

Christ Child Catholic Church
Dedicated to Growth in Christ and to the
Challenges of Loving Service

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
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A man who decided to change himself

William L. Stidger in his book, *There Are Sermons in Stories*, once told about the owner of a small drugstore. For some reason, this druggist hated his work, so he spent his mornings looking for something better and his afternoons at the ball park. He soon decided it was foolish to leave a business about which he knew something for one about which he knew nothing. So he decided to make the best of what he had. He would build up his business by giving the best service possible. When a customer who lived near would call in an order on the telephone, he would repeat each item being ordered and his assistant would fill the order. With the order filled, the owner would keep the customer on the line while the delivery boy dashed out the front door. When the delivery boy reached the house of the customer, who was still on the line with the drugstore owner, she would excuse herself for a minute to answer the door. Coming back to the phone she would express great surprise at the

quickness with which the order was delivered. News got around about the drugstore that filled orders so promptly, and soon Charles R. Walgreen, founder of the great Walgreen drugstore empire, had more business than he could handle. Walgreen said his work was easy, like a game, and he soon found great joy in what he had once despised. (Rev. J.B. Fowler, Jr., *Illustrated Sermons for Special Occasions*, Nashville, Tennessee; Broadman Press, 1988.) Walgreen decided that, since he could not change his situation, he would change himself. That is what Zacchaeus did in today's Gospel story.

“I work for the IRS”

There is a story about a local fitness center that was offering \$1,000 to anyone who could demonstrate that they were stronger than the owner of the place. Here is how it worked: this muscle man would squeeze a lemon until all the juice ran into a glass, and then hand the lemon to the next challenger. Anyone who could squeeze just one more drop of juice out would win the money. Many people tried over time – other weightlifters, construction workers, even professional wrestlers, but nobody could do it. One day, a short and skinny guy came in and signed up for the contest. After the laughter died down, the owner grabbed a lemon and squeezed away. Then he handed the wrinkled remains to the little man. The crowd's laughter turned to silence as the man clenched his fist around the lemon and six drops fell into the glass. As the crowd cheered, the manager paid out the winning prize and asked the short guy what he did for a living. “Are you a lumberjack, a weightlifter, or what?” The man replied, “I work for the IRS.”

Today's Gospel describes the conversion of a Jew who worked for the first-century Roman IRS.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By request or appointment

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Call the office for an appointment

Anointing of the Sick

Celebrated biannually at Mass or individually call for an appointment

For Pregnancy Support:

Birthright 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

Prayer Group in the Parish

Every Tuesday's at 8:15 am. All women and men!

MASS INTENTIONS Oct. 29 – Nov. 4

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Schaner Family
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	+ Antonio & Alix Pitri
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	+ Martina Durham + Kenneth Duncan
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Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	All Souls
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Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Parishioners
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Herb & Chris Curran

Stewardship of Treasury

Report Sunday October 22 & 23, 2016

Total Plate	\$ 1,022.00
EFT	\$ 566.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,588.00

**Second Collection for World Mission Sunday
\$ 510.55**

**Second Collection for Birthright of San Jose
was \$ 760.00**

**God bless your generosity, you make the
difference in the life of the Parish.**

Thank you!

13th Annual Giving at Greenfield

It is a holiday tradition for the Christ Child parish to adopt 58 families from the Greenfield community. We will have the family information available after Mass on Nov 5 & 6, 12 & 13, 19 & 20. **We will deliver gifts on Saturday, December 10th.**

For information contact Karen at
408- 375-0984 Or kjoesten@scusd.net

Men's Club Meeting Wednesday November 9th. Gather at 6:30 pm, and Dinner at 7 pm

We have very good support for one another!

SAVE THE DATE: Come to Monte Carlo Night on Saturday November 12th from 6:30 – 10 pm. at St Lucy's Church for a fun evening of gaming, good fun and good company for the benefit of Birthright of San Jose, The Knights of Columbus and St. Lucy's. \$35 gives you \$200 in chips, all the finger food you can eat and your first drink. Winnings give you tickets for beautiful prize baskets and there will also be a silent auction. **Support! Invite your friends. See you there! Questions, call Norma Hammons at 408 309-7011**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

Please bring your children!
Classes for Grades 1 to 8 – Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

The 2016 Christ Child Coat Drive

Is looking for donations. Please look around the house for any gently used coats and jackets that you would like to donate to our friends at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Greenfield, CA. Ask your neighbors and family if they have unused coats and jackets taking up space in the closet.

All sizes are accepted.

Please contact Joe or Andrea Bruna at 408 353-3101 with any questions.

Thank you.