### Week At A Glance

**Mon, Dec 30**  
- 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Office Open  
- 7:00 pm, Lector Practice  
  
**Tues, Dec 31**  
- Office Closed  
  
**Wed, Jan 1**  
- Office Closed  
- 9:30 am, Liturgy: Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God  
  
**Thurs, Jan 2**  
- 9:30 am, Enrichment, Room 5  
- 11 am-3 pm, Office Open  
- 2:30 pm, St. Vincent de Paul, Room 6  
- 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal  
  
**Mon Jan 6**  
- 10:00 am, Memorial service for Lloyd Mathis

### 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 Dec 28, 5:00 pm - Margaret Garibaldi †  
- Sun Dec 29, 9:30 am - Rolando Bordon Sr †  
- Tues Dec 31, 7:30 am - Anne DeFilippo †  
- Wed Jan 1, 9:30 am - John Tavormina †  
- Sat Jan 4, 5:00 pm - Bob Walton †  
- Sun Jan 5, 9:30 am - Saint Stephen Parishioners

### Ministers Schedule: Solemnity of Mary – January 1

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### Parish Mission:

**To Live and Love In the Gospel**
Light from Light – True God from True God

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This season begins our liturgical year as a Church. God’s amazing plans and designs are interwoven into our salvation through the prophets, by His holy word, and in the mysteries of our faith. Mary’s “Yes” to the archangel Gabriel reveals the miracle of life to a loving couple in a humble manger.

God’s plan is like beautiful tapestry that is incredibly complex and aesthetically captivating all in one. The backside of tapestry’s decorative fabric, that is built up during weaving, is rather messy. Yet, the front side compels us to wonder in awe. Sort of like stain glass that from the outside can become less clear and dusty over time. Yet, once light is shone through the glass beautiful arrays of color and prisms captivate our hearts.

The manger speaks of hope, peace, joy, and love. In addition, there is a humble aspect to our faith story that makes it so simple -- yet profound all at once. God’s plan envelops the love of Mary and Joseph, the miracle of the birth of the baby Jesus, and His eternal love for us all.

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May this beautiful light shine through each of us for the world to see as we thank God for His prophetic plan and many blessings. My prayer is that you and your families experience the hope, peace, joy, and love of Christmas throughout the year. May your New Year be filled with peace, health, and abundant blessings,

Mr. Silveira
Principal, Christ the King Catholic School

Holy Family Sunday
December 29, 2019

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
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 advises his students on the proper way to honor their parents.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21
The letter to the Colossians was written around the year 80 A.D. A significant concern in this letter is how the Christian community appears to outsiders. The author offers guidelines so that Christian families will live in such a way that others will notice the difference.

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

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Join us for Coffee & Donuts after Mass this Sunday, Dec. 29. There will be no Coffee & Donuts next Sunday, Jan. 5.

Mass Intentions:
There is still lots of space available for 2020 Mass Intentions for your deceased or sick loved ones, or to celebrate special intentions like birthdays and anniversaries. Contact the office to schedule a spot.

2020 Calendars are also available in the back of the Church.

No fee is required. Registration forms available at the day of the event. Girls and boys ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the Free-throw competition. 15 to 18 year-old youth (only) are invited to the 3-point shooting contest. The KoC PH council #5811 competition will be held on Sunday, January 26th from 7:30am to 11:45pm at the CTK Gym. Bring your own ball to warm-up: Ages 9, 10, 11 (Boys & Girls Competitions) use a women’s regulation-size basketball and shoot from a 12-foot foul line, Ages 12, 13, 14 (Girls Competitions) use a women’s regulation-size basketball. Ages 12, 13, 14 (Boys Competitions) use a men’s regulation-size basketball. The council champion from each division advances to the district competition to be held in February. Questions: Contact Roberto Bracamontes at 925-899-7782 or rbracamontes@mac.com.


From the finance committee: If you have an IRA and are over the age of 70 1/2, you are faced with a required minimum distribution from your IRA. The IRS has a qualified charitable donation rule that allows you to exempt your distribution from taxes. The significant advantage of this is that it lowers your adjusted gross income. The main rules are: donation must be paid directly from the IRA to the charity; the donor must be over 70 1/2; the amount is limited to $100k. If you are in this situation, check and see if it makes sense for you to apply this IRS rule and direct your distribution to St. Stephen Parish.

Your box of offering envelopes for 2020 is available in the back of the Church. Please stop by to pick it up. If you cannot find one with your name, please contact the office. If you are not currently using envelopes but would like to start, also contact the office.

New parishioner?
We welcome you to St. Stephen and look forward to getting to know you. 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.

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 at frmario@ctkph.org.

Time to Reconnect with your Catholic Faith?
Are you feeling like it may be time to re-engage with your Catholic Faith? Here’s a special opportunity just for you. LANDINGS is a 10 week program that offers a chance to reconnect. We hold discussion based sessions that are for listening and for being heard - for asking questions and finding answers. We begin a 10 week program at CTK on Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 7 pm. Pre-registration is required. All are welcome and we look forward to hearing from you.

Interested? For more info: contact us at jwitherspoon@cfcoakland.org.

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