

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

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**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
July 14, 2019

‘A mighty explosion of light’

Auschwitz the evening of July 30, 1941. The Nazis discover that a prisoner has escaped from cellblock 14. In reprisal, the commandant orders that ten prisoners be locked up and starved to death. Ten men are selected. When the selection is completed, one man, a 40-years-old Polish Army sergeant, cries, “My wife and my children?” As they are about to be led off, a Franciscan priest, Father Maximilian Kolbe, steps forward and makes a request of the commandant. “I want to die in place of this prisoner,” he says. “I have no wife or children. Besides, I’m old and not good for anything.” “Request granted,” the commandant snaps. Father Kolbe and the others are kept in the starvation bunker. For 16 days, Father Kolbe leads the condemned men in prayer and hymns as one by one they died. On August 14, the last four, including Father Kolbe, are put to death by lethal injection. Thirty years later, a survivor of Auschwitz described the effect of Father Kolbe’s action:

“It was an enormous shock to the whole camp. We became aware that someone among us in this spiritual dark night of the soul was raising the standard of love on high. Someone unknown, like everyone else, tortured and bereft of name and social standing, went to a horrible death for the sake of someone not even related to him. Therefore it is not true, we cried, that humanity is cast down and trampled in the mud, overcome by oppressors, and overwhelmed by hopelessness. Thousands of prisoners were convinced the true world continued to exist and that our tortures would not be able to destroy it. “To say that Father Kolbe died for us or for that person’s family is too great a simplification... His death was the salvation of thousands... a shock full of optimism, regenerating and giving strength; we were stunned by his act, which became for us a mighty explosion of light in a dark camp.”

The unconditional, selflessness modeled by the Good Samaritan and Maximilian Kolbe is a light that can shatter the darkest mistrust, prejudice and hatred. The realization of all men and women as “neighbors” can transform despair into hope, dysfunction into community, estrangement into reconciliation, death into resurrection.

May we possess the courage, hope and conviction of faith to be **“Good Samaritans”** in whatever ways – whether simple or demanding, whether unexceptional or life threatening – that God places before us.

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 All Men.

MASS INTENTIONS July 13 - 19

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Angela (Angie) P. Huerta

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Cecily Olsen

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Harry Furlong

Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Maurice Demers

Friday 8:00 a.m. Communion Service

ROSARY We pray the Rosary together every
Saturday at 4:30 PM. Please come to pray...

9th ANNUAL PARISH HARVEST

PARTY & DANCE

**LIVE BAND, FOOD, & DRINKS,
DANCING!**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14th, 2019

STARTS AT 6 O’CLOCK to 10 PM

**Information: Don Boisvert
408. 828.2035**

Men’s Club Meeting

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM.
on Wednesday, August 14th

**“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

TREASURY REPORT SUNDAY

July 6 & 7, 2019

Plate collection \$1,377.00

**Second Collection Peter’s Pence TODAY!
Thank you and May God reward your
generosity!**

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

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Jesus calls us to love the Lord and to love one another. Deepen your communication, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on October 25-27, 2019 at the St. Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista, CA. For more information call 1-831-200-3780; Email applications@centralcawwme.org or register online at centralcawwme.org

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. 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, 831 458-9169 or Jerry and Sylvia 831 426-7058

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Contact Rosanna Kennedy to sign up...
rosanna_kennedy@yahoo.com**

***“Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great
you are!***