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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 4pm Vigil
(4pm Mass is also livestreamed)

Sunday

7:30am, 9am, 10:30am, & 4pm
(10:30am Mass is also livestreamed)

Private Confessions

Saturday 3pm to 3:30pm

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9am to 5pm

Daily Mass Schedule - 9am

St. Stephen
Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Christ the King
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday

St. Stephen Church

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 5pm Vigil
Sunday: 9:30am

Private Confessions

Saturday Before the 5pm Mass

Office Hours

Monday & Wednesday 11am to 2pm

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
HE WENT UP THE
MOUNTAIN AND BEGAN
TO TEACH.

MATTHEW 5:1



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

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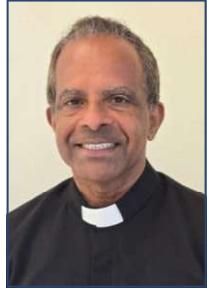
Mission Statement

To hear the gospel and make a difference.

To live and love in Christ.

Dear Friends,

In recent days, our nation has witnessed renewed tension, protests, and acts of violence that grieve our hearts and trouble our common life. These moments test not only our public institutions, but also our personal convictions and our Christian discipleship. As followers of Christ, we are called to resist escalation, to watch our rhetoric carefully, and to refuse language or actions that dehumanize others. Justice is never served by hatred, nor peace by fear. Due process, respect for human dignity and the common good must guide our response—especially in conversations around immigration, public safety, and social unrest.



U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has dominated media coverage amid widespread controversy. While some argue that reducing the presence of undocumented immigrants in the United States is a legitimate policy goal, the methods used to pursue that mission have caused deep and, in many cases, irreversible harm to families and communities across the country. This reality underscores the urgency of de-escalation and the moral responsibility to ensure that enforcement, rhetoric, and public discourse never strip people of their dignity or humanity.

In a statement released on January 25, Archbishop Paul S. Coakley, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, echoed the words of Pope Leo XIV, calling the Church and the nation back to the heart of the Gospel. Quoting the Holy Father, Archbishop Coakley reminded us that ***“the Gospel must be proclaimed and lived in every setting, serving as a leaven of fraternity and peace among all individuals, cultures, religions and peoples.”*** With this in mind, he urged calm, restraint, and respect for human life, emphasizing that public authorities have a grave responsibility to safeguard the well-being of all in service to the common good. As a nation, he said, we must turn away from dehumanizing rhetoric and acts that threaten human life, boldly proclaiming with Pope Leo: ***“Peace is built on respect for people.”***



Following the tragic shooting in Minneapolis, Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda also called for prayer and a restoration of peace. He reminded us that while we rightly thirst for God's justice and hunger for His peace, neither will be achieved until we rid our hearts of the hatreds and prejudices that prevent us from seeing one another as brothers and sisters created in the image and likeness of God. This call applies to everyone—to our undocumented neighbors, to elected officials, and to those entrusted with the difficult responsibility of enforcing our laws. All need our humble prayers.

As Pope Leo prayed during the Angelus, we too lift our hearts to God for peace—in Ukraine, in the Middle East, and in every place where violence, fear, and division threaten human life. Let us also pray fervently for a just, humane, and compassionate solution to the immigration challenges facing our country. May we, as a parish and as a people of faith, be instruments of Christ's peace—choosing dialogue over division, restraint over rhetoric, justice over fear, and love over all.

Replacement of the Church Inner Doors: As part of the final phase of our roof and church renovation project, we will be replacing the three original interior wooden double doors at the main entrance of the church with a new, custom-designed, aluminum-framed, six-panel windowed door system. This upgrade will allow more natural light to enter the church, improve visibility and safety, and better serve the needs of our parish for generations to come—while remaining respectful of the sacred space we cherish. This work marks the concluding segment of a long and carefully planned renovation journey. I am deeply grateful that this project is being both sponsored and carried out by our own parishioners, whose generosity, skill, and commitment continue to be a blessing to our community.

