Week At A Glance

Mon, July 29
- 9:30 am-1 pm, Office Open
- 7 pm, Lector Practice

Tues, July 30
- 10 am-1 pm, Office Open

Wed, July 31
- 11 am-2 pm, Office Open

Thurs, Aug 1
- 11 am-2 pm, Office Open
- 2:30 pm, St. Vincent de Paul, Rm 6

Fri, Aug 2
- 11 am, Jean Portello Funeral

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Sat 7/27 5:00 pm - St. Stephen Parishioners
Sun 7/28 9:30 am - Theresa Burn †
Wed 7/31 7:30 am - Timothy Morrow †
Sat 8/3 5:00 pm - St. Stephen Parishioners

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:

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Christ the King Catholic Church (sister parish)
195A Brandon Road, Pleasant Hill
925-682-2486
July 28, 2019 • Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Most of us can probably imagine (or remember) the delightful questions a young child might ask with innocence and curiosity. “What is air?” “How does a bird fly?” Answers are often met with another question: “Why?” No answer to that question is ever adequate, and so the child persists in asking: “Why? Why? Why?” A quest for knowledge! Of course, the child’s persistence can only flourish in a relationship of trust. These conversations between the child and, typically, an older relative have the power to deepen confidence and intimacy.

How like prayer this is!

Humans are frail. We have questions, fears, needs. And so we pray—but how? How do we speak or relate at all to the Lord of endless life, the God of our salvation?

OUR ABBA

Today’s scriptures provide some answers. We discover that, like Abraham in Genesis and Jesus in Luke’s Gospel, it’s all about relationship.

In Genesis, the Israelites were still trying to learn who this

A Summer Prayer

Long warm days…
The pace of life slows…
A time for picnics and rest in the shade…
Lord, help me to rest awhile in the cooling shade of your presence.
Slow down my restless heart and fill me with gentle compassion for all your people. Amen.
– Author unknown

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First Reading:
Genesis 18:20-32

Today’s passage from Genesis is another episode from the life of Abraham, our father in faith. He lived near Sodom, a city notorious for its wickedness. In this passage, Abraham employs the Middle-Eastern technique of bartering to negotiate with God over the future of that city.

Colossians 2:12-14

This week we continue our series of four readings from the letter to the Colossians. We have seen how this letter emphasizes Christ as the sole mediator between God and all creation. Today’s passage speaks of how we become one with Christ.

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

We will be scheduling a training for altar servers – both returning and new, sometime in September – date to be determined. If you are not currently an altar server but would like to become one, please let the office know. This includes all youth, 4th grade and older, as well as adults.

The Pleasant Hill Senior Center, at 233 Gregory Lane, provides activities, classes, special events, day trips, and services for adults 50+. Notary service and memory screening are just a few of the free services available. The C.C. Café offers daily lunches and Chef Lunches are served on Fridays. A computer lab and video library are open for Senior Center Club members ($20.00 annually). Office hours are 9 to 4 (M-Th) and 9-3 (F). For more information see www.phseniorcenter.com.

Knitters Workshop! Please join other knitters in an effort to knit blanket squares for the Welcome Blanket Project (welcomeblanket.org), a gesture of hand knit love and welcoming for refugees and other immigrants. Our knit workshops are the 2nd and 4th Sundays in Rooms A/B at Christ the King church. Our next workshop is July 28 at 3:00 pm. No experience required and knitters willing to share their skill is much appreciated. For questions or donations of yarn, please contact: pattknits4ewe@gmail.com.

New parishioner? 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. St. Vincent de Paul August Collection - Thank you to all St. Stephen parishioners for the support and donations you have given St. Vincent de Paul over the years. On August the 3rd and 4th we will be having a second collection. God Bless and thank you again, Ray Kuca.

Save the dates! Saturday, August 10 – Wine & Cheese after the 5 pm Mass; Wednesday, August 14th, 7 pm, Movie Night.

Picture this: Your waiting to get into heaven, and Jesus asks, “So what did you do to spread the Good News and make disciples for me?” You quickly reply, “Well, starting in the 2019-2020 school year, I taught Religious Education to children at Christ the King in Pleasant Hill.” Now’s the time to become a catechist. A young person is counting on you to share God’s word and love with them. Call or email Deacon John to discuss what grade you’d like to teach. (925) 682-2486, ext. 107 or faithformation@ctkph.org.

Continue to pray for those names listed on our church bulletin boards: Carlota Dunhower, Madeline Gomes, Gerald Mahoney, Jeanie & Jim McGraw, Carl & Viola Nagel, Brian & Eric Peare, Helen Spahr, and Traci White. To have a name added or removed from the list, please call the parish office.

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.

ctkAlive! Scripture Study at Christ the King - Join us for an in-depth, prayerful exploration of the Acts of the Apostles and the Conversion of St. Paul. The six weekly sessions begin Tues., Sept. 10 in the CTK Ministry Center. Choose either 9-10:30 am or 7 - 9:30 pm. Facilitator: Al Garrotto. Pre-register at algarrotto@comcast.net.

Grief Support at St. Bonaventure: The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Whether the death was unexpected and tragic, or one with warning and preparation, the reality of death leaves most of us in a state of shock, confusion and sadness. Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief. “Healing the Heart” is a 6-week program that will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 until 9:00 pm from September 10th to October 15th. The Grief Companions will share their experiences and there is time for small group sharing. We invite you to join us and let us accompany you on your healing journey. For more information and to register, call Helene at (925) 681-8105 by September 5th.

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Parish Stewardship July 20/21

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