

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

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
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Trinity prayer of Tolstoy's monks

Three Russian monks lived in a faraway island. Nobody ever went there. However, one day their bishop decided to make a pastoral visit to learn more about their religious life. But when he arrived he discerned that they did not know even the Lord's Prayer. So, he spent all his time and energy teaching them the Our Father and then left them, satisfied with his pastoral visit. But when his small ship had left the island and was back in the open sea, he suddenly noticed the three hermits walking on the water – in fact they were running after the ship. When they approached it, they cried out, "Dear bishop we have forgotten the Lord's Prayer you taught us." The bishop, overwhelmed by what he was seeing and hearing, asked them, "but dear brothers, how then do you pray?" They answered, "We just say, there are three of us and there are three of you, have mercy on us." The bishop, awestruck by their sanctity and simplicity said, "Go back to your island and be at peace."

(Adapted from Leo Tolstoy – The Three Hermits – Russian was written in 1885 and first published in 1886 in the weekly periodical Niva).

**The Mystery of man created by a
mysterious Triune God**

How complex and mind-boggling is our physical construction! Chemically, the body is unequalled for its complexity. Each one of man's 30 trillion cells is a mini chemical factory that performs about 10,000 chemical functions. With its 206 bones, 639 muscles, 3 million pain sensors in the skin, 750 million air sacs in the lungs, 16 million nerve cells and 30 trillion cells in total, the human body is remarkably designed for life. And the brain! The human brain along with the nervous system is the most complex arrangement of matter anywhere in the universe. One scientist estimated that our brain, on average, processes over 10,000 thoughts and concepts each day. Three billion DNA pairs in a fertilized egg control all human activities, 30,000 genes making 90,000 proteins in the body. Bill Bryson in his book, A Short History of Nearly Everything, says it is a miracle that we ever existed. Trillions of atoms come together for approximately 650,000 hours (when 74 years is calculated as the average span of human life), and then begin to silently disassemble and go off to other things. But for 650,000 hours the miracle or mystery that is uniquely us, exists.

One could spend years just dealing with the marvelous intricacies and majesty of God's creation. We are, as the Psalmist states "fearfully and wonderfully made." No wonder we cannot understand the mystery of a Triune God who

created each one of us as an unfathomable mystery.

***"Most Holy Trinity, who lives in me, I praise
you, I worship you, I adore you and I love
you."***

St. Francis Xavier

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

For Pregnancy Support

Birthright 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

Prayer group in the Parish

Every Tuesday at 8:15 am. All women and men are invited!

MASS INTENTIONS May 26 – June 1

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Frank J. Muscolino 50 th Anniversary
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Fr. Frank J. Muscolino 50 th Anniversary
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Murphy - Dwyer
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Parishioners
Friday	8:00 a.m.	+ Dennis Stacey

TREASURY REPORT

May 19 & 20, 2018

Plate.....	\$1,059.00
EFT.....	\$ 554.00
Total.....	\$1,613.00

Thank you and May God the Father bless you!

***Parents – please continue to help your
children to continue in union with JESUS
CHRIST in the Eucharistic Bread! The
Mass!***

Men's Club Meeting

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM. on Wednesday, June 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 – 2:30 PM. June 27th!
Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time. Please contact Ruth McCormick
ruthmcc@flash.net 408 353.1017

10th Blessing of Hot Rods 2018

Full income \$6,859.00

**"Mucho trabajo de todos," but big event
for the Parish.**

Thank you!!! Muchas Gracias!!!

Nisbet Scripture Retreat

Fr. Jim Nisbet, acclaimed scripture scholar, will be sharing his insights and wisdom during the 38th Annual Nisbet Scripture Retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center this summer.

The retreat is **August 10 – 12**. Openings are available for single and double occupancy. This popular retreat fills up quickly, so don't wait too long.

Register by calling the Retreat Center at 831 623.4234 for more information call Rudy and Virginia, 458.9169 or Jerry and Sylvia, 426.7058

St. Clare's Retreat

September Women's Silent Retreat with Father Serge Propst, OP – **Inner Peace** – 2381 Laurel Glen Road, Soquel, CA 95075
stclaresretreatcenter@gmail.com

Reservations may be made online, by phone or by mail. 831 423-8093

***We worship one God in the Trinity and
the Trinity in unity!***
(Athanasius Creed)

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and
to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the
beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen. Alleluia!***