

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

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 12, 2019

**LISTEN TO HIS VOICE AND FOLLOW
IN HIS FOOTSTEPS**

The scene is tense and conflictive. Jesus is walking through the Temple precincts. Suddenly a group of Jewish people are around him, accusing him in a threatening manner. Jesus isn't intimidated, but rather openly reproaches them for their lack of faith: "You do not believe because you are not my sheep". The Gospel writer says that when Jesus stopped speaking, the Jewish people took up stones to kill him. In order to prove that they aren't of his sheep, Jesus dares to explain to them what it means to be of his own. He underlines two aspects, the ones that are most essential and indispensable: "My sheep listen to my voice... and follow me". After twenty centuries, we Christians need to remember anew that what is most essential about being Jesus' Church is listening to his voice and following in his footsteps. First we need to awaken the capability of listening to Jesus. We need to develop much more sensitivity in our communities, a sensitivity that is alive in many simple

Christians who know how to latch onto the Word that comes from Jesus that invites complete freshness, and to vibrate with God's Good News. Saint John XXIII said on one occasion that "the Church is like the old fountain of the village, from whose spout would always be flowing fresh water". In his Church, twenty centuries old, we need to allow the fresh water of Jesus to keep flowing.

If we don't want our faith to go on progressively weakening into decadent forms of superficial religiosity, in the midst of a society that invades our consciences with messages, slogans, images, sound bites, talk shows of every type, we need to learn to put in the center of our communities the living, concrete and unmistakable Word of Jesus, our only Lord.

But it's not enough to listen to his voice. It's necessary to follow Jesus. The time has come to get off the fence and decide whether we want to be content with a "mediocre religion" that eases our consciences but suffocates our joy, or learn to live our Christian faith as the passionate adventure of following Jesus. This adventure consists in believing what he believed, giving importance to what he gave importance, defending the cause of human beings as he did, drawing near to the defenseless and the invalids as he did, being free to do the good he did, trusting in the Father as he did, and confronting life and death with the hope that he confronted them with.

If those who go around lost, alone and confused can find in the Christian community a place where they can learn to live together in a way of more dignity, solidarity and freedom by following Jesus, the Church will be offering to society one of her best services. (José Antonio Pagola)

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 women and all Men are invited!

MASS INTENTIONS May 11 - 17

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Kerfs Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Cecily Olsen

+ Isaias Espiritu Endrina

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Arnando Family

Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Martin Shore

Friday 8:00 a.m. Parishioners

TREASURY REPORT SUNDAY

April 27 & 28, 2019

Total Collection \$ 1,651.00

May 4 & 5, 2019

Total Collection \$1,578.00

Thank you and

May God the Father Bless you!

Pre-school GOSPEL

During 10 am. Mass.

The Second Sunday of every month!

Join other Catholic Families!!!

PRAYER REQUESTS: CAN BE SENT TO

CHRISTCHILDCHURCHPRAYERLINE@GMAIL.COM

**OR WRITTEN AND PLACED IN THE BOX PROVIDED
IN THE CHURCH FOYER.**

Christ Child Men's Club

**Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30
pm. On Wednesday June 12, 2019**

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

11th ANNUAL BLESSINGS OF THE HOT RODS

(Because insurance isn't always enough)

Free Admission - No Vehicle Entry Fee!

HOT RODS CLASSIC CARS

CUSTOM CARS

MUSCLE CAR

FOOD - FUN - CARS - WINE!!!

Saturday May 18th 10 am to 3 pm

FOOD - FUN - CARS

Kids' Activities!

Car Show Corner:

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 Have Questions? Ask Chris or Herb.

On Mother's Day, Saturday & Sunday

**May 11th and 12th, in support of
BIRTHRIGHT, we will be honoring all
women with a flower to take home.**

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 22, 2019!** Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time. Please contact Ruth McCormick ruthmcc@flash.net

Birthright of San Jose

We are again excited to host the performance of a musical play, **Man of La Mancha**, on Saturday night, July 13 at Evergreen College. Please save the day to be with us for a wonderful summer evening of good theater, a fun reception with complimentary food and drink and chances to win beautiful baskets and bid on great silent auction items! Written originally by Miguel Cervantes de Saavedra, **EL HOMBRE DE LA MANCHA** is about an elderly gentleman, Don Quijote...