

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

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**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**  
**July 5, 2020**

**1<sup>st</sup> reading Zechariah 9: 9-10**

**The Coming King**

Donkeys were royal mounts in the ancient Near East, but the fact that the **messianic King** is pictured riding one of these into **Jerusalem**, rather than a war horse or chariot, signals that His ultimate purpose was to inaugurate a worldwide kingdom of peace.

Zechariah preached the word of God during the difficult years following the return from exile (c. 520 B.C.E.). Through his oracles, noted for their vivid imagery, he seeks to steer his people back on the road of faith. Trust in the God of Israel is the only foundation for a secure future.

In the past the people sought out earthly resources as a means of security. The usual choice was military strength to fend off all attack from surrounding enemies. But this strategy had failed them in the days of the monarchy. They had only recently returned from a prolonged exile in Babylon.

**The prophet offers them a far better choice: faith in the God of Israel.**

In their place the prophet sees God approaching the city of Jerusalem.

**To explore the wisdom of humility!**

**2<sup>nd</sup> reading, Romans 8: 9, 11-13**

Paul sometimes uses “flesh” in a neutral sense, referring to a human being living on earth. Here, however, it refers to a human being dominated by selfishness and hostile to God. In this sense, Christians dedicated to God are not “in the flesh.” Paul sometimes uses “spirit” to designate the whole person as dedicated to God. One who lives “in the spirit” is led by the Spirit of God, transformed by the Spirit of God, living “because of justice in this life, eventually to be raised from the death by the Spirit of God. In a word, such people “belong to Christ” because the “spirit of Christ” dwells in them.

**The Gospel Matthew 11: 25-30**  
**Jesus Gives True Rest!**

One of the most gracious commands in the Bible, Jesus’ invitation to **come** (lit. “Come now!”) speaks to all who are oppressed by routine, monotony, overwork, responsibility, and tension. Those who are **heavy laden** endure something that is laid on them from an outside source, causing what we would today call “burnout.”

Jesus’ form of **rest** is not absence of work but rejuvenation and refreshment.

In Jesus’ day, taking the **yoke** of another meant coming under that person’s leadership and walking in that person’s footsteps. When believers take Jesus’ yoke, they place themselves under His dominion. Only then do His followers enjoy the day-by-day release from stress that God intended.

**PRAYER REQUESTS: Can be sent to**  
**[christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com](mailto:christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com)**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

By request or appointment

**Anointing of the Sick**

Celebrates biannually at Mass or individually by appointment

**For Pregnancy Support:**

Birthright 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

**MASS INTENTIONS JULY 4 - 10**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Dennis Stacey  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Leslie R. Olsen  
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. David & Norma Hammons  
Thursday 9:00 a.m. + John Parker  
Friday 9:00 a.m. The Oliver Family

**Men’s Club Meeting**

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM.  
on **Wednesday, July 8, 2020**

**“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. July 22<sup>nd</sup>!

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

**Catechesis on Prayer.**

**The prayer of David.**

**On our itinerary of catechesis on prayer, today we meet King David. Favored by God even from his youth, he is chosen for a unique mission that plays a central role in the history of the People of God and of our own faith. In the Gospels, Jesus is called “son of David” a number of times; in fact, like him, He was born in Bethlehem. According to the promises, the Messiah would come from the descendants of David: a King completely after God’s heart, in perfect obedience to the Father, whose action faithfully realizes His plan of salvation. David’s story begins on the hills surrounding Bethlehem, where he grazes the flock of his father, Jesse. He is still a boy, the last of many brothers. So much so that when the prophet Samuel, by God’s order, goes in search of the new king, it seems almost as if his father has forgotten about his youngest son. He worked in the open air: we can think of him as a friend of the wind, of the sounds of nature, of the rays of the sun. He has only one companion to comfort his soul: his harp; and during those long days spent in solitude, he loves to play and to sing to his God.**

He also played with the slingshot.

**Therefore David is first and foremost, a shepherd: a man who takes care of animals, who defends them from oncoming danger, who provides for their sustenance. When, by God’s will, David will have to care for his people, the actions he will take will not be very different from these. This is why the image of the shepherd frequently occurs in the Bible. Even Jesus defines himself as “the good shepherd,” whose behavior is different than that of the mercenary; he offers his life on behalf of the sheep; he guides them; he knows each of them by name.**

**David learned a lot from his previous job. So, when the prophet Nathan reproaches him for his very serious sin, David understands right away that he has been a bad shepherd, that he has despoiled another man of his only sheep which he loved, and that he is no longer a humble servant, but a man crazy for power, a poacher who loots and preys on others. A second characteristic trait present in David’s vocation is his poet’s soul. From this small observation, we can deduce that David was not a vulgar man, as is often the case with individuals who are forced to live for long periods isolated from society. He is, instead, a sensitive person who loves music and song. His harp would accompany him always: sometimes to raise a hymn of joy to God, other times to express a lament, or to confess his own sin.**

(So the invitation to all to pray with the creation of God and with the Psalms. (This catechism of the Pope will continue in the next bulletin!))

**The new Christian in the Catholic Church**

**Jack Buell Tittle**

**Baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit at Christ Child Church - On the 27th day of June, 2020 – Congratulations!**