

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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 2, 2018

Advent is a time of waiting for CHRIST, allowing JESUS to be reborn in our lives.

It is also a time for purifying by repentance and for renewing our lives by reflecting on and experiencing the several comings (advents) of Christ into our lives. Besides his first coming at his birth, Jesus comes to our lives through the Sacraments (especially the Eucharist), through the Word of God, through the worshipping community, at the moment of our death and, finally, in his Second Coming to judge the world.

Be patient, be faithful

Be faithful, remember Albert Einstein's words after the Second World War: "As a lover of freedom, when the revolution came in Germany, I looked to the universities to defend it, knowing that they had always boasted of their devotion to the cause of truth; but no, the universities were immediately silenced. Then I looked to the great editors of the newspapers, whose flaming editorials in days gone by had

proclaimed their love of freedom; but they like the universities were silenced in a few short weeks. Only the Church stood squarely across the path of Hitler's campaign for suppressing truth. I never had any special interest in the Church before, but now I feel a great affection and admiration for it, because the Church alone has had the courage to stand for intellectual truth, and moral freedom. I am forced to confess that what I once despised, now I praise unreservedly." We are Christ's Body in the world today. Be patient. Be faithful.

Life messages: A message of warning and hope. The Church begins the Advent season of Liturgical Cycle C by presenting the second coming of Christ in glory, in order to give us a vision of our future glory in Heaven and to show us the preparation needed for it. She reminds us that we are accountable for our lives before Christ the Judge. Today's readings invite us to assess our lives during Advent and to make the necessary alterations in the light of the approaching Christmas celebration. Advent is the time for and improvement of our lives and for deepening the sincerity of our religious commitment. It is a call to "Look up" to see that Christ is still here. We must raise our heads in hope and anticipation, knowing that the Lord is coming again. Luke reminds us to trust in Jesus, amid the tragedies that sometimes occur in our daily lives.

Our marriage may break up, we may lose our job, discover that we have cancer or some terminal illness, or become estranged from our children. In all such situations, when we feel overwhelmed by disaster and feel that our lives have no meaning, **Jesus says: "Stand up, raise your heads, because your salvation is near"** (Luke 21:28)

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

MASS INTENTIONS December 1 - 7

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Margarita Ortega

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Leslie R. Olsen

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Michael Mobley

Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Lynn Frease

Friday 9:00 a.m. Kay Stacey

7:00 p.m. Parishioners

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(CONFESSION)
FRIDAY DECEMBER 14 AT 6:00 P.M.**

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

Friday, December 7th Mass at 7:00 PM.

Stewardship of Treasure
Report Sunday November 10 & 11, 2018
TOTAL \$1,636.00
Report Sunday November 17 & 18, 2018
TOTAL \$1,563.00
Report Sunday November 24 & 25, 2018
TOTAL \$1,688.00
Second Collection Maintenance was \$137.00

Thank you! And May God bless you in your generosity

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday December 12th Mass at 6:00 p.m.
Bilingual! After Mass gathering for Mexican Food!!!

15th Annual Giving at Greenfield

Did you miss adopting a Greenfield family?
Contact Karen at 408-375-0984
Consider a cash donation or gift card. We are also collecting gently used toys, books, and stuffed animals. All gifts should be dropped off at Christ Child no later than **11 am on Sunday, Dec. 2rd we will deliver gifts SATURDAY, December 8th**

STRUDEL SALE

We are taking orders this week-end and will deliver to you for Christmas: small and large ones this year. Large \$35 and Small ones \$25
Contact Gina Boisvert at 408 656-7677 or order after Mass.

FUNDRAISER FOR CAMP FIRE VICTIMS

Hope you can join us for our Camp Fire Fundraiser. Rather than charge for dinner we are asking for a donation of cash or gift cards that will be distributed between several families related to Christ Child parishioners. December 9th, 5pm at Santa Teresa Church in

San Jose

Homemade Italian dinner, raffle, music, drinks & dessert. Together we can make a huge difference in these families lives, most lost everything except what was on their backs.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9th AFTER

THE MASS AT 10:00 a.m.
CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!

THE VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Monday, December 24th
The Mass at 5:00 p.m.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, December 25th
The Mass at 10:00 a.m.