

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

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 1, 2019**

*“Stay awake! For you do not know on which day  
your Lord will come.”*

**Matthew 24: 37-44**

**The Mountain of God**

A team of five mountaineers, roped together, were making their way up the side of one of the world's great mountains. Suddenly, the snow gave way underneath one of the climbers and all five plunged over a ravine. The five climbers found themselves standing before St. Peter at the gates of heaven. To determine their worthiness to enter the holy dwelling place, St. Peter asked each of them the same question: *What were you thinking about as you fell through the air to the rocks below?*

The first answered: “As soon as I lost my grip, I realized what a fool I had been for getting entangled in this mad adventure.”

The second said: “As I was falling, I tried to grasp any rock or tree branch with my hands or feet or pick.”

The third cried: “I thought of my wife and children and the grief and pain my death will cause them.”

The fourth responded: “As foolish as it sounds, I asked God to forgive me all my sins, even though it was too late to promise that I would change my ways and reform my life.”

But the fifth said: “As we climbed, I was too engrossed in the task of climbing and had no time to see the beauty around us. As I fell, I could see, for the first time, the awesome beauty of God's creation. As the end came, I felt joy and gratitude for the privilege of seeing all of this from the vantage point of a bird in flight.”

St. Peter put his hand on the shoulder of the fifth climber. “Welcome, my son. The kingdom of God is for you.”

(Adapted from *Tales of the City of God* by Carlos G. Valles, S.J.)

**This lifetime of ours, which we so often take for granted, is precious and limited. Life is a gift that GOD gives us in order that we might discover GOD and come to know GOD in the love of others and the goodness of this world in anticipation of the next.**

**The fifth mountaineer, moments before it is too late, does come to realize the great love of GOD for him and responds to that love with humble gratitude.**

**ADVENT calls us to behold – to behold GOD's presence in all that loves, in all that is beautiful, in all that is life-giving and nurturing.**

**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

**For Pregnancy Support**

Birthright 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

**Prayer Group in the Parish**

Every Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. All Women And  
All Men

**MASS INTENTIONS Nov. 30 to Dec. 6**

**Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Dr. John Evan Hench**

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

**Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Donald W. Hanley**

**Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Dr. John Evan Hench**

**Friday 9:00 a.m. Parishioners**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION  
(CONFESSION)**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00 P.M.**

**Stewardship of Treasury**

**Report Sunday November 9 & 10, 2019**

**TOTAL \$1,430.00**

**Report Sunday November 16 & 17, 2019**

**TOTAL \$1,655.00**

**Thank you! And May God bless you in your  
generosity**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> Mass at 6:00 p.m.**

**Bilingual! After Mass gathering Mexican  
Food!!!**

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

Did you miss adopting a Greenfield family?

Contact Karen at 408-375-0984 or

[karengoesten@gmail.com](mailto:karengoesten@gmail.com)

Consider a cash donation or gift card. We are also collecting gently used toys, books, and stuffed animals. All gifts should be dropped off at Christ Child no later than **11 am on Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>** we will deliver gifts **SATURDAY, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**STRUDEL SALE**

We are taking orders this week-end and give to you for Christmas: small and large ones this year. Large \$35 and Small ones \$25 **Great for holiday gifts! A delicious way of supporting our Parish!** Contact Gina Boisvert at 408 656-7677 or order after Mass.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> AFTER  
THE MASS AT 10:00 a.m.  
CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!**

**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

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND SING-A-LONG**  
Mountain Churches Saturday, December 7  
at 7:00 p.m.

**Address: 23185 Summit Road**

Enjoy beautiful carols, good neighbors, and  
holiday cookies

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick  
celebration! Saturday, December 7 at  
5:00 p.m. Mass and Sunday December  
8 at 10:00 a.m. Mass**

**THE VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE  
LORD**

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**The Mass at 5:00 p.m.**

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
CHRISTMAS**

**Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**The Mass at 10:00 a.m.**