

## **Christ Child Catholic Church**

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

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### **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT** **March 19, 2017**

**“The dawn is coming!”**

During those awful days following Dr. King’s assassination on April 4, 1968, pandemonium broke out across America. The New York Times sent a reporter into Harlem to interview a prominent minister. He was asked what he was going to tell his people on the following Sunday. He replied angrily, “I don’t know, but it won’t be about the love of Jesus.” But on that following Sunday, another pastor in another large city stood in his pulpit. His name was Martin Luther King, Sr. if anyone had a right to anger or despair or revenge, it was he. But Dr. King, Sr. declared, “The night is never so dark that you cannot see a star. Hold on. Keep the Faith. The dawn is coming!” Can we really get along? Yes, with the help of Jesus.

Today’s Gospel presents the detailed dialogue between Jesus and an ostracized Samaritan woman, teaching us how to get along with those who are different, sharing with them the love of God.

### **A Samaritan woman evangelist**

There is a Greek monastery at Mount Athos in which nothing female is allowed. Today, it is home to 20 Eastern Orthodox monasteries, and 2,000 monks from Greece and other eastern orthodox countries such as Bulgaria, Serbia and Russia. These monks live an ascetic life, isolated from the rest of the world. The Mount – actually a 335 sq. km (130 sq. mile) peninsula – may be the largest area in the world from which women, and female animals, are banned. Men can enter but not women, roosters but not hens, horses but not mares, bulls but not cows. Armed guards patrol the border to ensure that nothing feminine passes the gates. It has been this way for more than 700 years. Separate and definitely not equal: that has been the attitude toward women of many Churches through the ages. So it’s really remarkable that this particular Samaritan evangelist happens to be a woman. She would be as surprised about it as anybody. When she first met Jesus, she was surprised that he even talked to her. Once converted, she became an evangelist, enthusiastically introducing Jesus to her fellow villagers.

#### **Life messages:**

**We need to allow Jesus free entry into our personal lives.**

Jesus wishes to come into our “private” life, not to embarrass us, not to judge or condemn us, but to free us, to change us and to offer us what we really need: the living water of the Holy Spirit. Let us find this living water in the Sacraments, in prayer and in the Holy Bible, especially during this Lenten season.

**We need to be witnesses to Jesus like the Samaritan woman.**

Let us have the courage to “be” Jesus for others, especially in those “unexpected” places for unwanted people. Let us also have the courage of our Christian convictions to stand for truth and justice in our day-to-day life.

**We need to leave the “husbands” behind during Lent as the Samaritan woman did.** Today’s Gospel message challenges us to get rid of our unholy attachments and the evil habits that keep us enslaved and idolatrous. Lent is our time to learn from our mistakes of over indulgence in food, drink, drugs, gambling, promiscuity, or any other addiction that distances us from the living water.

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

By request or appointment

#### **Sacrament of Baptism and Marriage**

Call the office for an appointment.

#### **Anointing of the Sick**

Celebrated biannually at Mass or individually by appointment

#### **For Pregnancy Support:**

Birthright 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

#### **Prayer Group in the Parish**

Every Tuesday at 8:15 am. All Women and All Men!

#### **MASS INTENTIONS March 18 - 24**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Adeline Laranjo

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Sylvia Cordle

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Roman Kubalski

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Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Frank Rendon

Friday 8:00 a.m. Parishioners

#### **TREASURY REPORT SUNDAY**

**March 4 & 5, 2017 Total \$1,922.00**

**March 11 & 12, 2017 Total \$ 1,814.00**

**Thank you and God the Father Bless you!**

#### **Annual Ministries Appeal 2017**

The Church is the house where the doors are always open not only to welcome everyone in to breathe love and hope, but also so we can take this love and hope outside.

Please help all the people of the Diocese of Monterey. Please remember that your parish has a diocesan goal to meet and that anything raised above that goal goes directly to your parish for its important projects.

**Richard Garcia your Bishop.**

#### **Stations of the Cross**

**Friday at 6:30 p.m. –Soup followed by the prayer of the Stations of the Cross.**

#### **Women’s Club/Prayer Group**

**We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 7-8 p.m., in the Community Center. Our next meeting is Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>!**

**Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time; get to know our faith and each other better so that we can better serve the needs of our community. Please contact Ruth McCormick [ruthmcc@flash.net](mailto:ruthmcc@flash.net)**

#### **My Fair Lady**

**Come join us for a wonderful night of musical theater on Thursday, May 25, 2017 to benefit Birthright of San Jose, whose mission is to help woman facing un-planned pregnancy.**

#### **Hors D’Oeuvres & Champagne Reception** **6:15 PM**

#### **Play Begins 8:00PM**

**Coffee and Dessert during intermission  
Exciting Silent Auction and Beautiful Gift Baskets Raffle**

**Ticket Purchase Information; \$45/person  
Credit card – online, google**

**‘birthright.support’ & pick up at “Will Call”  
Ticket order form on flyer available in vestibule!**