

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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 5, 2019

WITHOUT JESUS IT ISN'T POSSIBLE

The meeting of the Risen Jesus with his disciples near the Sea of Galilee is described with a clear catechetical intention. In the story this meeting underlies the central symbolism of the catch in the middle of the lake. Its message couldn't be more to the point for us Christians: only the presence of the Risen Jesus can make the evangelizing work of his disciples effective.

The story first describes for us the work that the disciples are doing in the middle of the night. It all starts with a decision of Simon Peter: "I'm going fishing". The other disciples join him: "We're going with you". They are all together again, but Jesus is missing. They go out fishing, but they don't set out listening to Jesus' call, but following Simon Peter's initiative.

The narrator makes it clear that this work is done at night and ends up fruitless: "that night they didn't catch anything". In the language of the evangelist, the "night" signifies the absence of Jesus who is the

Light. Without the presence of the Risen Jesus, without his encouragement and his guiding word, there is no fruitful evangelization.

When morning comes, Jesus appears. From the shore he communicates with his friends by means of his Word. The disciples don't know it's Jesus, and they only recognize him when they obediently follow his direction and end up with a surprising catch. Such a thing can only be due to Jesus, the Prophet who one day called them to be "fishers of people".

The situation in not a few parishes and Christian communities is critical. Energy drains away. The more committed Christians spread themselves out to cover all kinds of tasks: always the same ones and the same ones for everything. Do we need to double our efforts and seek progress at any price, or do we need to stop and take better care of the living presence of the Risen One in our work?

In order to spread the Good News of Jesus and work efficiently in his project, what's most important isn't "doing a lot things", but taking better care of the human and Gospel-based quality of what we're doing. What's decisive isn't activism but the witness of life that we Christians can radiate.

We can't stay on the "surface of faith". These are moments of taking care of what's essential before anything else. We fill our communities with words, texts, writing, but what's decisive is that Jesus is listened to in our midst. We have all kinds of meetings, but what's most important is what gathers us each Sunday to celebrate the Lord's Supper. Only in him is our evangelizing energy nourished.

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 a.m. All men and all women are invited!

MASS INTENTIONS May 4 - 10

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Harold M. Hoyt

Fr. Ron Green

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Isaias Espiritu Endrina

+ Leslie R. Olsen

Fr. Albert Grosskopf

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Parishioners. Fr. Albert

Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Vicki Bañuelos. Fr. Albert

Friday 8:00 a.m. Communion Service

Christ Child Men's Club

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

On Wednesday May 8, 2019

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

Women's Club/ Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1 to 2:30 pm. in the Community Center. Our next meeting is **Wednesday May 22nd 2019!**

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

Please contact Ruth McCormick

ruthmcc@flash.net

Prayer requests: can be emailed to 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.

11th Annual BLESSING OF THE HOT RODS

(Because insurance isn't always enough)

Free Admission No Vehicle Entry Fee

Saturday May 18th, 2019

10 am to 3 pm

FOOD BBQ – FUN – CARS:

Antique. Classic. Custom.

Muscle. Hot Rods. Sports. –

WINE Tasting – Live band –

Raffle Prizes!

Bring gently used coat for annual coat drive.

Muffins & coffee after 8AM for Hot Rod owners to beat the beach traffic.

Car Show Corner:

The Blessing of the Hot Rods is

Saturday, May 18th!

Please sign up to volunteer in the lobby of the church.

We are still in need of items to go inside of Raffle Baskets... wine, wine accessories, fun napkins/plates, picnic, snacks... or you could put together your own Basket

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– Blessingofthehotrods - to see more information.

5 Tony Awards including BEST

MUSICAL

MAN OF LA MANCHA

The Tale of Don Quixote

Dream the Impossible Dream

To Benefit

BIRTHRIGHT OF SAN JOSE

July 13th, 2019

@ Evergreen College performed by San Jose Musical Theater