

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

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**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING**  
**OF THE UNIVERSE**  
**November 24, 2019**

**“Jesus, remember me when you come into  
your kingdom.”  
Luke 22: 35-43**

**The Guest**

At Thanksgiving, a young woman decided that, rather than travel the 3,000 miles to her family’s home, she would volunteer at a local soup kitchen. She had never worked in a soup kitchen before – in fact, she had never even met a homeless person before. As Thanksgiving approached, she turned down several invitations to dinner, announcing with certain smugness – her plans for the day. But when she arrived on Thanksgiving morning, dressed in jeans and tee shirt, the director of the soup kitchen announced that, for the first time ever, they had more than twice the volunteers they needed. He thanked everyone for coming, and added as a joke, “Of course, you’re all invited to stay for lunch.” Everyone laughed and quickly left for their own Thanksgiving dinners. Except her. She had no other plans. So she stayed. She got in line and picked up a tray.

“Here you go, honey,” said the woman serving turkey. “But I’m a volunteer. I’m not...” she said, but the woman was already serving the next person.

She found an empty place at a table. A man extended his dirty hand. “Hi, I’m Fred,” he said. “I’m an alcoholic,” he added, and went on to say how he was “on the road back.” “That’s nice,” she said. “I was supposed to volunteer here...”

““Oh,” Fred said. His face fell and he turned to the man next to him. A pregnant woman struggling to manage a toddler and two plates of food slid into a chair. “It’s good to sit down,” the woman smiled. “You know how it is – this is the first time I’ve been able to eat in peace for days!”

“I’ll feed your son,” she offered. “Oh, would you do that, you are so kind.”

“Well, actually, I’m a volunteer. It’s kind of my job...”

“Oh.” The woman’s face clouded, and she ate quietly, not saying anything else.

A father and his son then took places next to her. “Daddy! Mmmmm! I like this food!”

“Don’t eat so fast, son.” The father turned to her and explained his son’s exuberance: “it’s been a while since I could afford to give him a good meal like this one. You know?”

“I’m a volunteer,” she said quickly. The father’s face turned bright red and there was awkwardness in the air.

“We got a volunteer in our class at school,” the boy chimed in. “She sits right down at our table with us in school. You know, she teaches us better than our teacher – because she’s right at the same table, not way up in the front of the room.”

She stared at the happy little boy jabbing his plastic fork into the sweet potatoes. He had unknowingly put his finger right on the heart of the matter. She had been so busy looking

for differences between her and everyone else that she was acting as if they were a separate species. But were they so different? Hadn’t she had job problems and bad relationships? Didn’t she have friends who were recovering alcoholics? And what about her own young niece who was already the mother of a toddler and an infant? What made these people less worthy of her care and love than them?

She, the self-righteous volunteer, was really the guest – the welcomed guest – at their table.

*On this last Sunday of the Church year, we honor Christ the King whose kingdom knows neither boundaries nor walls, neither castes nor classes; Christ the King whose rule is one of service; Christ the King whose power is compassion, whose scepter is humility; Christ whose court belongs to the poor, the forgotten, the lost, the despairing; Christ the King whose coin is forgiveness and reconciliation. May our own imitation of Christ’s compassionate servanthood and humble generosity to all make us worthy to be citizens of his eternal kingdom.*

**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

**STRUDEL SALE**

It’s that time of year again! The Christ Child’s **Gina Boisvert** will be making delicious Strudel for Thanksgiving and Christmas: small and large ones this year. Large \$35 and Small ones \$25  
Great for holiday gifts!

**A delicious way of supporting our Church!**

**MASS INTENTIONS November 23 – 29**

**Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Antonio & Alix Pitri**

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

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Conrada T. Endrina

Thursday 9:00 a.m. + John Parker

Friday 8:00 a.m. + Donald W. Hanley

**+ DONALD W HANLEY**

**1936 – 2019**

**The souls of the just are in God’s hands!**

**Rest in Peace**

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**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Giving at Greenfield**

**Sign up for a family this weekend. We are also collecting gently used toys, books and stuffed animals. We will deliver gifts on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Hello Parishioners**

**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. Thank You! Questions?

**Contact Joe & Andrea Bruna - 408 353-3101**

**Thanksgiving Day Mass on November 28<sup>th</sup> will be at 9:00 a.m.**

**SAVE the Day on Sunday  
December 15<sup>th</sup> the Christmas Party in the  
PARISH after the Sunday Mass at 10:00 a.m.**