

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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
April 8, 2018

AGNOSTICS?

Few have helped us as much as Christian “Chabanis” to know the attitude of people today in the face of God. His famous interviews are an indispensable document to know what the most recognized scientists and thinkers of today think about God.

Chabanis confesses that, when he began his interviews with the most prestigious atheists of our days, he thought he would find in them a rigorous and well-founded atheism. In reality he found hidden behind their serious professions of lucidity and honesty, an “absolute absence of the search for truth.”

It’s not surprising how a French writer responded to him, since something similar is going on among us. A great part of those who renounce belief in God do it without having initiated any type of effort whatsoever to seek God. I think above all that so many who confess being agnostics, sometimes in ostentatious ways, in reality are far away from a true agnostic position.

The agnostic is a person who raises the problem of God and, when they don’t find any reason to

believe in God, suspend their judgment. Agnosticism is a search that ends in frustration. Only after having begun the search does the agnostic adopt his position: “I don’t know if God exists. I find no reason to believe in God or to not believe.”

The posture most common today consists in simply disengaging from the question of God. Many of those who call themselves agnostics are in reality people who aren’t looking. Xavier Zubiri would say that theirs are lives “without the will of real truth.” To them it matters little that God exists or doesn’t. It’s all the same whether life ends here or not. To them it’s enough to “live and let live,” abandon ourselves “to whatever,” without going deeper in the mystery of the world and of life.

But is that the most human posture in the face of reality? Can a life be presented as progressive, in which is absent the will to seek the ultimate truth of our life? Can it be affirmed that such is the only legitimate attitude when all is said and done? Can it be affirmed that such is the only legitimate attitude of intellectual honesty? How can one know that it’s not possible to believe if that person has never sought God?

To want to maintain a ‘neutral position’ without deciding for or against faith is to already make a decision. What’s worst of all is that it’s equivalent to renouncing to seek an approximation to the ultimate mystery of reality.

The posture of Thomas isn’t that of an indifferent agnostic, but one of a person seeking to reaffirm his faith in his own experience. That’s why, when he meets Christ, he confidently opens himself to him: “My Lord and my God.” How much truth is contained in Karl Rahner’s words: “it is easier to allow oneself to suffocate in total vacuum than in the abyss of God’s holy mystery, but the former doesn’t presume more courage or more truth. When all is said and done, this truth shines forth if it is loved, if it is accepted, if it is lived as the truth that frees.” **José Antonio Pagola**

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.

Women’ Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1 to 2:30 pm. in the Community Center. Our next meeting is Wednesday April 25th! Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time. Please contact Ruth McCormick ruthmcc@flash.net

Christ Child Men’s Club

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 pm. **On Wednesday April 11th 2018 “Together, supporting each other, we can do great things.”**

**We pray the ROSARY together every
Saturday at 4:30 PM.**

**Please come to pray for the families and our
Country!**

MASS INTENTIONS April 7 - 13

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Harold M. Hoyt
Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Cecily Olsen
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Brandon Burham
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Murphy-Dwyer
Friday 8:00 a.m. + Francis L. Acosta

TREASURY REPORT SUNDAY

March 31 and April 1, 2018

Easter Platter \$ 3,532.00

Good Friday \$130.00

Thank you and May God the Father bless you!

**10th ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE HOT
RODS**

When: Saturday, May 19th from 10-3pm.

No Registration Fee!!!

The Awards at 2:00 PM.

**FOOD –WINE TASTING - FUN – LIVE
MUSIC – CARS**

Kids’ Activities

**We would love donations of “themed” gift
baskets for our raffle.**

**Just let Nancy or Chris know what type of
basket you are going to do.**

**Please like Us on Facebook, Blessing of
the Hot Rods, to see more information.**

JANUA CAELI

Young Women’s Retreat Day

April 21, 2018

Catholic Single Women Ages 18 -38 Years

Contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P.

At vocations@opnunsmenlo.org

**For more information and to register
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***“To fall in love with God is the greatest
romance; to seek him the greatest
adventure; to find him, the greatest human
achievement.” St. Augustine***