 10 Rolson Reid †

Remember to join us starting Monday, October 4th at 8:00 am for weekday morning Mass at St. Stephen.

The 2nd collection this weekend is for Diocesan Communications, which includes the new Catholic Voice. Parishes used to be assessed based on the number of parishioners. This changed last year. All money for Diocesan Communications comes directly from this 2nd collection. Please be generous to allow our bishop to speak to us through various forms of new media.

For security reasons, unless there is an event happening in the hall, we lock the gates after Mass each weekend. If you leave your car in the parking lot it creates a problem for the volunteer locking up. When we lock up, we don't know if we will be locking your car in or if you have the gate access code. Please speak to either the sacristan for that Mass, or Mike Milani or Chris Lang if you are leaving your car. Or leave a note on your dashboard explaining that you know the gate code and can access your car with no problem.



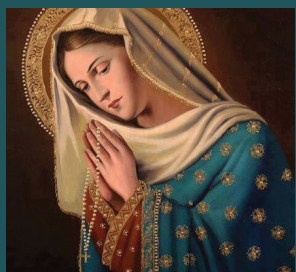


CTK Golf Tournament Returns Friday, October 15th!

The Christ the King Monsignor Wade Golf Tournament is back and registration is now open! Join us for a fun day of golf and camaraderie at Boundary Oak Golf Course on Friday, October 15th. This is a scramble format, and your tournament fee includes:

- Golf, Cart & Range Balls, Tee Prizes, Breakfast
- Food & Drinks on the Course, Contest Awards
- 19th Hole Reception

Sponsorships are still available and greatly appreciated. Funds raised support the Father Declan Emergency Fund, CTK's tuition assistance program, as well as CTK enrichment programs. The event is limited to 120 golfers, so get your tickets at ctkgolf.org today! Questions? Contact Golf Tournament Chair Raul Ortega at golf@ctkschool.org



October is dedicated to the Month of the Holy Rosary

Join us on Facebook Monday-Friday at 5:40pm
to pray the holy rosary with our clergy.

On Thursdays we offer 5:40pm rosary in church
followed by mass honoring
Our Mother of Perpetual Help

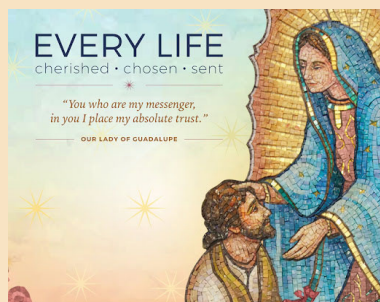
Upcoming Second Collections:

- Oct. 3—Catholic Education
- Oct. 10—Catholic Voice
- Oct. 24—Mission Sunday
- Oct. 31—St. Vincent De Paul



You can give on-line by going to ctkph.org and clicking the on-line button.
You can also access our donation page by scanning our QR code above.
Thank you for your continued and generous support!

October is Respect Life Month!



Every October the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning to the end of their lives, and at every point in between. During the

month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. Learn more at www.respectlife.org

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