

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

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME
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JESUS turned and saw the two disciples of John following him and said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi,” – which translated means Teacher – “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come, and you will see.”
John 1:35-42

Lessons from Ray

Actor Jamie Foxx won the Academy Award in the year 2005 for his portrayal of Ray Charles in the movie Ray. Before filming began, Jamie Foxx met with the legendary musician, to receive the blessing of the man whose character he would play. Charles invited the actor to sit down and play some blues. Foxx sang and played on one piano while Charles led the jam session on another. Without warning, Charles strayed into the works of Thelonious Monk. Foxx didn't expect such a challenge – trying to keep up, he hit a wrong note. Charles abruptly stopped playing to ask, “Why would you do that?”

Foxx didn't know what to say. “Look,” Charles said. “The notes are right underneath your fingers. All you have to do is to take the time to hit the *right* notes.” Foxx came away from his jamming with Ray Charles understanding what made him the great musician he was.
(Adapted from N'DIGO.)

In today's Gospel, the first disciples are invited to look, to see what is before them, to take the time to realize who is in their midst. The same invitation is extended to us, the disciples of Jesus in this time, in this place. The challenge of discipleship/prophecy (as Samuel hears in today's first reading and the disciples hear in the Gospel) is to discern and respond to that call within our own lives, in the context of our own experiences. Regardless of our social standing or lifestyle, regardless of where or how we live, God is present in every moment of our lives; whether we are musicians or movers on Wall Street, parents or presidents, students or sages, Jesus call us to see the way of God before us and take the time to “hit” those “right” notes of reconciliation, justice and peace.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By request or appointment

Sacrament of Baptism and marriages

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 a.m. all Women and all Men.

Monday, January 15 the birth of Martin Luther King, Jr., is celebrated.
Prayers for the end of racial discrimination...and for the Preservation of Peace and Justice.

MASS INTENTIONS January 14 - 20

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Parishioners
Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Leslie R. Olsen
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. The Boisvert Family
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Murphy – Dwyer
Friday 8:00 a.m. Communion Services

January 22 Monday

On this day following the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, *Roe vs. Wade* (1973)

All dioceses of the United States shall observe a
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

The Annual Respect Life Mass on Tuesday, January 23th at 7:00 p.m. at Madonna Del Sasso - Pro Cathedral in Salinas, CA.
Special Thank You!

2018 Offertory Envelopes Are Here!

Please pick up your box at the back of the church. We need your support!

WOMEN'S CLUB/ PRAYER GROUP

We meet 4th Wednesday of each month, January 24th 2018 from 1 to 2:30 pm. Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time. Please contact Ruth McCormick (ruthmcc@flash.net)

World Marriage Encounter

As a married couple, how are we living out the good news? Do we live the world's values or do we strive to live the values of the gospels. Are we kind, compassionate loving and forgiving with one another?

Worldwide Marriage Encounter will be presenting weekends on **March 2-4, 2018** and October 26-28, 2018 at the St. Francis Retreat Center, San Juan Bautista, CA. For more information call Mary Jo and Rich Castello, at 1-831-200-3780 or Email them at castellome1@gmail.com or register online at centralcawwme.org

Check out our Website

We would like to invite and encourage everyone to take a look at our Parish website at www.christchild.org Information about parish ministries, helpful links and calendars are available on this site.

Prayer requests, can be emailed to christchildchurchprayerline@gmail.com Or written and placed in the box provided in the Church foyer!

For the sake of your name, O Lord, give me life.

God our Creator, we give thanks to you, who alone has the power to impart the breath of life as you form each of us in our mother's womb; grant, we pray, that we, whom you have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.
Amen.