

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

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**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
June 12, 2016

Don't Take Anyone Away from Jesus.

According to Luke's story, a Pharisee named Simon is very interested in inviting Jesus to eat.

Probably he wants to take advantage of a meal to debate some questions with that Galilean who's getting famous as a prophet among the people.

Jesus accepts the invitation: God's Good News should get to everyone.

During the banquet, something happens that Simon hadn't planned. A local prostitute interrupts the table talk, throws herself at Jesus' feet and starts to cry. She doesn't know how to thank him for the love that he's shown toward people like her who go around branded with general scorn. To everyone's surprise, she kisses Jesus' feet over and over and anoints them with a precious perfume. Simon watches the scene with horror. A sinful woman touching Jesus in his own house!

That's unheard of: the man is clueless, no prophet of God. He needs to get that impure

woman away from Jesus right away.

However, Jesus lets her touch him and lets himself be loved by the woman. She needs him more than anyone else there. With special tenderness he offers her God's forgiveness, and then invites her to discover within her heart a humble faith that is saving her.

Jesus only wants her to live in peace: Your sins are forgiven you... Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.

All four Gospels note Jesus' welcome and understanding of the sectors that are most excluded by almost everyone from God's blessing: prostitutes, tax-collectors, lepers... His message is scandalous: those who are despised by the most religious people have a privileged place in God's heart. The reason for this is simple: they are those most in need of welcoming, dignity and love.

Someday we need to revise, in light of this way of being of Jesus, what is our attitude in our Christian communities in the face of certain groups like women who live in prostitution or homosexuals and lesbians whose problems, sufferings and struggles we almost always choose to ignore and silence in the bosom of the Church as if they don't exist for us.

The questions we could ask ourselves are many:

Where among us can they find a welcome like they find with Jesus?

Who can hear one word that God is speaking to them as Jesus spoke?

What help can they find among us for living their sexual condition with a responsible and believing attitude?

With whom can they share their faith in Jesus with peace and dignity?

Who is capable of seeing the deep love of God for those forgotten by every religion?

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 call for an 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 men.

MASS INTENTIONS June 11 - 17

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Don & Gail Hanley

**Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Cecily Olsen
+ Marc Demers**

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Don & Gail Hanley

Wednesday 8:00 a.m. Gina Boisvert

Thursday 8:00 a.m. Sundaran Family

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Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday & Saturday June 4 & 5, 2016

Plate Collection \$ 980.00

EFT \$ 565.00

Total \$ 1,545.00

**Thank you and God's reward for your
generosity!**

Men's Club Meeting

On Wednesday July 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center.

We have very good support for one another.

Women's Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from 7- 8:30 pm. **June 22th!**

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time. **Please come and invite a friend!**

Please contact Ruth McCormick at 353-1017

ROSARY

We pray the Rosary together every Saturday at 4:30 PM. Please come to pray for the families and our Country!

ORGAN CONCERT

Celebrating the 127th Birthday of "Augustus" Holy Cross Church's historic Felgemaker-Goodwin pipe organ, and the 30th Anniversary of its installation at Holy Cross Church

Sunday, June 19th

7:00 PM

Reception Following Concert – **Free Will Offering** – Holy Cross Church – 126 High St. Santa Cruz – More Info: **Sister Barbara** - Holy Cross Liturgy Office 831-423-4973

What Is Magnanimity?

Magnanimity: This virtue of the great and the small... What does being magnanimous mean? It means having a great heart, having greatness of mind; it means having great ideals, the wish to do great things to respond to what God asks of us.

Hence also, for this very reason, to do well the routine things of every day and all the daily actions, tasks, meetings with people; doing the little everyday things with a great heart open to God and to others.

It is therefore important to cultivate human formation with a view to magnanimity.

Reflection: Most of us want to be great-hearted and filled with enthusiasm for life, but then reality sets in. If you're in a slump, ask God to help you find your way out. Start by practicing generosity of spirit in the smallest details of your routine today.

Pope FRANCIS

Happy Father's Day

June 19

Thank you for being such a wonderful father!