

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

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME
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The common theme of today's readings is Divine authority as exercised in this world by the prophets of the Old Testament, in the apostles (including St. Paul), in the writings and teachings in the New Testament, and by Jesus in his teaching and healing.

God sends His prophets all the time

For example, when Abraham Lincoln, in 1863, proclaimed the freedom of all the slaves in the United States, his was the voice of a prophet. When Lincoln's contemporary, Susan B. Anthony pioneered the suffrage movement that eventually led to the passage of the 19th Amendment (1920) and gave women the right to vote, hers was the voice of a prophet. When Pope Leon XIII delivered his encyclical entitled *On the Condition of the Working Man* and called upon Christians to attend to unjust labor laws and practices, his was the voice of a prophet. Similarly, when Cardinal Leo-Josef Suenens of Belgium stood up at the end of the first session of Vatican II and urged the council to examine

not only the mystery of the Church *in itself* but also the Church's relationship to and responsibility for the world *at large*, his was the voice of a prophet. Rachel Carson's book entitled *Silent Spring* (1962) was prophetic in that it summoned the world to an awareness of the dangers of environment pollution. When Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu drew the world's attention to the dangers and injustices of apartheid, his was the voice of a prophet as were so many others in this century alone, e.g. Dorothy Day, St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa), Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr., Teilhard de Chardin, Leonardo Boff, Jon Sobrino and the Latin American Bishops who raised their voices first at Medellin, Colombia (1968) and then at Puebla, Mexico (1970) to affirm the Church as "an instrument of liberation, and agent of social justice and a defender of the poor and the oppressed." These prophets tried to bring the reality of the sacred into every sphere of the human experience. In today's liturgical readings, we are called upon to allow the prophetic messages of Moses, Paul, Mark and Jesus to penetrate our conscience and claim them for God. Moreover, we are challenged to continue to listen to the prophets among us, and to exercise the ministry of prophecy for our contemporaries in our words, works, and manner of living. (Patricia Datchuck Sánchez).

Life Messages: Let us approach Jesus for liberation: Jesus did not use his authority and Divine power to rule and control people. He came to set people free. Hence, let us approach Jesus with trusting Faith so that he may free us from the evil spirits that keeps us from praying and prevent us from loving and sharing our blessings with others, as well as

from all the "evil spirits" of fear, compulsions, selfishness, anger, resentment and hostility. "I have come that they may have life, life in abundance" (John 10:10). So Jesus should be a source of liberation for us. May Jesus free us from all those spirits which make us deaf, dumb, blind, lame and paralyzed, physically and spiritually. Through Word and Sacrament, Jesus brings that power to us and says the same words to the demons in our life, "Be gone!" – Not just once but as often as we need to hear them, until finally, we are free from these demons entirely. Christ can set us free and longs to do so.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By request or appointment

Sacrament of Baptism and Marriages

Call the office for an appointment

Anointing of the Sick

Celebrated biannually at Mass or individually by appointment

For Pregnancy Support:

Birthingright 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

Pray Group in the Parish

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

MASS INTENTIONS January 27 – Feb 2

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Gerald Boisvert

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Parishioners

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Murphy - Dwyer

Thursday 9:00 a.m. The Boisvert Family

Friday 8:00 a.m. John & Susan Davis

Stewardship of Treasury

Collections January 6 & 7 Total \$1,939.00

Collections January 13 & 14

Total \$ 1,782.00

Collections January 20 & 21

Total \$ 1,704.00

We Need Your Support, Thank you and
May God bless you!

Tuesday February 13th 2018
"Men's Club Parish Mardi Grass Party"
"FAT TUESDAY CELEBRATION"
The social will be from 6:00 to 6:45 and
followed by Dinner.
"Martes de Carnaval"
Before Lent Begins!!!
WELCOME EVERYONE!!!

CARE PACKAGES FOR OUR TROOPS
– SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25th

Once again we will join with The Mountain Bible Church to put Jesus' love and mercy into practice with small practical gifts of encouragement to our men and women serving in the military overseas. A detailed list of suggested items to purchase and donate will be available as the date approaches.

This is also proven to be a great event to invite your non-church neighbors who have a heart to do well.

Thank you for your support of Strudel
Christmas 2017 - the income was

\$1,510.00

Thanks Gina Boisvert

Women's Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month, **February 28th from 1 to 2:30 PM.** Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time. Please contact Ruth McCormick ruthmcc@flash.net

Sacrament of Confirmation

All young boys and girls!!! You need to learn about your own faith in JESUS CHRIST and to be witness of Him. Please contact with Fr. Eugenio 408.353.2210.

We help you and we need you!!!