

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

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 23, 2018**

**Christ Child Parishioners:**

The following information was received from Flora Chan describing the impact the 15<sup>th</sup> annual gift distribution on December 8, 2018 had on several families in Greenfield.

**Flora writes: Thanks primarily to God for each one of you and your beautiful ministry!!! Thanks also to Padre Eugenio. Below, I describe the situation of two families that were among the 58 families receiving gifts for Christmas 2018.**

I want to share with you what I will call “a smile in the heart of the family.” A family of 7 members arrived looking for their gifts on December 8. When they received them, their joy and happiness were reflected in the smiles on their faces, the children in particular were very happy carrying their gifts, cookies and hats. The mother spoke with us, giving thanks for the generosity of the Christ Child family that adopted them and made possible the smiles on the faces of each family member. The mother shared that one of her children suffered from autism, water

on the brain and other complications that caused this child to be hospitalized frequently. This mother’s heart was “sick” due to the circumstances in which her family lives – a divorce and illness of one child. Never, she said had she felt as blessed as on this day, looking at the smiles and happiness of her children. She subsequently told us that their Christmas tree at home now has “guardians” as her children are very anxious to open their presents and protect everything under the tree 24/7.

A family of 8 came to fill out their application; a large family where the father does not possess enough resources to provide the necessities of daily life. Not surprisingly, this is a sad family, especially since one daughter suffers from leukemia and the parents are constantly at Stanford hospital with this daughter, crying and feeling impotent as they deal with this blood cancer. When they arrived to collect their gifts, one could see the heart of this suffering family on the face of each member. The look on their faces after receiving their gifts was to see happiness, happiness without price that comes only from God as they momentarily forgot their suffering and pain. This family is extremely grateful and did not want to return home. When they did leave, they took coats and sweaters with them from the table outside.

**With all my heart I say to you thank you, Karen and Steve Joesten, Pat and Chuck McCrery, Caralie Olsen, Joe and Andrea Bruna, Don and Gina Boisvert, Don and Gail Hanley and the many people at Christ Child who adopted Greenfield families.**  
Father Eugenio

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

By request or appointment

**Sacrament of Baptism and Marriage**

Call the office 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 22 - 28**

**Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Lynn Frease**  
**Sunday 10:00 a.m. The Stehly Family**  
**Monday 5:00 p.m. Parishioners**  
**Tuesday 10:00 a.m. The Stehly Family**  
**Thursday 9:00 a.m. Adrienne & Marc**  
Guest (Anniversary)  
**Friday 8:00 a.m. Parishioners**

**Stewardship of Treasury**

**Report Sunday December 15 & 16, 2018**

**TOTAL \$1,796.00**

**Thanks you and May God bless you!**

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

**Men’s Club Meeting**

**Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM on Wednesday January 9, 2019**

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

**Women’s Club/Prayer Group**

We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month,

**January 23<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 2:30 pm.**

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

Please contact Ruth McCormick

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND  
YOUR FAMILY!!!**

**DISCERNMENT DAY:** Are you seeking for Truth? Are you yearning for the infinite and for happiness? Christ is the Answer! Come and See!

The Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery are hosting a Come and See Day for single, Catholic women ages 18-38 on **January 19, 2019** at their monastery on 215 Oak Grove Avenue in Menlo Park, California. For those outside the San Francisco Bay Area, the nuns also have limited accommodations for overnight guests. For more information and to register visit

[www.opnunsmenlo.org/uncoming-evernts](http://www.opnunsmenlo.org/uncoming-evernts) or contact Sister Joseph Marie O.P. at [vocations@nunsmenlo.org](mailto:vocations@nunsmenlo.org)

The day begins with Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by Divine Office, Rosary, Conferences on Discernment, Recreation with the nuns, Adoration and more! The event is free and all meals will be provided.

**A NEW YEAR’S EVE INTERFAITH VIGIL  
FOR PEACE**

**Monday, December 31, 2018**

**8:00pm-10:45pm**

**Holy Cross Parish Hall**

**Across from Mission Plaza, Santa Cruz**  
Gather for an evening of meditation, music and readings with Baha’is, Buddhists, Christians, Hindus, Jews, Muslims, Native American, Sikhs and many who claim to affiliation with an organized religion/ This will be the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Interfaith Peace Vigil sponsored by Sangha Shantivanam and hosted by Holy Cross Catholic Community. Short periods of silent meditation each hour will be interspersed with presentation from universal wisdom traditions. A labyrinth will be available for walking. Come join us this New Year’s Eve at any time. Stay as long as you would like during our Peace Vigil. In the shared hope for Global Peace, all are welcome.

Prayer requests can be emailed to [christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com](mailto:christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com)  
Or written and placed in the box provided in the Church foyer!