

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

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**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
July 21, 2019

The two sisters within each of us

Today's Gospel recounts the "tiff" between two sisters: Martha, the practical, no-nonsense housekeeper, and Mary, the romantic, the "free spirit" who is captivated by the charismatic Jesus. For Martha, there is a household to run, beds to be made, meals to be cooked and served; for Mary, nothing else matters because Jesus is in their midst. It is easy to understand the tension that could arise between two such very different women.

But, in our own experience, Martha and Mary can be and often are the same person. There is something of both Martha and Mary within each one of us – and the conflict between the two is just as real. Our "Martha" side is consumed with the work and necessities of living and surviving today: careers to establish, mortgages to meet, food and clothing to pay for, college tuition payments to cover. But our "Mary" side seeks something better, something more meaningful and purposeful for our lives.

The "Mary" within us longs to spend more time with our children, longs to be able to give more of ourselves to causes we believe in, longs to turn off the world and be at peace with God, ourselves and others; but the "Martha" within us is always there to remind us of our responsibilities: the "things to do" list that is never completed, the calendar that is always full, the deadlines that forever hang over us. There simply aren't enough hours in the day to possess "the better part."

"The better part" is not what is left over when everything else is done nor is it the "cheese" rewards at the end of the daily maze we race through. We have to consciously choose and seek out "the better part."

Like Martha, however, we can become so obsessed with and distracted by the business and "busy-ness" of life that we become anesthetized to feeling and experiencing "the better part."

Jesus invites each one of us to make a place in our lives for "the better part" – the joy and love of family and friends that is the manifestation of God's presence in our lives.

"Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing.

Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Luke 10: 38-42

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 a.m. All Women
And All Men

MASS INTENTIONS July 20 – 26

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Luis Sandoval

Sunday 10:00 a.m. The Olsen Family

+ Harry Furlong

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + John Parker

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Don & Gail Hanley

Friday 8:00 a.m. + Maurice Demers

ST. FRANCIS SOUP KITCHEN

St. Francis Soup Kitchen is in need of non-perishable food donations. Lunch is served Monday through Friday from 12 to 1 p.m. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry please call 831-459-6712 for more information. **Thank you for your support!**

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

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

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."

**9th ANNUAL PARISH HARVEST
PARTY & DANCE
LIVE BAND – DANCING, FOOD &
DRINKS!!!
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2019
STARTS AT 6 O'CLOCK**

**For more information contact: Don
Boisvert 408.828.2035**

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

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Are you anxious and worried about many things!
Learn how to make Jesus a part of your marriage
and take your worries away.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Weekend is October 25-27, 2019 at the St.
Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista, CA.
For more information call 1 831 200-3780;
Email application@centralcawwme.org or
register online 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