

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

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**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
JULY 9, 2017**

**We become like Jesus by meditating on  
Jesus**

Once upon a time there was a young prince. He was very handsome except for one thing. He had a crooked back.

This birth defect caused him great sorrow. It also kept him from being the kind of prince that he really wanted to be for his people. One day the prince's father asked the best sculptor in his kingdom to make a statue of the prince. It should portray him, however, not with a crooked back, but with a straight back. The king wanted his son to see himself as he could be.

When the sculptor finished the statue, it was truly magnificent. It was so lifelike that you could mistake it for the prince. The king placed the statue in the prince's private garden.

Each day when the prince went to the garden to study, he looked longingly at the statue. Then one day he noticed that when he did this, his heart beat faster and his body tingled.

Months passed. Soon the people began to say to one another, "The prince's back doesn't seem as crooked as it once did."

When the prince heard this, his heart beat even faster and his body tingled even more. Now the prince began to go to the garden more often. He spent hours standing before the statue, studying it closely, and meditating on it.

Then one day a remarkable thing happened. The prince found himself standing as straight as the statue.

That story is a kind of parable of you and me. We too were born to be a prince or a princess. But we too had a defect that kept us from being the kind of person we were meant to be.

Then one day our Father in heaven sent his only Son, Jesus, into the world. Jesus is the perfect image of what you and I were born to be. He stands spiritually straight and beautiful. When we look at Jesus, our heart beats faster, our body tingles, and we begin to dream.

But that's as far as our story goes. It's still unfinished; it's still incomplete. Whether we become like Jesus or not is something still to be decided.

Whether our story will have a happy ending, like the story of the prince, is something still to be determined.

**"Learn from me,"** says Jesus in today's gospel, **"for I am meek and humble of heart."**

Concretely, how do we go about standing before Jesus and studying him, as the prince stood before the statue and studied it?

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

By request or appointment

**BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS**

Call the office for an appointment

**Anointing of the Sick**

Celebrates 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 men are invited!

**MASS INTENTIONS JULY 8 - 14**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Rick Curro  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Cecily Olsen  
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Lola Hammons  
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Parishioners  
Friday 8:00 a.m. Communion Services

**Men's Club Meeting**

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

**"Together, supporting each other, we can do great things."**

**Women's Club/Prayer Group**

We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 1 – 2:30 pm. July 26<sup>th</sup>!

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time. Please contact Ruth McCormick

[ruthmcc@flash.net](mailto:ruthmcc@flash.net) 408 353.1017

**7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PARISH HARVEST PARTY &**

**DANCE**

**LIVE BAND, GREAT MUSIC!**

**FANTASTIC FOOD!**

**ADULT BEVERAGES...**

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2017**

**6 PM TO 10 PM**

**Christ Child Church invites you!**

**For Information & Tickets: Don Boisvert  
408 828.2035**

**As you know, these are perfect opportunities for young women to get a glimpse of cloistered life and Dominican cloistered life in particular, and to help them listen more closely to God's voice in their hearts, whatever their calling.**

Single, Catholic women between the ages of 18 and 38 are invited to experience a taste of the life of a cloistered Dominican nun. Contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P., vocation directress, at [vocations@nunsmenlo.org-days/](mailto:vocations@nunsmenlo.org-days/) or visit our website at <http://nunsmenlo.org/discernment-days/> to learn more and to register for one of our upcoming Come and See Days: Saturday July 15, 2017, Saturday, October 21, 2017, and Saturday January 13, 2018. The event is free and all meals will be provided. Space is limited and fills up fast!

**Nisbet Scripture Retreat**

**Fr. Jim Nisbet**, acclaimed scripture scholar, will be sharing his insights and wisdom during the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Nisbet Scripture Retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center this summer. The retreat is **August 11-13**. Openings are available for single and double occupancy. This popular retreat fills up quickly, so don't wait too long.

Register by calling the Retreat Center at 831-623-4234. For more information call Rudy and Virginia, 458-9169 or Jerry and Sylvia, 426-7058.

**Today Saturday and Sunday Second  
Collection, July 8 & 9**

**Thank you for your generous support of Pope Francis's work through the "Peter's Pence" Collection.**

**Through this gift, you join in solidarity with him as a witness of charity.**

**To learn more, search "Peter's Pence."**

**Thank you! Muchas gracias!**