

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

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 26, 2019

Today's readings show us the effects of the abiding presence of God in His Church and of His indwelling in each one of us.

Scripture lessons:

The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, tells us how the Holy Spirit, indwelling in the Church, helped the apostles to solve a major doctrinal problem about the Gentiles becoming Christian, which shook the very foundation of the early Church. The Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 67) prays that all the nations on the earth may recognize their God and praise Him. The second reading, taken from the Book of Revelation, describes the Church as the Heavenly Jerusalem which replaces the holy presence of God in the *Holy of Holies* in the Temple in Jerusalem. This New Jerusalem is a city united in love, with the victorious Jesus residing in it and in each of its members. The Gospel passage reminds us that the Holy Spirit, abiding within us, is our Teacher, Advocate and the Source of peace and joy. The passage offers a vision of hope as well. Jesus promises his followers that the Holy

Spirit will come and instruct them in everything they need to know.

Temples of the Triune God

St. Francis of Assisi was an ardent advocate of the doctrine of the indwelling of God in human beings. It enabled him to love everyone equally whatever his status in life. One day he met a fellow who had no love for God. As they walked along, they met a man who was blind and paralyzed. St. Francis asked the sightless cripple: "Tell me if I were to restore your eyesight and the use of your limbs, would you love me?" "Ah," replied the beggar, "I would not only love you, but I would be your slave for the rest of my life." "See," said Francis to the man who maintained that he could not love God, "this man would love me if I gave him his sight and his health. Why don't you love God who created you with eyesight and strong limbs?"

That is what Jesus tells us in today's Gospel. If we love Jesus because of the countless blessings he has given us, and so keep his word as the center of our life, he will start dwelling within us in the company of his Father and the Holy Spirit, making us the temples of the Triune God.

Life messages:

We are not alone. One of the great social and ethical problems of our times is isolation. Today approximately 25% of all adults live alone. Spouses, parents and children often live as virtual strangers to one another. This is unfortunate because we never need to be alone. Jesus can always be present to us. He shares with us his joy and replaces the burden of our guilt with the freedom of forgiveness. He takes our grief and turns it into joy. We

need only allow Jesus into our lives to be rid of his homeliness. Oneness with Jesus is the greatest gift we can give our children, our friends, or those who see no purpose in life. We can help to bring people to unity with Jesus, a unity that will change their lives. As we celebrate the Eucharistic meal, our Mass, let us celebrate in a special way the price Jesus paid for our redemption. May the Eucharistic celebration empower us to lead a true Life in the Spirit.

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.

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MASS INTENTIONS May 25 - 31

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Parishioners
Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Brian Nysewander
Kerfs Family
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Martina Durham
Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Martina Durham
Friday 8:00 a.m. Arnardo Family

BIRTHRIGHT THANKS YOU

Birthright of San Jose would like to thank the generous parishioners of Christ Child for their continued support of our work. We hope your Mother's Day was blessed, as you blessed us with very generous donation amounting to \$675 for the roses presented to all of our nurturing women. We hope to see you all at our **theater event on July 13th, Man of La Mancha** as it will be a wonderful show and lots of good food and fun.

For tickets contact the Hammons at 353-3326 or go to birthrightsanjose.org and scroll down to event tickets. God bless.

Christ Child Men's Club

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 June 26th!** Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time. Please contact Ruth McCormick
ruthmcc@flash.net

TREASURY REPORT SUNDAY

May 18 & 19, 2019

Plate Collection \$1,516.00

TODAY Second Collection for Maintenance

of the Parish!

Thank you and

May God the Father Bless you!

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

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