

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

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**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
September 25, 2016**

The parable that challenged Dr. Albert Schweitzer

What parable would make a man with three doctoral degrees (one in medicine, one in theology, one in philosophy), leave civilization with all its culture and amenities and depart for the jungles of darkest Africa to serve as a missionary doctor for 47 years? What parable could induce a man, who was recognized as one of the best concert organist in all Europe, to go to a place where there were no organs to play? What parable would so intensely motivate a man that he would give up a teaching position in Vienna, Austria to go help people who were so deprived that they were still living in the superstitions of the dark ages, for all practical purposes? The man of course was Dr. Albert Schweitzer who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1952, and the single parable that so radically altered his life, according to him, was our text for this Sunday, the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, the beggar.

That parable convinced Schweitzer that the rich, Europe, should share its riches with poor, Africa, and that he should start the process.

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Half to doctors and half to lawyers: Cecil John Rhodes was an enormously wealthy man. He was an English-born businessman, mining magnate, and politician in South Africa. He was the founder of the diamond company De Beers, which today markets 40% of the world's rough diamonds and at one time marketed 90%. An ardent believer in colonialism and imperialism, he was the founder of the state of Rhodesia to perpetuate his name.

One day a newspaperman asked him, "You must be very happy." Rhodes replied, "Happy? No! I spent my life amassing a fortune only to find that I have spent half of it on doctors to keep me out of the grave, and the other half on lawyers to keep me out of jail!" He reminds us of the rich man in Jesus' parable in today's Gospel.

Today's readings stress the Covenant responsibility of the rich for the poor, reminding us of the truth that wealth without active mercy for the poor is great wickedness.

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!

Men's Club Meeting

Meeting Wednesday October 12th starting at 6:30 pm. Dinner is served around 7 pm.
All men Welcome!

Women's Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from 7 – 8:30 pm. **September 28th our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.**
Please contact Ruth McCormick
ruthmcc@flash.net

Villa Maria Del Mar– Spirituality Program

Offering: Monthly Retreats- Weekly Spiritual Direction- Peer Supervision- Retreat Mentoring- Spiritual Accompaniment Mentoring- Aspiring Deacon Spiritual Direction- Yearly Summer Intensive

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Thurs. Oct. 13 **Retreat: The Kiss of God –**
Sister Rosheen Glennon CSJ
(9:30 – 3:00 pm.) \$35

Are you an Adult?

And would like to be Catholic, or be confirmed, or receive the Eucharist?
Please call 408. 353.2210.
It would make us so happy to help you!
Fr. Eugenio

CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine)
CCD Registration will on September 25, 2016.

You may register your child and/or children for CCD classes after Sunday Mass. CCD classes are conducted on Sunday mornings from 9:00-10:00 am. CCD grades K-1, 2nd, 3-5, 6-8 will begin on Sunday October 1, 2016 @ 9:00 am. Preschool CCD classes are scheduled for the first Sunday of every month and will begin Sunday October 1, 2016 during Mass with Family Social following.
**We are in need of 3-4 gr. / 6-8gr. CCD teachers. Please consider volunteering to be a teacher.

It is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen and share your faith with others. Please contact Nanette Thomas or Herb Curran after Mass for more information
Nanette (408) 353-5479 **Thank You! Nanette**

Save December 10 for Greenfield

Sign up for a family after church Nov 5 – 20
Questions? Contact Karen @ 408 375-0984
Thanks, Karen

SAVE THE DATE

Come to Monte Carlo **Night on Saturday November 12th from 6:30-10 p.m.** at St. Lucy's Church for a fun evening of gaming, good fun and good company for the benefit of **Birthright of San Jose**. The Knights of Columbus and St. Lucy's. \$35 gives you \$200 in chips, all the finger foods you can eat and your first drink. Win tickets for beautiful prize baskets and there will also be a silent auction! NOTE – You can get a bonus of \$25 in chips with an advanced purchased ticket from Birthright. Support! Invite your friends. See you there! Questions, call Norma Hammons at [408 309-7011](tel:4083097011).

