

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

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**March 10, 2019**

**Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the  
Spirit into the desert for forty days to be  
tempted by the devil.  
Luke 4: 1-13**

**‘The monster’s messy house’**

Kathleen Norris, in her book *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith* writes about teaching poetry at a small parochial school in the Midwest.

One of her young students wrote a poem called “The Monster Who Was Sorry.” He began by admitting that he hates it when his father yells at him; his response in the poem is to throw his sister down the stairs, and then to wreck his room, and finally to wreck the whole town. The poem concludes: “Then I sit in my messy house and say to myself, ‘I shouldn’t have done that.’”

“My messy house’ says it all,” Ms. Norris writes. “With more honesty than most adults could have mustered, the boy made a metaphor for himself that admitted the depth of his rage and also gave him a way out. If that boy had been a novice in the fourth century monastic desert, his elders might have told him that he was well on his way

toward repentance, not such a monster after all, but only human. If the house is messy, they might have said, why not clean it up, why not make it into a place where God might wish to dwell?”

**This season of Lent** is the time to confront the “monsters” we are capable of becoming, of transforming the “messy house” of our lives into place where God may dwell. The Lenten springtime is a time for seeking our way out of our winters of cynicism, our deserts of self-absorption, our wildernesses of despair and hopelessness. These days before Easter’s dawning are a time for deciding what we want our lives to be, what values we want to center our lives upon and are truly important to us. These are the days for taking on the “monsters” that terrify us and destroy us; these are the days to clean up the “messes” we have made of our homes and hearts and make every effort to invite God to dwell there.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

By request or appointment

**Sacrament of Baptism and Marriages**

Call the office for an appointment

**Anointing of the Sick**

**Saturday & Sunday March 16 & 17 at the  
Masses at 5 pm. and 10 am.**

**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 – March 9 - 15**

**Saturday 5:00 p.m. Kerfs Family**  
**Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Cecily Olsen**  
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Mark Walsh  
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Arnaroo Family  
Friday 8:00 a.m. Arnaroo Family

**Every Friday of Lent**  
**Soup and Pray the Stations of the Cross, meet  
at 6:30 for Soup and then join your fellow  
parishioners to pray the Stations of the Cross  
together.**

**THANK YOU MEN’S CLUB**

**Thank you for the wonderful celebration of the  
Mardi Gras Parish Party, last Fat Tuesday,  
you worked very hard and thanks to all of you  
for your presence. We enjoyed the party!!!**

**Stewardship of Treasury**  
**Report Sunday March 2 & 3, 2019**

**Total \$ 1,424.00**

**Thank You and May God bless you!**

**Come celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with us!**  
**Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 2pm.**

**We will have appetizers, corned beef, cabbage,  
potatoes, fruit, and something for vegetarians  
as well. Also included are fabulous desserts,  
beer and wine. There will be music and 50/50  
raffle. As this a fundraiser for the young  
families group we are asking for a donation of  
\$20 per person or \$40 per family. Sometimes  
money is tight so even if you cannot afford that  
amount, any amount or nothing is also fine,  
just come and enjoy! More than money we  
want to raise our children in a community, the  
more the merrier! If you wish to donate you  
can pay at the door or see Ann, Chiara or  
Jocelyn after Mass on Sunday.**

**Women’s Club/Prayer Group**

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

**March 27<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 2:30 PM.**

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

Please contact Ruth McCormick

[ruthmcc@flash.net](mailto:ruthmcc@flash.net)

**Prayer requests: can be emailed to  
christchildchurchprayerline@gmail OR  
written and placed in the box provided in the  
Church foyer!**

**Meet Young Catholic Families**  
**Second SUNDAY every Month**  
**10 am Pre-school GOSPEL**  
**11 am Young Family Social**  
**MountainCatholicwordpress.org**

**We pray the ROSARY together every  
Saturday at 4:30 PM.**

Please come to pray for the families and our  
Country

**Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?**

We offer year-round sessions to explore the  
Catholic Faith. For more information, call Fr.  
Eugenio, 408 353.2210 or  
[eugenio.aramburo@yahoo.com](mailto:eugenio.aramburo@yahoo.com)

**Villa Maria Del Mar**

**Spiritual Direction Opportunity is available  
Wednesday at the Villa by appointment.**  
**Other times and days available in other areas.**  
Information contact/Referrals: Sister Molly  
Neville SNJM, [Neville.molly@yahoo.com](mailto:Neville.molly@yahoo.com) or  
408 679.0176. Sister Lois Rombi at  
[Lrombi50@gmail.com](mailto:Lrombi50@gmail.com) **Come awaken your  
soul; spark the Divine!**

**CONFIRMATION CLASS**

**Next Saturday March 23 at 3:30 PM. in the  
Religion Education Center**  
**Fr. Eugenio**

**Spanish Meditations of the Lent**

**Saturday March 16 to 9 AM. to 3:00 PM.**  
**Here in the Parish!!!**

**VERY GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR THE  
PARISH THIS LENT 2019**

**English Meditation of the Lent and Masses**  
**with FATHER RON SHIRLY Saturday**  
**March 23<sup>rd</sup> Mass 5 PM. and Sunday March**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Mass at 10 AM and Monday March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 7 PM.**

**Remember that you are dust, and to dust  
you will return!**