

Christ Child Catholic Church

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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 17, 2019

*Jesus took Peter, John and James and went
up the mountain to pray.*

(Luke 9: 28 – 36)

LISTEN TO JESUS

Christians of all times have felt attracted by the scene traditionally called =the transfiguration of the Lord=. However for those of us who belong to modern culture, it's not that easy to penetrate the meaning of the story that has been redacted with images and literary resources appropriate for a "theophany" or revelation from God. However, Luke the evangelist has introduced details that allow us to discover more realistically the message of an episode that for many today seems strange and unlikely. From the start it indicates that Jesus ascends with his closest disciples to the top of a mountain simply "to pray", not to contemplate a transfiguration. It all happens during prayer: "As Jesus was praying, the aspect of his face was changed". Jesus, deeply withdrawn, welcomes his Father's presence and his face is changed. The disciples perceive something of his most

profound and hidden identity. Something that can't be captured in ordinary daily life.

In the life of Jesus' followers there weren't lacking moments of clarity and certainly, of joy and of light. We don't know what happened on the top of that mountain, but we know that in prayer and silence it's possible to glimpse in faith something of Jesus' hidden identity. This prayer is a source of a knowledge that can't be gotten from books. Luke says that the disciples hardly figured out anything, since they "were heavy with sleep" and only "when they woke up" did they capture something. Peter only knows that it's very good to be there and that this experience should never end. Luke says that "he did not know what he was saying".

That's why the scene culminates with a voice and a solemn command. The disciples find themselves covered in a cloud. They're afraid since all this is way beyond them. However from that cloud comes a voice: "This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him". Listening should be the first attitude of the disciples.

We Christians today urgently need to "interiorize" our religion if we want to revive our faith. It's not enough to hear the Gospel in a distracted, routine and worn-out way, without any desire to listen. It's also not enough to listen intelligently only trying to understand.

We need to listen to Jesus alive in the most intimate part of our being. Everyone – preachers and faithful people, theologians and readers – we need to listen to God's Good News, not from outside but from within. Let God's word descend from our head to the heart. Our faith would be stronger, more joyful, and more contagious.

Fr. José Antonio Pagola.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By request or by appointment

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS:

Call the office for an appointment

Anointing of the Sick

Saturday and Sunday March 16 & 17

in the Mass 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 am. All Women

And All Men.

MASS INTENTIONS March 16 - 22

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + John Parker

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Arnardoo Family

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Arnardoo Family

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Kerfs Family

Friday 8:00 a.m. + Martin Shore

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us!

Sunday, March 17th

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 persons 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.

Stations of the Cross Friday's

Soup and Pray the Stations of the Cross.

Meet at 6:30 pm. after we pray in the Church.

Women's Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month.

March 27th from 1 – 2:30 pm.

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

Please contact Ruth McCormick

ruthmcc@flash.net

Men's Club Meeting

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM.

on **Wednesday April 10, 2019**

"Together, supporting each other, we can do great things!"

Stewardship of Treasury

Report Sunday March 9 & 10, 2019

Total \$1,495.00

Thank You and May God bless you!

Troop Boxes

Hello all who helped... pass the word!

When Rob and I moved the boxes and bags we counted 90 bags to go with 94 boxes. I weighed a few of them to get an estimate and came up with an easy 6 pounds each. Total being then is at least 1,164 pounds. I will give a follow-up article to the Mtn. Network News with some of that info and a picture.

So great to bring God's blessing together,
Pastor John Haak.

Lent's Mission With Father RON SHIRLY

former pastor of Resurrection in Aptos,

Meditation of the Lent Masses Saturday

March 23rd Mass 5 PM. and Sunday

March 24th Mass at 10 AM and Monday

March 25th at 7 PM.

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

CONFIRMATION CLASS Next Saturday

March 23 at 3:30 PM. in the Religion

Education Center.