

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

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**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
September 8, 2019**

**The parable of the tower and the king
preparing for war: “Whoever does not carry
his own cross and come after me cannot be my
disciple.”
Luke 14: 25-33**

So you think it's easy to be a superhero...

You'd think that it would be neat being a superhero. Think again. If you've seen this summer's blockbuster movie, Spider-Man 2, you know the heavy price Peter Parker pays for being the Web-slinger. Peter scrambles to balance the demands of a normal life with his crime-fighting mission: he is fired from his pizza-delivery job, behind in his rent, and in danger of flunking out of Columbia. The weary Spider-Man, though adored by the public, is mocked and maligned in the daily newspaper. And worst of all, Peter renounces his beloved Mary Jane, fearing for her safety if evildoers connected her with Spider-Man. All of which leads to that fateful moment in the film when Peter, his “Spidey” webs drying up because of his depression, has had enough: he crumbles up his blue and red mask and body

suit and dumps them in a back-alley garbage can. It's a surprisingly poignant moment in a movie about a comic book hero. But, of course, when he hears the screams of a little girl trapped in a burning building, Peter cannot walk away from his alter-ego. And when Mary Jane is kidnapped by the evil Doctor Octopus, well... Spider-Man returns with a vengeance. Peter remembers the advice given to him early in the film: that intelligence is a gift that must be used for the sake of others, that with great power comes great responsibility. Ironically, it is advice given to him by the scientist who becomes the evil Doctor Octopus.

Sometimes the gifts and talents we possess – whether of the superhero variety or not – can become a cross that demands too much from us, a cross that overwhelms us. Like Peter Parker, we desperately want to lay aside the responsibility of those crosses. But Christ calls those who would be his disciples to imitate his spirit of humble generosity and compassion by picking up those crosses for the sake of others who are stumbling under heavier crosses than ours. The faith we embrace in baptism is the unfailing hope that we can transform whatever crosses we carry in our lives into instruments of resurrection.

***He himself bore our sins in his body upon
the cross, so that, free from sin, we might
live for righteousness. By his wounds you
have been healed.
(1 Pt 2:24)***

Life is never without its crosses, but there is a difference between taking up the cross and just being weighed down by it.

If we take up the crosses in our life in union with Jesus Christ, he helps along the way.

If we refuse his help, we are simply crushed under their weight.

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.

Pray the Rosary

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

MASS INTENTIONS September 7 - 13

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Layman E. Allen

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

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

Thursday 9:00 a.m. + David Duncan

Friday 8:00 a.m. Parishioners

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. September 25th**.

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time. Please contact Ruth McCormick ruthmcc@flash.net

Stewardship of Treasury

August 31 & September 1, 2019

Plate Collection Total \$1,267.00

Thank you and God bless you!

Meet Young Catholic Families

The Second Sunday of the Month at 10am is Pre-School GOSPEL; 11am Young Family Social!

Prayer Ministry for Parishioners and Their Loved Ones

Prayer requests: can be emailed to christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com or written and placed in the box provided in the church foyer!

Father Propst is back at St. Clare's Retreat House

This year's title is **“Living with Grace.”**

The dates are 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

For reservation & more information, call directly 831 423-8093

St. Paul reminds us that there is abundant grace, faith and love available to us through Christ Jesus. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on October 25-27, 2019** at the St. Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista, CA For more information call 831 200.3780; Email application@centralcawwme.org or register online at centralcawwme.org.

Serra Club of the Monterey Peninsula

Having a loose grasp on those things that rightly belong to God is required of every follower. The open hands you are left with will be filled by God and overflowing. Can you let go of those things?

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