

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

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**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
August 27, 2017

Anecdotes: (Why anecdotes? Mt. 13:34: "All this Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable").

"You are the Christ (messiah), the Son of the living God."

We see in the history of the human race; Jesus Christ started from way back in the pack. He was born in relative obscurity, never had many followers, commanded no army, erected no edifices, and wrote no books. He died young, was buried in a borrowed grave, and you'd think he'd be quickly forgotten. But no!

His reputation has grown, so that today Jesus is worshiped on every continent, has more followers than ever before and sixteen times has been pictured on the cover of Time magazine, while Jesus' sayings have been translated into more than 200 languages. Consider: Socrates taught for forty years, Plato for fifty, and Aristotle, forty. Jesus Christ only taught for three years.

Yet which has influenced the world more, one hundred thirty years of classical thought or three years of Christ's?

In the Library of Congress there are 1,172 reference books on William Shakespeare, 1,752 on George Washington, 2,319 on Abe Lincoln, and 5,152 on Jesus Christ.

Perhaps H.G. Wells best summed up the runaway difference in interest "Christ," he wrote, "Is the most unique person of history of the human race without giving first and foremost place to the penniless teacher of Nazareth."

As Emerson once noted, "The name of Jesus is not so much written as PLOUGHED into the history of the world."

Today's gospel challenges us to accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior as St. Peter did at Caesarea Philippi.

Life messages:

We need to accept Jesus as our Lord and personal savior: Jesus is not merely the founder of a new religion, or a revolutionary Jewish reformer, or one of the great teachers. For **Christians**, he is the **Son of God and our personal Savior**.

This means that we have to see Jesus as the Good Shepherd, the Savior, and the Redeemer.

He is our beloved friend, closer to us than our dear ones and a living experience, who walks with us, loves us, forges us, helps us and transforms our lives and we must radiate all around us his sacrificial *agápe* love, unconditional forgiveness, overflowing mercy and committed service.

The joy, the love, the peace that we find in Jesus should be reflected in the way we live our lives.

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

Women and Men every Tuesday at 8:15 am.

MASS INTENTIONS August 26 – Sept.1

Saturday 5:00 p.m. The Robert's Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Caralie Olsen

+ Phillip Brennan

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. The De Pangher Fam.

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Sobrak-Seaton Fam.

Friday 8:00 a.m. Virginia Stehly

Stewardship of Treasury Report:

Sunday August 12 & 13, 2017

\$2,108.00

Sunday August 19 & 20, 2017

\$1,777.00

Thank you and God bless you!

Wonderful Women's Weekend!

Enjoy a wonderful women's weekend at St. Clare's Retreat! A silent retreat will be held on **September 22 – 24, 2017** with the topic being "Three essential virtues for growth and holiness in family life."

The guest speaker is **Father Serge Propst O.P.** The retreat starts with Friday dinner and ends with Sunday dinner. The cost for all three days is \$140.00; single rooms are available on request \$150.00.

**For reservations & more information, contact
Jeanette Roberts at 353-1880**

Men's Club Meeting

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, September 13th
"Together, supporting each other, we can do great things."

Women's Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1 to 2:30 pm. **September 27th!**
Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

Please contact Ruth McCormick

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Back to School

We as a Catholic Community would like to wish a very good year 2017 - 2018 to the children, teens, teachers, workers, and administrators.

God our Father be with you and protect, and give to you His wisdom and love. We pray for you every day; we promise.

Have a good year!

7th HARVEST PARTY & DANCE

Saturday, September 9, 2017

Starts at 6:00 p.m.

After Mass Dinner, Drinks, Dancing to a Live Music and More

**TICKETS ON SALE - \$40!
Or Contact Don Boisvert 408 828-2035
PLEASE SUPPORT!!!**

We pray the ROSARY together every Saturday at 4:30 PM Please come to pray for the families!