

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

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME
February 9, 2020

*“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt
loses its taste, with what can it be
seasoned?”*

Matthew 5: 13016

Humble salt, generous light

Ever eat a handful of salt? Or drink a glass of ocean water?

Of course not! Salt by itself does not taste particularly good – it might even make you sick to your stomach.

Ever look directly at the sun or into a bright, burning bulb? Not without doing permanent damage to your eyes.

Salt and sun, of themselves, are useless. Their value is realized only when they mix with other things. Their addition brings out the fullness of whatever they come in contact with.

That handful of salt, acrid tasting of itself can bring out the natural flavor in every kind of food, from filet to pop-corn. The four ounces of salt in our bodies enable our muscles to contract, our blood to circulate, and our

hearts to beat. Salt purifies and softens, cleans and preserves.

Light’s true beauty is realized only when we look away from its source and toward whatever it illuminates. Light transforms the cold terror of night into the warm safety of day. Light enables us to study, to discover, to behold the beauty of our world and the wonders of God’s creation. Light warms, nurtures, sustains, reveals, cheers.

Salt is perhaps the most humble of all chemicals; light is among the most generous of all physical properties.

In calling us to become salt and light for the earth, Jesus asks us to embrace that same humility and generosity. Those who are “salt of the earth” are not those we admire for their virtue or holiness – they are the ones who bring out the goodness in us and everyone else.

Those who are a “light for the world” divert attention from themselves in order to illuminate the goodness of God in our midst.

To become “salt” in the spirit of Christ is to bring forth the “flavor” of God in everyone and everything; to be “light” that is a reflection of Christ is to illuminate the presence of God in the midst of the dark and the cold, the hidden and the unclear.

(From Know Me, Hold Me, Sing to Me: What My Grandchild Taught Me About God by Kathleen Chesto.)

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

For Pregnancy Support

Birthright 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

Prayer Group in the Parish

Every Tuesday at 8:15 am. All Women and all Men!

MASS INTENTIONS February 8 - 14

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Jo Lagattuta
Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Leslie R. Olsen
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Sylvia Cordle
Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Ted Garland
Friday 8:00 a.m. + Frank Crivello

**On April 1st, make sure you are counted in the
2020 CENSUS because you matter!**

**Citizen or not, documented or not, regardless
of where you are from, WE ALL COUNT!**

Women’s Club/Prayer Group

Hello CCC Martha and Mary Group

For this month scheduled meeting will take place
the 3rd Wednesday of this month
February 19 from 1 – 2:30 PM.

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.
Hope to see you there! Blessings!

“MARDI GRAS PARISH PARTY”

Fat Tuesday! Its happening

Tuesday February 25, 2020

**The Men’s Club invites you, to enjoy good
times, dinner and drinks, before the Lent
beginning! The social will be from 6:00 to 6:45,
after Dinner. A good time for every one!
Welcome everyone in the parish and friends!!!**

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!”**

**Preschool: The Second Sunday of the month
during the 10 am. Mass. Family Social after
Mass!!!**

Care Packages for our Troops

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020

Once again we will join with The Mountain Bible Church to put Jesus’ love and mercy into practice with small practical gifts of encouragement to our men and women serving in the military overseas. A detailed list of suggested items to purchase and donate will be available as the date approaches. **This is also proven to be a great event to invite you non-church neighbors who have a heart to do well.**

**We pray the ROSARY together every
Saturday at 4:30 PM.**

Please come to pray for the families and our Country.

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

February 26, 2020 ASH WEDNESDAY
The Mass at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday is a day of universal fast and abstinence in the Church.

**Every Friday of LENT 6:30 p.m. Soup and
after Pray the Stations of the Cross!**

ALLELUIA!

Alleluia! Our praise word has been silent for 40 days of Lent, Alleluia means “Praise Ye, Lord,” and we sing it out in joyful trinities today. Praise is as common to our liturgical life as petition, but we tend to overlook it. The Eucharistic prayer at the heart of the Mass is a prayer of praise and thanksgiving, which teaches us something about the order of such prayer. Praising God is naturally followed by litanies of reasons flowing from grateful hearts. Our Responsorial Psalms interspersed throughout the Easter Vigil and sung at every Mass, dance with the opportunity to give praise to the One who keeps all promises. **Alleluia!** (Text, Alice L. Camille 1997, OCP)