

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

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME
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JESUS said to Peter and Andrew, “Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.” At once they left their nets and followed him.
Matthew 4: 12-23

The hard truth about the Tooth Fairy

A seven-year-old boy lost a tooth eating a candied apple at the carnival. He put the tooth in his pocket until he got home.

That night, the boy pulled it out and rather sheepishly told his parents that he wanted to put it under his pillow. When his dad asked if he was sure, the boy asked, “Is there really a tooth fairy?” His dad asked what he thought. The boy paused a second and then replied, “I think you and Mom do it!” His dad confirmed his suspicions.

The boy next surmised that Mom and Dad must also be Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny. His parents explained that, yes, they played those roles as well.

“I wondered how you always knew where the Easter eggs were hidden,” the boy reasoned. He was then struck by the unthinkable: “Will I still get Christmas presents?”

Mon and Dad assured him that there would still be presents for him at Christmas and then gave the standard speech about keeping the secret for the sake of the other children in the neighborhood. He assured them that he would and seemed to accept these new realities well.

It was time for bed, so his parents scooted him upstairs. As he did every night, he knelt beside his Mom and put his folded hands in hers. As he began his prayers, a horrified look suddenly came over his face.

“Oh, no!” he cried, looking up at his parents, “Are you God too?”

If we are not actually God, we are certainly called to do the work of God. Our baptisms were our acceptances of that call to take on the work of discipleship in the homes and classrooms and workplaces where we live our lives. Christ invites us to follow him and to carry on the work he began at the Sea of Galilee, the same work Peter and his brother and fellow fishermen leave their nets to take on: to bring others to God through the Gospel of peace, reconciliation and love.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By request or appointment

Sacrament of Baptism and Marriages

Call the office for an appointment

Anointing of the Sick

Celebrated biannually at Mass or individually by appointment.

Apostolic Letter issued “MOTU PROPRIO” by FRANCIS “APERUIT ILLIS” Instituting the Sunday of the Word of God.

“He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures” (Luke 24:45). This was one of the final acts of the risen Lord before his Ascension. Jesus appeared to the assembled disciples, broke bread with them and opened their minds to the understanding of the sacred Scriptures. To them, amid their fear and bewilderment, he unveiled the meaning of the paschal mystery: that in accordance with the Father’s eternal plan he had to suffer and rise from the dead, in order to bring repentance and the forgiveness of sins. He then promised to send the Holy Spirit, who would give them strength to be witnesses of this saving mystery...

Hence, Saint Jerome could rightly claim: **“Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.”**

Consequently, I hereby declare that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. This Sunday of the Word of God will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This is more than a temporal coincidence: the celebration of the *Sunday of the Word of God* has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity...

May the Sunday of the Word of God help his people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures. For as the sacred author taught of old: **“This word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and your heart for your observance”** (Dt 30:14).

Given in Rome, at the Basilica of Saint John Lateran, on 30 September 2019, the liturgical Memorial of Saint Jerome, on the inauguration of the 1600th anniversary of his death.

FRANCISCUS

MASS INTENTIONS January 25 – 31, 2020
Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Gerard Edward Glenn
Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Peggy Thomas
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. For sick people
Thursday 9:00 a.m. For the families the Parish
Friday 8:00 a.m. + Alba Luna Aramburo

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?

We offer year-round sessions to explore the Catholic faith. For more information, call Fr. Eugenio, 408.353.2210 or eugenio.aramburo@yahoo.com

Plate Collection Report for January 18 and 19, 2020 – total was \$1,788.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Women’s Club/Prayer Group

Hello CCC Martha and Mary Group

Our regularly scheduled meeting will take place the 3rd Wednesday of this month, **February 19, 2020 from 1 to 2:30 pm.**

After opening prayer, we will begin with a spiritual subject then move into our social time.

Hope to see you there.

Blessings, Kathy Tumason.

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

Men’s Club Meeting

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM. on **Wednesday February 12th 2020**

“Together, supporting each other, we can do great things!”

Prayer Requests can be emailed to christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com or written and placed in the box provided in the Church foyer!