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## The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2010

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Dear Parishioners,

Along with today's bulletin you will find a copy of our **annual parish financial report for 2009**. Given the difficult economy, you won't be surprised to know that our parish income fell \$118,680 below our projected budget. \$100,635 of that was the decline in regular collections. Now, probably like yourselves, I grew up hearing sermons and reading articles advising that our first check be made out to God (!); or that we should give our first 10% to Church or charity. May I respectfully disagree. Pay your bills, your mortgage and your children's education first! If after that you can do anything extra to help our parish life and ministry, I know you will help us if you can. At this end we are tightening our budget by providing no cost of living increase to our employees this year, trying to hold down expenditures and for any proposed 2010 major improvements, drawing from past savings rather than present income. I know you will always be generous whenever possible. Just take for example your generous response to our St. Vincent de Paul plus (2009 collection = \$114,835) and your immediate response to Haiti this year (\$31,915); and your always generous response to the annual Bishop's Appeal (\$57,414) which allows us to help much needier parishes and schools.

**Two comments on proposed major improvements** for this coming year: What is listed under Youth Ministry Center really represents a variety of upgrades necessitated by the "new" Youth Ministry House, including resurfacing, lighting, parking expansion and fencing around both our old and newly developed properties. Not included are the plans for a school related amphitheatre which is very much on track, to be available for all parishioners and not just the school, largely funded through last year's auction and this year's auction as "fund-a-need" and for which we hope to have final plans in the spring and groundbreaking by summer. These areas are not covered in the parish financial report: The RE budget (\$69,850), the Youth Ministry budget (\$33,387) and the School budget (\$2,961,000). Please feel free to approach your crippled pastor with any questions you may have; and that thanks to

our accountant John Hyde and our Finance Committee (Andy Dressel, Ken Henry, Bernard Perez, Don Peirce and Greg Thornbury) for their faithful work.

**Our Job-Networking Ministry** is another way we hope to help each other. This Thursday evening, and every other Thursday evening after that, we host our Job Networking evening for parishioners and non parishioners alike. Our plan is to invite you to sign in between 6:30 and 7:00 pm with a chance to begin connecting and networking right away. From 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm we'll have a chance to share needs, resources and connections and to hear an excellent presentation on "Career Actions Network", an alliance of more than a thousand hiring managers, investors and professionals; all are committed to actively help by posting jobs and making personal contacts with those who are hiring. If there are any parishioners who have HR or Career coaching experience whether retired or still working who wish to volunteer some time to this new ministry, please phone the rectory and leave your name and phone number for the pastor. We will get in touch with you shortly.

We have two celebrations to look forward to this weekend. The first will be at the 5:00 pm mass, the second at our 9:15 Sunday morning mass. At 5:00 pm with the planning of "the Women of Magdala", we will begin to observe **Black History month**. Since 1926 Black History month has been an important observance not just for African Americans but for all Americans to trace the growth through abolition times and civil rights movement to become more faithful to the values that makes our Nation's strong. On Sunday at 9:15 we celebrate **Scouting Sunday** with youngsters of our parish who have achieved religious emblem badges. We also mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the boy Scouts of America with the many troops and veteran scouts in the parish. Our parish participants include both boys and girls and members of all races, persuasions and creeds.

Your Pastor,



**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

- SUNDAY**
- Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Second Collection for School, RE and Religious Ed**
  - CTK 55+ Breakfast, Mimi's, Willow Pass Rd., Concord, 9:10 am
  - RE Program for 3 year olds (B), Room D, During 9:15 Mass
  - RE PreK/K: PreK Program, Parish Hall, A, B: RE K Program, CTK School, During 9:15 Mass
  - CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word-Grades 1-5), During 9:15 Mass
  - Jr/Sr Confirmation Class, Parish Hall, 11 am – 1 pm
  - Taize Prayer Around the Cross, CTK Church, 7 pm
  - Youth Group, Parish Hall, 7-9 pm
- MONDAY**
- Bible Study for Men and Women, Parish Hall, 8:30am-10:30am, (Questions? call Kathy at 280-9748)
  - Older Sacrament Grades 3-5, Parish Hall, 4:00-5:30 pm
  - H.E.L.P., Mental Health Support Group Meeting, Change of location: Parish Hall, 7-9 (Questions? Pam/Joe Appel @ 947-0269
  - Women of Magdalen, Parish Hall (Room D), 7:00 pm
  - RE Eucharist Parent Meeting, Church, 7:30 pm
- TUESDAY**
- Legion of Mary, Ministry Center, Following 8 am Mass
  - RE Grades 1-5; Grades 1-3, School, 3:40-5:00 pm; Grades 4 & 5, Parish Hall, A, B, D, 3:40-5:00 pm
  - RE Grades 7/8, Parish Hall, 7:00-8:15 pm
  - Rosary & Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion, CV Meeting Room, 7 pm, Contact Andy @ 229-3038
  - Spanish Prayer Grp, CV Mtng Room, 7:30 pm/Knights of Columbus, Ministry Center (Chapel), 7:30 pm
- WEDNESDAY**
- RE Grades 1-5; Grades 1-3, School, 3:40-5:00 pm; Grades 4 & 5, Parish Hall, A, B, D, 3:40-5:00 pm
  - Re Grade 6, Parish Hall, 7:00 pm
  - Youth Group Peer Leader Meeting, YM House, 7 pm
  - Centering Prayer, Resurrection Episcopal Church (399 Gregory Lane), 7:30 pm
- THURSDAY**
- Centering Prayer, Ministry Center, 10:00 am
  - RE Grades 1-5; Grades 1-3, School, 3:40-5:00 pm; Grades 4 & 5, Parish Hall, A, B, D, 3:40-5:00
  - Job Networking Ministry, Parish Hall, 6:30 pm**
  - RCIA, Ministry Center (Chapel), 7:00 pm, Contact: Al Garrotto @ 252-1008 or [algarrotto@comcast.net](mailto:algarrotto@comcast.net)
- FRIDAY**
- Garden Café, Ministry Center (Chapel), 7:30-9:30 am, Proceeds go to the nurturing and growing of the CTK Garden
- SATURDAY**
- Men's Fellowship Group, Ministry Center (Chapel), 7:30-8:30 am, contact John @ 372-7873
  - Secular Franciscans Meeting, Ministry Center (Dining Room), 9 am
- SUNDAY**
- Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time/2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Bishop's Annual Appeal**
  - No RE Classes/ No Clow / No Youth Group**

