

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

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Ascension of the Lord
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The disciples who completed Puccini's
opera Turandot

The Italian composer Giacomo Puccini wrote *La Bohème*, *Madame Butterfly* and *Tosca*. It was during his battle with terminal cancer in 1922 that he began to write *Turandot*, which many now consider his best work. He worked on the score day and night, despite his friends' advice to rest, and to save his energy. When his sickness worsened, Puccini said to his disciples, "If I don't finish *Turandot*, I want you to finish it." He died in 1924, leaving the work unfinished. His disciples gathered all that was written by *Turandot*, studied it in great detail, and then proceeded to write the remainder of the opera. The world premier was performed in *La Scala Opera House in Milan in 1926*, and Toscanini, Puccini's favorite student, conducted it. The opera went beautifully, until Toscanini came to the end of the part written by Puccini. He stopped the music, put down the baton, turned to the audience, and announced, "Thus far the master wrote, but he dies." There was a long pause; no one

moved. Then Toscanini picked up the baton, turned to the audience and, with tears in his eyes, announced, "But his disciples finished his work."
The opera closed to thunderous applause and found a permanent place in the annals of great works.
Jesus instructs us in his Ascension message to finish his work of saving by proclaiming His Good News by words and deeds.

"I have no other plan – it must work."

A beautiful old story tells of how Jesus, after his Ascension into Heaven, was surrounded by the holy angels who began to enquire about his work on earth. Jesus told them about his birth, life, preaching, death and Resurrection, and how he had accomplished the salvation of the world.

Then angel Gabriel asked, "Well, now that you are back in Heaven, who will continue your work on earth?"
Jesus said, "While I was on earth, I gathered a group of people around me who believed in me and loved me. They will continue to spread the Gospel and carry on the work of the Church."
Gabriel was perplexed. "You mean Peter, who denied you thrice and all the rest who ran away when you were crucified? You mean to tell us that you left them to carry on your work? And what will you do if this plan doesn't work?"
Jesus said, "I have no other plan – it must work."
Truly, Jesus has no other plan to depend on than the efforts of his followers!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

By request or appointment

BAPTISM & 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 men are invited!

MASS INTENTIONS May 12 - 18

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Terri Murphy

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Cecily Olsen
+ Isaias Espiritu Endrina

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Communion Services

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Communion Services

Friday 8:00 a.m. + Terri Murphy

Strengthening our Connection and Spirit
Summit for Priests of the Diocese of Monterey

The priests of our diocese will be gathering, Monday, May 14 – Thursday, May 17, 2018 for prayer and dialogue.
Together with Bishop Garcia, the priest will enter a process to strengthen our Connection with each other and Revitalize our Spirit of Brotherhood and Pastoral Service.

I ask for your prayer for all of us during this week until Pentecost, May 20, 2018

Come, Holy Spirit,
Fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.

Thank you for your prayers.
Bishop Richard Garcia and the Priests of the Diocese.

Men's Club Meeting

Our next meeting and dinner will be at 6:30 PM.
on Wednesday, June 13th

"Together, supporting each other, we can do great things."

Please give your support to the
Loma Prieta Firefighters BBQ
Sunday – June 3rd at the Gazebo

"The 10th BLESSING OF THE HOT RODS
AND WINE TASTING"

CAR SHOW

SATURDAY, MAY 19th 10 – 3 PM

Antique. Classic. Custom. Muscle.
Hot Rods. Sports.

Wine Tasting with Local Wineries BBQ Lunch.
Live band. Raffle Prizes!

NO Registration FEE

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TREASURY REPORT SUNDAY

April 21 & 22, 2018 Total \$ 1,556.00

April 28 & 29, 2018 Total \$ 1,701.00

May 5 & 6, 2018 Total \$ 1,639.00

Second Collection Maintenance April 28 &
29, 2018 Total \$ 392.00

Thank you and may God the Father Bless
you!

Women's 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 May 23th!**

Our focus is social and spiritual at the same time.
Please contact Ruth McCormick ruthmcc@flash.net