

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

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**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
November 3, 2019

**“Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I
must stay at your house...”**

**“Today salvation has come to this house
because this man too is a descendent of
Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to
seek and to save what was lost.”**

Luke 19: 1-10

Diamonds in the rough

A rabbi devoted many hours working in the ghetto of the city, offering whatever help he could to the homeless and destitute, to alcoholics and addicts. A member of his congregation, a very successful diamond merchant, challenged the rabbi as to why he wasted so much time with lowlifes and crazies.

The rabbi asked the merchant if he had every thrown out a million-dollar diamond in the rough.

“Never!” the merchant said emphatically.

“An expert would know the worth of whatever he held in his hand.”

“I’ll let you in on a secret, my friend,” the rabbi responded softly. “I’m also an expert on diamonds. I walk the streets every day, and

all I see are the most precious diamonds walking past me. Some of them you have to pick up from the gutter and polish a bit. But once you do, oh how they shine! So, you see, the most important thing you have to know in life is that everyone, everyone, is a diamond in the rough.”

(Adapted from *There Is No Messiah and you’re it* by Rabbi Robert N. Levine.)

In the eyes of God, every man, woman and child is a “diamond” of great value; every one of us possesses a goodness and dignity just by virtue of being created by God. Today’s readings speak of God’s love for all (“You spare all things, because they are yours, O Lord and love of souls, for your imperishable spirit is in all things” – Reading 1) and God’s unwavering determination to be reconciled with the creation God so lovingly fashioned (“The Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost” – Gospel.) As Jesus affirms the honest Zacchaeus in the eyes of his skeptical neighbors, as the humble rabbi reaches out to “polish” the poor and needy of the gutter, so we are called to affirm that “imperishable spirit” of God existing in everyone as a child of God.

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!

For Pregnancy Support

Birthright 241-8444 or 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!”**

MASS INTENTIONS November 2 - 8

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Kenneth Duncan
Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Leslie Richard Olsen
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Judith Ann Hammond
Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Martina Durham
Friday 8:00 a.m. All Souls

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

Pre-School: The Second Sunday of the month
during the 10 am. Mass.
Family Social after mass!

Report Sunday October 26 & 27, 2019

TOTAL \$1,495.00

Second Collection for Maintenance was \$496.00
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 Saturday and Sunday.

**We will deliver gifts on Saturday,
December 14th.**

For information contact Karen at
408- 375-0984 (Cell).

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

God loves the repentant heart.
Let us adore him!

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**
Call Norma or Dave at 408 353-3326

Give warmth, donate a coat!

CHRIST CHILD’S ANNUAL COAT DRIVE
is in full swing!

Donation collection boxes are in our Church foyer. All sizes of new or gently used coats, parkas, jackets, sweaters, caps, scarves and gloves are appreciated.

**Winter wear for infants, toddlers, and youth
is needed!**

Our friends at HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH, GREENFIELD, CA benefit greatly from our generosity.

Please contact Joe or Andrea Bruna
At 408 353-3101 with any questions.

Thank you.

PRAYER REQUESTS

**Can be sent to
christchildprayerline@gmail.com
or written and place in the box provided in
the Church foyer.**

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

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
vegetable and fruits)**