April 20    9 am   Michael, Adele, Frank & Doris Rebollini †
April 21    9 am   Sotera Quintans †
April 22    9 am   Jim Pugh †
April 23    9 am   Cecilia Nguyen †
April 24    9 am   Jerry Blomquist †
Saturday, April 25
9 am          William Mark Nieman †
5 pm  Bionisio Navarro Jr.
*Sunday, April 26
7 am         CTK/SS Parishioners
8 am         Carondelet High School
9:15 am      Ken Henry †
10:45 am     Patsy Norway †
12:15 pm     Leoncia Santos †
6 pm          Dionisio & Adoracion Navarro †
*all Sunday Intentions prayed for at the Sat. 5 pm vigil mass
Dear Friends,

As each day goes by the extent of the health crisis facing us across our country, and around the world, becomes more obvious and more alarming. We are all affected by this crisis, and many will feel a growing sense of concern in themselves and in their families and friends as the dangers we are facing become more confronting.

It would be easy to give way to panic: we see signs of that panic in the empty shelves of our supermarkets or strange behaviors in the streets or even in our homes. "When our wellbeing is endangered, we are easily influenced by behaviors of others who face similar endangerment," Dr. Shinwoo Kang, a psychiatrist told ABC News. "Although technological and social advances have allowed people to be better prepared, it has also created as much anxiety, amplified by incorrect statements or egregious opinions."

As a Pastor, my prayer for you is that the temptation to panic must not lead to an abandonment of our Christian hope and of our trusting faith in the providence of God. While so much is changing around us one thing remains the same: God is with us, his mercy and compassion overshadow us, and his call for us to love one another as Jesus has loved us still rings in our hearts. I was deeply touched by the Easter message delivered by Bishop Davies that was published in the UK Catholic Herald. I would like to share with you an excerpt.

"Life and death together fought ...”. These words have been sung at Mass on Easter Day for almost a thousand years. The drama they evoke is a struggle in which life overcame death: Christ who died now “reigns alive” (The Easter Sequence). These words might also evoke something of the struggle in which the whole of society is engaged this Easter. It is a struggle between hope and fear; between the threat of death and the promise of life; between the triumphant power of love and a retreat into the shadows of selfishness and despair.

Saint Matthew describes the earth itself being shaken at Christ’s Resurrection (Cf. Mt. 28:2). This image might resonate for us who know our world to be shaken, shaken by fear of a hidden threat. Yet, Pope Francis speaks of seizing this time of trial to make of it, “a time of choosing ... a time to choose what matters ...”. He recently spoke of the fact that it is “doctors, nurses, shop workers, cleaners, care-givers, law and order forces, volunteers, priests and consecrated women and men, and many others” who are quietly and heroically writing the decisive events of our time. Many more, he said, are “praying, offering and interceding for the good of all,” leading us to recognize how “prayer and quiet service are our victorious weapons”. This is a moment, the Holy Father insists, “to get our lives back on track with regard to (the) Lord and to others ...", in the realisation that we “are not self-sufficient, we need the Lord” (Cf. Urbi et OrbiMessage 27th March, 2020).

I thank you for all your support and prayer for both communities. Our parish and school staff continue to work hard while taking care of their own safety and health. Our Leadership is continually exploring ways in which we can keep connected, and have our spiritual needs met without being physically together. I wish you a joyous Easter Season.

Fr. Paulson

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Divine Mercy Sunday
April 19, 2020

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Luke wrote a two volume work: Volume One was his Gospel; Volume Two was the Acts of the Apostles, which describes the life of the Church after the Resurrection of Jesus. Every year, during the seven weeks of the Easter Season, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. In today's passage, Luke gives an idealized description of early Christian community life.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Our second reading during most of this Easter season is taken from the first letter of Peter, which was addressed to Christians living in the northern part of what is today Turkey. These Christians found themselves out of step with the society in which they lived, and they felt abused and discriminated against. The Resurrection of Jesus was held out to them as a basis of hope during their trials, which is why the Church chooses to read from this book during the Easter season.
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**OFFICE UPDATE**

Our CTK and St. Stephen staff are working remotely. Thank you for your patience as we work out the best communication practices for our new work days.

Phone: Please call the CTK office at 925-682-2486 and leave a voice message. For St. Stephen, please call 925-274-1341. Office personnel can retrieve these remotely and answer you or forward your message to the appropriate staff. We will do our best to return the call on the day you leave the message.

Email: You can find the email addresses of all staff members on our bulletin page. All staff will be checking their emails daily.

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Please join us daily at 9 am for a live streaming of our daily mass on our Facebook page. You can find the recorded version on our website at ctkph.org.

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Prayer Works!
Do you have a need that requires Divine intervention? Let us add our prayers to yours. Send confidential prayer requests to: prayerline@ctkph.org

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Notice: Sister Joyce Marie Gaspardo, the second Principal of Christ the King school passed away unexpectedly on Good Friday. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

Christ the King and Car Donation Services, located in Martinez have teamed up to provide an easy way to donate a vehicle to CTK, whether running or not. Proceeds from all vehicle donations will go towards our Capital Campaign, unless you tell us otherwise. Call 888-686-4483 to start the easy process. CDS takes care of all aspects of your car donation, allowing you peace of mind that the transaction will be completed efficiently and properly.

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**Weekdays (Monday - Saturday am):**
9:00 am - Mass (Friday liturgy is a Children's Mass)
5:00 pm-7:00 pm - Our Rectory Chapel will be Live on Facebook focusing on the Tabernacle. 
You can spend time in prayer from within your living rooms.
6:00 pm - One-minute prayer for the nation
6:02 pm - Rosary with Fr. Paulson and Fr. Brian

**Weekends:**

**Saturday**
4:45 pm - FB Live in our Ministry Center Chapel for prayer
4:50 pm - Centering Prayer with Fr. Paulson
5:00 pm - Sunday Vigil Mass

**Sunday**
5:00 pm-7:00 pm - Our Rectory Chapel will be Live on Facebook focusing on the Tabernacle.
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6:00 pm - One-minute prayer for the nation
6:02 pm - Rosary with Fr. Paulson and Fr. Brian

If you miss the live streaming, you can access all videos on Christ the King website at ctkph.org.

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