SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 24, 2019

Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap.

Luke 6:38

Week At A Glance

Mon, Feb 25
- 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Office Open
- 7 pm, Lector’s Practice

Tues, Feb 26
- 10 am-2 pm, Office Open

Wed, Feb 27
- 9:30 am, Scripture Study, Rm 6
- 11 am-3 pm, Office Open

Thurs, Feb 28
- 11 am-3 pm, Office Open
- 7 pm, Choir Rehearsal

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Thu 2/28 7:30 am - Santo Tavormina †
Fri 3/1 7:30 am - Mary Manning †
Sat 3/2 5:00 pm - Frank Gomes †
Sun 3/3 9:30 am - Katherine & Dick Du

Schedule of Masses

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

Ministers Sched.  Mar. 2 - 3  Ash Wed. 3/6

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Christ the King Catholic Church
199 Brandon Road, Pleasant Hill
925-682-2486
Dear Parishioners,

The three books that have greatly impacted and enriched my life are the Bible, and in particular the Gospel(s) of John and Matthew chapter five’s sermon on the mount, The Confessions of Saint Augustine, and Thomas A. Kempis’s *The Imitation of Christ*. The latter is perhaps the most widely read Christian devotional next to the Bible. Although incredibly busy as we all are, I yearn for a prayer group to really disseminate and dig deeper into scripture and spiritual writing at this stage of my life, and yet I continue to fall short.

As a student at Saint Mary’s College, I simply loved the collegiate seminar program of Socratic thought, where I learned that our great Saint Augustine was truly human like us, but when he turned his eyes toward God for the long-haul, he was on fire with prose, prayer, peace, philosophy, and an incredible depth and complexity of spirituality. His simple yet profound treatise, *God is Love*, is simply beautiful and profound all at once. Lastly, I no longer have Thomas A. Kempis’s devotional as I presented it to a dear neighbor and friend a few years back when he and his family experienced an incredible loss. Yet, I am inspired that this book has the power to heal, console, and direct our lives beyond measure.

Each morning, I attempt the route from our home in Clayton to Christ the King School. There are mornings when I roll in just a few minutes late to faculty and staff prayer that promptly begins at 7:30 a.m. It is those mornings amidst listening to KLove’s Christian Music Station, and or Martha Quinn’s 80’s Show, and battling the traffic, I proclaim to our son Landen, “That’s it, we’re moving to Pleasant Hill.” I am inspired by the simple and beautiful prayers and intentions from the heart that our faculty and staff present at this coveted time.

I then transition to my office where I read from Sarah Young’s Daily Devotional, “Jesus Calling.” These brief and oftentimes quiet moments are pivotal to my days at school as I reflect and discern, and offer prayer and private intentions to family, friends, and members of our community. This is also a time to thank God for His many blessings and countless gifts and graces to our community.

The next phase of the upstart to the morning is much like preparing for the ten o’clock news. I like the time constraints/creative juices that present themselves, prior to morning prayer and assembly, with our students as I quickly vet the Saint of the Day, surf the web for inspirational quotes or phrases, reach for a prayer book or resource behind my desk, create a spontaneous prayer, or think of a small reflection.

I stand behind our student council each day as we begin morning prayer and assembly to empower each member in their role as leaders, and then approach our community at the end. I look forward to excusing each class and our dedicated faculty and staff for another day of learning and discovery.

In John 16:33 we find, “I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take courage. I have overcome the world!” Father Vince Cotter stated so beautifully in his homily at Father Brian Joyce’s celebration of life and mass, this past Friday, wonderful words from Saint John Bosco, “Look up to the heavens where God and a vast and diverse sky exist, and our problems and issues seem far less complicated.”

*Joe Silveira, Principal*
There will be no coffee and donuts this Sunday, Feb. 24, because of outside use of the hall.

Remember to donate your time and talent by volunteering for Saint Stephen Parish. Call the office or contact Chris Lang for more details.

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.

Join Fr. Bonacci, C.P., for the St. Bonaventure parish mission on “Hospitality and Discipleship: The Greatest Among You Serves.” Fr. Tom is the Director of the Interfaith Peace Project. March 18-20, at both 10 am and 7 pm. St. Bonaventure Catholic Community, 5562 Clayton Rd, Concord. Contact Gina at gcatinali@stbonaventure.net or 925-672-5800 for more information.

Bingo Fundraiser - The Filipino Society of Christ the King (FSCTK) will sponsor a Bingo Fundraiser on Saturday, March 23 in the CTK Parish Hall from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Game tickets are $25 for 12 plays. We are also selling raffle tickets at $10 each for a chance to win great prizes. Proceeds will go to the CTK Building Fund. Call Abe at 925-381-5898 or Efrain at 698-6530 for more information and to buy tickets.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a season of fasting and prayer.

Wednesday, March 6
Come together at one of our Ash Wednesday Masses for worship and distribution of ashes.
7:30 am or 7:00 pm
Or join us at Christ the King
6:30 am, 8:00 am,
12 pm (school mass),
4 pm (prayer service)
5:30 pm and 7:00 pm.


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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.

I will listen to what God the Lord says; she promises peace to her people, her faithful servants— but let them not turn to folly.” - Psalm 85:8
I'm a great listener. At least that's what I'm told. If a friend or family member needs a comforter, I'm there. Advice? Even better. Then I can tell them the latest wisdom I heard on T.V. or radio. I'm not a great listener, however, when it comes to listening to myself. When my body is tired, I work past midnight. When it's time to chase another dream, I come up with one hundred reasons why reaching my last goal was good enough. Late- ly, I'm trying to find rare moments where I can have an inner dialogue and to your saving grace. I'm in quiet, waiting for a friend in a parking lot because I realize I've been running from silence all week. Usually when we're running, we're running from a fear and not to a solution. I don't like listening because I don't like the chance that my sub-conscious, or the Holy Spirit, will speak clearly and tell me I need to do something I don't feel ready to do. What if God says go and I want to stay? What if God says to end that habit I didn't even realize was bad? I'm afraid to know what I don't know—especially because the God I worship is so revolutionary in the quiet. Perhaps it's time to turn to God and turn off the radio—there might be a blessing in the quiet I didn't know I needed.

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Save the Date - Men’s Retreat
April 12-14: “Welcome Back Cot- ter”. Fr. Vince will be our retreat master. San Damiano, Danville. Contact peteobrien7@gmail.com for more information.

Mission Statement: To Live and to Love in Christ

God the Lord says; she promises peace