Fr. Paulson

CELEBRATING 75 years 60 years

Christ the King - Saint Stephen



UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Feb. 2	Mon.	9:00am	Johnny Duran †
Feb. 3	Tues.	9:00am	Dorothy Viani †
Feb. 4	Weds.	9:00am	Ky Bocek †
Feb. 5	Thurs.	9:00am	Dorothy Viani † Rebecca Francia
Feb. 6	Fri.	9:00am	Fr. Brian Joyce † Quyen Nguyen †
Feb. 7	Sat.	9:00am	Mary Muhlenkamp †
Feb. 7	Sat.	4:00pm	Alice Gates † Diamantino Fernandes † Joseph McGhee † Gerald MGhee † Plutaro Reyes †
Feb. 7	Sat. SS	5:00pm	Jim DeVos † CTK-SS Clergy & Staff
Feb. 8	Sun.	7:30am	Jack Cardoza †
Feb. 8	Sun.	9:00am	Mike Ward † Rio Bianca Ramirez † John Marana † Frank Nieman † Rizalie Daquiz
Feb. 8	Sun. SS	9:30am	CTK-SS Parishioners
Feb. 8	Sun.	10:30am	Nemesio Logan † Armando Vasquez † Louis Manzano, Sr. † Jean Ira
Feb. 8	Sun.	4:00pm	Fr. Brian Joyce †



Need Prayer?

Confidential Prayer requests can be sent to: prayerline@ctkph.org



Upcoming Second Collections

February 1 - Catholic Education
February 22 - Winter Nights



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2025 Annual Giving Statements

Annual Giving Statements that show your contributions for the year ending 2025 were sent by email this week (if we have your current email address in our Realm system). These email addresses may not be the same as the one you use for our weekly newsletter.

If you do not receive an email statement, a physical statement will be sent to you via U.S. Mail. If you have any questions, please email us at office@ctkph.org.



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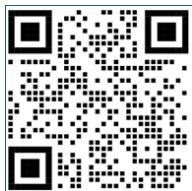


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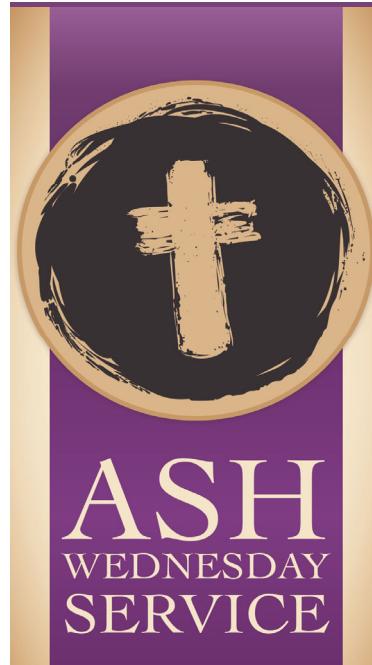
CELEBRATING
75 years
60 years
Christ the King - Saint Stephen

Join us in the celebration!

Check our anniversary website page to see how events develop and learn how you can take part in the plans we have underway. Learn the histories of Christ the King and St. Stephen Church. Engage with fellow parishioners as we play, pray, sing and eat together while Celebrating 75 and 60 Years! I invite all of you to help us make this a great year by participating in many celebratory events.



Scan the QR Code to our Anniversary Event Page



Ash Wednesday

February 18

CTK Mass Times:

6:30am

12:05pm

7pm

RE Prayer Service:

4pm

St. Stephen Mass Times:

9am & 6pm



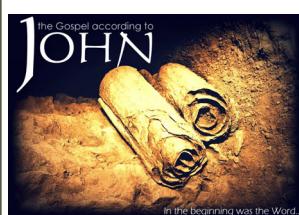
Saturday, February 14

St. Stephen Church

10:30am

All are welcome to join us for a parish Mass and celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Bring relatives and friends from local care facilities – those who are able to come. Questions? Sr. Dominic Marie 925-246-1122.



