

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

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME
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When the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from, he called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now."

John 2: 1-12

Ain't misbehavin'

The late humorist Erma Bombeck told this story that serves as a reality check on our tendency to take the things of God much too seriously:

"In church the other Sunday I was intent on a small child who was turning around smiling at everyone. He wasn't gurgling, spitting, kicking, tearing the hymnals, or rummaging through his mother's handbag. He was just smiling. Finally, his mother jerked him about and, in a stage whisper that could be heard in a little theater off Broadway, said, 'Stop that grinning! You're in church!' With that, she gave him a (slap) and as the tears rolled down his cheeks added, 'That's better,' and returned to her prayers.

"Suddenly I was angry. It occurred to me the entire world is in tears, and if you're not, then you'd better get with it. I wanted to grab this child with the tear-stained face close to me and tell him about my God. The happy God. The smiling God. The God who had to have a sense of humor to have created the likes of us.

"What a fool, I thought. Here was a woman sitting next to the only light left in our civilization – the only hope, our only miracle – our only promise of infinity. If he couldn't smile in church, where was there left to go?" (Quoted in What's So Amazing About Grace? By Philip Yancey.)

In John's Gospel, Christ works his first sign by creating wine. Not that Jesus sought to turn faith into an ongoing party – far from it – but in the miracle at Cana, Jesus offers for the first time the "new wine" of hope restored and reconciliation renewed. It is a sign that should dramatically alter our perspective of God from one of fear to one of heartening and transforming joy, from one of distant coldness to one of promised welcome, from one of resignation in the wake of life's hurts and disappointments to one of gratitude to God for the gift of life itself.

The "new wine" of the Messiah's coming is centered in a vision of faith that see God as Father of all; that enables us to rebuild our world in God's justice and compassion; that heals alienation and estrangement through forgiveness and reconciliation; that transforms distrust and despair through Christ's spirit of humble selflessness.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By request or appointment

Sacrament of Baptism and marriages

Call the office for an appointment

Anointing of the Sick

Celebrated biannually at Mass or individually by 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.

Monday, January 21 the birth of Martin Luther King, Jr., is celebrated.

Prayers for the end of racial discrimination...and for the Preservation of Peace and Justice in our Country!

MASS INTENTIONS January 19 - 25

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Arnaudo Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Cecily Olsen

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Pola Altura

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Arnaudo Family

Friday 8:00 a.m. Parishioners

January 22 Tuesday

On this day following the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, *Roe vs. Wade* (1973) All dioceses of the United States shall observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

The Annual Respect Life Mass on Tuesday, January 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at Madonna Del Sasso. Pro Cathedral in Salinas, CA. Welcome every one!!!

WOMEN'S CLUB/ PRAYER GROUP

We meet 4th Wednesday of each month, **January 23th 2019** from 1 to 2:30 pm. Our focus is social and spiritual at their 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.

BISHOP DANIEL GARCIA will be installed as the fifth bishop of the Diocese of Monterey, on Tuesday, January 29, 2019, at 2 pm. at Madonna Del Sasso Pro-Cathedral in Salinas, CA. Each parish in our diocese has been given only eight tickets for parish representatives. There will only limited amount of open seating available in a special adjunct Pavilion on the Madonna Del Sasso Parish Campus. Shuttles will be available from Cristo Rey Parish in Salinas. Parking at Madonna Del Sasso is also limited.

However, the installation Mass will be broadcast/steamed live on our Diocese of Monterey YouTube page and regular updates about this special event will be on our websites: www.dioceseofmonterey.org You can also follow us on Facebook for updates as well.

Rev. Peter Crivello Vicar General.

World Marriage Encounter

As a married couple, how are we living out the good news? Do we live the world's values or do we strive to live the values of the gospels. Are we kind, compassionate loving and forgiving with one another?

Worldwide Marriage Encounter will be presenting weekends on **April 5-7, 2019** and **October 25-27, 2019** at the St. Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista, CA. For more information call Mary Jo and Rich Castello, at 1-831-200-3780 or Email the at castellome1@gmail.com or register online at centralcawwme.org

Check out our Website

We would like to invite and encourage everyone to take a look at our Parish website at www.christchild.org Information about parish ministries, helpful links and calendars are available on this site.

Prayer requests, can be email to christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com Or written and place in the box provided in the Church foyer!