

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

23230 Summit Road
Los Gatos, CA 95033-9278
Telephone: (408) 353-2210
Pastor: Rev. Eugenio Arámburo
Web Site: www.christchild.org
Email: eugenio.aramburo@yahoo.com

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY, AND JOSEPH
December 30, 2018

A DIFFERENT FAMILY

Among Catholics the value of family is almost instinctively defended, but we don't always stop to reflect on the concrete of a family project, understood and lived out from the Gospel. What would a family inspired by Jesus look like?

The family, according to him, has its origins in the mystery of the Creator that attracts the woman and the man to be *just one flesh*, sharing their lives in a mutual self-giving, animated by a free and gratuitous love. This is first and decisive. This loving experience of the parents can engender a healthy family.

Following the deep call of love, the parents become a fountain of new life. It's their most passionate task. It can give a new depth and breadth to their love. It can consolidate forever their creative work in the world.

The children are a gift and a responsibility. A difficult challenge and an incomparable satisfaction. Jesus' activity, always defending

the little ones and embracing and blessing the children, suggests the basic attitude: take care of the fragile life of those who are starting their journey in this world. No one could offer them anything better.

A Christian family tries to live out an original experience in the midst of today's indifferent and agnostic society: build their home from Jesus. *Where two or three come together in my name, I am there in their midst*. It's Jesus who breathes within, sustains, and guides the healthy life of the Christian family.

The home then becomes a privileged space to live out the most basic experiences of the Christian faith: trust in a Good God who befriends human beings, the attraction of Jesus' style of life, the discovery of God's project of building a world that's more worthy, just and loving for all. The reading of the Gospel as a family is a decisive experience.

In a home where Jesus is allowed to be alive with simple faith but with great passion, a family grows that is welcoming and sensitive to the suffering of the neediest, where one learns to share and be committed to a more humane world. A family that doesn't close itself only to its own interests but that lives open to the human family.

Many parents today live overwhelmed by different problems, and all too alone in dealing with their task. Couldn't they receive some concrete and effective help from Christian communities? Many believing parents could benefit much by getting together, sharing their questions and supporting each other mutually. It's not of the

Gospel to demand heroic deeds and then back off from their struggles and pains.

Fr. José Antonio Pagola

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By request or 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 29 – Jan 4

Saturday 5:00 p.m. The Stehly Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. The Stehly Family

+ Pierbattista Marchesi

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. + Pola Altura

Thursday 9:00 a.m. The Boisvert Family

Friday 8:00 a.m. The Devlin Family

Stewardship of Treasury

December 22 & 23, 2018 Collection was

\$ 2,707.00

December 24 & 25, 2018 Christmas Collection

Total \$2,565.00

Thank you and God bless your generosity!

We Need Your Support

The 2019 Collection Envelopes are in the entrance to the CHURCH.

Please pick up your box if you had one for last year. **God bless you, Fr. Eugenio**

MAY THE BLESSINGS OF CHRISTMAS BE
WITH YOU TODAY AND THROUGHOUT
THE NEW YEAR 2019

Check out our Website

We would like to invite and encourage everyone to take a look at our Parish website at

www.christchild.org

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 4th Wednesday of each month, **January 23rd 2019 from 1 to 2:30 pm.**

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time! Please contact Ruth McCormick

ruthmcc@flash.net

We pray the Rosary together every Saturday

at 4:30 PM. Please come to pray for the families and our Country.

Prayer requests can be emailed to

christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com

Or written and placed in the box provided in the Church foyer.

"URBI ET ORBI" Message of Pope Francis
Christmas 2018

I renew the joyous proclamation of Bethlehem: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those who he favors."

What is the universal message of Christmas? **It is that God is a Good Father and we are all brothers and sisters.**

This truth is the basis of the Christian vision of humanity. Without the fraternity that Jesus Christ has bestowed on us, our efforts for a more just world fall short, and even our best plans and projects risk being soulless and empty. For this reason, my wish for a happy Christmas is a wish for **fraternity.**

Fraternity among individuals of every nation and culture.

Fraternity among people with different ideas, yet capable of respecting and listening to one another.

Fraternity among persons of different religions.

JESUS came to reveal the face of **GOD** to all those who seek him...