

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

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Impossible

In a lot of homes I'm sure there are certain words we do not allow to be used; vulgar words, bad words.

I was in a home where the mom had an allergy to the word "Hate." It could be as simple as, "I hate spinach," or more serious as, "I hate my teacher." This word would bring a lengthy dissertation about how unhealthy that word was.

There is a word I believe God doesn't care for. It's not a swear or a vulgar word; it is an everyday word that people misuse terribly. The word is "IMPOSSIBLE."

Yesterday we said,

It's impossible for people to fly.

It's impossible to make boats that travel underwater.

It's impossible for someone to walk on the moon.

It's impossible for the Berlin wall to come down.

It's impossible for Russia and the US to ever be friends.

It's impossible for the Red Sox to win the World Series.

Today we say:

It's impossible for the Jews and the Arabs to make peace.

It's impossible to get rid of gang violence.

It's impossible for California to absorb all these new immigrants.

It's impossible to find a cure for AIDS.

It's impossible to create a society where no one goes without basic food and shelter.

It's impossible for Father Ron to lose weight.

God scorns that word and the attitude behind that word, God who alone is wise.

A person might say:

It's impossible for me to get over my grief and move on, especially during the holidays.

It's impossible for me to deal with my addictions.

It's impossible for me to temper myself of destructive vice.

It's impossible for me to make peace and develop as a healthy human being.

But today these voices who shout the word "Impossible" are contradicted by an angel flying down from heaven, and the old post-menopausal lady swelling with life, and the teenage Virgin Mary with the word of God resting in her womb. These three join together to say: "If it is the will of God, then its possible-nothing is impossible with God.

Let us remember! Let us Believe!

Father Ron Shirley

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By request or appointment

Sacrament of Baptism and Marriage

Call the office for an appointment.

For Pregnancy Support:

Birthright 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

Anointing of the Sick

Celebrated biannually at Mass or individually by appointment

Prayer Group in the Parish

Every Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. all Women and all Men.

MASS INTENTIONS - December 23 - 29

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Parishioners
Sunday 10:00 a.m. Boisvert Family
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Monday 10:00 a.m. + Martina Durham
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Adrienne & Marc
Guest (Anniversary)
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Boisvert Family
Friday 8:00 a.m. Murphy - Dwyer
Family

Stewardship of Treasury

Report Sunday December 16 & 17, 2017

Total Plate	\$ 1,213.00
EFT	\$ 613.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,826.00

Second Collection Maintenance was \$543.00

Thanks you and May God bless you!

We pray the ROSARY together every Saturday at 4:30 PM. Please come to pray for the families and our Country.

Men's Club Meeting

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM on Wednesday January 10, 2018
"Together, supporting each other, we can do great things!"

Women's Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month,
January 24th 2018 from 1 to 2:30 pm.
Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.
Please contact Ruth McCormick
ruthmcc@flash.net

What better way to begin the New Year than by spending time discerning God's call?

We are hosting a "Come-And-See" Day on **Saturday, January 20th 2018** for single, **Catholic women ages 18-38 years.**

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. Will you once again help us reach out and invite young women to this opportunity?

Contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P. vocation directress, at vocations@nunsmenlo.org or visit our website at

<http://nunsmenlo.org/discernment-days/>

To learn more and to register for one of our upcoming Come and See Day! Space is limited and fills fast!

A NEW YEAR'S EVE INTERFAITH VIGIL FOR PEACE

Sunday, December 31st 2017
8:00 pm. – 10:40 pm.

Holy Cross Parish Hall Across from Mission Plaza Santa Cruz, CA.

Join Christians, Muslims, Jews, Hindus, Buddhists and many who claim no affiliation with an organized religion for an evening of meditation, music, silence and walking the labyrinth in the 14th Annual Interfaith Peace Vigil sponsored by Sangha Shantivanam and hosted by the Holy Cross Catholic Community. The vigil ends at 10:40 pm. Come whenever you want and stay as long as you wish. For those who wish to attend, MASS will be celebrated at Holy Cross at 11:00 pm.

Prayer requests: can be emailed to christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com Or written and placed in the box provided in the Church foyer!

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!!!