**Week At A Glance**

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<td>Noon, Card &amp; Game Party</td>
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**Upcoming Mass Intentions**

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<td>5:00 pm</td>
<td>Jean Portello †</td>
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<td>Sun Nov 17</td>
<td>9:30 am</td>
<td>Dorothy Neill †</td>
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<td>Sat Nov 23</td>
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<td>Sun Nov 24</td>
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<td>Siuta Moala †</td>
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**Schedule of Masses**

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**Confessions:** Saturday - 4:30 pm

**Ministers Schedule:**

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<td>Sun. 9:30 am</td>
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<td><strong>LECTOR</strong></td>
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Dear Friends,

As I was leaving India for Pleasant Hill trying to put behind the sorrows of the loss of my friends, I was dealing with yet another adversity. My oldest brother, Jose was diagnosed with Lymphoma cancer. At that time, we were not sure of the extent of his sickness or the treatment. I was informed over the weekend that he has stage 4 lymphoma which means that cancer has spread to an organ external to the lymphatic system. My nephew called me yesterday from Sunshine Coast weekend that he has stage 4 lymphoma which means that cancer has spread to an organ.

My brother in Australia to let me know that he will be flying to India to be with his father for two weeks. According to him, the cancer has spread to the lungs and the liver. My brother has been experiencing fatigue, loss of appetite, shortness of breath, fever and other symptoms. I have not known anyone in my family with cancer before except for an uncle who had stomach cancer recently in his eighties. More and more, I have come to recognize the frailty of human life.

On my return from India, after completing a graveside service at Queen of Heaven cemetery, I decided to meet Donna Bradshaw, who is our parishioner and in charge of Grief Ministry at CTK. Donna works at the cemetery accompanying families who have lost their loved ones. It was important for me to confront my own mortality, and what I wanted when that happens. Recognizing mortality will help you to take stock of your life and open your eyes to the opportunities ahead. More importantly, it will help you to take care of the multiple paperwork such as your will, advanced medical directives and funeral.

I have decided that when I die, I would like to have a vigil with rosary followed by a Mass of Christian burial in a borrowed casket. After that I would like to be cremated and placed in a simple urn in one of the niches in the chapel at Queen of Heaven. Donna is a very compassionate and loving parishioner and she told me she will get back to me at the earliest with more information. Queen of Heaven cemetery has evolved into a sacred space with wonderful staff who understand the pain people go through. I know I am sharing with you very personal information, and that is because you are my family. Fr. Mathew had great plans about the future, and where and how he wanted to retire. It is truly revealing that God had a different plan for my friend. Over the years I have grown very comfortable with who I am and my own human frailties.

I can’t begin to explain why your loved one passed away or why your child has cancer or why you or your loved one received such a dismal diagnosis. But I agree with you that it doesn’t make sense, it doesn’t seem right, and it certainly doesn’t feel like God cares. But I know that when you believe in God, he can help you accept the adversity, and find comfort and meaning. In 2 Corinthians 4: 8-9, we are told, “We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.” We are not sure what to do, but we know that God knows what to do. We are at times spiritually terrorized. But God hasn’t left our side. God is in control. The more we come to terms with this truth, the easier our struggle against serious or chronic illness will be. As Lynn Eib who had experienced pain of cancer in her own family remarked, “You can relax knowing Someone else is in charge – Someone much more intelligent, powerful and vigilant than we are or could ever hope to be.” I want you to know that’s exactly how I feel in my pain and struggle with my brother’s diagnosis and the loss of my friends.

In this context, I would like to inform you that we will be launching a new ministry at CTK – ‘Faith-Based Support Group for cancer survivors or their loved ones.’ It is scheduled to commence in January 2020, and this ministry will be led by a cancer survivor himself. Jim Weber, recovered from cancer and wants to help others who are struggling with similar situations. He attended a support group for years, and has worked with many cancer patients. More information will be in our bulletin in the coming days.

Thank you for being my family and praying for me.

Fr. Paulson

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 17, 2019

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20

The book of Malachi was written after the Jews returned from exile in Babylon. Faced with problems on all sides, many in the community doubted whether God would ever again act on their behalf. In today’s passage, Malachi responds to these skeptics.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Second Thessalonians addresses concerns early Christians had about the coming of Christ in glory. Some were excessively interested in the day and hour of Christ’s coming. Others thought that his imminent coming was an invitation to idleness.


Jesus foretells the destruction of Jerusalem, the persecution of his followers.

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Join us for Coffee & Donuts after Mass this Sunday!

Our spare PYX have all disappeared. If you borrowed one, please return it to the sacristy as soon as possible.

It is not too early to think about scheduling a Mass Intention for 2020 for your deceased or sick loved ones, or to celebrate special intentions like birthdays and anniversaries. Lots of 2020 dates available; schedule now to get your preferred date. A number of 2019 dates are still available.

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.

Please join us on Wednesday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 7th at 9:30 a.m. for our on-going Grief Workshop at Christ the King. We will gather in the Fr. Joyce Room of the Ministry Center. CTK provides on-going peer ministry for all grieving people. All are welcome. Please call Donna at 510 381-3615 for information.

In today’s mobile society, families are often separated during the holidays. If you find yourself alone on Thanksgiving, or you are grieving the loss of a loved one and need support on this day, Queen of Heaven Cemetery will welcome you with open arms as we gather together as one community on Thanksgiving Day for coffee and fellowship. Please join us on Thursday, November 28th from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the St Cecilia Chapel, 1965 Re- liez Valley Road, Lafayette. For information please call: 925 932-0900.

BRIDGE & GAME PARTY!

Please come and join us at St. Stephen Parish Hall on Tuesday, November 19th at noon for an afternoon of games (bridge, dominos, 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 929-2430 if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support!

Next Sunday's (Nov 23-24) 2nd collection is for the Campaign for Human Development. When you participate in this collection, you help groups of low-income people in your diocese and across the country in their efforts to provide access to affordable housing, health care, jobs, employee-owned businesses, and rights for immigrants. By supporting CCHD, you help out your own neighbors, because 25 percent of your contribution stays within your own diocese! Please be generous.

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

Thank You, LORD!

Thanksgiving Food Donation

The season of giving has begun! Remember to bring your filled bags this weekend or next weekend. Please only include the items listed on the bag.

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference would like to give Thanksgiving Food Bags for the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday to people in our community who need some help – people who are without jobs, or low income jobs, homeless people, single parents, and most importantly the people who we support on an ongoing basis. We help our neighbors in need, without discrimination.

Calling all Women! Magnificat SOTI, a Ministry for Catholic Women invite all to join them at their Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, December 7 at 9:30 am. Please join us for a morning of Praise, Prayer and Inspiration as we celebrate Advent and prepare for the coming birth of our Lord. 45 John Glenn Drive, Concord. Call Kim Sullivan at 925-683-8220 for tickets or more information.

Parish Stewardship Nov. 9/10

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