

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

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The Ascension of the Lord
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Today's readings describe the Ascension of the Lord Jesus to his Heavenly glory after promising to send the Apostles the Holy Spirit as the source of Heavenly power and commanding them to bear witness to Him through their lives and preaching throughout the world. But the ascended Jesus is still with us because of His promise, "I am with you always; yes, to the end of time." He is with us at all times and in all places, releasing a new energy upon the earth, the energy of the Holy Spirit.

Plus Ultra = "More beyond!"

"In Fourteen Hundred Ninety-two/Columbus, sailed the ocean blue!" In 1992, the world marked the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' adventure in the *Santa Maria*. As we all now know, Columbus did not end up where he was headed, which is why some Native Americans are now called Indians. This man from Genoa believed, "God granted me the gift of knowledge... (and) revealed to me that it was feasible to sail... to the Indies, and placed in me a burning desire to carry out this plan." Columbus set out with a belief that he had tested with his mind, and with Faith to

which he was willing to give his life! How many of us can walk in Columbus' shoes? When, on Friday, August 3, 1492, the *Niña*, the *Pinta*, and the *Santa Maria*, eased away from their moorings at Palos, in southern Spain, Columbus was putting his beliefs and his Faith into the realities of life. Before the reports of his trans-Atlantic travel penetrated the Old World, Spanish coins had stamped upon them an outline of the Straits of Gibraltar. Underneath the outline of the Straits was the Latin inscription *Ne Plus Ultra*. It translates, "No more beyond." It meant that the world ended in the great expansive voids of water beyond the Straits. There was nothing more. But once Columbus returned home and told of what he had seen, of what he had discovered, and once that report was widely shared, new coins were minted. The inscription was changed to *Plus Ultra*. It translates, "More beyond!" That is the mountaintop affirmation which came to the disciples in Galilee and the word that ends Matthew's Gospel.

The power within

A Jesuit priest, Walter Ciszek by name, was in Russia for 23 years, five of which were spent in the dreaded Lubyanka prison in Moscow and ten of which were spent in the harsh Siberian slave labor camp. He was finally released from Russia in 1963, in exchange for two Soviet spies held in USA. He died in 1984 at the age of 84. After release he wrote a book "He Led Me." In this book he tries to answer the question: "How did you manage to survive in Russia?" he says: "I was able to endure the inhuman conditions in which I found myself because I experienced somehow the presence of God. I never lost my Faith that

God was with me, even in the worst of circumstances."

What was true of Fr. Walter Ciszek is true of each of us. Jesus is with us; God is with us in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By request or appointment

BAPTISM & 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 men are invited!

MASS INTENTIONS June 1 - 7

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Antonio Rodriguez

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

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Arnardo Family

Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Angela (Angie) Huerta

Friday 8:00 a.m. Parishioners

Men's Club Meeting

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM. on Wednesday, June 12th

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

**Please give your support to the
Loma Prieta Firefighters BBQ
This Sunday – June 2nd at the Gazebo**

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**"The 11th BLESSING OF THE HOT RODS
AND WINE TASTING"**

CAR SHOW

The Income was Total \$5,479.00

TREASURY REPORT SUNDAY

May 26 & 27, 2019

Plate Collection \$ 1,165.00

**Total of the Second Collection Maintenance
\$313.00 Thank you and May God the
Father bless you!**

San Jose Musical Theater Presents

5 Tony Awards including Best Musical

Man of La Mancha

The Tale of Don Quixote

Saturday, JULY 13th, 2019

**A benefit performance for Birthright of San
Jose**

Hors d'oeuvres & beverage Reception 6PM

Play begins 8:00PM

Evergreen Valley College Theater

3095 Yerba Buena Rd., SJ 95135

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

**The Diocese of Monterey is happy to introduce
a School of Ministry.**

The School of Ministry forms competent lay ministers to work together with the ordained to further the mission of the church.

If you would like more formation in Scripture, Sacraments & Liturgy, Theological Foundations plus much more, the time is now to register for the School of Ministry! Space is limited.

Go to

<https://www.dioceseofmonterey.org/school-of-ministry> and register!

Classes begin early September in Santa Cruz, Spreckels or Paso Robles.

Call Ann Ventura at 831-645-2848

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