

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

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**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
July 7, 2019

Instruments of Peace, Who me?

Lord, we hear today that you sent many others out before us as instruments of your peace, and I am told that you want all of us here to be instruments of your peace; I am feeling a little overwhelmed by all of this and so I have to ask, where do we begin?

A woman was standing on a curb, waiting for the light to say WALK so that she could cross the street. Directly across from her on the opposite curb was a girl of about 17. She too was waiting for the light to say WALK so that she could cross the street.

The woman couldn't help but notice that the girl was crying. In fact, her grief was so great that she made no effort to hide it. For a moment their eyes met. It was only a fleeting glance, but it was enough for the woman to see the terrible pain that filled the girl's eyes. Then the girl looked away.

At that moment the light changed. Each stepped off the curb into the street and started across. As the girl approached, the woman could see that she was quite pretty, except for

that terrible grief in her face. Just as they were about to meet, the woman's motherly instincts came rushing to the surface. Every part of her wanted to reach out and comfort that girl. The desire was all the more great because the girl was about the same age as one of her own daughters. But the woman passed her by. She didn't even greet her. She just passed her by. Hours later the pain-filled eyes of that girl continued to haunt the woman.

Over and over the woman said to herself, "Why didn't I turn, fall in step with her, and say, 'Can I help?'" But I didn't. I walked on by. Sure, she might have rejected me and thought me a nosey person. But, so what! "Only a few seconds would have been lost, but those few seconds would have been enough to let her know that someone cared. But, instead, I walked on by. I acted as if she didn't even exist.

I have been reminded many times that a person in need does not always need a great expenditure of our energy, or our time, or our money.

What they need most is a simple and sincere sign that invite us to go out, risk our lives, and become religious heroes or superstars; they invite us to reach out, risk our pride, and become humans; they invite us to ask sincerely, "Can I help?" Instruments of Your peace... "Can I help?" – That is where we begin.

Father Ron Shirley

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By request or appointment
BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS
Call the office for an appointment

Anointing of the Sick

Celebrates 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 JULY 6 – 12

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Arthur Banuelos

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

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + John Parker

Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Rev. Richard Garcia

Friday 8:00 a.m. + Marie Ann Shore

Men's Club Meeting

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM. on **Wednesday, July 10, 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 – 2:30 pm. July 24th!

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time. Please contact Ruth McCormick

ruthmcc@flash.net 408 353.1017

SAVE THE DATE FOR 9TH PARISH

HARVEST PARTY & DANCE

SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

6 PM TO 10 PM

Christ Child Church invites you!!!

**SAN JOSE MUSICAL THEATER
PRESENTS**

MAN OF LA MANCHA

DREAM THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM

SATURDAY, JULY 13TH, 2019

**BENEFIT PERFORMANCE FOR
BIRTHRIGHT OF SAN JOSE**

RECEPTION 6PM

PLAY BEGINS 8:00PM

**EVERGREEN VALLEY COLLEGE
THEATER**

3095 YERBA BUENA ROAD. SJ 95135

**FOR TICKETS CONTACT THE HAMMONS
AT 353-3326**

Nisbet Scripture Retreat

Fr. Jim Nisbet, acclaimed scripture scholar, will be sharing his insights and wisdom during the 37th 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. This popular retreat fills up quickly, so don't wait too long.

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.

**Today Saturday and Sunday Second
Collection**

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