

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

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**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
October 4, 2020

**Within your will, O LORD, all things are
established, and there is none that can resist
your will.**

**For you have made ALL things, the heaven
and the earth, and ALL that are held within
the circle of heaven; you are the LORD of
ALL.**
(Esther 4:17)

First reading Isaiah 5:1-7
God's Disappointing Vineyard

This song is a parable about a vineyard. The first stanza (5:1, 2) is about God's care for His vineyard and His expectation that it would yield good grapes. The second stanza (5:3-6) expresses God's disappointment with the vineyard's failure to yield good fruit. The third stanza (5:7) reveals that the vineyard represents – Israel.

God's word challenges us and our society. In today's readings we hear the prophetic side of God's message, first from Isaiah and then from Jesus. Neither was afraid to cry out against the people when they strayed from God's ways. Israel had strayed far God's vision. They went their own way, ignoring God's law, making up a kingdom of their own that was based more on **prestige** and **success** than on the covenant Israel had made with God.

“Wake up and smell the coffee!” Israel might say today! The first step in getting in tune with God is realizing how far we have strayed.

Second reading Philippians 4: 6-9

Be United, Joyful, and in Prayer

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

The Greek word **meditates translated means** “to ponder, consider, value, give proper weight to.” Paul presents six guidelines for proper meditation and thought: think on what is **true, noble, just, pure, lovely,** and of **good report.** Right thinking will win the battle against worry.

The Gospel Matthew 21: 33-43

The Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers

Jesus' parable here has several allegorical elements. The **landowner** represents God, the **vineyard** stands for Israel, the **servants** equate to His prophets, and the landowner's **son** is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. When Jesus asked His listeners to finish the parable – not interpret it – He was trying to get them so involved in the story that they would see His point and repent.

“I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will remain.”
(John 15:16)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By request or 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 October 3 - 9

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + John Schaner
Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Leslie R. Olsen
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Jon Kelly
Thursday 9:00 a.m. All the sick persons
Friday 9:00 a.m. + John Schaner

Stewardship of Treasure
Report Sunday September 19 & 20, 2020

TOTAL \$ 2,940.00

Report Sunday September 26 & 27, 2020

TOTAL \$ 1,046.00

Second Collection Maintenance was \$311.00

Thank you and May God bless you and protect!

THIS YEAR OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

of our children has to be very different, due to the pandemic. It has to be at HOME with you parents, the parish will be there to help you with materials and work.

It is essential that our children know Jesus Christ and be friends with Him.

Please call to the parish and with our catechists Chris, Herb and Maria Del Carmen.

Women's Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month,
October 28th from 1 to 2:30 pm. Our focus is
social and spiritual at the same time.

October the moth of Virgen of the Rosary!

Every Saturday we pray the ROSARY together
in the church at 4:30 pm.

Also pray the Rosary in your home!

Please pray for our families and our Country.

Hail Mary

The voice of the Angel and Elizabeth:

**“Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women and blessed is
the fruit of your womb.”**

The voice of the Church:

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us
sinners, now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.**

**The Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious
mysteries!!!**

Family to pray in home all time is in united!

Catechesis “Healing the Word”

**Preparing the future together with Jesus who
saves and heals!**

In recent weeks we have reflected together, in the light of the Gospel, on how to heal the world that is suffering from a malaise that the pandemic has highlighted and accentuated. The malaise was already there: the pandemic highlighted it more, it accentuated it. We have walked the paths of dignity, solidarity and subsidiarity, paths that are essential to promote human dignity, and the common good. And as disciples of Jesus, we have proposed to follow in His steps, opting for the poor, rethinking the use of material goods and taking care of our common home. By guided by faith, by hope and by charity! Here we have found solid help so as to be transformers who dream big, who are not stopped by the meanness that divides and hurts, but who encourage the generation of a new and better world.

Our world needs to be healed not only of the present virus, but also of the “social ills” of inequality, injustice and exclusion that afflict so many our brothers and sisters in the human family. In the light of Christ's teaching, we have seen the importance of solidarity, subsidiarity and respect for human dignity for the shaping of a society in accord with the values of God's Kingdom, a society that gives priority to its poorest and most vulnerable members, and to the responsible stewardship of the goods of creation. Just as Jesus brought physical and spiritual healing to the sick, so we too are called to bring the Gospel's healing power to the task of creating a more just, inclusive and participatory society at every level.

We need to set to work urgently to generate good policies, to design systems of social organization that reward participation, care and generosity, rather than indifference, exploitation and particular interests... A society where diversity is respected is much more resistant to any kind of virus... **Pope Francis**