

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

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**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 20, 2019**

Pope: Evangelization must help, not hinder, people getting closer to God.

Vatican City – God wants everyone to be saved, which is why those who evangelize must avoid letting their prejudices get in the way of God’s plan, Pope Francis said.

“An evangelizer cannot be an obstacle to the creative work of God, who ‘wills everyone to be saved,’ but one who fosters an encounter of hearts with the Lord,” the pope said Oct. 6 during his weekly general audience in St. Peter’s Square.

The pope also recalled the day that marked the anniversary of the 1978 election of St. John Paul II.

“Let us thank the Lord for everything good that happened in the church, in the world and in people’s hearts because of the words, deeds and holiness of John Paul II. Let us remember that his appeal to open your heart to Christ is always timely,” he said when greeting Polish-speaking visitors.

In his main catechesis, the pope continued his series of talks on the Act of the Apostles.

He reflected on St. Luke’s account of Cornelius – the generous and God-fearing pagan, and St. Peter, whom God calls to meet with Cornelius. It was unlawful at the time for a Jewish man to meet with a Gentile, and Peter is harshly rebuked by the community in Jerusalem for visiting and baptizing him. But God had told Peter, who had felt compelled to follow Jewish laws and restrictions, that “What God has made clean; you are not to call profane.”

Peter learns “God shows no partiality” and that “whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him,” according to the Gospel account.

In his catechesis, the pope said God wanted Peter to no longer judge or see people and external acts as clean or unclean, “but to learn to go beyond that, by looking at the person and the intentions in their heart. What makes a person unclean, in fact, doesn’t come from the outside, but from the inside, from their heart. Jesus said this clearly.”

The pope said Peter learns to open his mind and heart to God’s “creativity” so that all people could receive the blessings promised to Israel.

Francis asked that everyone learn what an evangelizer must be from Peter’s example and ask, “How do we act with our brothers and sisters, especially with those who are not Christians?”

“Are we an impediment to an encounter with God? Do we block their encounter with the Father or do we facilitate it?” he asked. “Let us ask for the grace to let ourselves be astounded by God’s surprises, not to hinder his creativity, but to recognize and foster the ever-new ways through which the Risen One pours out his Spirit in the world and draws hearts” to him as they recognize he is the “Lord of all,” the pope said.

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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

Prayer Group in the Parish

Every Tuesday at 8:15 am. All Women and All Men!

MASS INTENTIONS October 19 – 25

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Thomas Schwenkler

**Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Dennis Stacey
+ Lola Schaefer**

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Dennis Stacey

Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Thomas Schwenkler

Friday 8:00 a.m. Demers Family

Stewardship of Treasury

Report Sunday October 12 & 13, 2019

Total \$ 2,518.00

Thank you and May God bless you for your generosity!

Women’s Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month,

October 23th from 1 to 2:30 pm.

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

ruthmcc@flash.net

The annual Christ Child COAT DRIVE is underway.

Please ask friends, family, and neighbors about donating gently used coats, jackets, winter hats, gloves and scarves. We’ll gladly accept all sizes and gender. It’s a great way of making room in the closet and helping our friends at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Greenfield, CA. A collection box is located in the foyer of the church.

Please contact **Joe or Andrea Bruna, 408 353-3101** with any questions. **Thank you.**

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.”

Please use the envelope to inscribe the name of your beloved dead who will be remembered in prayer of the masses during the month November.

16th Annual Giving at Greenfield

It is a holiday tradition for the Christ Child parish to adopt 59 families from the Greenfield community. We will have the family information available after Mass on **Nov. 2 & 3, 2019 and following Saturdays and Sundays.** We will deliver gifts on **Saturday, December 14th**

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

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

Family Social after mass.

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