

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

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**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
July 17, 2016**

**“Martha, Martha, you are worried and
distracted by many things; there is need of
only one thing. Mary has chosen the better
part, which will not be taken away from
her.”**

Luke 10: 38-42

The two sisters within each of us

Today’s Gospel recounts the “tiff” between two sisters: Martha, the practical, no-nonsense housekeeper, and Mary, the romantic, the “free spirit” who is captivated by the charismatic Jesus.

For Martha, there is a household to run, beds to be made, meals to be cooked and served; for Mary, nothing else matters because Jesus is in their midst. It is easy to understand the tension that could arise between two such very different women.

But, in our own experience, Martha and Mary can be and often are the same person. There is something of both Martha and Mary within each one of us – and the conflict between the two is just as real.

Our “Martha” side is consumed with the work and necessities of living and surviving: careers to establish, mortgages to meet, food and clothing to pay for, college tuition payments to cover. But our “Mary” side seeks something better, something more meaningful and purposeful for our lives. The “Mary” within us longs to spend more time with our children, longs to be able to give more of ourselves to causes we believe in, longs to turn off the world and be at peace with God, ourselves and others; but the “Martha” within us is always there to remind us of our responsibilities: the “things to do” list that is never completed, the calendar that is always full, the deadlines that forever hang over us. There simply aren’t enough hours in the day to possess “the better part.”

“The better part” is not what is left over when everything else is done nor is it the “cheese” rewards at the end of the daily maze we race through.

We have to consciously choose and seek out “the better part.” Like Martha, however, we can become so obsessed with and distracted by the business and “busy-ness” of life that we become anesthetized to feeling and experiencing “the better part.”

Jesus invites each one of us to make a place in our lives for “the better part” – the joy and love of family and friends that is the manifestation of God’s presence in our lives.

Lord, keep us from getting so involved in life that we forget why you gave us life.

Keep us from getting so involved in living that we forget why we are living.

Keep us from getting so involved in pursuing the things money can buy that we lose the things money can’t buy.

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 a.m. All Women
And All Men

MASS INTENTIONS July 16 - 22

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Patricia Krouse
+ Harry Furlong
+ Schaner Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Marc Demers
+ John Parker

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Sandoval Family

Thursday 8:00 a.m. Communion Services

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ST. FRANCIS SOUP KITCHEN

St. Francis Soup Kitchen thanks everyone for their recent donations of men’s clothing items. Lunch is served Monday through Friday from 12 to 1 p.m. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry please call 831-459-6712 for more information.

Thank you for your support!

Women’s Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from 7 – 8:30 pm. **July 27th!**

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

Please contact Ruth McCormick

ruthmcc@flash.net

Stewardship of Treasury Report

Sunday July 9 & 10, 2016

Total Plate \$ 1,655.00

EFT \$ 554.00

Total \$ 2,209.00

2nd Collection was for Peter’s Pence \$304.00

Thank you for your support and generosity.

God bless you!

6th ANNUAL PARISH HARVEST

PARTY & DANCE

**LIVE BAND – DANCING,
FOOD & DRINKS!!!**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

STARTS AT 6 O’CLOCK

\$35 Donation Requested

For more information contact:

Don Boisvert 408.828.2035

PEACE AND SOLITUDE

New Camaldoli Hermitage in Big Sur is a Catholic monastic community rooted in the ancient tradition of Saint Benedict. It is a restorative place of healing through monastic silence and solitude, set as a jewel in the natural beauty of the coast of Big Sur. We offer the option for our retreatants to participate in beautiful liturgical celebration. Please come visit us for a day trip or stay in our private guest rooms to get away from it all. You can make reservations Online at www.contemplation.com and click on “Retreats” or call us at 831-667-2456 ext. 100

From The Joy of Love

...a person can be living in God’s grace, can love and can also grow in the life of grace and charity, while receiving the Church’s help to this end.

In certain cases, this can include the help of the sacraments. Hence, “I want to remind priests that the confessional must not be a torture chamber, but rather an encounter with the Lord’s mercy.” I would also point out That the EUCHARIST “is not a prize for the perfect, but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.”

Men’s Club

Next meeting Wednesday August 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center.

Dinner and we have very good support for one another.

Please come, – we need you!!!