Our 11-week study of The Gospel of John will begin on March 2.

The Gospel of John is a testament to the divine nature of Jesus, the Word made flesh, the Light of the World. An eleven week study of The Gospel According to John will begin on Monday, March 2. Part one covers the prologue of John's Gospel and a significant portion of Jesus's ministry. Part two begins with Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead and ends with Jesus's passion, death and resurrection. The Little Rock Scripture Study books provide commentary, reflection questions, prayer, and access to video lectures. The study material is available as a paperback or e-book at LittleRockScripture.org. We meet on

Mondays at 10 AM in Room A in CTK's Parish Hall.

To Live and to Love in Christ



The Feast of St. Blaise

"Blessing of Throats"
in honor of St. Blaise on
Tuesday, February 3 at the
9am Mass at CTK.

Line Dancing!



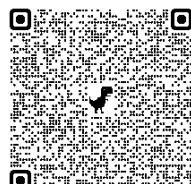
Dance Ministry Learn to Line Dance! New Day - Thursdays

Next Date: Thursday - February 26
(once a month)
7pm to 9pm

CTK's Parish Hall

7:00pm - Dance Lesson (Line Dancing)
7:30pm - Faith/Community Building
8:00pm - Dance, Dance, Dance

For more information, contact Deacon Nelson
at ngonzales@ctkph.org



Annual Crabfeed Join us on Saturday, February 21st at 5:30 PM in the CTK Gym

for a fun-filled evening of delicious crab and great company. The annual CTK KofC Crab Feed is back, so come join us for a delicious feast of Fresh Crab, Kinder's Ball Tip, Homemade Irish Bread & Soup & more.

Tickets can be purchased by scanning the QR Code



An Evening with Dr. Denise Pope "The Well-Balanced Student"

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**All parishioners are invited to attend the evening on
Tuesday, Feb. 3rd at 7:00 pm in the church at CTK.**



ChristLight

Are you longing for a deeper connection with God, new friendships within our parish, or simply a pause from life's hectic pace?
We warmly invite you to :

ChristLight XVIII: Immersed in Grace.

ChristLight is a parish-based weekend experience designed to refresh our faith and strengthen our community. Together we'll experience prayer, fellowship, music, storytelling, laughter, and plenty of good food — all in an atmosphere of openness and joy.

This year's ChristLight will be held the weekend of February 20-22 at the St. Stephen campus. It's a time to step away, draw near to God, and walk together on the journey of faith with a fun-loving team of dedicated parishioners. Space is limited, so we encourage you to reserve your spot soon!

◆ The weekend concludes with a special Mass on Sunday, February 22 at 2:30 pm at St. Stephen Church, where families are warmly invited to join in celebration. Come grow with us at this life-giving weekend of community, grace, and renewal.

*Register through REALM or call the office 925-682-2486 or email to office@ctkph.org

* Space is limited

* \$90 per person which includes all meals and snacks

*Scholarships are available

**All are Welcome!
Scan the QR Code to register:**



Filipinos & Friends

ALL ARE WELCOME

The Filipino and Friends event last Sunday was attended by over 60-70 people. Fr. Paulson started the gathering by sharing his vision for the community - to grow in prayer, service, and fellowship. The Listening Session was led by Deacon Wynn and volunteer Alfred Tablante. Some repeated themes included desire for more spiritual nourishment such as prayer meetings, praise and worship sessions, recollections, as well as outreach opportunities, and fellowship events to bond with more parishioners. Majority expressed interest to volunteer in future events - coordinators will be in touch!

Interests or questions, please email:

donnanorona@icloud.com



Christ the King/St. Stephens

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Save the Date!

June 29th-July 2nd 2026

Do you have a child incoming grades K-6 who is interested in attending our summer bible camp? Are you a middle school or high school student/adult interested in volunteering? Save the date! We have more information to come for CTK Bible Camp 2026!

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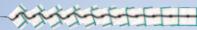
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