

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

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
CHRISTMAS
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**Christ is born for us; let us rejoice in the
day of our salvation!**

Let us open our hearts to receive the grace of this day, which is Christ himself. Jesus is the radiant "day" which has dawned on the horizon of humanity.

A day of mercy in which God our Father has revealed his great tenderness to the entire world.

A day of light which dispels the darkness of fear and anxiety.

A day of peace which makes for encounter, dialogue and, above all, reconciliation.

A day of joy: a "great joy" for the poor, the lowly and for all the people.

On this day, Jesus, the Savior is born of the Virgin Mary. The Crib makes us see the "sign" which God has given us: "a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger" (Luke 2:12).

He alone, he alone can save us. Only God's mercy can free humanity from the many forms of evil, at times monstrous evil, which selfishness spawns in our midst. The grace of

God can convert hearts and offer mankind a way out of humanly insoluble situations. Where God is born, hope is born. He brings hope. Where God is born, peace is born. And where peace is born, there is no longer room for hatred and for war. Yet precisely where the incarnate Son of God came into the world, tensions and violence persist, and peace remains a gift to be implored and built. May Israelis and Palestinians resume direct dialogue and reach an agreement which will enable the two peoples to live together in harmony, ending a conflict which has long set them at odds, with grave repercussions for the entire region.

Where God is born, hope is born; and where hope is born, persons regain their dignity. Yet even today great numbers of men and woman are deprived of their human dignity and, like the child Jesus, suffer cold, poverty, and rejection. May our closeness today be felt by those who are most vulnerable, especially child soldiers, women who suffer violence, and the victims of human trafficking and the drug trade.

Today, then, let us together rejoice in the day of our salvation. As we contemplate the Crib, let us gaze on the open arms of Jesus, which show us the merciful embrace of God, as we hear the cries of the child who whispers to us: "for my brethren and companions' sake, I will say; Peace be within you."

It is Christmas, and so I pray that all can welcome into their lives the mercy of God which Jesus Christ has bestowed on us, so that we in turn can show mercy to our brothers and sisters. In this way, we will make peace grow!

Happy Christmas!
Pope Francis

Greenfield 2016

Dear Christ Child Families,
We did it again! We brought joy to 58 families which included 93 parents and 156 children.

Thank you for your generosity during this wonderful season of giving.

God bless,
Karen & Pat

Special thanks go to the Greenfield team that plans and organizes for us, Fr. Eugenio for his leadership, Pat and Chuck McCrery for their moral support and shopping expertise, Caralie Olsen for organizing the food donations and baking hundreds of cookies, and Andrea and Joe Bruna for the collection and sorting of the donated items for the cost drive.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By appointment

Sacrament of Baptism and marriage

Call the office for an appointment.

For Pregnancy Support

Birthright 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

Anointing of the Sick

Celebrated biannually at Mass or individually by appointment

Prayer Group in the Parish

Every Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. all Women and all Men

MASS INTENTIONS Dec. 24 - 30

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Schaner Family
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	+ Martina Durham
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Adrienne & Marc
		Guest
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Communion Services
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Communion Services

Stewardship of Treasury

Report Sunday December 17 & 18, 2016

Total Plate	\$ 1,229.00
EFT	460.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,689.00

**Second Collection Maintenance was
\$ 406.00**

God bless your generosity...!

May the Prince of Peace and His Holy Mother keep you in their care this Christmas and all your family.
Flowers "Noche Buenas" (Poinsettia)
In honor of June Guilhamet, Chuck & Pat McCrery, Taylor Family, Nolan & Sylvia Cordle, + Judith Ann Hammond, Olsen Family, Thomas Family, Stacey Family, Boisvert Family and Garcia Family.
Thank you and prayers!

Wednesday January 11, 2017

Men's Club Meeting and Dinner
At 6:30 p.m. We have very good support for one another. Every men WELCOME!!!

Retrouvaille

A Life for Marriage

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriage. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track.

It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped 10's of 100's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **Jan 20 - 22, 2017** call 831-479-1260 or email: Monterey@RetroCa.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com