Week At A Glance

Mon, July 15
- 9:30 am-1 pm, Office Open
- 7 pm, Lector Practice

Tues, July 16
- 10 am-1 pm, Office Open
- 12 pm, Card & Game Party, Parish Hall

Wed, July 17
- 9:30 am, Scripture Study, Rm 1 Chapel
- 11 am-2 pm, Office Open
- 7 pm, Movie Night, Parish Hall

Thurs, July 18
- 9:30 am, Enrichment, Rm 5
- 11 am-2 pm, Office Open

Schedule of Masses

Mon - Fri: 7:30 am (Chapel, Rm 1)

Sat 7/13 5:00 pm - Monica Balesteri, Health Blessings
Sun 7/14 9:30 am - St. Stephen Parishioners
Fri 7/19 7:30 am - Baby Josephine Vierra †
Sat 7/20 5:00 pm - Buz & Phyllis Lee †
Sun 7/21 9:30 am - St. Stephen Parishioners

Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 pm

Upcoming Mass Intentions

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Dear Friends,

On the Fourth Anniversary of Pope Francis’ Encyclical on Caring for the Earth, Bishops of California published a document, God Calls Us All to Care for Our Common Home, celebrating the Beauty of California while warning of the Perils Facing Our Home. “God destined the earth and all it contains for all people and nations so that all created things would be shared fairly by all humankind under the guidance of justice tempered by charity.” The Church in the Modern World, #69

“We are publishing our Pastoral Statement on the fourth anniversary of Laudato Si’ with a two-fold vision in mind,” say the Bishops: “To animate and energize the implementation in California of what Laudato Si’ calls us to do, and to offer a dynamic teaching and evangelization tool for our Catholic faith community and beyond, especially for young people.” In God Calls Us All to Care for Our Common Home, the Bishops challenge the people of California to appreciate the beauty of the state and to apply – both individually and collectively – the teachings of Laudato Si’ in safeguarding our natural gifts.

The statement emphasizes the Catholic concept of the common good – “the sum total of social conditions that allow us to access the resources and services necessary for a dignified life” in relationship to the environment and the people of California. It follows by building on the concept of “integral ecology” first explored by Saint Pope John Paul II and expanded upon by Pope Francis. The teaching emphasizes that stewardship of nature must first be at the service of advancing the good of all people in their environmental, economic and cultural dimensions.

In the second section, the California Catholic Conference of Bishops challenge different groups to do their part:

• Pastoral leaders and Catholic institutions are encouraged to share practical tools of teaching that proclaim the encyclical’s themes.

• The Bishops ask youth and young adults to find opportunities to pray in natural surroundings and initiate conversations with older adults about environmental protection.

• Parents, teachers, and catechists are encouraged to help create an environmental consciousness and literacy that promotes the principles of Laudato Si’ in every family’s lifestyle.

• The statement suggests that public officials enact policies that improve air quality, reduce polluting gases, strengthen water systems, protect precious ecosystems, and support the health of our citizens.

• Leaders in business are encouraged to consider to what extent their business enterprises, its products, and its marketing meet genuine human needs and promotes the common good.

• The Bishops suggest that those who work the land and care for it reflect on how their work can best balance economic production and environmental protection with attention to greater sustainability.

• The statement calls on artists and innovators to find new ways to highlight the beauty of creation and inspire a culture of ecological and human care in the light of the moral applications of the Pope’s encyclical.

Finally, echoing Laudato Si’, the Bishops conclude with a call to a spiritual conversion that respects our common home and cares for all, especially the poor and vulnerable. “Ecological conversion challenges us to advance in culture, to grow spiritually, and to be better educated about the world entrusted by God to our care. The heavens and the earth belong to God, but we have been called to be good stewards.” Paulson

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 14, 2019

First Reading:
Deuteronomy 30:10-14

The events in this reading take place as the Israelites are camped on the shore of the Jordan River ready to enter the Promised Land. Moses makes it clear to the people that they are expected to remain faithful to the Lord after they have settled in their new land.

Colossians 1:15-20

Today and for three more Sundays, the second reading will be from the letter to the Colossians. This letter responds to a widespread belief that God ruled the world through the mediation of angels who were given their own powers. The author quotes an early Christian hymn that emphasizes that Jesus is the one and only mediator between God and the world.

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

Our first WINE & CHEESE event of the Summer is this Saturday night, July 13. Join us after the 5:00 pm Mass to socialize with your fellow parishioners. Our next Wine & Cheese event will be on August 10.

Our first MOVIE NIGHT of the Summer will be this Wednesday, July 17, 7 pm in the Parish Center – come and enjoy viewing movies on our new screens while feasting on popcorn and root beer floats. Save August 14th for our next Movie Night.

Snack, Sips and Jazz at San Damiano Retreat will be offered on July 21, 3:30 to 6 pm. Join us for our 3rd annual afternoon of New Orleans fare, wine and live music featuring the CoolTones Big Band. Entry is $35. 710 Highlands Dr., Danville. Reservations at 925-837-9141.

Join Fr. Paulson on an Incredible Tour of Germany and Africa - Cape Town, Victoria Falls, Nairobi, Lake Nakuru, & Masai Mara. September 9, 2020 - September 22, 2020. For more information, stop by the CTK parish office and pick up an information packet with the itinerary.

Tour of India & Singapore! January 10-25 with Fr. Mathew Vellankal, Pastor of St. Bonaventure in Concord. Email Fr. Mathew at fathermat@gmail.com for brochure.

BRIDGE & GAME PARTY - Please come and join us at St. Stephen Parish Hall on Tuesday, July 16th at noon for an afternoon of games (bridge, dominoes, RummiKUB, 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.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is beginning in September. If you are seeking the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and/or First Eucharist you are invited to join us. Time is TBD. Please contact Fr. Mario at frmario@ctkph.org for more info.

The Saint Stephen scripture study group will finish their study of Isaiah on July 17th. We will take a break until October 2, when we will begin a study of Ezekiel. We meet on Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11 am at St. Stephen Church, Room 5. All are welcome. Contact Jeannette at 286-1507 for more information.

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Are you looking for a community to support you? You are not alone. Please join us on Wednesday, July 17 at 7 pm at Christ the King Church in the Ministry Center’s Brian Joyce Rm for our ongoing peer support grief group. For more information, please call Donna at 510-381-3615.

Prayer line: Our sister parish, Christ the King also has a prayer line - send your confidential prayer requests to prayerline@ctkph.org and we will pray for you.

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