

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 26, 2018

**Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis to the
People of God.**

“If one member suffers, all suffer together with it” (1 Cor 12:26). These words of Saint Paul forcefully echo in my heart as I acknowledge once more the suffering endured by many minors due to sexual abuse, the abuse of power and the abuse of conscience perpetrated by a significant number of clerics and consecrated persons. Crimes that inflict deep wounds of pain and powerlessness, primarily among the victims, but also in their family members and in the large community of believers and nonbelievers alike. Looking back to the past, no effort to beg pardon and to seek to repair the harm done will ever be sufficient. Looking ahead to the future, no effort must be spared to create a culture able to prevent such situations from happening, but also to prevent the possibility of their being covered up and perpetuated. The pain of the victims and their families is also our pain, and so it is urgent that we once more reaffirm our

commitment to ensure the protection of minors and of vulnerable adults. In recent days, a report was made public which detailed the experience of at least a thousand survivors, victims of sexual abuse, the abuse of power and of conscience at the hands of priests over a period of approximately seventy years. Even though it can be said that most of these cases belong to the past, nonetheless as time goes on we have come to know the pain of many of the victims. We have realized that these wounds never disappear and that they require us forcefully to condemn these atrocities and join forces in uprooting this culture of death; these wounds never go away. The heart-wrenching pain of these victims, which cries out to heaven, was long ignored, kept quiet or silenced. But their outcry was more powerful than all the measures meant to silence it, or sought even to resolve it by decisions that increased its gravity by falling into complicity. The Lord heard that cry and once again showed us on which side he stands... We feel shame when we realize that our style of life has denied, and continues to deny, the words we recite (Luke 1:51-53). With shame and repentance, we acknowledge as an ecclesial community that we were not where we should have been, that we did not act in a timely manner, realizing the magnitude and the gravity of the damage done to so many lives. We showed no care for the little ones; we abandoned them. I make my own the words of the then Cardinal Ratzinger when, during the Way of the Cross composed for Good Friday 2005, he identified with the cry of pain of so many victims and exclaimed: “How much filth there is in the Church, and even among those who, in the priesthood, ought to belong entirely to (Christ!) How much pride, how

much self-complacency! Christ’s betrayal by his disciples, their unworthy reception of his body and blood, is certainly the greatest suffering endured by the Redeemer; it pierces his heart. We can only call to him from the depths of our hearts: Kyrie eleison – Lord, save us!

The extent and the gravity of all that has happened requires coming to grips with this reality in a comprehensive and communal way. While it is important and necessary on every journey of conversion to acknowledge the truth of what has happened, in itself this is not enough. Today we are challenged as the People of God to take on the pain of our brothers and sisters wounded in their flesh and in their spirit. If, in the past, the response was one of omission, today we want solidarity, in the deepest and most challenging sense, to become our way of forging present and future history. And this in an environment where conflicts, tensions and above all the victims of every type of abuse can encounter an outstretched hand to protect them and rescue them from their pain...

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

Birthing 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

Pray Group in the Parish

Women and Men every Tuesday at 8:15 am.

Plate Collection

August 18 & 19, 2018

Total \$1,546.00

**Thank You and My God bless you for your
generosity!**

MASS INTENTIONS August 25 – 31
**Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. John Paul
O’Brien**

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Caralie Olsen

**Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. John Paul
O’Brien**

Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Luis Sandoval

Friday 8:00 a.m. + Bishop Richard Garcia

Wonderful Women’s Weekend!

Enjoy a wonderful women’s weekend at St. Clare’s Retreat! A silent retreat will be held on **September 14 -16** with Father Serge Propst, OP. the topic is “**Inner Peace**” Call **St. Clare’s retreat Center directly 831 423-8093**

Men’s Club Meeting

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, September 12th

“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 26th!**

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

Please contact Ruth McCormick

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8th HARVEST PARTY & DANCE

Saturday, September 8, 2018

Starts at 6:00 p.m.

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

**Tickets available after Mass or contact Don
Boisvert 408 828-2035**

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

**PRAYER REQUESTS Can be sent to
christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com or
written and placed in the box provided in the
Church foyer.**