

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

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**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
August 25, 2019

Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.
Luke 13: 22-30

Magic Woman and her Secret Formula

Nine years ago her dream came true – she lost a great deal of weight. As a result, many wonderful things happened: Her blood pressure went down and her energy level went up. Her feet, knees and back didn't ache any more. She no longer had to shop in the "big" women's stores. But somethings else happened that she hadn't expected. To her family and friends, she became "Magic Woman." How did you do it? They all wanted to know. They were looking for that formula, the certain something to transform them, *zap*, from a size 22 to a size 12. Here is what Magic Woman tells them: "I can tell you what I did: I never gave up. Losing weight was something I deeply desired, and I was relentless. When I found what worked – a way of balancing what I ate with how much I moved my body, my way of

earning a living, my way of connecting with the people I love – I did it with all my heart and soul, every day, without fail. When I messed up, I kept going. When I was afraid, I felt the fear and took the next step into the darkness. When I was confused, I pretended to know which end was up and kept plodding. When I was empty and alone, I reached out to others.

"This morning I weighed myself. But unlike many people I was satisfied with what I saw – a number that has scarcely changed in nine years. And I saw the model for the rest of my life, if I'm willing to use it: Look for the inspired right thing, then do it, without fail – imperfectly but sincerely – one day at a time every day, for the rest of my life. That's the magic."
(Gay Norton Edelman, *Spirituality & Health*, May/June 2004.)

Discipline and sacrifice are the hinges of the "narrow gate" that Jesus speaks of in today's Gospel. All of the important things of life demand that we struggle through the narrow gate. There are no magic words to loving and being loved, to creating a world of justice and peace, to forgiving and being reconciled with one another. Jesus promises that anyone willing to struggle through the "narrow gate" will come to experience the life of God to the fullest.

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

Women and Men every Tuesday at 8:15 am.

Plate Collection

August 17 & 18, 2019

Total \$1,864.00

Thank You and May God bless you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS August 24 – 30, 2019

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Corwin Hyde Lakin

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Layman E. Allen

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Corwin Hyde Lakin

Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Jesus Plaza Montero

Friday 8:00 a.m. Don & Gail Hanley

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 (non-silent), and 27-29th Women's Silent Retreat. Hope you can enjoy a special weekend at St. Clare's

**Call St. Clare's Retreat Center directly
831 423-8093**

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, 2019

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

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

Serra Club of the Monterey Peninsula

The Lord is calling people from the East and West and from North and South as priests and deacons, sisters and brothers.

Are you one of them?

If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon; talk to your pastor and contact...

Rev. Ommar Solis, Vocation Director
831-373-4345

Email MRVocations@gmail.com

9th HARVEST PARTY & DANCE
Saturday, September 14, 2019
Starts at 6:00 p.m.

After Mass Dinner, Drinks, Dancing to a Live Music and More
\$40 Donation Requested
Tickets available after Mass or contact Don Boisvert 408 828-2035

We pray the ROSARY together every Saturday at 4:30 PM Please come to pray for the families!

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

St. Monica told her son Augustine:
"Don't let cares about it disturb you. I ask only this of you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord, wherever you may be."
She died in 387AD

Sacrament of Confirmation

For all the young men and women who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation,

Our first class after summer will be next Saturday, September 7 at 3:30 pm.

Bring your Bible. And Then share the Eucharist with the Parish!