

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

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**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME**  
**August 16, 2020**

**First reading Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7**  
**Salvation for the Gentiles**

“The Lord says to his people, ‘Do what is just and right, for soon I will save you.

And the Lord says to those foreigners who become part of his people, who love him and serve him, who observe the Sabbath and faithfully keep his covenant: “I will bring you to Zion, my sacred hill,” give you joy in my house of prayer, and accept the sacrifices you offer on my altar. My Temple will be called a house of prayer for the people of all nations.”

**O God let all the nations praise you!**

**Second reading Romans 11: 13 -15, 29-32**  
**Israel's Rejection Not Final**

Because Israel's rejection of their Messiah was so tragic, their acceptance of Him will be as vivid as one being resurrected from the death. Picture the open valley of dry bones in Ezekiel. Those bones will have life from the dead, which also will be true of believing and restored Israel during the Millennium.

Israel was eager to lay claim to its special status as a nation with God, but reluctant to accept the responsibility of faithful obedience to Him. Yet God has given an unconditional

promise to His people, and He is not going to renege on His promise.

Gentiles should not criticize God because of His plan to bless Israel in the future. God chose Israel so Gentiles could receive and enjoy salvation.

**Alleluia! JESUS proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people. Alleluia!**

**The Gospel Matthew 15: 21-28**  
**A Gentile Shows Her Faith**

After His confrontation with the Pharisees, Jesus left Jewish territory and entered the pagan lands around **Tyre and Sidom**. While Mark calls this woman a “Syros-Phoenician.” Matthew uses the older term, **woman of Canaan**. Jesus had previously healed Gentiles on Jewish soil; here His healing took place in Gentile territory. Still, He made it clear that His first priority was the Jewish people.

The **children** represent Israel, the **bread** represents the gospel, and the **little dogs** represent the Gentiles. This does not imply that Jesus had disdain for the Gentiles but that He could personally only reach and teach so many during His earthly ministry.

Today's gospel stresses the important truth that God doesn't treat us like puppets. He treats us like partners.

In other words, we shouldn't sit idly by and expect God to pull some string to save us every time we get into a jam.

Or to put it in yet another way, God doesn't want us merely to sit by and trust. He also wants us to roll up our sleeves and work. He expects us to trust and to work. This is the message of today's gospel.

And so

If peace is to come to our world, if the hungry among us are to be fed, if the homeless among us are to be housed, if the

naked among us are to be clothed, if families are to be places of love, if our children are to grow up wholesome, we must do more than turn to God in prayer and trust. We must also roll up our sleeves and work.

And then

We must do so with aggressiveness, as did the woman in today's gospel.

In short, the message of today's gospel comes down to this: We should trust as if everything depended on God, but work and be aggressive as if everything depended on us.

*We pray the Rosary together every Saturday at 4:30 PM Please come to pray for the families and our Country!*

**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

**MASS INTENTIONS August 15 - 21**

**Saturday 5:00 p.m. David & Norma Hammons**

**Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Constanino Silva**

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Mardy Murphy

Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Ruth McCormick

Friday 9:00 a.m. + John Parker

**The new Christian in the Catholic Church**

**Murphy James Connors**

**Baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit at Christ Child Church**

**On the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020**

**Jesus anoints you with the Chrism of salvation, so that you may remain members of Christ, Priest, Prophet and King!**

**Congratulations to the parents!**

**Women's Club/Prayer Group**

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

**From 1 to 2:30 pm. August 26<sup>nd</sup>**

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

**Back to School**

We as a Catholic Community would like to wish a very good year 2020-2021 to the children, teens, teachers, workers...

May God our Father be with you and protect, and give to you His wisdom and love. We pray for you every day; we promise.

**Have a good year!**

**Assumption**

**Mary's example of faith in difficult situations is what the Feast of the Assumption is all about. She is a human being, not God. Just as a rainbow shows us how beautiful light can be, without being the source of light itself, so Mary proclaims the glory of God as a human being, and it is precisely as a human being that she becomes our model.**

**The Assumption is the feast of our Blessed Mother, who has already “made it,” who is already in heaven with Jesus. And the Assumption is our feast. Mary challenges us, to let God and God's love take over our lives, too. By faith, then, we know that someday we will be with her in heaven.**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Can be sent to

[christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com](mailto:christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com)

**TREASURY REPORT SUNDAY**

**August 8 & 9, 2020**

**Plate Collection \$ 1,453.00**

**Thank you and May God bless your generosity!**

**Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I the Lord, your God, am holy. (Lv 19:2)**