

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

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**PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S
PASSION**
April 9, 2017

Giving Christ the coat off your back

Notice something missing in Luke's version of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday? No palms.

Unlike Matthew and Mark's accounts, Luke makes no mention of palm branches being waved or hosannas being sung (instead, the crowds repeat the song of the angels at Bethlehem to welcome the newborn king, "Glory in the highest/ peace in heaven," that Luke records at the beginning of his Gospel story.)

In Luke's account of Palm Sunday, the people place their single most important article of clothing –their cloaks- along Jesus' path. It was the most expensive article of clothing they possessed – most people only owned one that was constantly mended and never discarded. For the poorest of the poor, a cloak was more than an article of clothing – it was their shelter and home.

The holy poor of Luke's narrative place all that they have at the disposal of the Messiah-king.

The Sunday of the Lord's Passion is about "emptying" oneself in order to be filled with the life and love of God. The people of Jerusalem "empty" themselves of their most precious possession to welcome into their midst the Anointed One of God and his reign of peace; Christ "empties" himself of his very divinity in obedience to the Father's will that humanity should be reconciled to God through his passion. To be a disciple of the Messiah Jesus is to put aside our "cloaks" of comfort and self-absorption to embrace Christ's spirit of humility and selflessness, to "empty" ourselves of our pride and our own wants and needs to become vessels of God's life and love.

Christ emptied himself, taking the form of a slave... becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

Philippians 2: 6-11

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 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 April 8 - 14

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Deceased of Stacey Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Cecily Olsen
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + Tom Hughes
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. + Tom Kelly
Thursday 7:00 p.m. + Roman Kubalski

TREASURY REPORT SUNDAY

April 1 & 2, 2017

Plate.....	\$ 1,181.00
EFT.....	\$ 637.00
Total	\$ 1,818.00

Thank you and God the Father Bless you!

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
**Tuesday of Holy Week April 11 at 7:00PM &
Wednesday of Holy Week April 12 at 7:00PM.**

Stations of the Cross

Good Friday April 14th the Stations of the Cross at 12 Noon, we have invited the people of the Mountain Bible Church to come; the prayers will be on the Parish grounds if the weather permits.

Good Friday is a day of universal fast and abstinence in the Church!

The 9th Annual Blessing of the Hot Rods

This is a great fun/fund raiser for our parish! Please look for the sign in the entrance of the church to find out how you can help. It takes lots of hands to make this event successful!

Free Admission.

**Hot Rods – Classic Cars –
Custom Cars – Muscle Cars**

Saturday May 20st 2017

10am to 3 pm

If you have any questions, just ask Herb

or Chris. Thank You!

Christ Child Men's Club

Our next meeting will be at 6:30 pm this coming Wednesday April 12th; great conversation and dinner. At Community Center. **All men welcome!**

Women's Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from 7 to 8:30 pm. Next meeting is April 26th Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time... Please contact Ruth McCormick

ruthcc@flash.net

MY FAIR LADY Come joins us for a wonderful night of musical theater on Thursday, May 25, 2017 to benefit Birthright of San Jose, whose mission is to help women facing un-planned pregnancy. Hors d'oeuvres & Champagne Reception 6:15 PM – Play begins 8:00 PM – Coffee and dessert during intermission – Baskets Raffle! For online tickets go to birthright.support or call the Hammons at 353-3326

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2017

Holy Thursday April 13th at 7:00 PM

Mass of the Lord's Supper with Washing of Feet followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion April 14th at 7:00 PM. Celebrate the Passion of Our Lord

Holy Saturday Night

The Great Vigil of Easter April 15th at 8 pm

Easter Sunday April 16th

Sunrise Service with Mountain Bible Church at the Gazebo – 7 am

MASS OF RESURRECTION OF THE LORD AT 10 am.

After Mass there will be an Egg Hunt on the Church grounds!