

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

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**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME**  
**August 11, 2019**

“Be like servants awaiting their master’s  
return...  
“Much will be required of the person entrusted  
with much, and still more will be demanded of  
the person entrusted with more.”  
Like 12: 32-48

**Something the Lord Made**

In the lobby of the Johns Hopkins Medical School hang the portraits of many of the great physicians who are responsible for the great advances made in medical science at Johns Hopkins.

One of the portraits is that of Dr. Vivien Thomas. The title “doctor” is honorary. He was actually a carpenter. Yet he was one of the pioneers in coronary surgery. Vivien Thomas’ incredible story is told the HBO film *Something the Lord Made*. Vivien Thomas was born to a struggling black family in Nashville. Under the guidance of his father, Vivien become a skilled carpenter. Although his dream of going to college and becoming a doctor was dashed by the Depression, he possessed the intuition and dexterity of a great surgeon.

After being laid off from his construction job, Vivien went to work cleaning the laboratory of Dr. Alfred Blalock. Dr. Blalock realized the extraordinary gifts his janitor possessed and made him his lab assistant. It was the beginning of an extraordinary partnership that led to the first successful heart surgery ever performed.

While Dr. Blalock developed the concept for the procedure, it was his “surgical technician” who practiced all the suturing that made it possible. Vivien even made all the instruments for the operation, instruments that did not yet exist. During the operation itself, Vivien stood on a stool over Dr. Blalock’s shoulder talking the surgeon through each step of the procedure.

Although he never went to college or medical school, Vivien’s precise mind and focused intellect unlocked many of the mysteries of the human heart. Despite the humiliation and degradation he suffered as a black man in a segregated society, Vivien possessed a humility and gentleness that made him a trusted and respected tutor to Johns Hopkins students who went on to become great physicians. Though easygoing and soft-spoken, he was passionate about the work he was doing and what it meant to humanity.

Despite the disappointments he encountered, Vivien Thomas used his God-given skills and intellect to accomplish great and lasting things. Our faithfulness is not measured by our accomplishment but in our generosity and dedication in using whatever we have for the benefit of others, without counting the cost or measuring the return. The faithful disciple will lovingly use whatever he or she possesses to bring God’s reign of hope, justice and compassion to reality in their own time and place. Jesus promises that those who

lead by example, who honor and respect those in their charge, who adopt the attitude of the Servant Christ in their responsibilities will be seated and served by the “Master” himself at the banquet of heaven.

**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 of Women and Men**

Please come every Tuesday in the Church  
at 8:15 a.m.

**MASS INTENTIONS August 10 – 16**

**Saturday 5:00 p.m. Don & Gail Hanley**

**Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Cecily Olsen**

**Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Parishioners**

**Thursday 9:00 a.m.**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Friday 8:00 a.m. + Maurice Demers**

**Men’s Club Meeting**

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM.  
on Wednesday, **August 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Women’s Club/Prayer Group**

We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 1  
to 2:30 pm. **August 28<sup>th</sup>!**

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

[ruthmcc@flash.net](mailto:ruthmcc@flash.net) 408 353.1017

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Can be sent to

[christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com](mailto:christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com)

Or written and placed in the box provided in  
the Church foyer.

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

**8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PARISH HARVEST**

**PARTY & DANCE**

**LIVE BAND - DANCING**

**FOOD & DRINKS!!!**

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2019**

**STARTS AT 6 O’CLOCK**

**\$40 Donation Requested**

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

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**

**The Masses at 9:00 AM. And 7:00 PM.**

*“My soul proclaims the greatness of the  
Lord... He has cast down the mighty from  
their thrones and has lifted up the lowly.”*

**Luke 1: 39-56**

**Father Propst is back at St. Clare’s Retreat**

**House.** This year’s title is, “**Living with  
Grace.**” The dates are Sept.6-8<sup>th</sup>, Men &  
Women (no-silent), Sept.13-15 Silent  
Women’s, Sept 20-22 Couples (non-silent),  
and 27-29<sup>th</sup> Women’s Silent Retreat. Hope you  
can enjoy a special weekend at St. Clare’s.  
**Phone 831-423-8093**

**The Diocese of Monterey offers the Virtual  
Workshop for ministry training as part of  
your parish formation sessions for  
ministers. LTP’s Virtual Workshops!**

**Stewardship of Treasury**

**Report Sunday August 3 & 4, 2019**

**The Plate Collection was \$1,722.00**

**Second Collection Seminaries \$273.00**

*We thank everyone for their generosity,  
now and throughout the year.*