

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

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**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
August 18, 2019

LIGHT a FIRE

There are more than enough Christians who are deeply attached to a situation of well-being and tend to consider Christianity as a religion that invariably ought to be concerned with maintaining the law and the established order.

That's why it ends up so strange to hear sayings from Jesus' mouth that invite, not to staying put and conservatism, but to a profound and radical transformation of society. *"I have come to bring fire to the earth and how I wish it were blazing already... Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."*

It's not easy for us to see Jesus as someone who brings fire, destined to destroy so much lying, violence and injustice. A Spirit capable of radically transforming the world, even at the cost of challenging and dividing people. The one who believes in Jesus isn't a fatalistic person who resigns self in the face of any situation, seeking above all tranquility and false peace. She isn't someone stuck,

who justifies the status quo without working eagerly, creatively and in solidarity for a better world. Nor is he a rebel who is motivated by resentment, and tears everything down and then takes the place of those he has cast down.

The one who understands Jesus acts because he is moved by the passion and the aspiration to collaborate in a complete change. The true Christian brings "revolution" in his heart. A revolution that isn't an "overthrow", just another change of government, insurrection or political change of the guard, but rather the seeking of a more just society.

The world order that we frequently defend is still in disorder. Because we haven't succeeded in giving food to the entire hungry, or guaranteed each person's rights, or even eliminated wars or destroyed nuclear arms. We need a revolution that is more profound than our economic revolutions. A revolution that transforms people's and nations' consciences. H. Marcuse wrote that we need a world "in which competition, the struggle of individuals one against another, deception, cruelty and massacres no longer has a reason to exist."

Whoever follows Jesus goes about ardently seeking that the fire lit by him burn all the more in this world. But before anything else, a radical transformation is demanded within his own self: "the only thing we ask of Christians is that they be authentic. This truly is the revolution." (E. Mounier).

Where is it possible to feel this fire of Jesus today? Where can we experience the power of his creative freedom? When do our hearts burn at welcoming his Gospel? Where are people living in a passionate way as they follow his footsteps? We can't let it go out. Without fire in the heart it isn't possible to follow Jesus.

*We pray the Rosary together every Saturday at
4:30 PM Please come to pray for the families
and our Country!*

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

Every Tuesday at 8:15 AM. All Women and all
Men.

MASS INTENTIONS August 17-23

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Martina Durham

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Fr. Geronimo Cuevas

Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Candido D. Buena

Friday 8:00 a.m. + Luis Sandoval

Men's Club Meeting

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30
PM. on Wednesday, September 11th
**"Together, supporting each other, we can
do great things."**

Women's Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month
from 1 to 2:30 pm. **August 28th**
Our focus is social and spiritual at the same
time.

Please contact **Ruth McCormick**
ruthmcc@flash.net
408 353.1017

Memorial Mass for +Corwin Hyde Lakin

June 15, 1931 – August 13, 2019

**10:00am Saturday August 24th at Christ Child
Church**

Back to School

We as a Catholic Community would like to wish a **very good year 2019- 2020** to the children, teens, teachers, workers... May God our Father be with you and protect, and give to you His wisdom and love. We pray for you every day; we promise. **Have a good year!**

Coming Soon....

9th PARISH HARVEST PARTY & DANCE

**Steak Dinner, Drinks, Dancing to a
Live Band**

Saturday, September 14, 2019

Starts at 6:00 PM

**Tickets available after Mass
Or Contact Don Boisvert**

408 828-2035

Donation of \$40 Requested.

Father Propst is back at St. Clare's Retreat

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

PRAYER REQUESTS: Can be sent to
[christchildchurchprayerline@gmail](mailto:christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com) or written
and placed in the box provided in the Church
foyer.

Are you an Adult? And would you like to be
Catholic or be confirmed or receive the
Eucharist. Please call at 408 353-2210 we will be
very happy to help you! Fr. Eugenio

Stewardship of Treasury Report

August 10 & 11, 2019

**The Plate Collection was \$1,585.00
Thank You!**