

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

23230 Summit Road
 Los Gatos, CA 95033-9278
 Telephone: (408) 353-2210
 Fax: (408) 353-8680
 Pastor: Rev. Eugenio Aramburo
 Web Site: www.christchild.org
 Email: eugenio.aramburo@yahoo.com

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 6, 2016

Traditionally, the Fourth Sunday of Lent is called *Laetare Sunday (Rejoice Sunday)*. Anticipating Easter joy, today's readings invite us to rejoice by being reconciled with God through repentance and the confession of our sins and **by celebrating our coming home to be with our loving and forgiving God.**

In the first reading, the Chosen People of God are portrayed as celebrating, for the first time in their own land, the feast of their freedom, by using wheat that had grown in the Promised Land.

In today's Responsorial Psalm, a rejoicing Psalmist invites us, "**Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**"

In the second reading, St. Paul invites the Corinthian Christian community to rejoice because Jesus has reconciled them with God by His suffering and death.

Today's Gospel celebrates the joy of the prodigal son on his "homecoming" to rediscover his father's forgiving and overflowing love. It is also the story of the rejoicing of a loving and forgiving father who celebrates the return of his prodigal son by

throwing a big party in his honor, a banquet celebrating the reconciliation of the son with his father, his family, his community and his God.

At the same time, by presenting a self-righteous elder brother, the parable invites us to avoid self-justification by imitating the repentant younger brother.

Let us admit the truth that we are an assembly of sinful people, ready to receive God's forgiveness and to experience Jesus' Personal Presence in the Holy Eucharist as a loving and forgiving God.

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 March 5 - 11

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Schaner Family
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	+ Leslie R. Olsen
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Parishioners
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Parishioners
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	The Shapiro Family
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Virgina Stehly

TREASUR REPORT SUNDAY
February 27 & 28, 2016

Plate.....	\$ 1,312.00
EFT.....	\$ 545.00
Total	\$ 1,857.00
Maintenance Collection	\$ 457.00

2016 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

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

Our parish goal this year is \$8,000.00. God willing, and with your help it will be achieved.

Christ Child Men's Club

Our next meeting will be a 6:30 pm. This coming Wednesday March 9th great conversation and dinner. At Community Center. All men welcome!

Women' Club/Prayer Group

We meet the 4th Wednesday of each month from 7-8 pm. March 30th! 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

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Music * Dinner * Drinks

SUNDAY MARCH 13 4:00 – 9:00

Get your Tickets NOW!

Suggested Donations

\$20 / Person

\$50 / Family

Ann@ROBBLELOTHLAW.COM

408 230.4639

CHOIR CALL If you'd like to sing or play an instrument in the choir, please give us your ideas. We need you! Questions? Call Norma Hammons @ 353-3326

SUPPORT THE SANTA CRUZ FOOD BANK

Hunger is epidemic in Santa Cruz County Please bring food every Saturday and Sunday and we will bring it to the Santa Cruz Soup Kitchen to help the people in need!!!

One can of soup makes a difference and we have the opportunities.

The season of Lent it is the season of service to our neighbors.

Easter Food Driving

Summit Store

Saturday, March 19 & Sunday 20

Please sign with your children to support people in need!

Preschool Gospel during 10 a.m. Mass First Sunday every month, this SUNDAY!

Come join other young Catholic Families while we offer a children's gospel and activity during Mass.

Contact Nannette or Ann 230-4639 with questions

Station of the Cross

Friday's of Lent at 6:30 p.m. - Soup and followed by the prayer of the Stations of the Cross. All Fridays of Lent are a day of Abstinence in the Church

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

Please come to pray for the families and our Country!

Car Show Corner:

Our 8th Annual, Blessing of the Hot Rods, is May 21st.

Please mark your calendars to include this fund/fun raising event for our Parish.

We are in need of Baskets for our Raffle and jewelry donations for our jewelry sale table.

Thanks!