

## **Christ Child Catholic Church**

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

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## **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**March 8, 2020**

*Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James and John; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light... From the cloud came a voice that said: "this is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."*

**Matthew 17: 1-9**

### **Father and Sons**

The nurse escorted a tired, anxious young man to the bedside of an elderly patient. "Your son is here," the nurse whispered into the ear of the dying man. She had to repeat the words several times before his tired eyes opened. He was heavily sedated and he struggled to breathe through the oxygen clip. He could barely see the young man standing beside his bed; he simply reached out his hand and the young man tightly wrapped his fingers around it, squeezing it with tenderness and assurance. The nurse brought a chair for the young man. For the rest of the night he sat by the old man's bed, holding his hand and gently stroking his forehead. The old man said nothing. As dawn broke, the old man died. The young man gently released the lifeless hand he had been holding all night and went to notify the nurse. The young man waited until the nurse

completed the necessary tasks. The nurse began to offer the young man her condolences, but he interrupted her.

"Who was that man?" he asked the nurse. The startled nurse said, "I thought he was your father." "No, he wasn't. I never saw him before." "Then why didn't you say something when I took you to him?"

The young man said quietly, "I knew he needed his son, and obviously his son wasn't here. My own father just died, and I understand what he and his son must have been going through. When I realized he was too sick to tell whether or not I was his son, I knew how much he needed me."

The lesson of the Transfiguration is that there exists within each one of us the spirit of God to become the person God calls us to be. It is the same spirit, that same "divinity," that Peter, James and John behold in Jesus on the mount of the Transfiguration. That presence of the sacred that exists within Jesus can shine through us, as well, even when we do not notice.

To be "born in the Spirit" is to see things with the eyes of God, to honor what God honors, to love as God loves us. The kingdom of God that Jesus speaks of in the Gospel transcends boundaries and labels, stereotypes and traditions, the color of flags and the color of skin. In God's eyes, we are all his children; in God's heart, we are all brothers and sisters to one another. The young man has embraced that vision of God, a vision that enables him to be a "son" to the dying man. This Lent may the eyes of our own hearts be refocused not on the things of ourselves but on the things of God: may we be "reborn" in the "spirit" of God that moves us to transform pain, despair and injustice into healing hope and compassion.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

By request or by appointment

### **BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS**

Call the office for an appointment.

### **Anointing of the Sick**

**Today the Second Sunday of Lent we have opportunities to heal our body, spirit and soul in the Sacrament of anointing in the Masses**

### **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 March 7 - 13**

**Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Calvin Andrew Stafford**

**Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Cecily Olsen**

**Tuesday 9:00 a.m. The entire sick person**

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

**Friday 8:00 a.m. + Isidro Gonzalez**

### **Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us!**

**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11am – 2pm.**

We will have appetizers, corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, fruit, and something for vegetarians as well. Also included are fabulous desserts, beer and wine. There will be music and 50/50 raffle. As this a fundraiser for the young families group we are asking for a donation of \$15 per persons or \$30 per family. Sometimes money is tight so even if you cannot afford that amount, any amount or nothing is also fine, just come and enjoy! More than money we want to raise our children in a community, the more the merrier!

If you wish to donate you can pay at the door or see Ann, Chiara or Jocelyn after mass on Sunday.

### **Stations of the Cross Friday's**

**Soup and Pray the Stations of the Cross. Meet at 6:30 pm. Afterward pray in the Church.**

### **Women's Club/Prayer Group**

We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month.

**March 25<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 2:30 pm.**

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

### **Men's Club Meeting**

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM.  
on **Wednesday March 11, 2020**

"Together, supporting each other, we can do great things!"

### **Stewardship of Treasury**

**Report Sunday Feb 29 & March 1, 2020**

**Total \$ 1,530.00**

**The program of making packages for the Military last Sunday was very good; we made more than 190 packages thanks to the great generosity of all of you working together.**

**It was a symbol of Christian unity and the sensitivity of men and women in our country for troops away from family and the nation.**

**Thank You!!!**

**Pray for all the militaries!**

### **AMA 2020**

Today, we unite with Christ with our Catholic brothers and sisters throughout the Diocese of Monterey to consider our gifts to the 2020 Annual Ministry Appeal. This is an opportunity for us to be good stewards of God's gifts, as we Grow in Faith, sharing with other Catholics, our treasure and our blessings. Acting together, rooted and grounded in love, we support the ministries that no single individual or parish can offer by themselves.

Your gift IS a gift. Every gift, regardless of size, is vital to the success of the 2020 Annual Ministry Appeal. You can also give securely online at [www.dioceseofmonterey.org/giving](http://www.dioceseofmonterey.org/giving).