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Pentecost
SUNDAY
June 9, 2019

Week At A Glance

| Mon, June 10 | 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Office Open |
|             | 7 pm, Lector Practice |
| Tues, June 11 | 10 am-2 pm, Office Open |
| Wed, June 12 | 10 am, Don Bellew Funeral Mass |
|               | 11 am-3 pm, Office Open |
| Thurs, June 13 | 11 am-3 pm, Office Open |
|               | 7 pm, Choir Practice |

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Sat 6/8 5:00 pm - Fr. Anthony Le, Birthday Blessings
Sun 6/9 9:30 am - Chris Seymour †
Thurs 6/13 7:30 am - Nancy Sheldon †
Fri 6/14 7:30 am - Tom Cook, Birthday Blessings
Sat 6/15 5:00 pm - St. Stephen Parishioners
Sun 6/16 9:30 am - Jim McGraw, Father’s Day Blessing

Schedule of Masses

Mon - Fri: 7:30 am (Chapel, Rm 1)
Saturday: 5 pm
Sunday: 9:30 am

Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 pm

Ministers Schedule: June 15 - 16

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Christ the King Catholic Church (sister parish)
199 Brandon Road, Pleasant Hill
925-682-2486

Acts 2:3

There appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.
Dear Friends,

Summer is here! I pray that the warm weather, long days, and endless opportunities for fun and exciting activities in nature fill you with joy. “A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows.” ~ St. Francis of Assisi.

This is a crucial year for our Faith Formation. Sr. Maureen who has been a pillar and a force in the area of religious formation will be retiring at the end of this month. Joan Smits will also retire with Sr. Maureen. They have been a team and have given their best to CTK for the past many years. “I’m so very thankful for the years I’ve been here,” Sister Maureen said to me. “They are the most wonderful years of my life. I hate to leave. It is emotional.” “I love the people here. I'll miss everyone at CTK. The people are so loving, so supportive,” Joan told me. “They’ve become family as well as friends.” I am grateful to both of them. They have asked me not to have a public reception as it is too emotional after so many years. You can thank them personally. We will be having an intimate retirement party with just the staff towards the end of the month.

Our Youth Director, Rick Lejano will be moving from his current position to the School as a teacher and minister. Rick was married two years ago to Jennifer, and they would like to start a family. Rick would like to dedicate more time to Jen and family. I am grateful to Rick for his ministry among the young. He will continue to be a CTK staff member.

Where do we go from here? I have appointed Deacon John Ashmore as Pastoral Associate and Director of Faith Formation. He will build a team, which will include Elementary, High School, Young adults and RCIA. Deacon John will be announcing vacant positions soon. I have constituted a team for hiring the various positions (Fr. Mario, Mr. Silveira, Rick Lejano, Bill Weidinger, Sr. Maureen and others that Deacon John will nominate) Transition in the Church is a crucial time for the congregation. Let us continue praying for all involved in the process.

I would like to share with you a letter from Cardinal DiNardo, to whom many of you sent letters:

Dear Christ the King Parishioners,

Thank you for your many letters in which you express your heartfelt concerns and recommendations for the Church in this time of crisis. I appreciate the individual messages to me, that many of you included in your correspondence.

As I said publicly recently, I believe the February meeting confirmed the direction we are pursuing in the United States and was a clear encouragement to proceed with the concrete proposals we have prepared to consider in the June bishops’ meeting. I was very encouraged by the number of interventions that support many of the ideas and directions we are proposing, including to develop a means of holding ourselves accountable that was genuinely independent, duly authorized, and had substantial lay involvement.

Achieving these goals will require the active involvement and collaboration of the laity like yourselves. The Church needs your prayers, expertise, and ideas. As we have learned from diocesan review boards, a comprehensive range of skills is required to assess allegations and to ensure that local policies and procedures regularly reviewed so that our healing response continues to be effective. All of the models discussed rely upon all the good help of God’s people.

Please continue praying for our work and be assured of my prayers for you and your parish community, and that the grace of the Holy Spirit will guide the Church in this difficult time. With kind regards and prayerful best wishes, I am Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo
President, USSCB

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Pentecost Sunday
June 9, 2019

First Reading:
Acts 2:1-11

Pentecost was a Jewish feast that celebrated the beginning of the harvest. It took place 50 days after the feast of Passover. Jewish pilgrims came to Jerusalem from all over the ancient world for the celebration of the feast. Today we hear how Pentecost became a Christian feast.

Second Reading:
Romans 8:8-17

Today’s passage comes from chapter eight of Paul’s letter to the Romans which stresses the importance of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christians. Paul wants us to remember that the Spirit who will raise our bodies on the last day is the same Spirit who enlivens us for holiness every day. Today Paul offers a sharp contrast between life in the flesh (meaning life prone to sin) and life in the Spirit.
Mission Statement: To Live and to Love in Christ

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the sick in our parish, including Peggy Dempsey, Carlota Dunhower, Madeline Gomes, Gerald Mahoney, Jeanie & Jim McGraw, Carl & Viola Nagel, Brian & Eric Peare, Barbara Rusca, and Helen Spahr. In the future, these requests will only appear monthly in the bulletin – but they will always be listed on the bulletin boards in the back of church.

Join us for Coffee and Donuts after the 9:30 am Mass this Sunday.

St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County is celebrating their 55th Anniversary! Please come and celebrate with them at a free event acknowledging the SVdP Community for the work they do to help our neighbors-in-need! Saturday, June 29, 5-7 pm here at St. Stephen. RSVP by calling 925-439-5060 or emailing info@svdp-cc.org. Hors d’oeuvres and refreshments will be served. Attendees will receive a special gift in gratitude for their on-going support of SVdP.

Enjoy a Southern brunch and an afternoon of laughter and fellowship at A Salute to Fathers Comedy Brunch on June 16, 2 p.m. at St. Benedict Parish Hall, 2245 82nd Ave, Oakland. Enjoy comedian Dennis Gaxiola and great food! This fundraiser is in tribute to Father Jay Matthews, former rector of the Cathedral of Christ the Light. Donations are $20 until June 10, $25 after June 10. Call 510.632.1847 or email salutefathersbrunch@gmail.com.

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Funeral services for Don Bellew will be held on Wednesday, June 12 at 10:00 am.

YOU ARE NEEDED – Saint Stephen is kept alive through the efforts of our dedicated volunteers. Unfortunately, our needs are greater than our volunteer list. Especially with summer here, we need floaters in the office to cover when someone is out sick or on vacation.

We also have a need for additional Ministers of Communion, Ushers, Altar Servers, Sacristans, and Lectors. You are already at Mass anyway; why not help out while you are here. Training is available for those new to any of these positions.

Please contact Chris Lang or the parish office if you have time to step in and help.

Email Updates – our parish office sends out important messages about upcoming events and special notices regarding parishioner deaths and sudden illnesses. If you would like to be on this email list, please contact our office to let them know you would like to be added and give them your email address. If you had been receiving updates in the past but haven’t seen any this year, your name might not have made it to our current list – call us to have it put back.

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