

Christ Child Catholic Church
*Dedicated to Growth in Christ and to the
Challenges of Loving Service*
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**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
October 13, 2019

One of the lepers, realizing that he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Then was cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine?"
Luke 17: 11-19

Be careful what you wish for

There was once a stonecutter who was very happy with his life and work. He had a wonderful family whom he loved; he made a good living cutting and preparing stone for beautiful buildings.

Then one day he delivered a piece of stone to a merchant. The merchant owned many lavish possessions. The stonecutter began to feel he was missing out on something in his life. "I wish I were a merchant with such fine things," the stonecutter thought to him. Amazingly, the stonecutter's wish came to be. Suddenly he was a merchant who wore fancy clothes and lived in a beautiful home. His shop was filled with ornate trinkets and fine goods. The onetime stonecutter thought that life couldn't get any better – until he saw the prince passing through town.

Then he began thinking that to be of noble birth would be much better than being a simple merchant. And so it came to be: He found himself dressed in royal garb, sitting atop a fine stallion, parading through the village. But under the hot sun and heavy clothing, he grew weary and cranky. The stonecutter-merchant-prince thought that if he were the sun, he could have a profound effect on the entire universe. So he became the sun. And it was wonderful – until a cloud blocked his rays from getting to the land. So he wished to be a cloud to bring rain to water the earth. And so he became a cloud. He found himself looming over a desolate mountain valley. He showered the area day and night, creating lakes and rivers. In time, springs of life began to sprout up on the landscape. But the mountain itself remained immovable and unchanged. It was solid and more powerful than his cloud.

So the cloud wanted, instead, to be the mountain. And so he became the mountain. For a while the mountain was happy to be such a powerful presence – until a young stonecutter came along and began to chisel away at him. And the mountain wished to be a stonecutter again.

Some of us never know that moment of realization experienced by the grateful leper: we never realize how much we have received from God; instead, we mourn what we do not have; we are mired in disappointment; we become cynical, distrustful, isolated, self-absorbed. As the Samaritan leper discovers in today's Gospel, as the stonecutter eventually comes to understand, each one of us has been given much by God, and realizing those gifts, that spirit of gratitude, is the beginning of faith. May our lives be illuminated with that realization that we have been made "whole" and well by God – created in God's life,

sustained by God's forgiveness, transformed by God's grace.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By request or 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

MASS INTENTIONS October 12 – 18

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

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Cecily Olsen

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Thomas Schwenkler

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

Friday 8:00 a.m. Andrea & Joe Bruna

Mountain Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Become a volunteer or contribute

MNHN95033@gmail.com

Men's Club Meeting

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM. on Wednesday, **November 13th, 2019**

"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. **October 23th, 2019**

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time. Please contact Ruth McCormick

ruthmcc@flash.net

**THE HARVEST DANCE INCOME \$11,050.00
THANK YOU FOR THE VERY HARD WORK FOR
THIS WONDERFUL EVENT! I AM VERY PROUD
OF YOU THANK YOU – MUCHAS GRACIAS!**

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

**ATTENTION FAITH
FORMATION CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

We would like to remind you that Faith Formation classes began last Sunday.

Please bring your children!

The classes for Grades 1 to 8 Every Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.

Please contact Chris or Herb Curran

Give warmth, donate a coat! CHRIST CHILD'S ANNUAL COAT DRIVE is about to begin!

Collection box will be in the Church foyer starting on **October 12, 2019**. Please ask friends, family, and neighbors to donate gently used coats, jackets, winter hats, gloves and scarves. We'll gladly accept all sizes and gender. Infant and toddler sizes are always needed. Our friends at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Greenfield, California greatly appreciate this kind act of giving. Thank you.

Need information - Contact Andrea & Joe Bruna 408 353-3326

16th Annual Giving at Greenfield

It is a holiday tradition for the Christ Child parish to adopt 59 families from Greenfield community. We will have the family information available after Mass on **Nov. 2 & 3, 2019 and following Saturdays and Sundays.**

Contact Karen if you have questions 408 375-0984 (cell).

**Report Sunday Collection October 5 & 6,
2019 Total \$ 1,346.00**

**Second Collection Respect Life!
Total \$ 347.00**

Thank you and May God bless and protect you!

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