You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2019**

### Week At A Glance

**Mon, Sept. 2**
- Office Closed—Labor Day

**Tues, Sept. 3**
- 10 am - 1 pm, Office Open

**Wed, Sept. 4**
- 11 am-2 pm, Office Open

**Thurs, Sept. 5**
- 9:30 am, Enrichment, Rm 5
- 11 am-2 pm, Office Open
- 2:30 pm, SVdePaul, Rm 6

### Upcoming Mass Intentions

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### 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: September 7 - 8

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Christ the King Catholic Church (sister parish)
195A Brandon Road, Pleasant Hill
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Dear Friends,

I would like to invite you all to our next Town Hall meeting on September 15th at 10.30am after the morning Mass. I am looking forward to listening to you as well as inform you on the financial and spiritual health of our parish. Our Pastoral Council Chair, Ray Kuca will give us a brief summary on their plans for the future and our accomplishments during this past year. The council has been meeting on a regular basis with me, and I am very grateful for their ministry. The Finance Chair John Banker has been a great asset for both parish communities. Together with our volunteer bookkeeper Joann Kurpinsky and our part-time bookkeeper Nancy, John has been very diligent in his management of parish finances. St. Stephen Finance Committee holds a joint meeting with CTK, thus combining the collective wisdom of both parishes to assist each other in our challenges. I know that CTK appreciates John Banker’s expertise and advice on many financial matters that touch CTK. John will provide a financial update. In addition, our Facilities committee will provide a summary of projects completed and others which are in the works. If you have any questions, I will be more than happy to answer them. As always, it has been a joy for me to worship with you and be your priest and leader. I am sure Fr. Mario and Fr. Timoney share my sentiment.

Fallen Eucalyptus Tree:
All have probably noticed the fallen Eucalyptus tree in the eastern portion of our parking lot. The tree fell in the early morning of Saturday August 17, fortunately no persons, vehicles or structures were damaged. The fallen tree was on City of Walnut Creek Open Space and the City has stepped forward to remove the fallen tree and repair the damaged fence. The City’s tree removal contacator will also prune/cut back the eucalyptus tree that is on Church property that was damaged by the fallen tree. Removal of the tree will commence on September 4th and take some time for the contractor to complete his work since he will have to work around the parish schedule. In light of this unfortunate mishap we have surveyed the remaining trees along the rear of the Church. Two pine trees and one smaller eucalyptus tree have been identified for potential removal.

Harry Morrison Hall:
The St. Stephen Parish Hall has undergone a deep cleaning from head to toe. Thanks to the efforts of John and Beth Rusca the Hall walls, Floors, Kitchen floor, Stove and oven have been given a thorough scrubbing. The Hall bathrooms have also undergone a deep cleaning as well. The perimeter flatwork around the hall will be power washed on August 28. This will complete the long overdue cleaning. Again, much thanks to John and Beth for all their hard work and for Chris Lang for coordinating all the onsite parish activities that had to be managed to facilitate this work.

I would like to thank Mike Milani for paying attention to our campus and its many needs. We have a lot to do to bring our facilities up to code, but we are on the right track. I am grateful to our many volunteers who coordinate the efforts of so many, that everything moves in smooth transition.

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First Reading:
Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

The book of Sirach was written by a wise teacher who lived 200 years before Christ. Sirach ran a school for young people in Jerusalem. In today’s section, he gives his students a string of wise sayings that will guide them in their conduct.

Second Reading:
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

In today’s reading from the Letter to the Hebrews, the author contrasts two covenants. He begins with the covenant at Mt. Sinai, which was ratified amid fire and darkness. Then he speaks of the new covenant established by Jesus at Mt. Zion (which is another name for Jerusalem). The author then looks ahead to a glorious future in the heavenly Jerusalem.
There will be NO Coffee & Donuts this Sunday due to lack of volunteers. If you are available for helping on the first Sunday of every month, please contact the office immediately.

After a well-deserved summer break, Choir Rehearsal resumes on Thursday night, September 5.

Save the date – Saturday, October 12, at 6:00 pm, we will be having our first ever Bunco Night at St. Stephen. Never played Bunco? This will be a fun excuse to give it a try.

Confirmation Registration - If you are a Sophomore or Junior in high school and would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation this year; please download a registration form at ctkym.org. Please call the Youth Ministry Office if you have questions at 676-0979.

For more than 20 years, Christ the King and St. Stephen Parish’s have participated in the Oakland Diocese CYO basketball season. The program is available for girls and boys in grades 3 through 8. To register, simply go to the Christ the King CYO website: CTKCYOHOOPS.ORG. There you will find a specific link to the organization’s sportability page. Registration is open through September 5, 2019. For questions, please email ctkcyohoops@gmail.com.

Looking for the latest on our parish? Plan on attending a Town Hall Meeting in the parish center on Sunday, September 15, right after the 9:30 am Mass. Fr. Paulson will update us and answer any of our questions.

Fr. Denis Des Rosiers requests the pleasure of your presence at a special Mass and reception celebrating the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on Sunday, September 22, 2019. Mass is at 4:00 pm followed by a reception in our parish center. No gifts, please. If you would like to bring something, hors d’oeuvres would be appreciated and encouraged. Please contact the parish office if you are able to attend and if you will be bringing a dish to share.

If you are looking for a group of friends that share your faith and desire to have fun, look no further! CTK Youth Group is for all high school students who are interested in building positive relationships, growing closer to God and having fun while doing it! We offer weekly programs, service projects and adventure trips! Thursdays, 7 pm to 8:15 pm. Calendar and sign ups at ctkym.org.

On Saturday, September 28 at 10 am, we will be having a training for altar servers, both returning and new. 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. Plan on being there - and spread the word looking for more volunteers.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is beginning September 5th. 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.

New parishioner? We welcome those of you that are new to our parish. 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.

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