**We Need Your Help!** The new Christ the King Prayer Garden is taking shape, but we need lots of help to meet our target dedication date in March. We are having work parties Saturdays and Sundays **2/6-7; 2/20-21 & 2/27-28** starting at 1 pm. The prayer garden is located behind the Jr. High wing of the school. No experience required, just willingness to help!

**The Monument Crisis Center's** Heartfelt 2010 Annual Gala will be held Thursday Feb. 11 from 6-9 pm and the Concord Hilton. Tickets are \$50 per person. Please support at-risk families in Contra Costa County. More Info: 925-825-7751.

**The Annual Christ the King St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance** will be held on Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup> after the 5 pm mass. Tickets will go on sale the weekend of February 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> after all masses. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children who need a seat. Dinner is a full three course Irish meal with a no host bar which includes Guinness and Irish Coffees. For more details go to [www.kocph.org](http://www.kocph.org) or call Jay Becker, 925-818-1915.

**Christ the King Parish Auction 2010** - **Mark your calendars for, Sat., May 1st.** You are invited to the biggest fundraising event of the year! Join us for an evening of fellowship, fundraising, and, new this year, dancing after the auction. Ticket sales begin on Sun., March

7th, after the 9:15 Mass. Individual tickets are \$65, or buy a table for ten at \$550. The auction would not happen without your generosity. Have a vacation home you would offer for a weekend or week? Sports tickets? Services? Donation forms are available in the school office, back of the church, RE office, or Parish House. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Rachel Cheshareck at [chezr@yahoo.com](mailto:chezr@yahoo.com) or 925-370-7375. For more info contact Rob and Kasey Curran 925-256-7352 [rob.kasey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rob.kasey@sbcglobal.net) or go to [www.ctkauction.org](http://www.ctkauction.org). You can also become a fan of Christ the King Auction on Facebook.

**Space is still available for the 2010 Men's Lenten Retreat, March 12-14** at Asilomar in Pacific Grove. Reserve your spot by calling Matt von Ruden at (925) 349-4575 or email [ctkmensretreat@comcast.net](mailto:ctkmensretreat@comcast.net). Additional info is available at [http://www.ctkph.org/2010\\_mens\\_retreat.html](http://www.ctkph.org/2010_mens_retreat.html). Sign ups also be available after all the masses Feb 20-21.

**The 2010 Bishop's Appeal**  
**Appeal weekend is February 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>. Please Be**  
**Generous**

**To Make Christ Better Known:**  
**The Campaign for Catholic Parishes and Education**

**All funds go exclusively to each of the following causes.**

Catholic Education

Most of these funds go to struggling inner-City Catholic schools. Our goal is to provide Catholic school education for all families who desire it. This means substantial financial aid for students, but also meeting the operational expense of keeping the schools open and well run. The rest of the money in this category supports religious education for students who attend public school, the Special Religious Education Department for developmentally disabled youth and adults and Saint Joseph's Center for the Deaf.

The Priesthood

Our Catholic population is growing faster than the number of priests and religious. There are twice as many Catholics per Catholic priest in the United States now as there were in the 1960's. Discerning vocations and supporting seminarians is as critical to the future of our parishes and schools as meeting current financial needs. It is also important that we provide for the care of our retired priests who have selflessly served Catholics in our Diocese for much of their lives. Continuing formation and education of our active priests is also critical.

Support for Needy Parishes

The Bishop's Appeal is how Catholics in more prosperous communities can help build up the universal Church, by providing financial assistance to parishes in our poorer neighborhoods. Every parish is critically aware of its own financial needs and the Diocese has approved nearly \$300 million in capital campaigns by individual parishes in the last several years. We must also be mindful of parishes in neighborhoods where raising such sums is simply impossible.

CYO, Youth and Family Ministries

Families are the hearts of our parishes and schools. These funds support the Catholic Youth Organization, Youth and Young Adult Ministries, the Family Life Office, and Respect Life Ministry. Happy marriages, healthy children, and respect for all life are essential to building God's kingdom on earth and in eternity.