

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

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EASTER SUNDAY
OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE
LORD
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WHERE TO SEEK THE ONE WHO LIVES?

Faith in Jesus raised by the Father did not arise naturally and spontaneously in the disciples' hearts. Before they met Him, full of life, the evangelists speak about their disorientation, searching around the grave, and their doubts and uncertainties. Mary of Magdala is perhaps the best reference to know what happened to all of them. According to John, she was looking for the crucified while still dark. Obviously, she went to the tomb. She hadn't learned yet that death had been conquered. The empty sepulcher made her feel sad and at a loss. Without Jesus, she didn't know where to go. The other evangelists write about an old tradition that had a group of holy women searching for Him. They couldn't forget the Master who had welcomed them as disciples: their love and gratitude lead them to the grave. They did not find Him, but they listened to the guide who tells them where

they could search for Him: "Why are you looking for the living one among the dead? He is not here, He has risen." Faith in the Risen Christ does not happen with us spontaneously, or because we were told by teachers or catechists at school or church. To really believe in the resurrection of Jesus, we have to make our own search. We must know Him, love Him passionately and search for Him with all our strength – but not among the dead. He is Life itself and must be searched among the living.

If we want to be with Risen Christ, full of life and creative ideas, we will find Him, not among dead relics, like rituals and ancient traditions, but among the living spirit of Jesus' disciples who practice the faith, love and social compassion shown by Jesus. We will not find the living Jesus among divided Christians or followers that claim sterile doctrines, away from the love of Christ and passion for the Gospel. Instead, we must build communities that put Christ at the center, because they know that "where two or three are gathered in His name, He will be there in the midst of them."

The Living one will not be found in a Faith that is lifeless and just routine and tradition, a result of centuries of folklore or mystery. We must search for a living Jesus and a new identification with his project. Any Jesus that appears dead or silent, that does not excite or challenge us, that does not move our hearts and makes us free, is a "dead Jesus." He is not the living Jesus, who was risen by the Father. He is not the living one, the one who will give us life.

Alleluia! The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.
If we have died with Christ, we shall also rise with him and pass from death to life.

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 am. All women and all men.

MASS INTENTIONS March 26 – April 1

Saturday 8:00 p.m. + Catherina Duncan

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Kathleen Stacey
+ Catherina Duncan

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Gina Allen

Wednesday 8:00 a.m. + The Moran Family

Thursday 8:00 a.m. + Kathleen Stacey

Friday 8:00 a.m. + The Kirkham Family

Preschool Gospel during 10 am. Mass

The First Sunday of every month!

Join other young Catholic Families!!!

TREASURER'S REPORT SUNDAY

March 19 & 20, 2016

Plate..... \$ 1,247.00

EFT..... \$ 565.00

Total \$ 1,812.00

Second Collection Maintenance was \$327.00

Thank you and God the Father Bless you!

The "Food Drive" last weekend was a great success. In addition to food, we also collected \$730.00 for the poor.

Together we helped make life better for many less fortunate.

Thank you Herb! And many of you!

Women's Group Meeting

Our group Sisters of Mary and Martha will meet next **Wednesday evening, March 30th from 7 – 8:30 p.m.** Please come and invite a friend as well. WE will share good food and fun, then spend a little time talking about Easter traditions of our own and those of the church, including Divine Mercy Sunday (which is next Sunday). Questions, call Ruth at 408 353-1017

Many thanks to all the volunteers

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians, Acolytes, Ladies and men of the Altar and ALL the people who participated in the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies.

The 8th Annual Blessing of the Hot Rods

Free Admission

Please mark your calendars to include this fund/fun raising event for our Parish

Saturday, May 21st.

10AM to 3 PM

We are need of Baskets for our Raffle...

For more information Contact Herb & Chris
408 315-7662

2016 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

You are very generous with your contributions to your Parish and all the ministries of the Diocese; please accept my thanks in the name of many people of the parish and the people of our Diocese of Monterey.

Our parish goal this year is \$8,000. God willing and with your help it will be achieved.

Fr. Eugenio

Christ Child Men's Club

Our next meeting will be a 6:30 pm. on Wednesday, April 13th

Great conversation and dinner.

All men welcome!!!

Greater love has no one than this that he lay down his life for his friends. May His Joy be Yours at Easter and Always!