

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

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**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND  
BLOOD OF CHRIST**  
**May 29, 2016**

*The Body of Christ is a source of strength  
and life to all who believe in Jesus*

**Skeeter**

Some years ago *Eucharist* magazine carried an article by a 20-year-old cerebral palsy victim named Skeeter Rayburn. Skeeter could not speak or used his hands or legs. He communicated by means of an electric typewriter, which he operated by a stylus attached to his head. Pressing one letter at a time with the stylus was a slow, tedious process. In his article, Skeeter described how receiving Jesus in the Eucharist gave him the strength to carry his crosses. He writes: "One of the crosses... is cerebral palsy's jerkiness... My muscles have spasms and my arms and legs jerk wildly until I think I will go mad. "At these moments, I remember Jesus' torturous writings on the cross. He had horrible muscle spasms which convulsed his entire body... But he endured it silently.

"Can I do less with my little contortions with Jesus living within me?  
"Another heavy load Jesus helps me carry is requiring someone to care for my every physical need.  
"Having watched my mother collapse from taking care of me, I know the feeling of being a burden and wanting to die...  
However, I recall that God humbled himself by being born a babe, and if almighty God stood helplessness, I can stand it too.  
"Another cross is waiting for things, I have to wait to go to the bathroom; wait to have my nose cleaned out when I can hardly breathe; wait to be covered when I am cold... In these periods I recall... (How patiently Jesus suffered) on the cross...  
"With Jesus' endurance within me, can I do less for him?"

Sheeter's article makes a beautiful introduction to the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, the feast of the Holy Eucharist. As you read Sheeter's article, you get a profound appreciation of what the Eucharist meant to him. You get a profound appreciation of the strength that the Eucharist gave him.

Let me make this suggestion. As you walk down the aisle to receive the Eucharist later on in Mass, focus your thoughts in a special way on whom it is that you are to receive into your body. For example, when the Eucharistic minister holds up the Eucharist and asks us to affirm that this is the Body of Christ, try to realize that when you say "Amen" you are making an act of faith.

You are saying, "I believe that this is the same Christ who took flesh and was born in Bethlehem."  
You are saying, "I believe that this is the same Christ who restored health to the sick, hearing to the deaf, sight to the blind, and even life to the dead."  
You are saying, "I believe that this is the same Christ who suffered for me and died on the cross for me."

This is the tremendous event that will take place in our lives on this altar in just every Mass...

**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 call for an appointment

**For Pregnancy Support**

Birthing 241-8444 or 800 550-4900

**Prayer group in the Parish**

Every Tuesday at 8:15 am. All Women and Men.

**MASS INTENTIONS May 28 – June 3**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Theresia Krauss  
Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Martina Durham  
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Don & Gail Hanley  
Thursday 8:00 a.m. + Annie McGuire  
Friday 8:00 a.m. Sundaran Family

**TREASURY REPORT SUNDAY**

**May 21 & 22, 2016**

Plate..... \$ 989.00  
EFT..... \$ 550.00  
Total \$ 1,539.00

Today there is the Second Collection for Maintenance -

Thank you and God the Father Bless you!  
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**Next Sunday June 5 please give your support to the Loma Prieta Firefighters BBQ at the Gazebo!!!**

**MEN'S CLUB MEETING**

Our June meeting will at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup>  
Drinks and dinner in the Community Center. We have very good support one another Every man welcome!

**All Women invited**

**Sisters of Martha and Mary meeting.**

We invite all women of the parish to our next meeting. **Wednesday, June 22**, in the church community center, 7 – 8:30 pm. The first half of the meeting is always a friendly social get together and we conclude with a spiritual portion. We will continue the DVD series for parishes called "The Bible & Virgin Mary." Please come and invite a friend! Questions, call Ruth at 353-1017

**The 8<sup>th</sup> Blessing of Hot Rods and Wine tasting income total \$4,927.00**

**Thank you! You did so much extra work for this event. Thank you Chris and Herb for your leadership! -- Gracias! Many hands worked together and show that the parish in the mountains believes in the Blessings of God!**

**Parents --- please continue to help your children to continue in union with JESUS CHRIST in the Eucharist Bread! Every Sunday...**

*"The greatest miracle that Christ ever worked on earth... My Body... My Blood."*

St. Thomas Aquinas

*"O Sacrament of devotion! O sign of unity! O Bond of Charity!"*

St. Augustine