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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“In my Father’s house
there are many dwelling
places. If there were not,
would I have told you that
I am going to prepare a
place for you?” - Jn 14:2

May 7, 2023

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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,

The month of May is here. It is a month dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary. The pious practice of honoring Mary during May has been especially promoted by the popes. Pius XII made frequent reference to this devotion; one example can be found in his great Encyclical on the Sacred Liturgy, *Mediator Dei*. He characterized it as an “exercise of piety which although not strictly belonging to the Sacred Liturgy ... nevertheless (is) of special import and dignity.”



Devotion to Mary is an important part of our Catholic identity. Our school children will celebrate Mass this Friday at 8.00am with the May Crowning, a beautiful tradition honoring Mary. At its simplest, the May Crowning is a ritual celebrated in May where a statue of Mary is crowned with a wreath of flowers - to honor Mary as Queen of Heaven and Mother of God. This simple ceremony carries deep meaning within our Catholic faith. While Mary, the Mother of God is revered and celebrated all year long, May is a special month to celebrate the “Queen of Heaven.”



On May 25th, Thursday, we as a community will be honoring Mary by celebrating an “International Rosary” at Christ the King Campus. One Church. One common prayer. The International Rosary is a World Languages Prayer Service and a beautiful celebration of the universality of Catholicism. The Hail Mary prayers of the first 4 decades of the rosary are initiated in different languages and concluded in English. The 5th decade is prayed entirely in English. The service will begin immediately after our 6pm

Mass – honoring Our Mother of Perpetual Help. And we shall pray the Luminous Mysteries, with hymns and commentaries.

Our Adult Faith Formation Committee will be sponsoring this devotion. If you speak one or multiple languages other than English, please call the parish office or email the office at office@ctkph.org. We will get in touch with you and let you know the process.

End of Life Decisions Teaching on May 30th at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall:

Recently Dr. Terrence Heywood came to the rectory and helped Fr. Brian and me in updating our Advanced Medical Directives. We then uploaded it to Kaiser website. Today, if I go to the hospital, they have all the information they need. Everyone involved in a patient’s care should understand how a person’s history and cultural and religious background may influence expectations, needs, and choices at the end of life. The natural law and the Fifth Commandment require that all ordinary means be used to preserve life, such as food, water, exercise, and medical care. The following will be addressed at this meeting:

Catholic Teaching on End-of-Life decisions – Fr. Paulson

Preparing an Advanced Medical Directive with Forms supplied – Dr. Terry Heywood

Preparing for one’s funeral – Forms supplied – Sr. Dominic

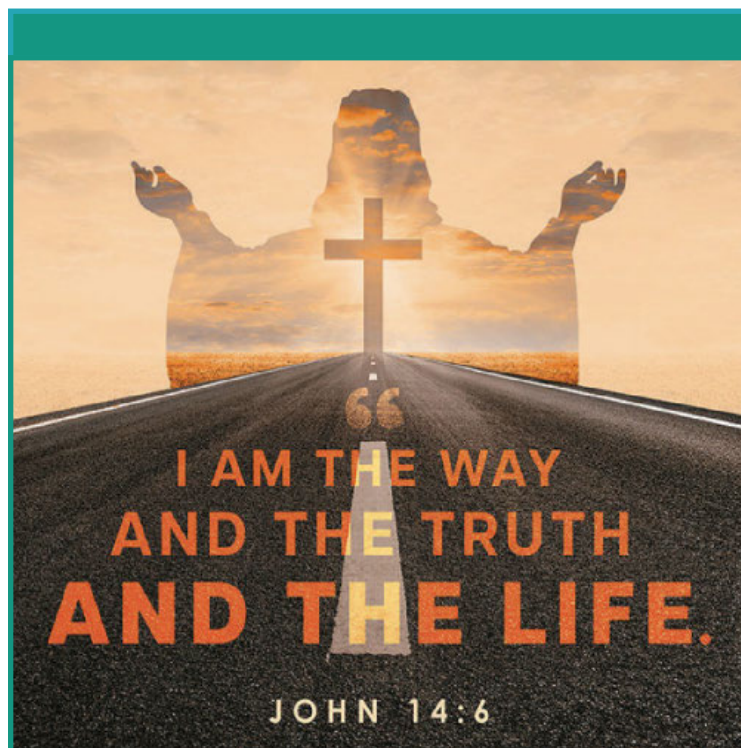
How to go about taking care of your loved one, after he/she dies – Donna Bradshaw

I am happy to announce that we will be partnering with Hillcrest Church in ministering to the poor. I have had an amazing conversation with Pastor Kim and our Vincentians are already working on the process. I will be sharing more information this Sunday at all the masses.

