
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 8, 2012

Dear Parishioners,

The 50th Anniversary of the creation of the Diocese of Oakland begins its celebration this weekend. Some of you (like me) can remember when we were all members and parishes of the one Archdiocese of San Francisco which spanned thirteen counties of Northern California, from Monterey to the border with Oregon. On January 13th in 1962 Pope Jon XXIII divided San Francisco into four Dioceses along with Oakland, Stockton and Santa Rosa - each given their own new Bishop, Chancery Office, and Diocesan Directors. At that time and even today the formation of two East Bay Counties as the Diocese of Oakland clearly made the best sense. Bishop Floyd L. Begin arrived from Cleveland to be our first Bishop and so began the 50th year history of our Diocese. We are asked to keep the entire Diocese with its 86 Parishes and 704,000 Catholics in our prayer all year long. Special Anniversary prayer cards are available in the vestibule and special events are being planned throughout the year including a Diocesan Mass at the Oakland Cathedral on August 22nd, and a History of the Diocese celebration on September 12th.

Your New Year's Resolution – check out the letter from our Parish Council in today's fold out. It introduces a Parishioner survey developed by our Parish Council over the past year. We really want to know what you think and what are your best ideas for the future. We can only know that if each and every parishioner (young or old; registered or non-registered; long time or recent arrival) makes it your New Year's Resolution to take fifteen minutes to fill out either the on line survey (www.ckph.org) or the long hand survey (available after mass). Please help us with this important task.

A big "Thank You" is due. On behalf of our parish Staff, our Priests, and especially myself, I want to publically thank so many of you who sent delightful Christmas cards or shared gifts and remembrances with us. Thank you for the Christmas gifts, the Christmas calories (edible and drinkable) that you showered on us. You are too many to respond to personally and too wonderful not to get a public Thank You . . . and will the masked and anonymous party who added two bright red Fort-Niner pillows to my silver and black Raiders collection please 'fess up'.

The defibrillator has arrived just to add greater safety to our parish grounds. The AED (automatic external defibrillator) has been added in the vestibule just outside the women's restroom. About thirty of our ushers, RE staff and our school staff have been trained as well as a good number of you who have already completed training for CPR and AED. A special thank you to Jack Barton, San Ramon Battalion Chief, who made the training and installation possible.

Hope you are enjoying the movies: Last Friday evening we shared an important documentary, "Don't Call Me a Saint", on the life of Dorothy Day, Founder of the Catholic Worker Movement. This Friday at 7:00 pm in church we will share another documentary on the remarkable Lutheran Pastor, theologian and World War II martyr, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. On the following Friday evening, January 20th, we will view the amazing story of the recent Trappist Martyrs in Algeria, "Of Gods and Men". It's all about modern and contemporary Saints and Martyrs. Join us if you can.

The Women (and men) of Magdala meet this Monday evening at 7:00 pm. As usual all are invited. This Monday at 7:45 pm there will be a brief, lighthearted presentation on the recent changes in the Missal. You may want to show up for that (at 7:45pm) and the half hour discussion that follows.

Finally a suggestion from Fr. Tom Bonacci and The Interfaith Council of Contra Costa - an American faith community of the Islam tradition **Sufism Reoriented** is requesting approval from the County Board of Supervisors for a new sanctuary in Walnut Creek, a block from their current church of 37 years. Aside from the usual homeowners objections (oversize in a residential zone) some claim a hidden Sufi agenda! The suggestion is that we support their request by sending supportive post cards to our County Supervisors. Information and postcards are available at a table after mass. Sufism is defined at the inner mystical dimension of Islam. This particular faith community has worked closely with Catholics in developing "St Francis Schools" for children in the Tenderloin, Mission and Hunter's Point Districts.

