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**YOUR LIGHT MUST SHINE BEFORE OTHERS, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD DEEDS AND GLORIFY YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER.**  
MATTHEW 5:16

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**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**FEBRUARY 9, 2020**

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### Week At A Glance

**Mon, Feb 10**
- 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Office Open
- 7:00 pm, Lector Practice

**Tues, Feb 11**
- 10 am-2 pm, Office Open

**Wed, Feb 12**
- 9:30 am, Scripture Study, Room 5
- 11 am-3 pm, Office Open

**Thurs, Feb 13**
- 11 am-3 pm, Office Open
- 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal

**Sat, Feb 15**
- 11 am, Training for Eucharistic Ministers

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### Schedule of Masses

**Monday - Friday**  7:30 am  (Chapel, Room 1)  
**Saturday:**  5 pm  
**Sunday:**  9:30 am

**Confessions:** Saturday - 4:30 pm

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### Upcoming Mass Intentions

- Sat Feb 8, 5:00 pm - Saint Stephen Parishioners
- Sun Feb 9, 9:30 am - Peter Vallarino †
- Sat Feb 15, 5:00 pm - St Stephen/CTK Priests
- Sun Feb 16, 9:30 am - Saint Stephen Parishioners

### Parish Mission:  
To Live and Love in Christ

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**Christ the King Catholic Church (Sister Parish)**  
195A Brandon Road, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523  
925-682-2486
Dear Friends,

I would like to draw your attention to the seriousness of the coronavirus that is posing serious danger in many parts of the world. As of Tuesday, there were 4 cases in the Bay area. Let us continue to pray for those facing this terrible tragedy in China and its neighborhood. Let us keep the safety of our doctors, nurses and all those who work with patients in our prayers.

The Vatican donated thousands of protective masks to several Chinese provinces affected by the outbreak of the deadly coronavirus. In an email to Catholic News Service Feb. 3, the Vatican press office confirmed a report that appeared in the Chinese newspaper The Global Times, which said that since Jan. 27, the Vatican has sent 600,000-700,000 protective masks to China. The masks are destined to the provinces of Hubei, Zhejiang and Fujian. It is a joint initiative of the Office of Papal Charities and the Chinese Church in Italy, in collaboration with the Vatican pharmacy.

According to the Global Times report, Chinese Father Vincenzo Han Duo, vice rector of Rome's Pontifical Urbanian College, said the donation was made possible with the help of Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, the papal almoner. The masks were paid for by the Vatican and Chinese Christian communities in Italy, while airline companies, including China Southern Airlines, provided free shipment, the report said. "I hope the supplies could reach where they are needed as soon as possible, so that people who are suffering the disease could feel the concern from the Holy See. The whole world is standing together to fight the virus," Father Han told The Global Times.

During his Sunday Angelus address Pope Francis expressed condolences to the victims of the virus and his support for efforts to fight its spread. "I wish to be close to and pray for the people who are sick because of the virus that has spread through China," the pope said. "May the Lord welcome the dead into his peace, comfort families and sustain the great commitment by the Chinese community that has already been put in place to combat the epidemic."

At church, I would ask all ministers to abstain from ministry if you have a cold or flu. Some of the Diocesan guidelines in the affected area included cleaning directions — including microphones used by lectors — and instructed people to bow their heads instead of shaking hands during the sign of peace. Persons displaying flu-like symptoms, e.g. fever, runny nose, sore throat, cough, cold, etc. are advised to stay home and avoid public places including churches. It is not a sin to miss Mass on Sundays or holy days of obligation if one is sick. For those not able to attend mass for these reasons, they are encouraged to make an act of spiritual communion (offer a prayer at home accompanied with a desire to be in union with the Eucharistic Lord).

Eucharistic ministers giving Communion to sick people in hospitals should comply with the directions of the hospital, consult the nurses’ station before doing anything. Before leaving the ward, he/she must wash his/her hands. May God bless us all.

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 9, 2020
First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10
The Jewish people had just returned from exile. They were poor. The prophet in today’s reading reminds them of the religious practice that pleases God most of all, and he encourages them to share the little they have with one another.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
In this reading, Paul continues to address the problem of factions in Corinth. One group followed Apollos, an eloquent preacher who came there after Paul had left. Some criticized Paul because his oratory didn’t compare to that of Apollos. In today’s passage, Paul defends his way of preaching.
New parishioner? We welcome those of you that are new to our parish. Be sure to fill out a registration form found on the tables in the back of the church. You can drop it in a collection basket or bring it to the office in Room 2.

LifeShift Retreat on Work and the Christian Journey. An opportunity to reflect on life and faith while considering new career, work, and/or retirement possibilities. Participants will clarify life/work goals and address the fears of transition.

San Damiano Retreat from February 28 - March 1. Information at sandamiano.org or call 925-837-9141. Presenters: Jim Briggs and Tom Bachuber.

Help Save Lives in Walnut Creek and Now in Concord! Our 40 Days for Life KICK-OFF is February 23 at 7:00 PM at St. Mary’s Gym in WC. Speaker: Fr. James Moore, OP. Vigil locations STARTING ON ASH WEDNESDAY: Outside Planned Parenthood 1357 Oakland Blvd., WC and PP at 2185 Pacheco St. Concord. WE ARE PRAYERFUL. WE ARE PEACEFULLY HELPING WOMEN AND SAVING BABIES! 40daysforlife.com/CONCORD (925) 595-0401 or 40daysforlife.com/WALNUTCREEK (925) 984-7602. SEE YOU THERE!

Parish Stewardship Feb. 1/2
Regular Collection: $4433.50
Maintenance: $96.00
Donuts: $34.50
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Saturday, February 15 at 11:00 am, Fr. Paulson will be leading a training for Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers to the Sick and Homebound. All current ministers are expected to attend. Anyone interested in joining this ministry are also welcome to attend.

Mark your calendar: WOMEN’S RETREAT DAY will be on Saturday March 14 at St. Stephen Parish Hall. 9am - 4pm. More info to follow!

Lent is rapidly approaching. The Little Black Book of daily Lenten meditations is available in the back of the Church.

ctkAlive! Scripture Study—Lent 2020’s weekend A-Cycle readings are really beautiful (incl. Raising of Lazarus, Woman at the Well, Man Born Blind). Let’s prepare together for a Joyous Easter. Join us for this 6-wk series—Tuesdays, Feb. 25 through March 31. Mornings from 9:15 to 10:45. Evenings from 7:15 to 8:45. No charge. Presenter: Al Garrotto. Pre-registration required at algarrotto@comcast.net or call the office at 682-2486.

HURRY HURRY HURRY! Time is running out to apply for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Let a cozy weekend for just the two of you keep you warm on these long winter nights. The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include: Feb 21-23, 2020 in DANVILLE, CA and Jul 10-12, 2020 in DANVILLE, CA. For more information or to apply for a Weekend, visit our website at oaklandwwme.org or contact applications@oaklandwwme.org or 925-849-5466.

Catholics@Work, Tuesday, Feb. 11th: Meet Fr. Burke Masters, Chaplain to the World Champion Chicago Cubs. “Swinging for the fences” defines the ultimate success in baseball. As Catholics it can be seen as a vivid and hopeful image of our desire to hit a home run for heaven. Join Fr. Masters on Tuesday, Feb. 11th at Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville. He will celebrate Mass at 6:30am, followed by breakfast and the program at 7 am, concluding at 8:15 am. Register at catholicsatwork.org.

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Need Prayer? Help is on the way! Send confidential prayer requests to: prayerline@ctkph.org.

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