Fr. Paulson

UPCOMING CTK MASS INTENTIONS

May 8	Mon.	9:00am	Taggart Family The Moore Family
May 9	Tue.	9:00am	Nenita V. Ebalo †
May 10	Wed.	9:00am	Connie Guevarra †
May 11	Thurs.	9:00am	Amparo Velarde † John Ahern †
May 12	Fri.	9:00am	Auturo & Evangeline Malibiran †
May 13	Sat.	9:00am	Cecilia Gomez †
May 13	Sat.	4:00pm	Purissima Labao † Prisca C. Binas †
May 14	Sun.	7:30am	Jack Cardoza † Maria Quichocho † Eugenia Di Natale † Annette Corsetti †
May 14	Sun.	9:00am	Mary Taggart †
May 14	Sun.	10:30am	Lois Maderious † Dody Abbott † Clara Villafuerte † Rodolfo Quezon - (<i>Birthday Blessings</i>) Connie Navarro (<i>Birthday Blessings</i>)
May 14	Sun	4:00pm	Angelica & Raechelle Astudillo Marcelino Dusaban



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

May 6	Sat.	5:00pm	Genia Pauplis, Healing
May 7	Sun	9:30am	Jim Vranesh †
May 8	Mon.	8:00am	Peter McDonnell, Blessings
May 9	Tues.	8:00am	Michael & Sue Lewis †
May 13	Sat.	5:00pm	Joanne Brady, Healing
May 14	Sun	9:30am	Lucille Williams †

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

Next weekend, May 13-14, we will have a 2nd collection for Catholic Charities of the East Bay. Please give generously to keep people housed, help young people stay in school, and keep families safely together. Thank you for supporting children, families, and seniors who face hardship in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

Join us for coffee and donuts after the 9:30 am Mass this weekend and the next two week-ends.



Office hours - Monday & Wednesday 11am-2pm



**Helping the Poor in
Our Community:
A Town Hall Meeting
Tuesday, May 23, 6:30pm
CTK's Parish Hall**

Please join the Christ the King - St. Stephen Parish community for a town hall meeting to discuss ways in which our community can support people in need, following the closure of our on-campus food pantry.

Join us for a presentation by the St. Vincent de Paul staff regarding the needs of our community, and engage in a robust brainstorming session to explore ways in which we can answer the call to serve the poor.

This meeting will serve as a listening session for the Parish's Pastoral Council and the St. Vincent de Paul staff. We want to hear all of your ideas – big and small – about how we can support our brothers and sisters in need.

All are welcome. For meeting logistics and facilitation, we need to know how many people plan to participate. **Please register if you plan to attend at ctkph.org.**

This meeting will be held in-person only; there will not be a virtual/Zoom option.

If you have any questions, please contact CTK's office at 925-682-2486.



**CTK Parish Festival
on Friday, June 2nd and
Saturday, June 3rd.**

**Our theme will be
"Let's Rock n' Roll CTK"
and it is sure to be a
'Rockin' good time!**

The Festival Planning Committee is super excited to bring back this beloved parish tradition!

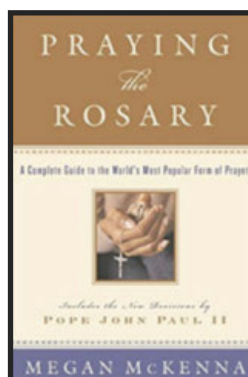
It's not too late to get involved with Festival planning, we are always looking for creative new ideas and an extra set of hands.

We will also be asking for your help in sharing family and business festival sponsorship opportunities. If you or someone you know is interested in sponsorship opportunities, please contact Stacy York at stacyleeyork@gmail.com. More details to come, but in the meantime please email christthekingfestival@gmail.com with questions or interest. Thank you for your support.



