## Week At A Glance

### Mon, Mar 9
- 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Office Open
- 7:00 pm, Lector Practice

### Tues, Mar 10
- 10 am-2 pm, Office Open
- 5pm - Pastoral Council Meeting

### Wed, Mar 11
- 9:30 am, Scripture Study, Rm 5
- 11 am-3 pm, Office Open
- 6:00 pm, Potluck Soup Supper
- 7:00 pm, Lenten Presentation in Hall

### Thurs, Mar 12
- 11 am-3 pm, Office Open
- 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal

### Sat, Mar 14
- 9 am-4 pm, Women’s Retreat

## Schedule of Masses

### March 8

#### Second Sunday of Lent

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

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

### Ministers Schedule: March 14 - 15

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## Upcoming Mass Intentions

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## Parish Mission:

*To Live and Love in Christ*

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Christ the King Catholic Church (Sister Parish)
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Dear Friends,

We are in a challenging time as the coronavirus has set foot on our soil and there is an air of uncertainty and fear. As Catholics, we are a people who trust in God and his ability to contain disease and calm our fears. First, I invite you to pray every day for our country and our world in this time of crisis. The Italian newspaper Il Messaggero has reported that the 83-year-old Holy Father has tested negative for the illness that is sweeping through Italy right now. He has been ill for a few days now.

As a priest for nearly 30 years, I have never encountered something like this, and so it is new for me as well. These are some of the measures that we announced at all the masses last Sunday: 1. Already some weeks ago we stopped offering the Cup at Communion time. We will offer the Cup again when it is seems wise to do so. 2. We encourage you not to hold hands during the “Our Father” and at the Sign of Peace, not to shake hands, but simply turn to your neighbor and say: Shalom, peace. 3. There will be no Holy Water in the vestibule for the foreseeable future as so many hands go into that water. 4. Most importantly, if you are sick- cold, cough, flu- PLEASE stay home and take care of yourself. Come back to Church when you are well.

I am more than happy to work with any of you who have recommendations for our community at this time. The coronavirus is not an equal-opportunity killer: Being elderly and having other illnesses, for instance, greatly increases the risk of dying from the disease the virus causes, Covid-19. The World Health Organization mission to China found that 78% of the cases reported as of Feb. 20 were in people ages 30 to 69. The death toll skews the old even more strongly. Overall, China CDC found, 2.3% of confirmed cases died. But the fatality rate was 14.8% in people 80 or older, likely reflecting the presence of other diseases, a weaker immune system, or simply worse overall health. By contrast, the fatality rate was 1.3% in 50-somethings, 0.4% in 40-somethings, and 0.2% in people 10 to 39. I would like to share a prayer taken from America Magazine:

| Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace. Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth. Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, heal us. |

Fr. Paulson

Second Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2020

First Reading:
Genesis 12:1-4

The first 11 chapters of Genesis are referred to as pre-history because they teach truths in parable form. Today we begin the 12th chapter which contains stories with identifiable historical roots. The first of these is the call of Abraham, whose original name was Abram.

Second Reading:
2 Timothy 1:8-10

The second letter to Timothy, although probably written some 30 years after Paul’s death, was written in his name. This was an acceptable practice at that time. The author, writing as Paul would write if he were alive, encourages the readers in the face of trials.

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There is no Coffee and Donuts this weekend, but it will be back next Sunday, plan on joining us then.

A few Little Black Book of daily Lenten meditations and the CRS Rice Bowls are still available in the back of the Church.

New parishioner? We welcome you to St. Stephen and look forward to getting to know you. 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.

As you have probably noticed, we have plenty of space to fill in your Special Mass Intentions. Contact the office to schedule 2020 Mass Intentions for your deceased or sick loved ones, or to celebrate special intentions like birthdays and anniversaries.

Join us for a bit of Spring Cleaning around our parish grounds on Saturday, March 21 from 9:00 am to roughly 3 pm. There will be a signup sheet in the back of the church starting this weekend. A simple lunch will be provided.

Feeling the pain of loss? You are not alone. CTK provides a caring and supportive peer led Grief Ministry Group that meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and the 1st Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in the Ministry Center at Christ the King Church. This is a drop-in program and all are welcome. Please call Donna @ 510 381-3615.

Men’s Retreat
Save the Date! Men’s Retreat will be held at San Damiano on April 3-5, 2020. More information to follow soon.

Christ the King Church has Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6:30 pm.

Prayer Works
Do you have a need that requires Divine intervention? Let us add our prayers to yours. Send confidential prayer requests to: prayerline@ctkph.org.

Women’s Retreat - The Return of the Prodigal: Reflections on Creativity, Beauty and Prayer. Presenter: Toinette Eugene, Ph.D. All women are invited to join for our annual retreat to be held: Saturday, March 14 from 9 am - 4 pm. St. Stephen Parish Hall. $25 suggested donation. Today is the last day to register!

14th Annual Knights of Columbus St. Patrick’s Day Celebration
Saturday, March 14th 2020
5:30pm in the CTK Gym
Dinner served at 7pm
Irish Dancers at 6:30 and Live Irish Music all night
Online Ticket Sales at: www.KofCPH.org
Adult Tickets $35 each
Child Tickets $15 each

We will be having the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at Noon. Please join us.

Regular Collection: $ 4200.21
Easter Flowers: $ 305.00
Maintenance: $ 40.00
Ash Wednesday $ 65.36

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