

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

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**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
July 23, 2017

+ *The parables of the wheat and the weeds, the
mustard seed, and yeast. Matthew 13: 24-43*

My Grandfather's Blessings

In her book My Grandfather's Blessings: Stories of Strength, Refuge and Belonging, physician Rachel Naomi Remen tells of the many unusual gifts she received from her beloved grandfather, an Orthodox rabbi and scholar. Once, when she was four, her grandfather brought her a paper cup. She expected to find something special inside. It was full of dirt. Rachel was not allowed to play with dirt. Disappointed, she told her grandfather that she wasn't allowed to play with dirt. Her grandfather smiled. He took her little teapot from her doll's tea set and took Rachel to the kitchen where he filled it with water. He put the paper cup on a windowsill in her room and handed her the teapot. "If you promised to put some water in this cup every day, something may happen," he told her. This made little sense to a four-year-old, but little Rachel promised. "Every day," he

repeated. At first, as Rachel saw nothing happening, it became harder and harder to remember to do so. After a week, she asked her grandfather if it was time to stop yet. Grandfather shook his head. "Every day," he repeated. The second week it became even harder, but Grandfather held her to her promise: "Every day." Sometimes she would only remember about the water after she went to bed and would have to get up in the middle of the night and water it in the dark. But, in the end, Rachel did not miss a single day of watering. Then, one morning three weeks later, there were two little green leaves that had not been there the night before. Rachel was completely astonished. She could not wait to tell her grandfather, certain that he would be as surprised as she was – but, of course, he wasn't. Carefully he explained to his beloved granddaughter that life is everywhere, hidden in the most ordinary and unlikely places. Rachel was delighted. "And all it needs is water, Grandpa?" Gently, he touched her on the top of her head. "No, dear Rachel. All it need is your faithfulness." FAITH is the ability to see the potential in the smallest of things and the courage and perseverance to unlock that potential. Humanity's dreams of peace, community and justice will be realized, first, in the everyday acts of such goodness of each one of us. Such is "mustard seed" faith: that, from the smallest and humblest acts of justice, kindness and compassion, the kingdom of God will take root.

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 at 8:15 a.m. All Women
and All Men

MASS INTENTIONS July 22 - 28

Saturday 5:00 p.m. The Sobrak-Seaton Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Roman Kubalski

+ Phillip Brennan

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. The Pangher Family

Thursday 9:00 a.m. The Sobrak-Seaton Family

Friday 8:00 a.m. Virginia Stehly

ST. FRANCIS SOUP KITCHEN

St. Francis Soup Kitchen thanks everyone for their recent donations of men's clothing items. Lunch is served Monday through Friday from 12 to 1 p.m. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry please call 831-459-6712 for more information.

Thank you for your support!

Women's Club/Prayer Group

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

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

Please contact Ruth McCormick
ruthmcc@flash.net 408 353.1017

Stewardship of Treasury Report:

Sunday July 1 & 2, 2017

Total Plate \$ 1,758.00

Sunday July 8 & 9, 2017

Total Plate \$ 1,757.00

Sunday July 15 & 16, 2017

Total Plate \$ 1,733.00

Second Collection was for Peter's Pence

\$400.00

**Thank you for your support and generosity.
God bless you!**

**7th ANNUAL PARISH HARVEST
PARTY & DANCE**

**LIVE BAND – DANCING,
FOOD & DRINKS!!!**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

STARTS AT 6 O'CLOCK

\$40 Donation Requested

For more information contact:

Don Boisvert 408.828.2035

PEACE AND SOLITUDE

New Camaldoli Hermitage in Big Sur is a Catholic monastic community rooted in the ancient tradition of Saint Benedict. It is a restorative place of healing through monastic silence and solitude, set as a jewel in the natural beauty of the coast of Big Sur. We offer the option for our retreatants and to participate in beautiful liturgical celebration. Please come visit us for a day trip or stay in our private guest rooms to get away from it all. You can make reservations Online at www.contemplation.com and click on "Retreats" or call us at 831-667-2456 ext. 100

From The Joy of Love

...a person can be living in God's grace, can love and can also grow in the life of grace and charity, while receiving the Church's help to this end.

In certain cases, this can include the help of the sacraments. Hence, "I want to remind priests that the confessional must not be a torture chamber, but rather an encounter with the Lord's mercy." I would also point out that the EUCHARIST "is not a prize for the perfect, but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak."

Men's Club Meeting

**Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30
PM. on Wednesday, August 9th**

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