

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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
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Lent begins with a reflection on the **Temptation of Jesus** in the wilderness. The first reading describes the ancient Jewish ritual of presenting the first fruits and gifts to God to thank Him for liberating His people from Egypt and for strengthening them during the years of their trials and temptation in the desert. In the second reading, St. Paul warns the early Christians converted from Judaism not to yield to their constant temptation to return to the observances of the Mosaic Laws. He reminds them that they will be saved only by acknowledging the risen Jesus as Lord and Savior.

The Church assigns temptation stories to the beginning of Lent because temptations come to everybody, not only to Jesus, and we seem almost genetically programmed to yield to them. We are surrounded on all sides by temptations, and they have become so familiar to twenty-first century life that we scarcely notice them.

The Satan Seller

Mike Warnke, known as “America’s Number One Christian Comedian,” has sold three million copies of the story of his life, *The Satan Seller*, where he explains how he escaped from Satan’s trap. He has appeared on *The 700 Club*, *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, *Larry King Live*, *Focus on the Family*, and *ABC’s 20/20*.

Warnke’s Gospel ministry is based on the story he tells of his involvement with Satanism. *The Satan Seller* narrates the story of a young orphan boy raised in foster homes, who joined a secret, satanic cult with fifteen hundred followers in three major cities. First, he descended into the hell of drug addiction, and then he ascended in the satanic ranks to the position of the high priest. He had unlimited wealth and power at his disposal, provided by members of Satanism’s highest echelon, the Illuminati. Then, after his conversion to Christ, he described the basic concepts of Satanism, warning readers about the real danger of satanic temptations. Mike’s story is a good commentary on today’s Gospel, which describes Jesus’ confrontation with Satan.

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 by appointment

For Pregnancy Support

Birthright 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

Prayer Group in the Parish

Every Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. all Women and all men.

MASS INTENTIONS February 13 - 19

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Schaner Family
Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Cecily Olsen
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Susan Maino
Wednesday 8:00 a.m. Parishioners
Thursday 8:00 a.m. Virginia Stehly
Friday 8:00 a.m. + Jeanne Brown

All Friday’s LENT we have Soup at 6:30 p.m. and Prayers together the Station of the Cross after.

THANK YOU!

The Men’s Club for the wonderful celebration of the “Mardi Gras Parish Party, last Fat Tuesday you work very hard and thank you all of you for your presents.

We enjoy the party!!!

Stewardship of Treasure
Report Sunday February 6 & 7, 2016

Total Plate	\$ 1,221.00
EFT	\$ 466.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,687.00

Thank You and God bless you!

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?

We offer year-round sessions to explore the Catholic faith.

For more information, call Fr. Eugenio, 408.353.2210 or eugenio.aramburo@yahoo.com

Every FRIDAY of LENT the day of ABSTINENCE in the Church!!!

It is our Christian responsibility to abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent as a form of penance.

The Meeting for the PARISH – This coming Thursday February 18th on the Parish Community at 7 P.M.

Retrouvaille

4 Stages of Marriage – The 4 stages of marriage are: 1. Romance, 2. Disillusionment, 3. Misery, and 4. Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages then end in divorce never making it to the 4th Stage of Awakening to Joy. Don’t give up without learning about and experiencing the 4th Stage of Awakening. If your marriage is in the throes of Disillusionment or Misery, please contact **Retrouvaille**. For confidential information or to register for the next program beginning with a Weekend on **May 6-8, 2016**, call: 831.479.1260 or email: Monterey@RetroCA.com or visit the website: www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Women’s Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from 7-8 p.m., in the Community Center. **Next meet this Wednesday February 24th this month we will be talking about “The Year of Divine Mercy and Reconciliation.”**

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time; get to know our faith and each other better so that we can better serve the needs of our community. Please contact Ruth McCormick ruthmcc@flash.net to get on our email list or ask any questions.

The Way of the Cross

Every Friday’s of Lent. 6:30 PM. Soup and 7:00 PM. the prayer of the Stations of the Cross in the Church.