**Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is in the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream.**

Jeremiah 17:7-8

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 17, 2019

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### Schedule of Masses

**Mon - Fri: 7:30 am  Chapel, Room 1**
**Saturday: 5 pm**
**Sunday: 9:30 am**
**Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 pm**

Christ the King Catholic Church
199 Brandon Road, Pleasant Hill
925-682-2486
This week we celebrated the life of our beloved former pastor and buried his remains. During these days since his death we have heard from so many their favorite “Brian stories.” With Fr. Brian’s passing, we are more conscious than ever of his legacy. What he gave us through his life and ministry lives on within us as individuals and as a parish community. We rejoice now with Fr. Brian as he enjoys his heavenly reward and experiences first hand what he promised to all whose funerals he celebrated -- “There is more.”

As with any gift in our lives, we first give thanks and express our gratitude for the blessing Fr. Brian was to us and to our parish. But more than that, we ask ourselves what we can do in return for all he did for us. The best way to honor a legacy is to continue a legacy.

Fr. Paulson is committed to doing just that, especially when it comes to Fr. Brian’s dedication to social justice. Under his leadership, CTK became known as a parish committed to social justice. Fr. Brian knew social justice was one of the most important ways we can “Hear the Gospel and Make a Difference.” In the words of Pope Francis, “Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society.”

Essential to this ministry is a vital parish social justice committee, or as we call it at CTK, the Faith in Action Committee. Fr. Paulson has asked me to be the new chair of Faith in Action with a charge to revitalize the committee and encourage the participation and involvement of new members. Faith in Action is a ministry of both direct service to the poor and marginalized but also advocacy for public policies consistent with the social teaching of the Church.

Faith in Action is one of the parish committees that most epitomizes the spirit of caring service and the commitment to making a difference in our world. The committee has had energetic and inspired leadership over many years. To sustain the good works of this committee and the many related ministries which demonstrate faith in action, we want to reach out to you and encourage your participation.

You might choose to be part of the leadership and coordination function of the Faith in Action Committee or you might choose to become involved with one of the many ministries of the parish or the local community which provide direct, loving service to the poor -- the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Helping Hands, Monument Crisis Center, or St. Mary’s Center, just to name a few.

Again, in the words of Pope Francis, “An authentic faith -- which is never comfortable or completely personal -- always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it.”

We encourage you to participate in continuing the legacy of Fr. Brian, but more importantly, make this involvement in social ministry part of your own legacy.

Peace,

Kathy Gannon-Briggs

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 17, 2019

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

In the last years before the crushing defeat of Jerusalem and the exile of many of its citizens to Babylon, Jeremiah watched the people destroying themselves through materialism and unfaithfulness to God. Here he sets before them a clear choice.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

In last week’s reading from first Corinthians, we heard the oldest written record of the Church’s core tradition about Christ’s resurrection. Today’s passage follows directly from that, as Paul addresses concern about our own resurrection.

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Join us for coffee and donuts (and bagels and muffins) after the 9:30 am Sunday Mass this weekend. This is a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners.

Next Sunday, Feb. 24, there will be no coffee and donuts because of outside use of the hall.

**BRIDGE & GAME PARTY**

Please come and join us at St. Stephen Parish Hall on Tuesday, February 19th at noon for an afternoon of games (bridge, dominoes, Rum-mikub, etc.). This is a chance to socialize with your fellow parishioners. **All are welcome.** Please bring a sandwich for your lunch. Beverages and snacks will be provided. Call Walter Lang at 939-2430 if you have any questions.

At the Town Hall meeting, Fr. Paulson mentioned to us the importance of giving our time and talent to St. Stephen. Unfortunately, there are just a few people giving most of the volunteer needs. Please **prayerfully consider volunteering** your time once a week, once a month, or whatever works best for you.

Some of our current needs revolve around volunteering in the office, working with the children during our **Sunday Children’s Liturgy of the Word** (C.L.O.W.), greeters, counters and sacristans.

With Lent coming up, we will need help on our **Environment committee** to help create the appropriate Lenten and Easter atmospheres. We will need someone to bring our Holy Oil vessels to the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral and then back again for presentation on Holy Thursday.

These are just a few of our volunteer needs. Please consider your talents and your time and contact the parish office by phone or email with offers of help. Thank you.

**Women’s Retreat March 8/9:** Friday evening and all day Saturday. Will be held at St. Stephen Parish Hall. It will not be an overnight stay ... in the hopes that more will join us! See the poster board at the doors of the church today and take home a flyer which you will find there. **All women are welcome.**

**Save the Date - Men’s Retreat**

April 12-14: “Welcome Back Cotter”. Fr. Vince will be our retreat master. San Damiano, Danville. Contact peteobrien7@gmail.com for more information.

Fr. Paulson’s new book, **Bread Blessed and Broken for the World, A Pastor’s Reflections on the Celebration of Mass**, is available for purchase in the parish office. The book accompanies the reader on a step-by-step journey into the deepest riches of the Roman Catholic Mass. **Blessed and Broken** is available for $20.00

**ctkAlive!** Lenten sign-ups are here! This 6 week series invites us to engage more fully with our Catholic **FAITH**, explore new approaches to **PRAYER**, and consider ways to **ACTION**. Morning and evening sessions, beginning in March. Email algarrotto@comcast.net for more information.

Christ the King’s St. Vincent de Paul is assembling **layettes** for our clients who are expecting babies. We are in need of new or gently used baby clothing sizes 0-24 months. We are also in need of pajamas, sizes 6 mos to 24 mos. If any of you regularly frequent the many thrift shops in the area, we would love it if you could help us with our shopping chores. Call Lois at 935-6640 to coordinate.

**While Zechariah was in the sanctuary, an angel of the Lord appeared to him and said: Don’t be afraid Zechariah! God has heard your prayer.**

*Luke 1:6-13*

Wouldn’t it be wonderful if there were no gap between our prayer petitions and the granting of our petitions? We hold within our hearts so many prayerful pleas that have not yet been granted and so many prayerful hopes that have not yet been realized. We believe that God is faithful. And we trust that God is the giver of every good and perfect gift. But the question still remains: What are we to do in the meantime between praying and receiving what we pray for? Many of us have become despondent. We’ve substituted prayer for expediency, and basically conditioned ourselves to live without hope. We often assume that God’s delays are God’s denials. Even the priest Zechariah had pretty much resigned himself to life without the fulfillment of his prayer petition of having a child. Too many years had passed ... his wife Elizabeth remained barren ... and they had both gotten too old to have children. But though Zechariah may have given up on his prayer, he never gave up his faith in God. In all the meantime of unanswered prayer and unfulfilled hope, Zechariah and Elizabeth remained steadfast in their obedience to God. And then it happened. The angel appeared while Zechariah was at prayer in the temple. If we persevere in faithfulness, despite the disappointments we carry, we too may hear the voice of God telling us that our prayers have not been forgotten, and our faith is not in vain.

**Prayer: God, despite disappointments and delays, renew our faith.**

Annette Roux, Pastoral Associate, Ret.

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