

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

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**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
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The main theme of today's Gospel is that true humility must be the hallmark of our prayers. However, the central focus of today's parable is not on prayer itself, but rather on pride, humility and the role of grace in our salvation.

"Proud about what?"

A news reporter once asked Mother Teresa if she had ever been tempted to be proud. Mother Teresa retorted with a smile, "Proud about what?" The reporter replied, "Why, about the wonderful things you have been doing for the poorest of the poor!" Then came her answer, "I never knew I had done anything, because it was God who worked in and through my Sisters and volunteers." True humility differentiates a saint from a sinner. If we are proud of our talent, our family connections, our reputation, or our achievements in life, today's Gospel tells us that we need Jesus to rid us of our pride and make us truly humble.

"No, Madam, he did not."

William Barclay tells the story of the woman tourist in Germany. The guide took a group through Beethoven's house. He showed them the piano on which the genius had composed his Moonlight Sonata. A woman in the group immediately sat down and played some bars from the sonata. The guide told the group that Paderewski (world renowned Polish pianist and composer) had recently been shown the piano. The woman gushed, "And I wager he sat down and played just as I did." Archly the guide said, "No, Madam. He said he was not worthy to touch those keys."

Truly humble of heart

Dorothy Day died in November 1980 at the age of 84. Reporting on her death, the *New York Times* called her the most influential person in the history of American Catholicism. In her book, *From Union Square to Roma*, she describes her conversion to Christ. One of her first attractions came in childhood. One day she discovered the mother of one of her girlfriends kneeling in prayer. The sight of this kneeling woman moved her deeply. She never forgot it. In the same book she tells how, in the days before her conversion, she often spent the entire night in a tavern. Then she would go to an early morning Mass at St. Joseph's Church on Sixth Avenue. What attracted her to St. Joseph's were the people kneeling in prayer. She writes: "I longed for their Faith... So I used to go in and kneel in a back pew."

Eventually Dorothy Day received the gift of Faith and entered the Church.

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's at 8:15 am. All Women and All Men!

MASS INTENTIONS October 22 - 28

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Lola Schaefer

+ Martina Durham

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Herb & Chris Curran

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Martina Durham

Thursday 8:00 a.m. + Rev. Harry Freiermuth

Friday 8:00 a.m. Parishioners

Stewardship of Treasury

Report Sunday October 8 & 9, 2016

Total Plate \$ 1,782.00

Report Sunday October 15 & 16, 2016

Total Plate \$ 1,625.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

TODAY the Second Collection for World Mission Sunday!

The annual Christ Child COAT DRIVE is underway.

Please ask friends, family, and neighbors about donating gently used coats, jackets, winter hats, gloves and scarves. We'll gladly accept all sizes and gender. It's a great way of making room in the closet and helping our friends at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Greenfield, CA. A collection box is located in the foyer of the church.

Please contact **Joe or Andrea Bruna,**
408 353-3101 with any questions.

Thank you.

**Women's Group Meeting on
Wednesday October 26th at 7:00 PM in
the Community Center
Questions call Ruth at (408) 353-1017**

Men's Club Meeting

We will be having the meeting on 2nd Wednesday of the month which, in November is the 9th. Gather at 6:30 pm in the Community Center and eat at 7 pm.

We have very good support for one another.

Please use the envelope to inscribe the name of your beloved dead who will be remembered in prayer at the masses during the month of November.

13th Annual Giving at Greenfield

It is a holiday tradition for the Christ Child parish to adopt 58 families from the Greenfield community. We will have the family information available after Mass on Nov. 5 & 6 and we will deliver gifts on Saturday, December 10th.

**Contact Karen if you have questions
353-2020 or 375-0984**

SAVE THE DATE: Come to Monte Carlo Night on Saturday November 12th from 6:30-10 pm. at St. Lucy's Church

Play for Fun and Prizes...Games, Prize Baskets & Silent Auctions! Admission: Tickets sales now open! \$35 includes food & 1st drink, plus \$200 worth of chips. \$25 bonus for advance tickets purchased online www.birthright.support or at Birthright office 1210 S. Bascom Ave., Suite 129 San Jose, California 95128. Support! Invite your friends. See you there! Questions, call Norma Hammons at 408 309-7011