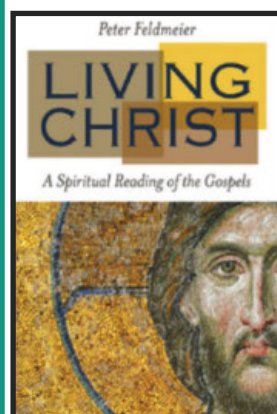
**Praying The Rosary
Monday, May 8 at 10:30am
Ministry Center Chapel**

**"Praying the Rosary: A Complete
Guide to the World's Most
Popular Form of Prayer"**



Join us for a discussion of Megan McKenna's book in which she explains how to pray it and explores its relevance for today.

Megan prefaces each of the 20 mysteries with a selection from Scripture that identifies the prayer's source in the Bible. Combining practical instruction with meditative reflections on the prayer's spirituality, she reveals the Rosary's richly contemplative nature and shows how praying the Rosary can inspire peaceful, calm attitudes, and an awareness of the universal spiritual mystery that connects all Christians.



**"Living Christ: A Spiritual
Reading of the Gospels"
Monday, May 15 at 10:30am
Ministry Center Chapel**

Join us for a discussion of Peter Feldmeier's "Living Christ: A Spiritual Reading of the Gospels." If you have time, read Matthew's gospel and we will be discussing chapters 1 through 7. If you have questions, you can contact Jeannette Holmes at 925-286-1507.



Church Donations

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You can scan this QR Code and it will take you to our safe and secure Realm Site where it will lead you to a convenient way to give. Or give on our parish website at ctkph.org



The Hospitality Ministry is looking for volunteers!

Volunteers with a warm smile and welcoming heart are always needed.

The Hospitality Ministry coordinates church-wide special events when requested by the Pastor or a member of his staff.

Responsibilities include:

Arrange for food and supplies to be used at the event

Decorate for the event

Ministry team will serve as host and hostess

Set up and cleanup for events

Meet as needed to plan for the events

Ministry Contact: Sherry Cartmill at shars41547@gmail.com



ICF Meeting Tuesday, May 16 at 6pm CTK's Parish Hall

Italian Catholic Federation members and interested parishioners are invited to our next ICF meeting. Before our meeting at 6 pm sharp, dinner will be served. The menu will be pesto pasta, Italian sausage, green salad and dessert. Cost is \$15 for members \$20 for non members, and children under 10 are 1/2 price.

Please RSVP by Friday, May 12. Call Juliette at (925) 899-3673 or email her at cotetj@yahoo.com. Hope to see you there!



The month of May is dedicated to our Mother, Mary.

Different opportunities to do this at CTK:

Mass every Thursday evening at 6pm, honoring Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Rosary begins at 5:40pm, it is also livestreamed.

Attend our Adult Faith Formation during May.



Upcoming Second Collections

May 7 - Catholic Education

May 14 - Catholic Charities

May 21 - Catholic Communications

May 28 - Youth Ministry

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said,
"It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table.

Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." (Acts 6:2-4)

Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Pt 2:9)

Gospel:

Jesus said to him,
"I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.
If you know me, then you will also know my Father."
(Jn 14:6-7)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

To those who persist in faith, the truth is a living stone, strong enough to support the weight of real joy. To those who despair of faith, it is a stumbling block. The truth will always be in their way.

Observances for the week of May 7, 2023

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter
Wednesday: St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
Friday: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
Saturday: Our Lady of Fatima
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day



Saint of the week

Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich made it her short life's mission in early 1900s New Jersey, to educate everyone about humanity's universal call to holiness. Her writings can be found in a book called *The Greater Perfection*. She lived a life of contemplation and charity.

Prayer

*Official Prayer for the Canonization of
Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich*

Most Holy and Blessed Trinity, whom Blessed Miriam Teresa loved so ardently, grant that we like her may become ever more conscious of Your Divine Presence within our souls. We implore You to continue to show signs that Your humble servant enjoys glory with You in Heaven, and to hasten the day when we may render her a lasting tribute of our veneration and love. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.scnj.org/blessed-miriam-teresa>)

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