

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

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**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**  
**October 2, 2016**

All three readings for the 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time speak a lot about “Faith” and how it works in our lives. They give us three dimensions of Faith. The theological virtue of Faith enables us to believe something to be true and therefore worthy of trust because it has been revealed to us by God. Paul, who elsewhere defined Faith as “**the assurance of the things hoped for,**” shows it as a believing, trusting, loving relationship with Christ in his instructions to Timothy. Finally, Christian Faith is that trusting Faith in God in action, expressed by steadfast loyalty, fidelity and total commitment to Him, resulting in our offering to Him in those we encounter our humble and loving service.

**Blondin, the French tightrope walker  
became world-famous**

In June of 1859, when he walked on a tightrope stretched over quarter of a mile across the mighty Niagara Falls, he became the first person to accomplish this amazing feat. He walked across 160 feet above the

waterfalls several times, each time with a different daring feat – once in a sack, on stilts, on a bicycle, in the dark, and once even carrying a stove and cooking an omelet! A large crowd gathered and a buzz of excitement ran along both sides of the river bank. The crowd “Oooooohed!” and “Aaaaahhead!” as Blondin carefully walked across one dangerous step after another – blindfolded and pushing a wheelbarrow. Upon reaching the other side, the crowd’s applause was louder than the roar of the falls! Blondin suddenly stopped and addressed his audience: “Do you believe I can carry a person across in this wheelbarrow?” The crowd enthusiastically shouted, “Yes, yes, yes. You are the greatest tightrope walker in the world. You can do anything!” “Okay,” said Blondin, “Get in the wheelbarrow...” The Blondin story goes that no one did although all had faith in his ability! Later in August of 1859, his manager, Harry Colcord, showed his faith in Blondin and did ride on Blondin’s back across the Falls. (<http://www.creativebiblestudy.com/Blondin-story.html>). In today’s Gospel, Jesus challenges his disciples to have such a Faith in him so that they may work miracles in their lives.

Life messages: **We need to thank God, giving Him the credit for our well-being. We need to increase our Faith by becoming dutiful servants of God.** A zealous Christian can speak more convincingly to his or her neighbor about the need for God and an upright life through his or her own daily actions than through explaining religious doctrines. A sincere Christian can find many ways to help make Christ known to his neighbor. A quiet word, a

charitable gesture, an unselfish interest in a neighbor’s troubles....

**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 October 1 - 7**

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

**Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Leslie R. Olsen**

**+ Ted Pope**

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. John & Peggy Parker

Thursday 8:00 a.m. Mark Romo

Friday 8:00 a.m. + Harry Furlong

**Stewardship of Treasury**

**Report Sunday September 24 & 25, 2016**

**Total Plate \$ 847.00**

**EFT \$ 561.00**

**TOTAL \$1,408.00**

**Second Collection of Maintenance of the Parish**

**\$ 377.00**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

**CCD classes will begin this Sunday October 2,**

**2016. Grades K-8 at 9:00 – 10:00 am.**

**Pre-School: The First Sunday of the month during the 10 am. Mass.**

**Pre-School Family Social after mass.**

**Please sign up after mass or see Nanette Thomas or Herb Curran**

**Women’s Club/Prayer Group**

We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 7 – 8:30 pm, October 26<sup>th</sup> - our focus is social and spiritual at their same time.

Please contact Ruth McCormick

[ruthmcc@flash.net](mailto:ruthmcc@flash.net)

**CONFIRMATION**

**All adults and teens are invited to the program for the Sacrament of Confirmation. You need to learn more about the person of Jesus Christ, the Bible and the Church. Please, parents bring your teens for the sacrament and prepare them for a good future in the Christian faith.**

**Men’s Club Meeting**

Meeting Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 pm. Dinner is served around 7 pm. All men welcome!!!

**Villa Maria Del Mar**

**Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> Retreat: “The Kiss of God.”**

**With Sister Rosheen Glennon CSJ**

**Time: 9:30 am – 3:00 pm Donation \$35 with lunch**

**At 21918 East Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz**

**Phone (831) 475-1236**

**13<sup>th</sup> Annual Giving at Greenfield**

It is a holiday tradition for the Christ Child parish to adopt 50 families from Greenfield community. We will have the family information available after Mass on Nov. 5 & 6 and next Sundays. Contact Karen if you have question 353-2020 or 375-0984

**Christ Child Coat Drive Has Begun!!!**

**ASK friends and neighbors if they have gently used coats, jackets, and parkas (all sizes) for donation. The donation box will be in the church foyer starting Oct 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you. Questions? Contact Joe or Andrea Bruna 353-3101**

**Our Lady of the Rosary!!!**

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