

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

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
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*Please pandemic time and opportunity to
take your Bible and look for and read the
readings of each Sunday and make
reflection and life.*

Here I put a guide!

Fr. Eugenio

**Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn
to the Lord and strength; constantly seek his
face.**

(cf. Psalm 105: 3-4)

First reading Exodus 22: 20-26

**“Thus says the Lord:” about all the good
things people will enjoy once they choose to
follow the way of the Lord.**

God’s laws protect the underprivileged because
He cares for them (**I am gracious**). Foreigners
were to be treated benevolently because the
Hebrew people had been **strangers** in Egypt;
likewise, those without protection –**widows** and
the fatherless and **the poor**- were not to be
exploited.

Under the law, a creditor had the right to seize a
debtor’s coat. Here, however, God said the
garment should be returned **before the sun goes
down** so the impoverished person would not get
cold.

Compassion was always a part of the Law!

**“I love you, O Lord, my strength, O Lord, my
rock, my fortress, my deliverer.”**

Psalm 18: 2

Second reading 1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10

**Paul continues to thank God for leading the
Thessalonians to the gospel. They persevere in
faith even in the midst of persecution.**

God Himself affirmed the message in the hearts of
those who heard it. And the message was
personalized: the Thessalonians knew **what kind
of men** Paul, Timothy, and Silas **were** and that it
was for their **sake** that these men preached. The
preaching of the Word was validated by the
Spirit-empowered lives these men lived.

The Thessalonians had experienced **much
affliction**, but as often happens when faith is
tested; they had also experienced **joy** that they
never could have known apart from those trials.
Their response to suffering had made them
examples to other believers as well.

Conversion is a turning from death to life, which
results in changed behavior. The Thessalonians
had **turned... from idols and to God**. Their
conversion not only proved the authenticity of
their faith but allowed them to wait with hopeful
expectations for the return of God’s **Son from
heaven**.

Wait means to have a patient, steadfast alertness
about the return of Jesus. The Thessalonian
Christians knew that Jesus was coming from
heaven to **deliver** those who believe in Him **from
the wrath to come**, and that motivated them to
proclaim the gospel. The wrath Paul speaks of
was most likely a reference to the final judgment.

**Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the
Lord, and my Father will love him and we will
come to him!**

The Gospel Matthew 22: 34-40

**The Scribes: Which is the First Commandment
of All?**

The **Pharisees** again tried to trap Jesus in
controversy, with one of them asking a question
that apparently was being hotly debated in their
own circles.

Heart, soul, and mind represent the whole
person, not separate categories of human

experience. Love for God must naturally lead to
love for those who are made in His image. These
two interconnected laws –love for God and love
for one’s neighbor- together summarizes all of the
Ten Commandments.

Love’s three levels

The first level of love is the minimal level. It’s
sometimes called the essence of love. The first
level of love consists in mutual sharing and
fidelity. This mutual sharing and fidelity is the
very essence of love. Without it there is no
genuine love.

The second level of love is sometimes called the
logic of love. It’s a higher level. At this level the
lover is not content with mutual sharing and
mutual fidelity. At this level the lover wants to do
more. The lover searches for ways to surprise and
to please the beloved.

The third level of love is called the folly of love. It
is the most perfect love there is.

At this level the lover does what other people
consider madness. At this level the lover does
what ordinary people cannot understand.

**“Though he was in the form of God... (Jesus)
emptied himself...he humbled himself,
becoming obedient to death, even death on a
cross.”**

Philippians 2:6-8

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By request or appointment

Anointing of the Sick

Celebrated biannually at Mass or individually call
for an appointment

MASS INTENTIONS October 24 - 30

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Don Hanley

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Jon Kelly

**Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + John Schaner
+ Mary Frangione**

Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Ruth McCormick

**Friday 9:00 a.m. + Theresia Krauss
+ Nicky Kovao**

Stewardship of Treasure
Report Sunday October 17 & 18, 2020

Plate Collection Total \$1,394.00
Mission Sunday Collection was \$157.00
**Thank you and May God bless you for your
generosity!**

The annual Christ Child COAT DRIVE
Due to this the Pandemic, this year we are
NOT going to collect any clothing such as
sweaters, coats or jackets for the people of
Greenfield.
For this year please do NOT bring any
clothes! Thanks for your understanding and
help. Father Eugenio

**PRAYER REQUEST Can be sent
christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com**

**Every Saturday we pray the ROSARY
together in the church at 4:30 pm.**
**Please come to pray for our families, the
Church and our Country!**

The 17th Annual Giving at Greenfield is not
going VIRTUAL!

**Most of you may have received our request to
sign up for a Greenfield family this week. Our
friends in Greenfield could use our help more
than ever! If you can help in any way, please
fill out the Google form and send it to me
ASAP. I hope to have family information
early in November and I’d love to match you
up with a family. There are other ways to
participate including a financial donation, gift
cards, or helping me shop and wrap gifts.**

**I am concerned we might not have enough
participation to adopt our normal 50 families.**
**It is very important that I hear from you
ASAP.**

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