

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

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**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**  
**August 7, 2016**

The central theme of today's readings is the necessity for **trusting faith in God's promises and vigilant preparedness in the followers of Christ.**

**The first reading** cites the Faith-filled preparedness of the ancient Hebrew slaves in Egypt before their mass exodus to the Promised Land. Their trusting Faith in their God's promises gave them hope. We are told how their Faith and Hope resulted in their liberation. With expectant Hope, the Hebrews obediently sacrificed the first Passover lamb and ate the first ritual meal, as prescribed by their God through Moses. They awaited their imminent release and were prepared for it.

**Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 33),** invites us to express our own confidence in God and declare our trust in His providence.

**Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

**In the Second Reading,** taken from the last chapter of the letter to the Hebrews, Paul defines the Faith as **"the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen."** He tries to bolster with Abraham, and

reviewing the things they had accomplished by Faith.

**In the Gospel,** Jesus challenges his disciples to trust the Father's promise to give them eternal happiness in His kingdom. But they are to be prepared at all times, because the Son of Man will come at an unexpected hour, either at the moment of their death or at the end of the world. Using the master-thief parable, Jesus warns us to be on our guard so that the thief may not steal our treasure of Divine grace by his temptations. Using the master-servant parable, Jesus reminds us always to do the will of God by obeying Jesus' commandment of love, offering humble and sacrificial service to others.

**Life messages: We need to be vigilant and ready to face the Lord.** One of the traditional means for remaining alert is prayer. The most important element in prayer is listening to God – an attitude of attention to the "tiny whispering sound" of the Lord (1 Kings 19:11-12). Such attentiveness demands that we set aside a quiet time every day during which we can tune our ears to the Divine sounds of love, harmony and peace. Let us recall the words of the Book of Revelation: **"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will enter his house and dine with him and he with me." (3:20).**

**We need to wait for the Lord.** "Waiting for Christ to return" means working for the coming of the Kingdom of God. This means doing God's will by rendering humble service to others, by combating poverty, by ending the hatred that divides us, by establishing peace among individuals and nations, by curbing the pride that causes us to become confrontational, and by building social structures that respect the dignity of individual humans. We must wait for the

Lord in our daily lives by learning to see Jesus in the least of our brothers and sisters. In other words, we must be prepared to serve Jesus in whatever form he takes. What we frequently discover in "serving" other people is that God comes to us through them.

**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 All Men.

**MASS INTENTIONS August 6 - 12**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Schaner Family</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>+ Wilma P. Welch</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sandoval Family</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>+ Leslie Shaw</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sandoval Family</b>

**Stewardship of Treasury**

**Report Sunday July 30 & 31, 2016**

<b>Total Plate</b>	<b>\$ 603.00</b>
<b>EFT</b>	<b>\$ 545.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,148.00</b>

**Men's Club Meeting**

This Wednesday August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. in the Community Center. Dinner and we have very good support for one another. Please come, we need you!!!

**Women's Club/Prayer Group**

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from 7 – 8:30 pm. August 24<sup>th</sup>.

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.

Please contact Ruth McCormick

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**Rediscover Your Marriage** – Retrouvaille simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **September 23-25, 2016** call 831-479-1260 or email: [Monterey@RetroCA.com](mailto:Monterey@RetroCA.com) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual PARISH HARVEST**

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

**SATURDAY-SEPTEMBER 10, 2016**

**STARTS AT 6 O'CLOCK**

***Christ Child Church***

**23230 Summit Road – Los Gatos**

Take the Summit Rd exit off Highway 17, then 1.8 miles east

**Information Don Boisvert**

**408.828.2035**

**The Year of Mercy**

**The Lord is slow to anger and rich in kindness, forgiving wickedness and crime.**

So wide is God's mercy that no sin is too great or too small for forgiveness. So much narrower is our charity that we often find the small annoyances the hardest to forgive. The more often we turn in prayer to the all-forgiving God, the more we will become like him in extending the hand of pardon to others in every daily circumstance.

**Turn your ear, O Lord, and give answer for I am poor and needy. Preserve my life, for I am faithful: save the servant who trusts in you...**

**Can't Sleep?  
Don't Count Sheep  
Talk to the Shepherd!**