

March 31, 2019

Fourth Sunday
of

Lent

Whoever is in Christ
is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

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Week At A Glance	Upcoming Mass Intentions			
<p>Mon, Apr 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Office Open 5:00 pm, Lenten Reconciliation Service 7 pm, Lector Practice <p>Tues, Apr 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 am-2 pm, Office Open <p>Wed, Apr 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 am, Scripture Study, Rm 6 11 am-3 pm, Office Open 6:00 pm, Potluck Soup Supper 7:00 pm, Fr. Paulson on his book "Bread Blessed & Broken" <p>Thurs, Apr 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 am, Enrichment 11 am-3 pm, Office Open 2:30 pm, St. Vincent de Paul, Rm 6 7 pm, Choir Rehearsal <p>Fri, Apr 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noon, Stations of the Cross 	<p>Sun 3/31 9:30 am - Jennifer Johnsen † Mon 4/1 7:30 am - James Pratt † Wed 4/3 7:30 am - Mr. & Mrs. T. Wickham †</p>			
<p>Schedule of Masses</p>	<p>Ministers Schedule: April 6 - 7</p>			
	<p>Mass</p>		<p>Sat. 5 pm</p>	<p>Sun. 9:30 am</p>
	<p>LECTOR</p>		<p>S. Derby</p>	<p>R. Gigoux</p>
	<p>C.L.O.W.</p>			<p>T. Nguyen</p>
	<p>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</p>		<p>D. Derby</p>	<p>M. Lenahan</p>
	<p>ALTAR SERVERS</p>		<p>M. Milani</p>	<p>L. Morin</p>
	<p>SACRISTAN</p>		<p>M. Milani</p>	<p>J. Jury</p>
<p>COUNTERS: Apr 1</p>		<p>W. Lang, M. Lenahan</p>		
<p>COUNTERS: Apr 8</p>		<p>J. Stark, J. Brady</p>		
<p>Mon - Fri: 7:30 am Chapel, Room 1 Saturday: 5 pm Sunday: 9:30 am</p> <p>Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 pm</p>		<p>(Sister Parish) Christ the King Catholic Church 199 Brandon Road, Pleasant Hill 925-682-2486</p>		

Dear Friends,

I would like to invite you all to a Community Impact Forum - an evening conversation with local community leaders about the homeless in our community. Come to listen, learn and share concerns and our common values. Ken Carlson - Mayor of Pleasant Hill, will moderate the discussion. A couple of weeks ago a number of St. Stephen and CTK staff and parishioners attended a precursor meeting to help plan the Forum that will take place on April 10th at 7.00pm at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 3051 Putnam Blvd, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.



One of the things discussed that evening was: How we THINK about homeless matters!

How can you tell if a person is homeless? Is it the way they dress? The way they stand or sit? Where they hang out? What do you think about when you see a homeless person? Are you concerned about their well-being? Are you scared? Both?

There are of course many ways to think about street poor, and it is important to consider that how we think about the problem has a big effect on what we do about it. On the one hand, if we view the homeless sympathetically as victims of a bad family life who now live in extreme poverty, we may want to respond by doing what we can to ensure that their basic survival needs are met, that they be protected and given help to get back on their feet.

On the other hand, we may think of the homeless as scary, dangerous and delinquent; as petty criminals who threaten pedestrians, tourists and car drivers in the downtown areas of our cities. We might think that in such cases these people are bad (or more generously, troubled), who leave home for fairly insignificant reasons, and get involved in irresponsible activities once on the street, thereby putting public health and safety at risk. The solution in this case is to either arrest them or pack them up and send them home.

The differences between these two perspectives is vast, and so are the outcomes of such thinking. We discussed a number of other ideas. I hope we can attend this Forum and learn to be of assistance to the most vulnerable in our midst.

Bishop's Appeal:

Bishop Michael C. Barber has chosen *Rebuild My Church* as the theme for the 2019 Bishop's Appeal. While he was here celebrating Mass and blessing our Ministry Center at CTK, he preached on the importance of fulfilling our obligation to the multiple needs of the diocese through Bishop's appeal. We will be holding a second collection on the weekend of April 28th, and more information will be given to you as we approach the date. Meanwhile, the diocese has already started mailing out letters to parishioners. I would encourage you to give generously.

