Zacchaeus ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus.

LUKE 19:4

Week At A Glance

Mon, Nov 4
- 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Office Open
- 7 pm, Lector Practice

Tues, Nov 5
- 10 am-2 pm, Office Open

Wed, Nov 6
- 9:30 am, Scripture Study, Rm 5
- 11 am-3 pm, Office Open

Thurs, Nov 7
- 9:30 am, Enrichment, Rm 5
- 11 am-3 pm, Office Open
- 2:30 pm, St. Vincent de Paul, Rm 6
- 7 pm, Choir Rehearsal

Schedule of Masses

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

Confessions: Saturday - 4:30 pm

Upcoming Mass Intentions

Sat Nov 2, 5:00 pm - Leonia & Honorio Malijan †
Sun Nov 3, 9:30 am - Rose Battaglia Tavormina †
Mon Nov 4, 7:30 am - Donald DeBeau †
Wed Nov 6, 7:30 am - Mary Gordon †
Thur Nov 7, 7:30 am - Gina Piombo-Spencer †
Fri Nov 8, 7:30 am - Saint Stephen Parishioners
Sat Nov 9, 5:00 pm - Barbara Gregory,
(Healing Blessings)
Sun Nov 10, 9:30 am - Ray Deborja,
(Birthday Blessings)

Ministers Schedule: November 9 - 10

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Mass</th>
<th>Sat. 5:00 pm</th>
<th>Sun. 9:30 am</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>LECTOR</td>
<td>G. Pauplis</td>
<td>P. Reno</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C.L.O.W.</td>
<td>L. Reno</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</td>
<td>F. McCormick, M. Milani, J. Kurpinsky</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ALTAR SERVERS</td>
<td>J. Kurpinsky</td>
<td>M. Reno</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SACRISTAN</td>
<td>M. Milani</td>
<td>Ah Yee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COUNTERS: Nov 4</td>
<td>J. Schnur, M. Lenahan</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COUNTERS: Nov 12</td>
<td>J. Stark, D. Mammola</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

St. Stephen Church Website: saintstephenparish.org
St. Stephen Church Email: saintstephenwc@gmail.com
Christ the King Catholic Church (Sister Parish)
195A Brandon Road, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
925-682-2486
Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I just want to take a minute to update you on our CTK and St. Stephens Religious Education programs. Business is booming! Let me share the numbers with you.

We have thirty 3 to 5 year-olds registered in our Sunday morning program, and Children’s Liturgy of the Word is back in session. Almost 200 grade 1 through 5 students attend Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday classes. Seventy will celebrate First Reconciliation in December, and First Eucharist in April and May.

Ten 6th graders attend our Wednesday evening program. We celebrate them as they transition from childhood catechesis into higher level learning. The Tuesday evening Jr. High Youth Group has about thirty 7th & 8th grade students registered. These students are learning and developing into more mature members of the Church.

Over 60 high school students are registered for Thursday evening Youth Group, but attendance has been as high as 80, as some of our teens bring friends. That’s subtle evangelization! In Youth Group, our students learn their faith more intimately, experience new and old prayer forms and discuss issues that challenge them in an atmosphere of fellowship and fun!

Seventy-one young adults, mostly 10th & 11th graders, are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in May. In Confirmation they will embrace their Catholic faith more deeply and commit to living it every day.

So, our overall Religious Education student population is almost 400 strong! How does all of this happen? There are three things I want to highlight: 1.) Parish support; 2.) Parental support; 3.) Gifted and caring teachers.

Everything we do at CTK and St. Stephen’s is ministry. We help feed the poor, we celebrate vibrant liturgies and we evangelize. The monthly Special Collection for Religious Education supports CTK School, Grade 1-8 Religious Education and Youth Ministry programs! All of these programs are part of our mission to evangelize our young Catholics and develop them into the church leaders of tomorrow. Thank you, parishioners, for your generous support of these vital ministries that grow the Church.

RE Parents are to be applauded for their valiant efforts to bring their children to classes each week. Children’s schedules are impacted with myriad activities, but RE parents prioritize their children’s calendars to make sure their children grow up learning about, and being embraced by, the love of God. RE parents know that the benefits their children gain through RE classes provide the tools they will use from now into everlasting life! Thank you, faithful and supportive RE Parents!!

We are so blessed by the teachers in our RE Programs. Some are veteran teachers while others are novices. From those who teach our 3 year-olds to Youth Group & Confirmation leaders and every grade in between, the common thread that runs through all of them is their great love of our faith and their desire to share that with the children in their classes. While we still need additional and substitute teachers, I could not be prouder of the team that is in place. I am greatly blessed to work with such talented, devoted and caring teachers. Thanks to each of you. You make the program work!

I continue to learn every day what a big job this is, and I thank you for your support. Your prayers are greatly appreciated. And if you are musing about ways to serve the church, please give me a call. I guarantee I can find something for you to do!

