

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

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**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
October 6, 2019

**“If you have faith the size of a mustard seed,
you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be
uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would
obey you...**

**“When you have done all you have been
commanded, say ‘We are unprofitable
servants; we have done what we were obliged
to do.”**

Luke 17: 5-10

Potential vs. Actual

The sixth-grader went to his mother with this homework question: “What’s the difference between *potential* and *actual*?”

Mom thought for a moment, and then replied, “Go ask your dad, your brother and your sister what they would do if they found a million dollars and no one knew they had it. Would they turn it in or keep it?”

The boy goes first to his older brother with the question. “Are you kidding? That would pay for college and set me up in business. It’s probably drug money anyway. Of course I’d keep it.”

The sixth-grader writes down his answer and then goes to his sister.

“Of course I’d keep it, silly. It’s probably a bribe or payoff that got lost anyway. I’d shop till I dropped and then I’d bank the rest. I’d be set for life.”

The student writes down his answer and then goes to talk to Dad.

“Well, anybody who loses a million bucks can probably afford it. I’d do over the house, put you kids through school, and then have something left for my retirement.”

The student goes back to Mom and shows her the answers.

“Now do you see the difference between *potential* and *actual*?” she says. “*Potentially*, we are an honest family, but *actually* you and I live with three conniving thieves.”

In today’s Gospel, Jesus chides our tendency to rationalize our self-centeredness, to congratulate ourselves on our “faithfulness” by acting in ways that are the antithesis of that faith. As the sixth-grader learns, our potential is realized only if we actually live the principles and beliefs we utter in prayers and creeds. Faith begins with the gratitude and humility of the servant in today’s Gospel: to understand that the gift of faith requires justice, compassion and forgiveness; to realize, in the clarity of God’s love, how blessed we have been; to see ourselves and others as brother and sister “servants” at the table of the Father.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By request or appointment

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Call the office for an appointment

Anointing of the Sick

Celebrated biannually at Mass or call for an appt

For Pregnancy Support

Birthright 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

Prayer Group in the Parish

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

MASS INTENTIONS October 5 - 11

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mark Romo & Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Leslie R. Olsen

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

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Parishioners

Friday 8:00 a.m. + Bishop Richard Garcia

Stewardship of Treasury

Report Sunday September 28 & 29, 2019

TOTAL \$ 1,984.00

Second Collection Maintenance was \$340.00

**Thank you and May God bless you and protect
you!**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

**CCD classes will begin this Sunday October 6,
2019. Grades K-8 at 9:00 – 10:00 am.**

**Pre-School: The Second Sunday of the month
during the 10 am. Mass.**

Pre-School Family Social after mass.

**Please sign up after mass or see Chris or Herb
Curran**

Men’s Club Meeting

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

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

Women’s Club/Prayer Group

**We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month,
October 23^h from 1 to 2:30 pm. Our focus is
social and spiritual at the same time. Please
contact Ruth McCormick ruthmcc@flash.net**

**Every Saturday we pray the ROSARY together
in the church at 4:30 pm. Please come to pray
for our families and our Country.**

**“Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women and blessed is
the fruit of your womb.”**

**It’s starting... the 2019 CHRIST CHILD’S
ANNUAL COAT DRIVE.**

**Collection Boxes for your donations of new &
gently used winter clothing will be in the foyer
starting on October 12. We welcome all sizes
of new & gently used coats, parkas, jackets,
sweaters, caps, scarves and gloves. Our
friends at Holy Trinity Catholic Church,
Greenfield, CA benefit greatly and the
donations give everyone a warm feeling.
Contact Andrea Bruna for information 408
348-7090. Thank you.**

SPARE CHANGE FOR LIFE

**This Sunday is Respect Life Sunday and
October is Respect Life month so in support
of this theme, Christ Child is again partnering
with Birthright of San Jose to raise money for
our ministry of helping women potentially
facing an unplanned pregnancy. We have
been in San Jose for 47 years with our all-
volunteer staff offering free, confidential and
non judgmental services to all those who come
to us. Christ Child community has been very
generous with us in the past and we look to
you again to help us keep these vital services
available. The process is simple. Take home a
bottle, keep it on the counter and over the
next few weeks, put your spare change in. We
also don’t mind checks and dollar bills.
Then return at the end of the month! Or even
empty so we can reuse the bottles. If you have
any questions, call Norma or Dave Hammons
at 408 353-3326.**

Thanks in advance for your support.

16th Annual Giving at Greenfield 2019

**Save Saturday, December 14th to deliver gifts.
We are looking for some extra help to make this
amazing project a success. Anyone interested in
helping with planning the program and/or
shopping and wrapping gifts for a few families?
Please contact Karen Joesten at
karengjoesten@gmail.com or 408-375-0984
(cell).**