

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

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**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
November 19, 2017**

**This gospel reminds me of two special stories.**

*The first story:*

There is a town that has four separate neighborhoods. The first neighborhood is called, "Yabuts." The people who live there think they know what needs to be done. As a matter of fact, they talk about it quite convincingly – up to a point. When told they have an opportunity for something, the conversation goes something like this: "Ya, but..." The "Yabuts" have the answer. It just happens to be the wrong answer.

The next neighborhood is known as the "Gunnados." Now they are some of the best-intentioned folks you could ever meet. They really understand what needs to be done, and they would have done it, if they had only followed through. They study everything that is required very carefully, and just as an opportunity drifts past them, they realize what they were "gunnado." If only they had done what they were "gunnado."

Another neighborhood is known as the "Wishawoodas." These people have an

excellent perspective on life – hindsight. They say, "I 'wishawooda' this, or 'wishawooda' that..." They know everything that should be done; only it's after the fact. The last neighborhood is known as the "Gladidids." They are a truly special group of people. The "Wishawoodas" drive by the "Gladidids" homes and admire them. The "Gunnados" want to join them, but just cannot quite get around to it. The "Yabuts" could have been "Gladidids," but destiny just did not smile on them. The "Gladidids" are pleased that they are disciplined enough to do what they know they should do instead of always doing what they wanted to do. These are the four neighborhoods. In which neighborhood do you live? In which one would you rather live? 1) Yabuts 2) Gunnados 3) Wishawoods 4) Gladidids.

*The second story:*

There is an ancient story about three demons who were arguing over the best way to destroy the Christian mission in the world. The first demon says, "Let's tell all the Christians there is no heaven. Take away the reward incentive and the mission will collapse." The second demon says, "Let's tell all the Christians there is no hell. Take away the fear of punishment and the mission will collapse." The third demon says, "There is one better way. Let's tell all the Christians that there is no hurry" and all three immediately say, "That's it! All we have to do is tell them there's no hurry and the whole Christian enterprise will collapse." Some things can't be put off to the last minute – the foolish bridesmaids needed to be reminded of this. We are reminded – happy is the person who takes to heart this message and does something about it today.

**Father Ron Shirley**

**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.

**STRUDEL SALE**

It's that time of year again! The Christ Child Ladies, led by Gina Boisvert, will be making delicious Strudel for Thanksgiving and Christmas; small and large ones this year. Large \$35 and Small ones \$25

Great for holiday gifts!

**A delicious way of supporting our Church!**

**MASS INTENTIONS November 18 - 24**

**Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Jack Webbing**  
**Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Martina Durham**  
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + John Parker  
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Boisvert Family  
+ John Parker  
Friday 8:00 a.m. + Leslie R. Olsen

**Stewardship of Treasury  
Report Sunday November 11 & 12, 2017**

<b>Total Plate</b>	<b>\$ 761.00</b>
<b>EFT</b>	<b>\$ 646.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,407.00</b>

**May God bless your generosity; you make the difference in the life of the Parish.**

**Thank you!**

**We pray the ROSARY together every Saturday at 4:30 PM.**

**Please come to pray for the families and our Country!**

**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Giving at Greenfield**

**Sign up for a family this weekend. We are also collecting gently used toys, books and stuffed animals. We will deliver gifts on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> Contact Karen if you have questions 408-353-2020**

**Hello Parishioners**

**There coat drive is going well. Allot of nice, warm clothing has been received. As of this week we have collected: 7 bags of women's clothing, 5 bags of men's clothing and 1 bag of children's clothing.**

**We still need children and toddlers winter clothing. It would be wonderful to see a larger amount of donations for the youngsters.**

**Thank you!**

**Andrea Bruna - 408 353-3101**

**Thanksgiving Day Mass on November 23<sup>rd</sup>  
will be at 9:00 a.m.**

**SAVE the Day on Sunday  
December 10<sup>th</sup> the Christmas Party in the  
PARISH after the Sunday Mass at 10:00 a.m.**

**SILENT REFLECTIVE PRAYER IN THE  
CHURCH OR IN HOME!**

**"Sounds & emotions detach us from ourselves, whereas silence always forces us to reflect upon our own life." Cardinal Sarah  
"...in the silence of the heart, God speaks."  
St. Teresa of Calcutta**

**If you seek to "rest in the Lord," need a chance to decompress from your job before going home, here is your opportunity... to PRAYER!**

**Whoever exalts himself will be humbled**

Pride sets subtle snares. Whenever we imagine that we are in control of life – our own or someone else's – we have fallen prey to the ancient whisper in the Garden: "You shall be like gods." Mortality is the enduring reminder that we become like God not by our own power but by the power of the cross.