

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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 29, 2020

**To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I
have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor
let my enemies exult over me; and let none who
hope in you be put to shame.**
(cf. Psalm 25: 103)

First reading Isaiah 63: 16b-17, 19b; 64: 2-7
A Prayer of Penitence

“You, O Lord, are our FATHER; our
REDEEMER from everlasting is Your name.”
“That You would come down! That the mountain
might shake at Your presence...”
“O Lord, **why** have You made us **stray** from
Your ways, and hardened our heart from Your
fear? Return for Your servants’ sake.”
The prophet calls on God to **come down** and **rend
the heavens** and **shake the mountains**. These are
all mighty displays of God’s power where He
brings judgment and salvation.

**“Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your
face and we shall be saved!**

**Return, we beseech You, O God of hosts; look
down from heaven and see, and visit this vine
and the vineyard which Your right hand has
planted...”**

Psalm 80: 14 -15

Second reading 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9
Greeting! Spiritual Gifts at Corinth

Peace always follows **grace**; grace is given, peace
is the result. Paul reminds the Corinthians of the
privileges that are theirs in Christ: they were

enriched with spiritual gifts in abundance,
established (**confirmed**) on an absolutely secure
foundation and equipped (**gift**) with everything
they needed for godly life and practice. Enriched
comes from a Greek cognate of plutocrat-one who
is very wealthy. Corinth was known as the most
gifted church at that time.

Paul’s thankfulness was rooted, not in the
Corinthians but in the **God who is faithful**. The
Corinthians had a future hope because they had a
faithful heavenly Father.

**Alleluia, alleluia...Show us, Lord, your love;
and grant us your salvation!**

The Gospel Mark 13: 33-37

No One Knows the Day or Hour

The Lord did not say things such as this to prompt
speculation on when He might return. The
Christian’s responsibility is to remain watchful,
pure, and ready.

But **ADVENT** is not just a time when we recall
and relive Israel’s waiting for the Messiah, Jesus.
It is much more than that. **ADVENT** is also, a
time when we recall that Jesus will return at the
end of history-at a time we least expect. That’s
why Mark tells us in today’s gospel: **“Be on
watch, be alert... If Jesus comes suddenly, he
must not find you asleep. What I say to you, and
then I say to all: Watch!”**

This brings us to the second point about
ADVENT. You and I live in the important
interval between Jesus’ first coming and his
second coming. Our job is not to sit piously and
stare at the sky, recalling Jesus’ first coming and
anticipating his second coming.

Our job is to complete the work he graces us to
do. Before returning to his Father, Jesus told his
followers” “Go, then, to all peoples everywhere
and make them my disciples: baptize them in the
name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
and teach them to obey everything I HAVE
COMMANDED YOU. And I will be with you
always, to the end of the age.”

ADVENT is a time when we check on how well
we are doing this... to spread God’s kingdom on
earth.

For Pregnancy Support

Birthright 408 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

MASS INTENTIONS Nov. 28 – Dec. 4

**Saturday 4:00 p.m. + Dr. John Evan Hench
+ Donald W. Hanley**

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Leslie R. Olsen

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Ruth McCormick

Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Jenise Louise Carlson

Friday 9:00 a.m. For our Sick people

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(CONFESSION)
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11TH AT 5:00 P.M.**

Stewardship of Treasure

Report Sunday November 7 & 8, 2020

TOTAL \$1,583.00

Report Sunday November 14 & 15, 2020

TOTAL \$1,290.00

Report Sunday November 21 & 22, 2020

TOTAL \$ 937.00

**Thank you! And May God bless you in your
generosity**

17th Annual Giving at Greenfield

Did you miss adopting a Greenfield family?

Contact Karen at 408-375-0984 or

karengjoesten@gmail.com

All gifts should be dropped off at Christ Child no
late than **11 am on Sunday, Dec. 6th we will
deliver gifts SATURDAY, December 12th**

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick with
celebrations!**

**Saturday, December 5 at 4:00 p.m. with
Mass and Sunday December 6 at 10:00 a.m.
with Mass**

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary Masses:**

**Monday December 7 at 4 pm. And Tuesday
December 8 at 9 am.**

**THE VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE
LORD Thursday, December 24th**
The Masses at 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
CHRISTMAS Friday, December 25th**
The Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Please take Note!!!

Because of the pandemic situation now our
MASSES are outside of the interior of the
temple and outdoors.
It is a little difficult for everyone because of
the autumn and winter climate.

Please note the time and changes in our
Masses and extra masses.

If the climate does not allow us to have the
Eucharist (Mass) when it is raining, come at
the time of the scheduled Mass and thus be
able to receive at the least the Holy
Eucharist (Communion) and thus be united
with Christ Our Savior.

You can receive Communion while in your
cars!!!

PRAYER REQUEST

Can be sent

christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com

Let us close with a prayer, asking Jesus to
help us persevere in the work he gave us to
do:

**Jesus, give us your strength. For sometimes
things get tough, and we want to quit.**

**Jesus, give us your love. For sometimes
people reject us, and we are tempted to
hate.**

**Jesus, give us your eyes. For sometimes life
gets cloudy and dark, and we lose our way.**

**Jesus, give us yourself. Our hearts were
made for you, and they will not rest until they
rest in you.**