

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

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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**April 7, 2019**

**“Where was the Garden of Eden?”**

Dr. Carlyle Marney was asked a question by one of his freshman students one day. The student asked, “Where was Eden?” Dr. Marney put down his pen, turned to the college freshman, and replied, “I can tell you exactly, in Tennessee.” “What?” gasped the student. “Knoxville, Tennessee, 215 South Elm Street,” Marney insisted. “It was there on Elm Street, when I was a boy, that I stole a quarter out of Mama’s purse and ran to the store and bought a bag of peanut clusters and ate it as fast as I could. Afterward, I was so ashamed that I came back home to 215 Elm Street and hid in the closet. Mom found me and asked, ‘Why are you hiding? What have you done?’” (“Geography Lesson,” Herald of Holiness, February 1996, p.2) I personally don’t think anybody needs help locating their own Eden, do you? That’s the place where we first discovered betrayal and disobeyed God. Our Eden is that situation or that place where we first discovered that we suffer from the same disease as Adam and Eve and every other human being in existence. We suffer from the debilitating symptoms of sin. Now, pick up a stone. Hold the stone in your hand

and think about your Eden. Hold the stone in your hand and wrap that thought, that memory, that time of Eden in your life around the stone. Those moments stick with us and weigh us down and drag us down and slow us down and bring us down. But here’s the Good News. We don’t have to be weighed down by the weight of sin; God wants to lift us up. The God Jesus revealed to us is a God who patiently waits for His wayward children to come back home.

**Life messages:**

**We need to become forgiving people, ready for reconciliation:** Jesus has shown inexhaustible mercy and compassion to sinners by dying for our sins... Jesus’ command: “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”

**We have no right to judge others:** We have no right to judge others because we often commit the very faults we condemn, we are often partial and prejudiced in our judgment and we do not know the circumstances which have led someone to sin... The apostle Paul reminds us: “But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment.” (1 Cor. 11:31)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

By request or appointment

**BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS**

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 am. All women and All Men.

**MASS INTENTIONS April 6 – 12**

**Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Harry Reichstein**

**Kerfs Family**

**Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Leslie R. Olsen**

**Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Arnardo Family**

**Thursday 9:00 a.m. Kerfs Family**

**Friday 8:00 a.m. + Harry Reichstein**

**TREASURY REPORT SUNDAY**

**March 30 & 31, 2019**

**Plate Collection Total \$1,998.00**

**Thank you and May God the Father bless you!**

**Stations of the Cross**

**Soup and Pray the STATIONS OF THE CROSS. Meet at 6:30 pm. for Soup and then join your fellow parishioners to pray the Stations of the Cross together!**

**Women’s Club/Prayer Group**

We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from **1 to 2:30 pm. in the Community Center.** Our next meeting is **Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup>** Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time; get to know our faith and each other better so that we can better serve the needs of our community. Please contact Ruth McCormick [ruthmcc@flash.net](mailto:ruthmcc@flash.net)

**Christ Child Men’s Club**

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.”

**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!

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

**Help Needed for the Easter Egg Hunt**

Your help would be greatly appreciated putting on our annual Easter Egg Hunt after mass on Easter Sunday, April 21. It is a fun Christ Child tradition!

We could use help in the following areas:

- Bring Easter candy to the Church or Community Center no later than Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. The earlier the better!
- Invite your neighbors with children to come to our Easter Mass and Egg Hunt. It is a great way to reach out to our mountain community!
- Set up tables and get coffee ready the morning of the hunt. Bring easy to serve food dishes for everyone to enjoy the day of the hunt.
- Help hide eggs before (not during) mass on Easter
- Cleanup after the hunt.

If you have any questions or wish to help, please email [reginadevlin@gmail.com](mailto:reginadevlin@gmail.com) (put “CCC Easter Egg Hunt” in the subject line)

**HOLY WEEK**

**Holy Thursday April 18**

Mass of the Lord’s Supper - 7 pm

**Good Friday April 19**

**Stations of the Cross** at 12:00 p.m. around the Parish with the Mountain Bible Church.

**The Passion of Our Lord – 7pm**

**Holy Saturday Night April 20**

**Solemn Easter Vigil – 8:00 pm**

**Easter Sunday April 21**

**Sunrise Service with Mountain Bible Church at the Gazebo – 7 am**

**Mass Resurrection of the Lord at 10 am**  
**After the Mass Easter Egg Hunt**  
**around the grounds!**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**Monday and Tuesday April 15 & 16 at 7:00**  
**pm. in the Church!!!**