

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

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ORDINARY TIME
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Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First reading the Prouhet Isaiah 22: 19-23
The Judgment on Shebna

Isaiah vehemently denounces a public official named **Shebna**, the chief administrator of the king's house. He had used his office to gain glory and fame for himself, accumulating chariots for his personal use and having a tomb -worthy of royalty- built for him. God does not tolerate such pride and arrogance. **Eliakim**, Shebna's successor, would control access to the Davidic king. The people had a choice to trust either this official or the Lord for what they needed. Though Eliakim would initially serve the Lord and the king, he would eventually be deposed, and the kingdom of Judah would be taken away into captivity.

Lord, your love is eternal: do not forsake the work of your hands!

Second reading Romans 11: 33-36
Living Sacrifices to God

Paul ascribes everything concerning creation, redemption, providence, and eternity to God.

“Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

For who has known the mind of the Lord?

Or who has become His counselor?

For of Him and through Him, and to Him are all things, to who be glory forever.

Amen.”

The Gospel Matthew 16: 13-20

Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ

These two questions were at the heart of Jesus' desire for His own disciples to comprehend the truth of His deity and His coming death on the cross. The theoretical beliefs of others about Jesus – a fanatic (**John the Baptist**), a powerful preacher (**Elijah**), or **one of the prophets** – were not nearly as important as each disciple's personal belief about who He is.

This is true for every person. Ultimately, the questions that matter is, “Who do you think Jesus is?”

“Peter understood that Jesus is the Messiah, the **Son of the living God.**

Jesus declared that Peter had the **keys** to preaching the **kingdom** of God to both Jews and Gentiles.

Rabbis used the terms **bind** and **loose** to refer to whether something was permissible or not according to the law. Peter would one day make judgment about what was permissible in the church, although the final determinations remain with Jesus.

Can You Find the Man?

A little girl went to CCD class for the first time. After class her mother asked her, “Amy, how did you like CCD today?” The little girl said, “I didn't like it at all.” Her mother said, “It was your first

time. Just wait a few weeks. You'll come to like it.”

Three weeks later the little girl came home from CCD with big tears in her eyes. “What's the matter?” her mother asked. “It's CCD,” the little girl said. “Must I keep going?” “Why?” asked her mother. “What's wrong?” “Well,” said the little girl, “everybody talks about somebody named Jesus. And I don't know who he is. I've never even met him.”

We find Jesus in the Eucharist, in the needy in our midst, and in personal prayer!

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

Plate Collection

August 15 & 16, 2020

Total \$1,264.00

Thank You and May God bless you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS August 22 - 28

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Corwin Hyde Lakin

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Layman E. Allen

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + John Parker

Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Pat Every

Friday 9:00 a.m. + Jack Meissner

+ Constantino Silva

Women's Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from
1 to 2:30 pm. August 26th

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

We pray the ROSARY together every Saturday at 4:30 PM Please come to pray for the families!

PRAYER REQUEST Can be sent
christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com

Surprise ice cream delivery reveals Pope Francis' favorite flavor

Rome – Life in the eternal city in August is an oppressive affair. With day after day of mid-90s heat and almost no reliable air conditioning, the *romani* often have but one last refuge: a cup or cone of dense, soft and blissfully cool Italian gelato.

Just ask Pope Francis, long known as something of an enthusiast. And now, thanks to an intrepid Italian *gelateria* owner, we even know the pontiff's favorite flavor. According to popular radio station R101, Maria Grazia Magrini, whose shop on Italy's Adriatic Coast will celebrate its centennial next year, sent a package the Vatican's way with three of their most popular flavors: custard, vanilla and coffee. Along with the milk-and sugar- based cooling goodness, the proprietor sent a little note: “As we pray for you, please pray for us.” As one occasionally does, Magrini got a call from Francis to thank her personally for the package. “Thank you for thinking of me,” said the pontiff. “Your gelato is really good.” Magrini said the two spoke for about 15 minutes. She did not want to reveal too much of their conversation, but said that among the flavors, Francis had a clear favorite: coffee. (Joshua J. McElwee is NCR Vatican correspondent)

Pandemic has revealed how often human dignity is ignored, pope says

“The pandemic has highlighted how vulnerable and interconnected we all are. If we do not take care of each other, starting with the least – those who are most affected, including creation – we cannot heal the world.”

“AS disciples of Jesus, he said, “we do not want to be indifferent or individualistic – two ugly attitudes, which are against harmony. Indifferent, I look the other way. And individualistic, ‘only for me,’ looking only at one's own interests.”