

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

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EASTER SUNDAY
OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE
LORD
April 16, 2017

Conquering life's Good Fridays

In one family, it is a Good Friday. A job has been lost, a career derailed. A serious illness has been diagnosed. A once-loving relationship has unraveled. But the other members of the family put aside their own lives and come together at the foot of their loved one's cross. Their love moves whatever mountain necessary, changes the course of whatever river is in their way. Together, Mom and Dad and Sister and Brother bear one another's crosses to bring hope, healing, forgiveness – and resurrection – to every aspect of their life together as a family. The love of our families transforms every tragic and desperate Good Friday into Easter hope. In this classroom, it is a Good Friday. The numbers and diagrams in the algebra test are a maze to the junior. She is lost and frustrated and discouraged and wants to quit. A tired, overworked teacher just wants to go home after a long week; but, seeing her student's frustration; she takes off her coat, puts down

her pile of books and papers, and patiently walks through the problems with the befuddled student. After a lot of hard work and patience, the "lights come on." A teacher's selfless caring and generous gift of time transform this student's Good Friday into Easter light. At corporate, it is a Good Friday. A single mother has lost all of her accrued vacation and leave time to care for her seriously ill child. She is about to lose her job – and the important medical benefits critical to her family's survival. Her coworkers devise a plan to pool some of their vacation time and cover her responsibilities so that she can keep her job and benefits while caring for her son. A Good Friday of desperation is transformed into an Easter of possibility.

We sometimes find ourselves stuck in a Good Friday world – our problems batter us, overwhelm us, strain our ability to cope and make it all work. Our Alleluias are tempered by reality; we approach this Easter Day with "Christ is risen, BUT..." But in raising his son from the dead, God vindicates the Gospel of his Christ: that good conquers evil, that love transforms hatred, that light shatters the darkness. The story of Jesus does not end in the cold hopelessness of the cross but reaches ultimate fulfillment in the Resurrection. Easter calls us to embrace The Risen One's compassion and openness of heart and spirit, enabling us to transform the Good Fridays of our lives into Easter mornings.

*On the first day of the week, Mary of
Magdala came to the tomb early in the
morning and saw the stone removed from
the tomb.
John 20: 1-9*

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 by appointment.

For Pregnancy Support:

Birthright 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

Prayer Group in the Parish

Every Tuesday at 8:15 am. All women and all men.

MASS INTENTIONS April 15 - 21

Saturday 8:00 p.m. + Sylvia Cordle

**Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Sylvia Cordle
Ryan Magnin**

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Roman Kubalski

Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Vikki L. Banuelos

Friday 8:00 a.m. Parishioners

Preschool Gospel during 10 am. Mass

The Second Sunday of every month!

Join other young Catholic Families!!!

TREASURER REPORT SUNDAY
April 8 & 9, 2017

Plate.....	\$ 1,986.00
EFT.....	\$ 637.00
Total	\$ 2,623.00

Thank you and God the Father Bless you!

*Wishing you His peace on this blessed
day.*

*Wishing you His love every day.
Joyous Easter Blessings.*

Women's Group Meeting

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from 7 – 8:30 pm. April 26th Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time...

Please contact Ruth McCormick
ruthmcc@flash.net

Many thanks to all the volunteers

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians, Acolytes, Ladies and men who decorate the Altar and ALL the people who participated in the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies.

The 9th Annual Blessing of the Hot Rods

Free Admission

Please mark your calendars to include this fund/fun raising event for our Parish

Saturday, May 20th

10AM to 3 PM

We are need of Baskets for our Raffle...

For more information Contact Herb & Chris

408 315-7662

Christ Child Men's Club

**Our next meeting will be a 6:30 pm. on
Wednesday, May 10th**

Great conversation and dinner.

All men welcome!!!

My Fair Lady

Come join us for a wonderful night of musical theater on **Thursday, May 25, 2017** to benefit **Birthright of San Jose**, whose mission is to help woman facing an unplanned pregnancy.

Hor D'oeuvres & Champagne

**Reception 6:15 PM – Play begins 8:00 PM –
Coffee and dessert during intermission –
Baskets Raffle and Silent Auction! For online
tickets go to birthright.support or call the
Hammons at 353-3326**

**Benefit Concert for New Camaldoli
Hermitage**

The Hermitage has suffered road damage and lost income during the recent storms. **Father Cyprian and friends** will perform "An Evening of Gratitude and Hope" for all who are able to participate in this opportunity to provide financial and moral support! **Peace United Church, 900 High Street, Santa Cruz – Friday, April 21st – Reception 6 pm. – Doors open 7 pm. – Concert 7:30 pm. Tickets at FrCyprian.brownpapertickets.com**