

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

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
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“The tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’”

Luke 18:9-14

‘...forever and ever. M&M.’

During a children’s liturgy, the homilist wanted to show the evils of inequality. Every Sunday, after the gospel, he would call the children up to sit around the altar for the sermon; but this Sunday, he asked only those children with blond hair to come up. As they came forward, he invited the blond-haired children to sit on the left side of the altar. He told them that they were special in God’s eyes and that God loved them a great deal. Then he took out a big bag of M&Ms and poured the candies into the hands of each child. Needless to say, they were delighted!

Then he invited all the other children to come forward. The priest motioned to them to sit on the right side of the altar. They all sat down on the floor. You could well imagine what was going through their minds.

Then... nothing.

The Celebrant said rather coldly that they would receive no M&Ms. And there was no mention of God’s love for them.

An awkward 30 seconds of silence followed. Then he asked the children if they noticed anything unfair about what had happened.

The sermon took an unexpected turn when one of the little girls with blond hair spoke up: “This is unfair. You gave me only six M&Ms when Sheila (the girl next to her) got ten!”

In our own time and place, the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector is played out not so much as a lack of humility before God but as a lack of awareness of the needs, hope and cries for help of those around us. Somehow we are so consumed with our own six M&Ms that we never see the rest of the world who have none; we become so focused on the disappointments and slights we must endure that we fail to realize the injustice suffered by those rejected and forgotten simply because they don’t have “blonde hair.” God is not just “ours” – God is the Father who loves the poor, the homeless, the lost, the despairing, the addicted, and the abused. Humility before God demands humility before one another, seeing them as God sees us.

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

Prayer Group in the Parish

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

MASS INTENTIONS October 26 – Nov 1

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Don Hanley

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Maurice Demers

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Margarita Ortega

Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Thomas Schwenkler

Friday 9:00 a.m. + Martina Durham

Stewardship of Treasury

Report Sunday October 19 & 20, 2019

Plate Collection Total \$1574

Mission Sunday Collection was \$301

Thank you and May God bless you for your generosity!

Women’s Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month,

November 27th from 1 to 2:30 pm.

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

ruthmcc@flash.net

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN! Please remember to return your filled Baby Bottles for the Respect Life Collection for Birthright of San Jose by next weekend. God bless and thank you for your generosity. 800 550-4900

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.”

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.

16th Annual Giving at Greenfield

It is a holiday tradition for the Christ Child parish to adopt 58 families from the Greenfield community. We will have the family information available after Mass on **Nov. 2 & 3 and following Saturdays and Sundays.** And we will deliver gifts on **Saturday, December 14th**
Contact Karen if you have questions
408 375-0984 (cell).

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

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!

Let’s Raise the Dough!
APPLE STRUDEL On Sale after Mass
Small \$25 Large \$35
To Order or for information ... Contact
Gina Boisvert 408 656-7877

Friday, November 1st ALL SAINTS

Only one Mass at 9:00 am.

Let us rejoice in all the men and women, blest in the eyes of the Lord, who celebrate the heavenly liturgy.
They stand in God’s holy place and sing of the love the Father has bestowed upon them through the blood of the Lamb.

St. Claire’s Retreat,
Is in need of prayers and funds to pay for permits (kitchen, pool, water system) and repairs. Call 831 423-8093 Donate online at stclairesretreat.com
(They can’t use the water to even wash veggies and fruits)

