

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

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**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
September 18, 2016**

**Today's readings remind us that we are God's stewards and that God expects faithful and prudent stewardship from us. They challenge us to use our God-given talents and blessings wisely to attain Heavenly bliss.**

**Scripture lessons:**

Condemning the crooked business practices of the 8<sup>th</sup> century BC Jewish merchants of Judea, today's lesson from the prophet Amos reminds the Israelites and us to be faithful to our Covenant with Yahweh by practicing **justice** and **mercy** as God's faithful stewards. He warns us also against making the goal of our life the gaining of money, whatever the means.

In the second reading, St Paul instructs the first century Judeo-Christian to become true stewards of the Gospel of Jesus, the only mediator, by preaching the "Good News" to the pagans and by including them in intercessory prayers, too.

Today's Gospel story tells us about the crooked but resourceful manager and

challenges us to use our blessings – time, talents, health and wealth – wisely and justly so that they will serve for our good in eternity. We use our earthly wealth wisely when we spend it for our own needs in moderation and when we love and help the needy around us, for those are the purposes for which He has entrusted all these things to us.

**Life messages:**

**We need to be faithful in the little things of life.**

Let us remember Saint John Chrysostom's warning, "Faithfulness in little things is a big thing," and the reminder of St. Theresa of Calcutta (Blessed Mother Teresa, canonized September 4, 2016 by Pope Francis), "Do little things with great love." Hence, let us not ignore doing little things, like acknowledging a favor by saying a sincere "thank you," or congratulating others for their success, or sharing in their sorrows and or offering them help and support in their needs.

**We need to use our spiritual resources wisely.**

The manager in Jesus' story used all his resources to secure his future. We must be no less resourceful. We have at our disposal the Holy Mass and the Seven Sacraments as sources of Divine grace, the Holy Bible as the word of God for daily meditation and practice, and the teaching authority of the Spirit-guided Church to direct us in our Christian life...

**We need to be prepared to give an account of our stewardship.**

We insure our houses against fire, storms, flood and thieves and insure our lives by taking out life insurance and car insurance. In the same way, let us insure ourselves for the one thing that most certainly will happen,

namely, our meeting God to give Him an account of our lives. What really matters, at that time of our Private Judgment by God at the moment of our death, is how wisely we have used our blessings during our life, lovingly and generously sharing them with others in need.

**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 Groups in the Parish**

Every Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. all Women and All Men

**MASS INTENTIONS September 17 - 23**

**Saturday 5:00 p.m. Schaner Family**

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

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Harry Furlong

Thursday 8:00 a.m. Parishioners

Friday 8:00 a.m. + Marc Demers

**Stewardship of Treasury**

**Report Sunday September 10 & 11, 2016**

<b>Total Plate</b>	<b>\$1,883.00</b>
<b>EFT</b>	<b>\$ 561.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,444.00</b>

**Today the Second Collection for retirement fund for aged and infirm priests!**

Please help us, we need you!!!  
God bless you.

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

**A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE**

**Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in the marriage.**

**For confidential information about, or to register for the September program beginning with a weekend on September 23 – 25, 2016 call 831-479-1260 or email:**

**Monterey@RetroCA or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)**

**6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PARISH HARVEST PARTY & DANCE**

**September 10, 2016** was the sixth time Christ Child Parish sponsored this event open to the public. I want to thank **Don & Gina Boisvert and many volunteers.**

**The young people of our community!!!**

We were able to work together as a community of believers to clean the

church/rectory/community center grounds, to publicize this event (and the Parish) in many different places, and to demonstrate we believe in God's blessing for all people and things.

I also want to **thank all those members of the Parish who contributed their time.**

**Income \$ 7,513.00 Expenses \$ 1,200.00  
Profit \$6,313.00**

I am very proud of you, all and the Parish blesses you.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Eugenio

Let's never forget the magical area we live in.  
See you next year...!

**The Harvest Party & Dance Committee**

**Women's Group Meeting on Wednesday September 28<sup>h</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Community Center our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.**

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