

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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 15, 2019

“Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”

Matthew 11: 2-11

The legend of mistletoe

Many of our homes will be decorated this Christmas with sprigs of mistletoe. But there's more to the custom than just stealing a kiss from your beloved.

In pre-Christmas times, mistletoe was considered a sacred vine by the Druids. Every year Druid priests would solemnly cut down mistletoe branches and distribute them among the people, who would hang sprigs of mistletoe over their doors, believing that the powers of the plant would protect their homes from thunder, lightning, and every sort of evil.

The English called mistletoe “all heal.” It was a popular folk remedy used for treating toothaches, measles and dog bites. They also believed that wearing mistletoe around their necks would protect them from the power of devils and witches.

The mistletoe plant was adopted by the Christian Church as a symbol of Christ the Divine Healer, who restored sight to the blind, raised the dead to life, and preached good news to the poor.

Mistletoe might serve as a reminder to us that this is the season of healing – a time for bridging the division between ourselves and family and friends, a time for embracing the Messiah's selfless spirit of reconciliation and forgiveness. May this Christmas be a time for restoring the love and peace of Christ within our hearts and our homes.

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 December 14 - 20

**Saturday 5:00 p.m. + John Evan Hench
+ Donald W. Hanley**

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Demers Family

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Corwin H. Lakin

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Parishioners

Friday 8:00 a.m. Parishioners

All flowers in the church are to honor all of you especially the children and young people of Christ Child!!!

Report Sunday December 7 & 8, 2019

TOTAL PLATE COLLECTION

\$1,717.00

May God bless your generosity...!

Children's Christmas Pageant

Children who want to participate in the Christmas Eve pageant need to pick up their costumes and join the rehearsal after Mass on Sunday, December 22nd. Please join us – we would love to have you!

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU,
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For the warm, generous donations to the 2019 CHRIST CHILD COAT DRIVE. Your gifts of warmth and comfort put smiles on many faces on Saturday December 14th at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Greenfield CA. Wishing all a very Merry Christmas
From, Joe & Andrea Bruna

Prayer requests: can be emailed to
christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com
Or written and placed in the box provided in the church foyer!

STRUDEL SALE

We are taking orders this week-end and will 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.

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

HAPPY NEW WORLD

An Interfaith Call to Care for Mother Earth

15th New Year's Eve Vigil for Peace

Tuesday Dec. 31

6:00pm to 10:30pm

Holy Cross Parish Hall

Across from Mission Plaza, Santa Cruz

The focus of the 2019 Interfaith New Year's Eve Peace Vigil will be on “Youth” and their response to our climate crisis. Middle School, High School and Young Adults, from many local religious communities, have designed an evening that includes interactive games, art-making, food, and creative presentations from their traditions.

We will open with an Ohlone/Mutsun blessing followed by representatives from our local Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Buddhist and Bahai Traditions.

Sponsored by: Sangha Shantivanam
www.sanghshanti.net

Hosted by: Holy Cross Catholic Church.

Safety Message

Parents and Caregivers of children: When you and your children are attending Mass or any other events at the Parish, please keep your children with you at all times. If your child needs to leave the building, he or she must be accompanied by an adult. Thank you!

24 December Tuesday:
VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

The Mass at 5:00 pm.

25 December Wednesday:
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
CHRISTMAS the MASS at 10:00 am.