

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

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**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**  
**TIME**  
**June 21, 2020**

**1<sup>st</sup> reading Jeremiah 20: 10-13**

**Jeremiah's Unpopular Ministry**

Jeremiah preached the word of God during the difficult years leading to the collapse of the kingdom of Judah. The prophet's message was that such a tragic event was caused by the spiritual weakness of the people. Had they turned to God for their strength, they could have stood up to any opposing force...

*Persecution!* The prophet recalls the jeering and ridicule he endured for speaking the truth. People even threw his own words back at him: Terror on every side! The prophet had directed these words against a certain Pashhur, the officer who had him arrested. One day, the prophet warned, Pashhur would experience the exile he denied would ever take place.

*Divine protection!* Unlike those around him, Jeremiah knows that God is the only reliable source of strength and security. In the confidence that comes from such faith, the prophet professes his trust in God.

In fact, one year later (587 B.V.E.) the Babylonian army gained control of Jerusalem.

**2<sup>nd</sup> reading Romans 5: 12-15**

**Death in Adam, Life in Christ**

No human being escaped the clutches of sin and death.

The implication is that Adam's sin had infected all.

Jesus introduced the reign of justice and life. In fact, Jesus' gift was much greater than the deprivation caused by Adam. As Paul goes on to say, Jesus' gift was able to remove all offenses and bring all human beings eternal life.

**The Gospel of Matthew 10: 26-33**

**Jesus Teaches the Fear of God**

**"Do not fear."** The apostles are encouraged not to fear intimidation or persecution.

Intimidators act in secretive ways. Jesus assures the apostles that "nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, and nothing hidden that will not become known." This statement is comforting or distressing, depending on whether or not one has been acting with integrity. Jesus encourages his apostles to act boldly and publicly. The truth should be seen (as light) and heard as news proclaimed from the housetops. Nor should persecution be a cause of fear. Persecution cannot kill the soul.

**God loves providence!** The apostles need not fear since God is in charge.

With wry humor Jesus compares the "value" of the apostles to the value of these inexpensive birds: "You 're worth more than many sparrows."

After all, every hair on their heads is counted.

**Fidelity leads to eternal life!** A second reason not to fear is that eternal life is the fruit of fidelity. Eternal life will not belong to those who succumb to fear.

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

This is the kind of witness, especially in the home, that Jesus is talking about in today's gospel.

It is the king of witness that, perhaps, we are not used to. It is, however, the kind of witness that Jesus invites us to make.

It is the kind of witness that, if we implement it, can change our family relationships and lives in a most remarkable way. And what keeps us from this kind of witness? Jesus himself alludes to it three times in the course of the Gospel. It is fear. And three times Jesus says to his followers, "Fear not!" and that's what he says to us here today: "Fear not!"

**God our Father, give us the courage to bear witness to you in every area of life. Help us realize that the most important area of witness is in the home.**

**If we bear witness in this area, our witness in the other areas of life will take care of itself.**

**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

**Holy Communion in the Mass!**

**Place one hand under the other while keeping your fingers together, "making a throne for the King," as St. Cyril of Jerusalem says.**

Receive the Host in your hand, then step six feet away from minister. Then carefully loosen your facial covering, consume the Host, and replace the facial covering.

Those who come forward to receive a blessing may do so, but the minister should NOT touch the person coming to receive the blessing.

**Final Blessing and Dismissal**

Pastors should consider having the congregation dismissed by rows, under the supervision of ushers, to avoid crowding at the exits of the church and continue social distancing...

**MASS INTENTIONS June 20 - 26**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Alexis Oliver

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Luis Sandoval

David & Norma Hammons

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Alexis Oliver

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Parishioners

Thursday 9:00 a.m. The Oliver Family

Friday 9:00 a.m. + Luis Sandoval

+ Florencio Melchor Gomez

**TREASURY REPORT SUNDAY**

**June 13 & 14, 2020**

**Total Collection was \$3,150.00**

**Thank you and May God the Father bless you!**

**With much love and admiration for all of you FATHERS, our prayers and these Eucharistic for you and thank you for your sacrifice and dedication to your children. Happy Father's Day!**

**MEN'S CLUB MEETING**

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM. on **Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>**

**"Together, supporting each other, we can do great things."**

**Women's Club/Prayer Group**

We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 1 - 2:30 PM. **June 24<sup>th</sup>!**

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.