Blessings & Peace to All!

Deacon John

---

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 3, 2019

First Reading: Wisdom 11:22-12:2

The book of Wisdom was written by a teacher who lived in Alexandria, Egypt, a center for Greek philosophy in the ancient world. It was written about 50 years before Christ, and was the last book of the Old Testament to be written. After the first verse of today’s passage, the author speaks directly to God and does so in poetic fashion.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

In his first letter to the Thessalonians, Paul had told them always to be prepared for the Lord’s coming in glory. Some of them became preoccupied with the date when the Lord would come. The second letter to this community addresses that situation.

PARISH STAFF CONTACTS

Saint Stephen Parish Office
274-1341
Fr. Paulson Mundanmani
682-2486
paulson.ctk@gmail.com
Fr. Mario Rizzo
682-2486
frmario@ctkph.org
Chris Lang, Bulletin Info.
939-2430
Joann Kurpinsky/Nancy Gizdich
Bookkeeperssp@gmail.com
Maria Calderazzo, Music Dir.
274-1341
Sr. Dominic Bonnici OP
246-1122
sisterdominic.marie@gmail.com
Deacon John Ashmore
686-1017
faithformation@ctkph.org
CTK Parish Office
682-2486
Religious Education
686-1017

---

Thirty-First
Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 3, 2019

First Reading: Wisdom 11:22-12:2

The book of Wisdom was written by a teacher who lived in Alexandria, Egypt, a center for Greek philosophy in the ancient world. It was written about 50 years before Christ, and was the last book of the Old Testament to be written. After the first verse of today’s passage, the author speaks directly to God and does so in poetic fashion.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

In his first letter to the Thessalonians, Paul had told them always to be prepared for the Lord’s coming in glory. Some of them became preoccupied with the date when the Lord would come. The second letter to this community addresses that situation.
There will be no Coffee & Donuts this Sunday as nobody has come forward to volunteer. What is involved in volunteering? Pick up donuts before Mass (they will already be ordered); set up coffee/coffee supplies; clean up afterwards. This is just once a month on the first Sunday. Other Sundays are already covered. You could do it with a friend to help the time go quicker – or one of you could set up and the other clean up.

Haven’t brought in a picture of a deceased love one yet for our Table of Remembrance? It is not too late; the table will be up for the entire month of November.

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.

Carondelet High School’s Open House for interested 6th, 7th and 8th-grade girls and their parents/guardians, will be held on Sunday, November 17th from 1-3 pm at 1133 Winton Drive (corner of Treat Blvd.) in Concord. There will also be shadow visits, tours, and HSPT Test-Prep courses available. To register and find out more about these events, please visit carondeleths.org/admissions.

National Vocation Awareness Week, November 3-9, is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

Remember to fill out the volunteer opportunity flier if you have not yet done so and return it to the office by dropping in the collection basket or leaving it in the wall pocket next to the office door if the office is closed. Extra forms are available on the tables in the back of the church. Our parish is run by volunteers and WE NEED YOU! Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Communication Skills for Individuals, Couples, and Families: Tips, Tools, and Techniques for Improving Communication. Good Communication is key to any healthy relationship, whether it be with family, friends, co-workers, or others. Helpful to anyone who wants to learn better communication skills, or just 'Refresh or Refine' the ones you have, this Workshop will provide practical skills for being a more effective communicator, and strategies for improving interactions with others. The Workshop, being held at Christ the King, will be presented by Gale Haux, a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, who has a private practice in Pleasant Hill. Join CTK on Monday, November 4th from 7-8:30 pm in the CTK Parish Hall. No cost and no registration required.

Are you an adult who is interested in being baptized? Were you baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination and are thinking about becoming Catholic? Are you a Catholic who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Contact Father Mario for more information frmario@ctkph.org.

Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:30am. All are invited to join us and celebrate the great feast of Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 28.

ctkAlive! Scripture Study—Join us for an in-depth, prayerful exploration of the Advent/Christmas Scriptures. The six weekly sessions begin Tues., Nov. 12 at Christ the King Church. Choose mornings or evenings. Facilitator: Al Garrotto. Preregistration required at algarrotto@comcast.net. Comments about our fall series: "I love the idea of community and participation." . . . . "I'm enjoying the bible study so much".

Parish Stewardship Oct. 26/27

Regular Collection: $3,001
All Souls Day: $25
Catholic Voice: $30
Coffee & Donuts $30.61
Propagation of Faith $35

Thank You For Your Support!
From the WLP Vault comes the Bible Story of Christmas featuring 8 Classic Christmas Carols and a reading of the Gospel of Luke 2: 4-20 by Bing Crosby! Also available on vinyl.

800-566-6150

Visit WLPmusic.com to purchase your copy - CD $10.00

Get this weekly bulletin delivered by email - for FREE!

Sign up here:

Courtesy of J.S. Paluch Company, Inc.