

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

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**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND
BLOOD OF CHRIST**
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**THE EUCHARIST AND OUR CURRENT
CRISIS**

All Christians know it very well. The Sunday Mass can easily become a “religious safe place” to hide from all our conflicts during the week. The Mass has almost become a meeting place to relax from the stress, problems and bad news that we have been subjected to during the week.

At times, we become sensitive to anything regarding the dignity of the celebration, but we easily forget about the significance and implication of the Lord’s Supper.

We don’t like it when the priest does not adhere strictly to the ritual celebration, but, at the same time, we follow the routine ever responding to the summons of the Gospel readings.

The risk is always the same: we receive communion with our hearts without ever thinking about our suffering brethren, as if we had nothing in common. We share the Eucharistic bread while we keep ignoring the millions of brethren who don’t have bread, justice or any kind of future.

In the next few years, the current crisis will get worse than anything we had feared. The endless lists of measures and sacrifices that will be imposed on all of us only serve to widen the existing inequality among most of us. People with whom we shared living standards will get poorer and their future will become more and more uncertain.

We shall soon see immigrants deprived of the medical assistance, sick people unable to resolve their health problems or buy medication; many families will be forced to beg for help from charitable organizations, their homes will be taken away, while young people will have no future. It is almost unavoidable. We shall have just a choice: either we become more and more selfish or choose to embrace Christian solidarity.

The celebration of the Blessed Eucharist in the midst of this crisis might be a chance for us to become conscientious about our brothers and sisters. We need to get free from our selfish culture in which we have grown accustomed to think only of our own interests and learn to become more humane and generous. The whole Eucharistic mystery is oriented towards building up a human family. It does not make any sense listening every Sunday of the year to the Gospel of Jesus, without answering to his repeated calls. We cannot go on praying to our Father to give us “our daily bread” without ever thinking of the millions of children and other people who cannot get it. We can’t go on receiving Holy Communion without becoming more generous by showing true solidarity with the victims of our crisis.

Finally, we cannot exchange the Christian sign of peace without giving also a hand to those who are suffering most the effects of our crisis.

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 call for an 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.

MASS INTENTIONS June 22 - 28

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Luis Sandoval
Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Fred and Bea Wagner
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Arnardo Family
Thursday 9:00 a.m. + John Parker
Friday 8:00 a.m. + Arthur Banuelos

**Parents –
Please to help your children continue in union
with JESUS CHRIST in the
Eucharistic Bread!**

The Mass! Every Sunday!

MEN’S CLUB MEETING

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM.
on **Wednesday, July 10th**

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

Women’s club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1
– 2:30 PM. **June 26th!**

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.
Please contact Ruth McCormick
ruthmcc@flash.net 408 353.1017

The Retreat

**August 16-18, 2019 Men’s & Women’s Silent
Retreat: Fr. Paul McDonnell, OSJ – Mother
Mary in the Sacramental Life of the Church.**

St. Clare’s Retreat
2381 Laurel Glen Road Soquel, CA 95073
Phone: 831 423.8093
stclaresretreatcenter@gmail.com

Nisbet Scripture Retreat

Fr. Jim Nisbet, acclaimed scripture scholar, will be sharing his insights and wisdom during the 38th Annual Nisbet Scripture Retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center this summer. The retreat is **August 9 - 11**. Openings are available for single and double occupancy.

Register by calling the Retreat Center at 831 623.4234 for more information call Rudy and Virginia, 458.9169 or Jerry and Sylvia, 426.7058

San Jose Musical Theater Presents

MAN OF LA MANCHA

The Tale of Don Quixote

Dream the Impossible Dream

Saturday, JULY 13th, 2019

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!**

Meet Young Catholic Families

The Second Sunday of the Month at 10 am.

Is Pre-School GOSPEL - after the Mass
Young Family Social!

*“What Jesus did at supper seated, Christ
ordained to be repeated, His memorial ne’er to
cease: And his rule for guidance taking, Bread
and wine we hallow, making thus our sacrifice
of peace...”*