

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

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
January 5, 2020

*Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We
saw his star at its rising and have come to do
him homage.”*

The face of God

High in the Andes Mountains, on the banks of a deep pond, stood a little village. Many, many years before, opposite the pond, a villager had carved the face of their god, a face of extreme beauty, a face of greatness and serenity, a face of love and strength. The villagers believed that one day their god would come and live in their midst. Centuries passed, but their god did not appear. The villagers prayed to the god of stone, but it remained stone and statue, distant and dead. Then, one day, a child was born in the village. Even as an infant, the beauty of the ancient face captivated him. He crawled to the brink of the abyss and looked and looked and looked. When he was old enough, he walked to the stone, spending hours looking at it. And as he studied the face, taking in all its beauty and greatness, the love and strength that poured from it filled his spirit, and his own face began to change.

Then one day, the villagers saw him passing along the village’s main road and saw that the expression they had so loved in the carving of their god was now on the face of young man. The miracle had happened; their god was in their midst.
(Adapted from the short story “The Great Stone Face” by Nathaniel Hawthorne.)

In the Epiphany event, God’s grace is made manifest in the person of JESUS; the distance between God and humanity disappears in the birth of the child; the remote God of the universe become real and approachable in the face and voice and touch of JESUS. In Christ, God is in our midst – and in Christ, we can become the presence of God for others. May all that we hold, may all that we touch, may all that we are realize the true miracle of the Incarnation – that we and our world are holy and sacred in the sight of God, our Father and Creator.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By appointment

Sacrament of Baptism and Marriage

Call the office for an appointment

For Pregnancy Support

Birthright 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

Anointing of the Sick

Celebrated biannually at Mass or individually by appointment

Prayer Group in the Parish

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

MASS INTENTIONS January 4 - 10

Saturday 5:00 pm. + Judith McCarthy
Sunday 10:00 am. + Leslie R. Olsen
Tuesday 9:00 am. + Alice Merenda
Thursday 9:00 am. Parishioners
Friday 8:00 am. + Gerardo Fuentes

Stewardship of Treasury

Christmas Collection \$2593

December 28th & 29th \$1046

Thank you and May God bless you!

Men’s Club Meeting

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM. on **Wednesday January 8, 2020**
“Together, supporting each other, we can do great things!”

Women’s Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month, **January 22nd from 1 to 2:30 PM.**

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time. **Please contact Ruth McCormick**
ruthmcc@flash.net

We pray the **ROSARY** together every Saturday at 4:30 PM. Please come to pray for the families and our Country!

We Need Your Support

The 2020 Collection Envelopes are in the entrance to the Church.
Please pick up your box if you had one for last year. God bless you, Fr. Eugenio

OUR BISHOP DANIEL GARCIA WILL VISIT US SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH TO CELEBRATE THE MASS AT 5 PM. PLEASE COME TO BE WITH HIM.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins Saturday, January 18th.

Almighty ever-living God, who gather what is scattered and keep together what you have gathered, look kindly on the flock of your Son, that those whom one Baptism has consecrated may be joined together by integrity of faith and united in the bond of charity.

The Church and our diocese are committed to protecting the children entrusted to our care.

Every member of our clergy, staff and volunteers must pass a criminal background check and be trained on setting boundaries BEFORE they can serve in any ministry that puts them in contact with children. They are also trained and encouraged to recognize signs of possible abuse and report any suspicions to civil authorities. You can report any suspected abuse to Child Protective Services, the police, or your pastor.

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

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

Encountering The Light Through Prayer and Silence
A Mid-Winter Retreat Series
Skyland Community Church

Do you want to move from praying at God to opening yourself to the presence of the One seeking you?

We will explore several prayer forms described by Tilden Edwards in his book, *Living in the Presence*. Each prayer form will be followed by a time of silent contemplation in the company of fellow seekers.

Join us for an introductory session from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm January 4; followed by six two-hour sessions on January 11, 18, 25 and February 1, 8, and 15.

To learn more or register for this retreat series, email Rev. Kevin Omi @
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