

Christ Child Catholic Church

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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 21, 2016

Transformation of minerals into pearls, gems and precious stones

Precious stone like the diamond, emerald, ruby and sapphire, are the most valuable of all commodities. The most expensive gem Alexandrite cost \$ 30,000 per carat (200mg). Pearls are less costly. All these precious stones are the result of years of transformation or transfiguration. But today's Gospel describes Christ's instant Transfiguration revealing his Divine glory which surpasses the beauty of the most expensive gems. Most pearls are produced by oysters or some other mollusks in both freshwater and saltwater environments. Natural pearls are formed when a foreign object enters an oyster's shell. To defend the oyster, layer after layer of calcium carbonate (nacre) along with others minerals grow and form like onionskins around the particle. Gradually the foreign objects are transformed into pearls, which are very rare and expensive. Like natural pearls, cultured pearls grow inside an oyster, but with human intervention. Shells are carefully opened and different shapes of beads are inserted. Over

time, the inserted beads become transformed by cost of nacre, which makes a pearl appear to glow inside and give it a beautiful shine.

The most valuable gems come from crystallized minerals that have formed under heat and pressure deep inside the earth for millions of years. Diamonds are formed far under the earth where the heat and pressure are very intense. Under these conditions the carbon atoms line up perfectly and a diamond crystal is formed.

Today's readings challenge us to radiate the glory of the transfigured Jesus by renewing our lives in the observance of Lent.

Life messages: The "transfiguration" in the Holy Mass is the source of our strength; in each Holy Mass the bread and wine we offer on the altar become "transfigured" or transformed into the living Body and Blood of the crucified, risen and glorified Jesus. Just as Jesus' transfiguration strengthened the apostles in their time of trial, each holy Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength against temptations, and our renewal during Lent. In addition, our Holy Communion with the living Jesus should be the source of our daily "transfiguration," transforming our minds and hearts so that we may do more good by humble and selfless service to other.

We need "mountain-top experience" in our lives; we share the mountain-top experience of Peter, James and John when we spent extra time in prayer during Lent. Fasting for one day can help the body to store up spiritual energy. The spiritual energy can help us have thoughts that are far higher and nobler than our usual mundane thinking. The hunger we experience can put us more closely in touch with God and make us more willing to help the hungry....

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By request or by 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 am. All Women
And All Men.

MASS INTENTIONS February 20 - 26

Saturday 5:00 p.m. The Shapiro Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Bob Pounds

The Shapiro Family

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Herb George

Wednesday 8:00 a.m. The Parishioners

Thursday 8:00 a.m. De Pangher Family

Friday 8:00 a.m. + Andrew & Luella
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REPORT SUNDAY

February 13 & 14, 2016

TOTAL PLATE	\$ 1,223.00
EFT	\$ 535.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,758.00

Thanks you! Please help us! God Bless You!

CHOIR CALL

If you'd like to sing or play an instrument in the choir, please give us your ideas. We need you! Questions? Call Norma Hammons @ 353-3326

And would you like **to be Catholic** or **be confirmed** or **receive the Eucharist**. Please call at 408 353-2210. We will be very happy to help you!

Stations of the Cross Friday's

Soup and 6:30 pm. and followed by the prayer of Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm.

Men's Club Meeting

Our next meeting will be a 6:30 pm. on Wednesday, March 9th.

Great conversation starts at 6:30 pm.

And Dinner at Community Center

We have very good support one and another.

For more information, contact to the Parish.

Every men's welcome!

2016 Annual Ministry Appeal

Over the next few weeks you'll be hearing about the 2015 Annual Ministry Appeal and how the ministries of the Diocese serve all of us. The theme AMA this year is

Together we proclaim God's Merciful love. Campus Ministry – Catholic Schools – Catechetical Ministry – Youth and Young Adult Ministry **Our parish goal this year is \$8,000.**

Build Care Packages for the Troops Love

**INC & Troop Packaging next Sunday,
February 28 after the Mass at 10 a.m.**

**With the Mountain Bible Church
Potluck lunch after here in the Christ
Child Church.**

Car Show Corner:

Our 8th Annual, Blessing of the Hot Rods, is May 21st. Please mark your calendars to include this fund/fun raising event for our Parish. Look in the Bulletin each week to read updates and needs for our event. Currently we are in need of Baskets for our Raffle and jewelry donation for our jewelry sales table. Thanks!

"World Youth Day Fundraiser"

FULL of GRACE – The story of Mary the Mother of Jesus – SPECIAL MOVIE SCREENING –Oakridge Century Theaters, San Jose – Thursday Feb. 27 at 7 pm. or Saturday Feb. 27 at 10 am. Purchase tickets online (\$12.00) at <https://squareup.com/market/california-rosaries>

Or St. Lucy Parish Office 408 839-2797

