

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

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
THE KING
(34th and the last Sunday of
Ordinary Time)
November 20, 2016

Jubilee for socially excluded people
Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis
“For you... the sun justice shall rise, with healing in its wings” (Mal 4:2). The words of the Prophet Malachi, they are words directed to those who trust in the Lord, who place their hope in him, who see in him life’s greatest good and refuse to live only for themselves and their own interests. For those who are materially poor but rich in God, the sun of justice will rise. These are the poor in spirit, to whom Jesus promised the kingdom of heaven and whom God, through the words of the Prophet Malachi, calls “my special possession”. The prophet contrasts them with the proud, those who seek a secure life in their self-sufficiency and their earthly possessions. This last page of the Old Testament raises challenging questions about the ultimate meaning of life: where do I look for security? In the Lord or in other forms of security not pleasing to God? Where my life is headed, what does my heart long for? The

Lord of life or ephemeral things that cannot satisfy?
Similar questions appear in the Gospel. Jesus is in Jerusalem for the last and most important page of his earthly life: his death and resurrection. He is in the precincts of the Temple, “adorned with noble stones and offerings”. People were speaking of the beautiful exterior of the temple, when Jesus says: “The days will come when there shall not be left here one stone upon another.” Jesus does not want to frighten us, but to tell us that everything we now see will inevitably pass away...
Jesus firmly tells us not to be afraid of the upheavals in every period of history, not even in the face of the most serious trials and injustices that may befall his disciples. He asks us to persevere in the good and to place all our trust in God, who does not disappoint: “Not a hair of your head will perish.” God does not forget his faithful ones, his precious possession. He does not forget us...
Today, though, when we speak of exclusion, we immediately think of concrete people, not useless objects but precious persons. The human person, set by God at the pinnacle of creation, is often discarded, set aside in favor of ephemeral things. This is unacceptable, because in God’s eyes man is the most precious good. It is ominous that we are growing used to this rejection. We should be worried when our consciences are anaesthetized and we no longer see the brother or sister suffering at our side, or notice the grave problems in our world, which become a mere refrain familiar from the headlines on the evening news.
What harm we do to ourselves when we fail to notice Lazarus, excluded and cast out! It is turning away from God himself. It is the symptom of spiritual sclerosis when we are

only interested in objects to be produced rather than on persons to be loved. This is the origin of the tragic contradiction of our age: as progress and new possibilities increase, which is a good thing, less and less people are able to benefit from them. This is a great injustice that should concern us much more than knowing when or how the world will end. Because we cannot go about our business quietly at home while Lazarus lies at the door. There is no peace in the homes of the prosperous as long as justice is lacking in the home of everyone.....

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

Birthing 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 November 19 - 25

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Schaner Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Paul Devlin Sr.

Ramirez Family

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Martina Durham

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Schaner Family

Carlos & Lori Casaclang

Friday 8:00 a.m. McGrath Family

Stewardship of Treasury

Report Sunday November 12 & 13, 2016

Total Plate \$ 1,327.00

EFT \$ 459.00

TOTAL \$ 1,786.00

God bless your generosity, you make the difference in the life of the Parish and others.

Thank you!

13th Annual Giving at Greenfield
Sign up for a family this weekend!
We are also collecting gently used toys, books and stuffed animals.
We will deliver gifts SATURDAY,
December 10th
Contact KAREN at 408-375-0984 or
kjoesten@scusd.net

STRUDEL SALE

We are taking orders this week-end and will give to you for Christmas: small and large ones this year. Large \$35 and Small ones \$25
Contact Gina Boisvert at 408 656-7877 or order after Mass.

Coats, jackets, and sweaters for toddlers, children, and teens are a most welcomed donation for ANNUAL CHRIST CHILD COAT DRIVE.

A collection box is located in the foyer of the Church. Please contact Joe & Andrea 408 353-3101, with any questions. Thank you.

First Sunday of Advent of November 26th and 27th Saturday & Sunday in the mass
Anointing of the Sick.

Christmas Cantata Mark your calendar for a fun night of Christmas singing with the mountain churches on **Saturday December 3rd at 7 p.m. at the Mormon Church across the street.**

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Thursday, December 8th Masses at 9:00 a.m. And 7:00 p.m.

Sunday December 11th after the Mass at 10:00 a.m. THE CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Monday December 12th Mass at 7:00 p.m.
After Mass gathering Mexican Food!!!