Your Pastor,



WEEK AT A GLANCE

- SUNDAY**
- The Epiphany of the Lord / Undecorate the Church, 1:30 pm**
 - RE Program for 3 yr olds, Room D, During 9:15 Mass
 - RE PreK/K Program: PreK Prgrm, Parish Hall, Rms A, B, D; K Prgrm, CTK School; During 9:15 Mass
 - CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word-Grades 1-5), During 9:15 Mass
 - RE Older Sacrament Class (Gr. 6-8), RE Office, 10:30 am
 - Jr/Sr Confirmation, Parish Hall, 11 am – 1 pm
 - Youth Group 3pm-5pm - 4th Jwalking Session at Winter Nights St. Paul's/Walnut Creek
- MONDAY**
- Bible Study for Men & Women, Parish Hall (Rms A & B), 8:30-10:30 am (Mary 946-9751)
 - RE Older Sacrament Class (Grades 3-5), Parish Hall, 4:00 pm
 - H.E.L.P., Mental Health Support Group Meeting, Rooms A & B (next of Parish Hall), 7-8:30 pm, Questions? Contact Pam & Joe at 947-0269**
- TUESDAY**
- CYO Advisory Board, Parish House, 7:00 pm
 - Legion of Mary, Ministry Center, Following 8 am Mass
 - Staff Meeting, Parish House, 10:00 am
 - Interfaith Ministerial Meeting, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 12:30 pm
 - Grades 1-5: Grades 1-3 School, 3:40-5pm; Grades 4 & 5, Parish Hall, Rms A, B, C, D, 3:40-5:00 pm
 - 4th Grade Catechist Meeting, RE Office, 7 pm
 - RE Grades 7/8, Parish Hall, Rms A, B, C, 7:00 pm
 - Rosary & Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion, CV Mtg Rm, 7 pm, contact Shirley @ 957-0488
 - Knights of Columbus, Ministry Center (Chapel), 7:30 pm
 - Spanish Prayer Group, CV Meeting Room, 7:30 pm
- WEDNESDAY**
- RE Grades 1-5: Grades 1-3 School, 3:40-5pm; Grades 4 & 5, Parish Hall, Rms A, B, C, D, 3:40-5:00 pm
 - RE Grade 6, Parish Hall, A, B, & C, 7:00 pm
 - Centering Prayer, Resurrection Episcopal Church (399 Gregory Lane), 7:30 pm
- THURSDAY**
- Centering Prayer, Ministry Center, 10:00am
 - RE Grades 1-5: Grades 1-3 School, 3:40-5pm; Grades 4 & 5, Parish Hall, Rms A, B, C, D, 3:40-5:00 pm
 - 2nd Grade Catechist Meeting, RE Office, 7 pm
 - RCIA, Ministry Center (Chapel), 7:00 pm
 - Ad Ed Meeting, Parish House, 7:30 pm
- FRIDAY**
- No Garden Café
 - Adult Education: "Bonhoeffer", a documentary centering on Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Church, 7:00 pm**
- SATURDAY**
- Men's Fellowship Grp, Ministry Center (Chapel), 7:30-8:30 am, Contact John @ 372-7873
- SUNDAY**
- The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time / Second Collection for Seminary**
 - No RE Program for 3 yr olds/ No RE PreK/K Program / No RE Older Sacrament Class (Gr. 6-8)
 - No CLOW
 - No Youth Group

CTK Winter Film Festival – Friday, January 13th in church at 7:00 pm. The second film is "Bonhoeffer" a documentary centering on Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German Lutheran Minister who openly opposed Hitler's attempts to control and undermine all faiths as Hitler rose to power. Little known fact: the Christian faiths in Germany agreed not to oppose Hitler, and Bonhoeffer was one of the few opposing. He was a courageous and powerful writer and his book "The Cost of Discipleship" is still used in Catholic seminaries today. Come join us for the film and discussion afterward.

CYO Crab Feed tickets for January 28th are available. To purchase tickets or if you have questions please call 925-997-1273 or email Cirellihomes@gmail.com.

Save the Date – The Women's Retreat will be March 9, 10 and 11, 2012 at San Damiano. Registration in February.

Save the Date! Book discussion with author Gary Macy! Join us for a discussion with author Gary Macy regarding his newest book *Woman Deacons: Past, Present and Future* at San Damiano on Friday, Jan 20th beginning at 4 pm. Evening includes discussion and dinner. Price is only \$35 per person. To sign-up or for further info contact Maureen Mancuso at 925-330-9016 or Email at ms.mancuso19@gmail.com for details. Hurry as space is limited. Sponsored by CTK Women's Book Study.

Grief Workshop – The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Whether the death was sudden and tragic, or one with warning and preparation, the reality of death leaves most of us shocked, confused and sad. These feelings may linger for years. Your loss may be recent or it may be years ago. Sr. Joanne Gallagher and a team of peer ministers will facilitate a seven week workshop to help you begin the healing process. Dates and times: **Mon., Feb. 13th - March 26th, 7-9 pm** at Christ the King Church, Ministry Center. Call 682-2486 to register. **Registration required by Feb. 3rd.**

**CHRIST THE KING PARISH SURVEY
JANUARY 2012**

Dear fellow parishioners,

We just finished celebrating the 60th anniversary of the founding of our parish. Looking around we have so many blessings to be grateful for: a growing and vibrant church, a wonderful pastoral staff, a great school and over 50 active ministries. Every weekend our church is full of people of all ages, races and ethnicities, brought together by our common faith.

We know that's how the parish council feels, and we know many of you agree. But are we reaching everyone we could? Are the ministries and programs here at Christ the King addressing the needs of everyone in our community? Have we left someone behind?

That's a difficult question to answer. We want to build a church that will still be growing and vibrant during the next 60 years. We can do that by making sure we are always actively looking for ways to live up to our parish motto: *To Hear the Gospel and Make a Difference*

We begin 2012 by asking everyone who attends CTK to participate in a brief survey. We want to hear from the young, and not so young, from men and women, long time parishioners and those who have recently joined us. Registered, or unregistered, cradle catholic or someone searching for a spiritual home, your opinion matters. You are the church, not the buildings or the clergy. It's those of us in the pews that can make a difference.

The survey asks your opinion of every aspect of CTK. If there is something we did not ask specifically about, you will have the opportunity to comment in your own words. Average time to complete the survey is about 15 minutes. Certainly our spiritual home is worth a little of our time to help make it stronger and more responsive to the needs of this faith community.

You can access and respond to the survey in two ways: an easy to use website or printed surveys available in the church.

- 1) The link is posted on the parish website www.ckph.org. You can also go to <https://www.research.net/s/CTKParishSurvey2012> from any internet ready device.
- 2) For those more comfortable using a pen and paper, you'll find copies of the survey in the church vestibule. Feel free to take the survey home and return it to the church next week.

Please help us continue to make Christ the King a spiritual home for coming generations.

May God bless you all, today and always,

Your Parish Council