

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

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**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME**  
**September 22, 2019**

**The parable of the shrewd manager: “The children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light...**

**“No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.”**

**Luke 16: 1-13**

**I just called to say I love you...**

For American servicemen and women serving in Iraq, calling home can be a very expensive proposition. A few months ago, one soldier ran up a cell phone bill of close to \$8000 (he forgot about the “roaming charges”).

Brittany Berquist, 13, and her brother Robbie, 12, saw a story about the soldier’s bill on TV and decided that wasn’t right. So they went to their piggy banks and started a remarkable project. With the \$14 they had, they launched *Cell Phone for Soldiers*. In their first three months of operation, the middle school students have raised more than \$140,000 and have bought and distributed

more than 3,600 AT&T calling cards. A cousin now serving in Iraq distributes the cards to U.S. troops.

Brittany and Robbie raised the money through yard sales, raffles, car washes and donations. But the two have found a new way to finance the project. Brittany and Robbie discovered that there is money to be made in recycled cell phones. The wireless industry estimates that it will sell more than 107 million cell phones this year. That means a lot of old phone that Brittany and Robbie collect for recycling. Recyclers pay the kids anywhere from \$5 to \$100 per phone, depending on the model.

Their parents are impressed. “I still get goose bumps on what they are doing and how they came up with the idea,” their father says.

Their new goal is to buy 8,000 satellite phones – one for every 20 troops deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan. The cost: \$9 million.

That’s a lot of money – but don’t underestimate Brittany and Robbie.

(The Boston Globe, July 1, 2004; MSNBC Interactive, August 2, 2004.)

Every one of us possesses our own unique and extraordinary abilities; we have incredible resources at our disposal. Add to those skills and means Robbie and Brittany’s enthusiasm, dedication and generosity, and we can accomplish extraordinary things.

Jesus holds up the model of the shrewd manager in today’s Gospel not as an endorsement of larceny but for his ingenuity in getting things done. In the parable, Jesus challenges us to be as industrious and dedicated to pursuing the lasting things of God as we are in our quest for the impermanent and far less important things of the world. Christ calls us not to be afraid to employ the cleverness, skill and ingenuity of

the shrewd manager to build the kingdom of God in our time and place.

**The fruit of Silence is Prayer.**  
**The fruit of Prayer is Faith.**  
**The fruit of Faith is Love.**  
**The fruit of Love is Service.**  
**And the fruit of Service is Peace.**  
(St. Teresa of Calcutta)

**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:**

Birthing 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

**Prayer Groups in the Parish**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS September 21 -27**

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

**Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Luis Sandoval**

+ Maurice Demers

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

Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Harry Furlong

Friday 8:00 a.m. Parishioners

**Stewardship of Treasury**

**Report Sunday September 14 & 15, 2019**

**TOTAL \$1,755.00**

**Please help us, we need you!!!**

**God bless you.**

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

**Meet Young Catholic Families**

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

**Prayer Ministry for Parishioners and Their  
Loved Ones**

**Prayer requests:** can be emailed to  
[christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com](mailto:christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com) OR  
written and placed in the box provided in the  
church foyer!

**Women’s Club/Prayer Group**

We meet 4<sup>th</sup> the Wednesday of each month from  
1 to 2:30 PM. **September 25<sup>th</sup> our focus is  
social and spiritual at the same time. Please  
contact Ruth McCormick [ruthmcc@flash.net](mailto:ruthmcc@flash.net)**

**Christ Child Men’s Club**

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM.  
on Wednesday, **October 9, 2019**

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

**If you’re a single, Catholic woman between  
the ages of 18-38 years**

We invite you to spend a day of discernment  
with the Cloistered Dominican Nuns of Corpus  
Christi Monastery in Menlo Park, CA.

**Contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P. at  
[vocations@nunsmenlo.org](mailto:vocations@nunsmenlo.org) or visit our website  
at <http://nunsmenlo.org/discernment-day>**

**Saturday, October 12, 2019. The event will be  
from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM and is free!**

**Religious Education Starts soon – October!**

We are so happy to see the many new families  
who have recently joined our parish.  
Help introduce them to Herb, Chris and Nannette  
if they have questions about signing up their  
kids!!!

God has entrusted your spouse to your care – are  
you trustworthy in that care? 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  
[applications@centralcawwme.org](mailto:applications@centralcawwme.org) or register  
online at [centralcawwme.org](http://centralcawwme.org).