I would like to give a shout out to the many volunteers who give their time to St. Stephen week after week. I am so proud of our community. I want to thank Joann Kurpinsky who has stepped forward to do our books pro bono. Thank you Chris Lang for your sense of Stewardship. Our St. Stephen staff is awesome.

Fr. Paulson

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First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

After Moses died, God selected Joshua to lead the Israelites. In this reading, Joshua and the Israelites have just crossed the Jordan River and now at long last are in the Promised Land.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Some members of the Corinthian community found it hard to accept Paul's teachings. They challenged his credentials and sincerity as an apostle because he was not an eyewitness to the earthly life of Jesus. In this passage, Paul defends his ministry as an apostle.



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LENTEN REMINDERS

Our parish Lenten Reconciliation Service will be held this Monday, April 1, at 5 pm.

This Wednesday, April 3, at 7:00 PM Fr. Paulson will give his final presentation from his book "Bread, Blessed and Broken for the World". This will be preceded by our soup supper potluck at 6:00 PM. Next Wednesday, April 10, at 6:00 pm we will have a Seder Meal in place of the Soup Supper.

Stations of the Cross are at Noon Friday in the Church.

The complete Lenten Schedule is listed on the bulletin boards in the back of the Church as well as on our website.

Catholic Charities of the East Bay helps people in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties who are struggling with poverty and other complex issues. To learn more about this work and how you can get involved, please join a **Transforming Lives Tour**.

You'll learn about our work preventing homelessness, helping young people stay in school, crisis counseling and more. Contact Stephan at spippen@cceb.org or 510-768-3133 for more information.

LifeShift Retreat on Work and the Christian Journey. An opportunity to reflect on life and faith while considering new career, work, and/or retirement possibilities. Participants will clarify life/work goals and address the fears of transition. San Damiano Retreat April 5-7. Presenters: Jim Briggs and Tom Bachhuber. 925-837-9141 to register.

Join us for **coffee and donuts** in the hall this Sunday.

Contra Costa Interfaith Housing is looking for volunteers to bring their talents to **CCIH Summer Camp** either at Concord or Pittsburg site. The kids range in age from 5 to 14 years old and every year they have a blast because of the creativity of volunteers! Just 2 hours per day for 1 week. Can you teach dance appreciation? No-cook cooking? Theater? We are only limited by your imagination. Talk to us! 925-448-2004.

Men's Retreat on April 12-14! **"Welcome Back Cotter"**. Fr. Vince will be our retreat master at San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville. Contact petebrien7@gmail.com for more information.

Hello Parishioners, It's that time of year again! **Winter Nights**, the two week mobile family shelter, will be held from **April 22nd through May 6th** in the Christ the King gym. This is an amazing opportunity for you to engage in works of mercy with our parish communities. There are two ways you can help; by donating specific goods to our food pantry and by giving your time and volunteering for the program! The sign ups are live now on our website, ctkph.org on the top of the homepage. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Mario or Rick Grand-Lejano at winter-nights@ctkph.org. Thank you for your support and generosity!

St. Francis of Assisi Church invites you to celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be sung, followed by a bilingual Mass. Please join us on Sunday, April 28 at 3 pm at 860 Oak Grove Rd., in Concord.



MARRIED COUPLES: Marriage Encounter is a positive, simple common sense, private experience between you and your spouse, that revitalizes marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted. The **next Marriage Encounter Weekends** include: Jun 28-30, 2019 in Danville, CA and Sep 13-15, 2019 in Concord, CA. To register or for more information, visit oaklandwwme.org or contact Chuck and Annie at applications@oaklandwwme.org or 925-849-5466.

Pittsburg Community Theatre presents, **"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"**, the musical reimagining of the bible story of Joseph and his brothers. April 5 - 21, Call 427-1611 for tickets.

Have you lost someone you love? Are you looking for support? Our **Grief Ministry** offers a supportive and welcoming space for those experiencing the pain that comes with the death of a loved one. We gather to remember, share and to learn tools that can help you begin to live with your grieving heart. There are two drop-in sessions each month: The **first Saturday of each month at 9:30 am** held at Queen of Heaven Chapel at 1965 Reliez Valley Road in Lafayette and the **third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm** at Christ the King Parish Hall. To register or for more information, please call Donna Bradshaw at 510-381-3615.

Parish Stewardship March 24/25	
Regular Collection	\$2508.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 5.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 80.00
Thank you!	

Mission Statement: To Live and to Love in Christ