

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

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**TWENTIETH-SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
September 30, 2018

**“Anyone who gives a cup of water to drink
because you belong to Christ will surely
not lose his reward... “If your eye causes
you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to
enter the kingdom of God with one eye
than with two eyes be thrown into
Gehenna...”**

(Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48)

Lonesome Dove: Crossing the line

In Larry McMurtry’s great western *Lonesome Dove*, Jake Spoon is a former Texas Ranger who eventually finds himself on the wrong side of the law. While Jake is far from a saint he’s not the worst sinner, either. He just wants to live his life as a gambler without any ties or responsibilities.

After a poker game in Fort Worth, Jake agrees to join up to Nebraska to rob banks. Nobody gets killed robbing banks, Jake reasons. But, as they ride north, Jake discovers that he has hooked up with a band of brutal horse thieves and murderers. It falls to his best friends – all ex-Texas Rangers, as well – to hunt the gang down. Call, Gus, Deets and Newt follow the carnage

and catch up with Jake and the gang. The ex-Rangers pronounce the “judgment of the West” for horse thievery and murder and prepare to carry out the hangings. Jake begs his friends for mercy. He didn’t mean any harm, Jake says, he was just looking for safe company to get across Indian Territory. But Gus tells Jake, “Sorry, Jake, you crossed the line.” But Jake pathetically pleads, “But Gus, I didn’t see no line.”

In his rather harsh words about cutting off and plucking out what causes us to sin, Jesus is pointing to that “line” that poor Jake can’t see – that line between the things of God and the things of earth, the line between authentic love and selfish infatuation, the line between the common good and narrow self-interest, the line between true wealth and fleeting celebrity and fame, the line between life and death. To be faithful to the call of discipleship means letting nothing – nothing! – dissuade us or derail us in our search for the things of God, not allowing the pursuit of prestige, wealth, social status or instant gratification desensitize us to the presence of God in our lives or diminish the love of God we cherish in family and friends. May we have the courage and freedom to “cut off” and “tear out” whatever removes us from the joy and peace of God.

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!

Christ Child Men’s Club

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM. on Wednesday, **October 10, 2018**

“Together, supporting each other, we can do great things.”

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

Women’s Club/Prayer Group

We meet 4th the Wednesday of each month from 1 to 2:30 PM. **October 24th, 2018 our focus is social and spiritual at their same time. Please contact Ruth McCormick**

ruthmcc@flash.net

Villa Maria Del Mar– Spirituality Program

Offering: Monthly Retreats- Weekly Spiritual Direction- Peer Supervision- Retreat Mentoring- Spiritual Accompaniment Mentoring- Aspiring Deacon Spiritual Direction...

Coordinators: Sister Molly Neville SNJM

Lynn Rombi SNJMA

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Villa Maria Del Mar

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Are you an Adult?

And would you like to be Catholic or be confirmed or receive the Eucharist?

Please call at 408. 353.2210.

We will be very happy to help you!

Fr. Eugenio

CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine)

CCD Registration will start October 2018

You may register your child and/or children for CCD classes after Sunday Mass.

CCD classes are conducted on Sunday mornings from 9:00-10:00 am.

CCD grades K-1, 2nd, 3-5, 6-8 will begin on Sunday October 7, 2018 @ 9:00 am.

Preschool CCD classes are scheduled for the first Sunday of every month and will begin Sunday October 7, 2018 during Mass with Family Social following.

**We are in need of 3-4 gr. / 6-8gr. CCD teachers. Please consider volunteering to be a teacher. It is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen and share your faith with others. Please contact Nannette Thomas, Chris & Herb Curran

Save December 8 for Greenfield

Sign up for a family after church Nov 3 - 18

Questions? Contact Karen @ 408 375-0984

Thanks, Karen

Weekly Plate Collections Sept. 22 & 23, 2018

Plate Collection Total \$1,502.00

Thank you! May God bless you!

Harvest Dance Income \$9,691.00

We work together and see very well!!!

MASS INTENTIONS Sept. 29 – Oct. 5

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Frieda DuPont

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. John Paul O’Brien

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Communion Services

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Communion Services

Friday 8:00 a.m. Communion Services

All the Priests of Diocese of Monterey

Priests’ Retreat October 1 to 5, 2018

St. Francis Retreat Center

San Juan Bautista, CA

Please prayers for all the priests!!!