

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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+”You are witnesses of these things. And
behold I am sending the promise of my
Father upon you...”

Luke 24: 46-53

Margaret’s shoes

To be a practicing Catholic in 16th century England was dangerous. In the wake of Henry VIII’s Elizabeth I’s insistence on being recognized as the sole head of the Church, Parliament enacted several severe anti-Catholic laws. The celebration of the “roman” Mass was made illegal – priests were hunted down, arrested and executed. To shelter a priest, to teach the Catholic faith, to provide any aid or support to the outlaw religion were considered treason, punishable by death.

There are many stories of brave English Catholics who kept the faith alive in England and paid the ultimate price. First among the martyrs of England and Wales was St. Margaret Clitherow of Yorkshire. This valiant woman was hung in 1586 at the age

of 33 for harboring priests and hearing Mass in her home. Married to a Yorkshire butcher, Margaret also ran a small –and illegal- school for children in her home. She spent more than a decade in and out of prison – released once only long enough for the birth of one of her children.

Finally, in March of 1586, a raid on the Clitherow house revealed the existence of a priest’s hiding place in the attic as well as chalices, missals and vestments. Margaret was arrested, imprisoned and formally charged. She refused to consent to a trial: “having made no offense, I need no trial,” she said. The court had little choice in the matter but to find her guilty and sentence her to death. From her prison cell the night before she died, Margaret made a final request: She left her shoes to her eldest daughter, Anne, who was then 12 years old. The message from mother to daughter was clear: *Follow in my footsteps;* the wordless gift said, *Carry on.*

Today, JESUS leaves us his “shoes.” He calls us to carry on his Gospel of compassion, reconciliation and justice; he entrusts to us the work of resurrection. In baptism, every Christian of every time and place takes on the role of witness to all that JESUS did and taught: We are witnesses not only in our articulating the powerful words of the Gospel but in the quiet, simple, but no-less powerful expressions of compassion and love that echo the same compassion and love of GOD – GOD who is Father and Son and Brother and Sister to us all.

May our minds and hearts be open to the spirit of the Living Christ in our midst, walking among us, inspiring us, speaking to us of the peace and justice of God.

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

For Pregnancy Support

Birthright 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

Prayer group in the Parish

Every Tuesdays at 8:15 am. All women and men.

MASS INTENTIONS May 7 - 13

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Arthur Lobato
Schaner Family

Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Cecily Olsen

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. The Kirkham Family

Thursday 8:00 a.m. Communion Services

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Christ has many Faces...

You see Him every day!

Will you help us create hope?

NEXT SUNDAY SECOND

COLLECTION

For Catholic Charities

Diocese of Monterey

Men’s Club Meeting

Our May meeting will be at 6:30 p.m.
On Wednesday May 11th at the Community
Center.

We are very good support for one another.
Every man is welcome!

Please give your support to the
Loma Prieta Firefighters BBQ
Sunday – June 5th at the Gazebo

Thank You!!!

Nanette Thomas

Herb Curran

You are very good teachers for our
children. Thank You!!!

God will reward you with many
blessings.

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Next Sunday May 15th
First Communion for the children in
the program of Religion Education
Please PRAY for the Children and the
Families.

The **“BLESSING OF THE HOT RODS AND**
WINE TASTING”

Is quickly approaching
PLEASE mark your calendars for May
21st!

We are in need of volunteers for the day
of the show and also folks are needed to
bake desserts to be individually
wrapped... we will need the desserts the
day before or the morning of (early).
We would truly appreciate your support
for this annual parish event.

If you have any question, see Herb or
Christine. Thanks!!!

All Women invited

The Sisters of Mary and Martha group’s
monthly gathering the **Wednesday, May 25th**
from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the Community Center.
First half is social, and the second half we will
continue the sharing of how we are each living
the year of Divine Mercy.

Come join and bring a friend! Question, call
Ruth at 353-1017

Also bring any jewelry you’d like to donate
to the car show jewelry sale.