

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

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME
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Please, every week are the readings of the Holy Sunday Mass, you can open your BIBLE and read and reflect and make the Word of God your life!

First reading 1 Samuel 3: 3b – 10, 19

Samuel's First Prophecy

Samuel lived at a time when prophets rarely spoke to Israel. The Israelites' hearts were hard, and the Lord knew they would not listen.

Samuel did not yet know the Lord even though he had learned about Him his whole life. Knowing about God is not the same as a personal relationship with Him.

God's call to Samuel came with greater intensity each time.

This last time He called his name twice as a signal that this was a crucial moment. Other people whom God called by repeating their names include Abraham, Jacob, and Moses.

“So Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.”

“Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will!”

Psalms 40:2: The phrase **waited patiently** literally means “waiting I waited” and expresses confident trust in God.

Second reading 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Glorify God in Body and Spirit

These two verses should be read as an imaginary conversation between Paul and the Corinthian

church. Paul seeks to set the Corinthians straight by reminding them that the pleasures of this world are corruptible and will pass away. The Christian life is informed by that which is incorruptible and glorifies God.

With this sobering reminder of the consequences of sin, believers must consider the implications of their actions, for they are in Christ.

Adultery twists what marriage was created to be. Christian couples are **joined to the Lord**. How dare they corrupt this mystical union for a moment of destructive pleasure.

When Paul says to flee sexual immorality, he means, “run for your life.” Following the model of Joseph with Potiphar's wife, the servant of God should not entertain **sexual immorality** for even a moment and must make no provision for the flesh. To permit anything to enter one's **body** outside of the boundaries God has established becomes a form of idolatry that defiles the **temple of the Holy Spirit**.

“Therefore glorify God in your body.”

The Gospel John 1:35-42

The First Disciples

John the Baptist told even his own **disciples to follow Jesus**. Jesus' penetrating question- **What do you seek?** – is for those who truly want to know Him. Genuine followers of Christ are willing to submit themselves to Him.

Many Ways to Meet Jesus

In the Gospel of John, we observe a variety of ways to come into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ:

Preaching of the Word (Andrew).

Concern and witness of a family member (Simon Peter).

Pointed encounter with the Savior (Philip).

Powerful testimony of friends (Nathanael).

God, in His sovereign will, depended on those who already knew Him to bring others to Him – as He still does today.

We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us!

Anointing of the Sick

Celebrated biannually at Mass or individually by appointment

For Pregnancy Support:

Birthright 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Begins Monday, 18 January (USA)

Monday the birth of Martin Luther King, Jr. is celebrated **Prayers for the end of racial discrimination...and for the Preservation of Peace and Justice in our Country!**

MASS INTENTIONS January 16 - 22

Saturday 4:00 p.m. + Michael Glidden

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + John Del Vecchio

Marie Spooner B/day

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Nickie Kovac

Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Mary Ellen Beal

Friday 9:00 a.m. + Irene Ann Miller

January 22 Friday

On this day following the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, *Roe vs. Wade* (1973) All dioceses of the United States shall observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

WOMEN'S CLUB/ PRAYER GROUP

We meet 4th Wednesday of each month, **January 27th 2021** from 1 to 2:30 pm. Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

Stewardship of Treasure

January 9 & 10, 2021 Total \$ 1,427.00

Thank you and God bless your generosity!

Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the XXIX World day of the Sick 2021

“You have but one teacher and you are all brothers” (Mt 23:8). A Trust based relationship to guide care for the sick.

The celebration of the XXIX World Day of the Sick on 11 February 2021, the liturgical memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes, is an opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who provide them with assistance and care both in healthcare institutions and within families and community. We think in particular of those who have suffered, and continue to suffer, the effects of the worldwide coronavirus pandemic...

The experience of sickness makes us realize our own vulnerability and our innate need of others. It makes us feel all the more clearly that we are creatures dependent on God. When we are well, fear and even bewilderment can grip our minds and hearts; we find ourselves powerless, since our health does not depend on our abilities or life's incessant worries.

Sickness raises the question of life's meaning, which we bring before God in faith. In seeking a new and deeper direction in our lives, we may not find an immediate answer. Nor are our relatives and friends always able to help us in this demanding quest...

Sickness always has more than one face: it has the face of all the sick, but also those who feel ignored, excluded and prey to social injustices that deny their fundamental rights...

Such closeness is a precious balm that provides support and consolation to the sick in their suffering. As Christians, we experience that closeness as a sign of the love of Jesus Christ, the Good Samaritan, who draws near with compassion to every man and woman wounded by sin... A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned... To Mary, the Mother of Mercy and Health of the Infirm, I entrust the sick, healthcare workers and all those who generously assist our suffering brothers and sisters. To each and all, I cordially impart my blessing.

www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/ick/documents/papa-francesco-2021

