

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

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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**NEWCMMANDMENT - LOVE One
Another!**

The bomber and the victim

Two World War II veterans, a German and an American, were attending a three-day seminar. As they were washing dishes one evening after dinner, they exchanged stories about war. The American told of the horror he felt as a young pilot during the particularly savage bombing of a city in Germany. He had orders to bomb a hospital, which he would know by the huge Red Cross painted on the roof. The German – somewhat shocked by the story – revealed that his wife had been giving birth to their baby in that very hospital when it was being bombed, resulting in the death of the mother and the baby. After a few minutes of silence, the two men fell into each other's arms weeping. Imagine being in Heaven, at the end of the world, where we fall weeping upon one another, waves of reconciliation breaking upon us as we adjust ourselves to this dimension of pure love which Jesus demands from his followers in today's Gospel passage.

“This is an Arab bus”

The Reverend Timothy J. Kennedy tells of traveling by bus throughout Israel one summer. On one part of the journey, the bus driver placed a big white sign by the passenger side windshield. Since it was in Arabic, Kennedy asked their guide to translate. The sign said, “This is an Arab bus, owned and operated by Arabs. Please do not throw stones.” When they got close to Tel Aviv, the driver pulled another sign from behind his seat, and replaced the first sign in the windshield. Since it was in Hebrew, Kennedy asked their guide to translate again. The new sign said, “This is a Jewish bus, owned and operated by Israelis. Please do not throw stones.”

How do you tell the difference between an Arab bus and a Jewish bus? A big plastic sign in the windshield!

But back to our primary question, how do you identify a Christian? I guess we could wear plastic signs. But would that really do the trick?

Emperor who abdicated his throne for the realization of his love.

Edward VIII ascended the throne of the British Empire after the death of his father. But his proposal to marry Wallis Simpson, a divorced American Socialite, led to a constitutional crisis in the British Empire; religious, legal, political and moral objections were raised. Mrs. Simpson was perceived to be an unsuitable consort to him. But King Edward was not ready to give up his love for the throne. The conservative leaders and people were unwilling to compromise.

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Jesus came down from his heavenly glory and lived like one of us to demonstrate how God loves mankind and gave us his new commandment: *Love one another as I have loved you*” (John 13:35)
(Fr. Bobby Jose)

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 are invited!

MASS INTENTIONS May 18 - 24

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Al Sturr

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Brian & Julie Stacey 13th
Anniversary

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + John Magnin

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Kerfs Family

Friday 8:00 a.m. Arnardo Family

FOOD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE...

We collect non-perishable food items for the food pantry of Santa Cruz every Saturday and Sunday. Your donations help feed the poor and hungry that come to the parish!

We pray the Rosary together every Saturday at 4:30 PM. Please come to pray for the families and our Country!

Men's Club Meeting

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 pm. **On Wednesday June 12th, 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 22, 2019**

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time. Please contact Ruth McCormick ruthmcc@flash.net

Sunday June 2, 2019 BBQ for financial support for the Fire Department.

They help everyone!

PRAYER REQUESTS: Can be emailed to christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com Or written and placed in the box provided in the Church foyer.

“I will praise your name for ever, my King and my God.” (Psalm 145)

Religion Education Program presents the Children of First Communion:

**HAZEL DEPIAZZA
LYLE DEPIAZZA
KARSTEN MEYERHOFER
LUKAS PETERSON
MILLA PETERSON
ALEK SEDDON
AURI VALDEZ
BEATRIZ VALDEZ
CAYDEN WHITE**

CONGRATULATIONS And your Parents' admiration for this commitment of your Christian Faith!

**Herb Curran, Chris
And Nannette Thomas.**